

Term 3 Week 8
Wednesday 7th September 2011

Mount Hunter parents you should be proud of your children!

What great learners!

What caring individuals!

Well I'm off for about 5 school weeks. Please make Mrs Verrell welcome. I still remember (that's right no Alzheimer's yet) coming to relieve as principal a couple of years ago. I found the students, community and staff to be extremely welcoming. I hope Mrs Verrell has the same friendly and rewarding experience.

Alright! Back to the reasons you should be proud of your children – our students.

Firstly there was a great level of participation and enthusiasm on the part of many students. A lot of our students assisted with costumes and the organising of props. At the rehearsals our students were commended on their manners and efforts. The evening was fantastic and our children looked and performed at a very professional standard. (It was great to see Jess slip in and help out.) Once again thanks to all our parent helpers and another special thanks to Mrs Powder.

Gold in Mogo

- We all had some great learning experiences... Here's a list of highlights. What was your favourite?
- Hiding in the giant Morton Bay figs at Kiama.
- Playing in the park at Burril Lakes.
- Luxury cabin accommodation in Old Mogo Town.
- Learning about how gold was crushed from quartz in a stamper and how mercury and cyanide was used (not very safe work conditions in mines those days)
- Walking along the mine cart tracks in an actual mine and learning about the equipment (e.g. on sided picks), canaries and special lamps to determine oxygen levels.
- Finding out about the Clarke brothers – Mogo's very own bushrangers.
- How people lived in those times – the barbers, getting your tooth pulled, keeping your meat fresh, people hiding gold specks

in their hair and beards or in their clothes when working in mines.

- About the Chinese and how they were poorly treated because of fear and ignorance.
- What school was like in the 1850s. A bit scary and the cane was used a lot.
- Gold panning – hard work wasn't it? Not too easy to get rich – but alluvial gold was still easier than mining.
- Learning about Koori (Aboriginal) beliefs, instruments and stories. I especially liked how your ears are often more important than your mouth. Using your ears carefully also improves what comes out. – See listening and learning was and still is an ancient educational tool.
- The million things we learnt at the zoo about animals. Well done Layton apes have no tails and monkeys do!

The boys and girls were excellent and they way they looked after each other was extremely impressive.

Mount Annan Gardens

On Wednesday 31st August Traveller visited Mount Annan Gardens. We saw lots of shelters around the gardens. Some shelters were natural places for insects, birds and reptiles.(a pond, a forest, a blur tree.) Others were built for people to stay under when it rains or to keep out of the sun. The playground space had lots of places to play in or ride on. Mr Leonard helped push us on the roundabout. Miss Charlesworth showed us around the 'Big Idea' park and we learnt more about Re-use, Reduce and Recycle. It was a busy day and lots of fun.

OZtag Success

Once again Mount Hunter did very well at Oztag. This is mainly due to commitment, effort and most importantly team work.

Well done Juniors on your efforts. Nearly all of you are year 3 and to come away with one win, two draws and a narrow loss (1 point was impressive).

Well done seniors on your impressive victories over two Elderslie teams, Mawarra and Warragamba

Stay safe and I'll see you soon.

Information Re Industrial Action

Thursday 8th September. Mount Hunter School will operate with adequate supervision and classes will run as normal.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Oliver, Isaac, Grace and Dylan who will represent Mount Hunter at the regional finals on the 15th September at Ruse Public School. Good luck.

The Music Bus

The Music Bus will be visiting Mount Hunter on the 15th September from 2.30-3.30pm. The children will be given the opportunity to play some instruments to see if their future lie in the music world.

Ben from The Music Bus will be around until about 4.00pm if any parents wish to enquire about music lessons.

Brochures

If you can help with the delivery of brochures, please come and see Melissa, as we are currently promoting the school with these brochures.

Canteen

The canteen will be closed this Friday 9th September, as we have no one available to do canteen on that day.



Don't forget Student Banking is on Thursday

Dates to Remember:

Canteen closed – 9/9/11

Oztag Gala Days - 16/9/11

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