

Term 2 Week 4
Thursday 15 May 2012

Why Do I Like Mount Hunter School

- **Our students** really, really, really try hard. In class this year they have been focusing, concentrating and working hard. In sport they are committed, enthusiastic and encouraging (see Emily and Grace's report on Gala Day). Their talents and skills are many and varied AND they are more often than not FRIENDLY AND HAPPY.
- **Our teachers and staff** are committed, friendly, approachable and really interested in the students' learning and welfare.
- **Our parents** value education, support the school and support their children. This is evident in the large amount who attend school events and transport students, serve in the canteen, and come to discuss their child's learning.

Our most recent parent/teacher meetings involved 80% of our students and their parents. This is so valuable when promoting positive attitudes to learning. So thanks.

This week our Year 3 and 5 students have been enjoying the 'rigours' of NAPLAN along with every other Year 3, 5, 7 and 11 student in the country. NAPLAN is just one test, so while we encourage our 'students' to do their best it is just one snap shot in time. NAPLAN more often than not confirms what we already know, but the test as a whole, and over the course of time, tells us as a school where we are doing well and where we could improve. NAPLAN is just ONE indicator amongst regular school and teacher assessment practices that give us information on how to best teach our students.

New Section for Newsletter

Oliver is running a 'student' section' of the newsletter where he will entertain us with an ongoing story, other student's works, trivia, and even jokes or riddles.

Life is Better Now

Life is better today than in the past.

Games are better now. You have got iPods, iPads, Go-carts, motorbikes, BMX and skateboards. All you had in the past was no power or no electronic games.

Transport is better now because we have petrol, motors, cars and aeroplanes. In the past they only had horses and old ships. So today we can go places much quicker.

In the past you could die from colds. Now we have better medicine and better doctors. Now people live longer.

The past was bad. Now today is cooler.

Jay R.

Life is better now than in the past.

Firstly, 160 years ago you didn't have good health because if you got a bad cold, you could not get better. Now if you got a cold you would go to the doctor and he or she will make you better. Health is better now than then.

Secondly there is better communication because then, to talk to a friend from a foreign country, you would write a letter and have it shipped off for 6 months overseas for it to get to the person. Bad for emergencies and Birthday letters. Now you can just get your iPhone and call them. Now is better now than then.

Thirdly, I think that in the past everybody needed a horse and cart to get around. Your horse could catch a disease and die. That would never happen to a car. Back then to go to a different city, you would grab your horse and take a ride that could take weeks. Now you can take a plane and it would take only hours. Transport is better now than then.

In conclusion, I am definitely sure that now is better than then.

Isaac

Vampire Castle

It was just Pop and me no one else. My parents had died in a horrifying car crash when I was born. All I could remember from that day was my parents driving home with me in the backseat. My parents were so overjoyed with my presence to the world that as they were nearing a corner they missed a red light and went crashing into another car. An almighty bang echoed off the empty streets as millions of tiny shards of glass flew up in the air and landed on the dark street. My parents had died, and I lived.

The next few months were treacherous. A funeral was arranged a few weeks after, and there was great debate where I would live. But Pop took me in, and we have lived together ever since.

I was at the front of the house, waiting for Pop. The sticky weather in the big city clamped onto my singlet and shorts. Flies buzzed around me, joining the never ending noise that surrounded our house. It was a hot day, the middle of summer and our ancient air conditioner was on full blast. I hoped my Pop could get the hose working, so we could hose down in the cool water. I couldn't take it any more. The heat was a nuisance. But just like I expected, Pop came round the side of the house carrying a big bucket of water. That grin was impossible not to laugh at.

"Got the water"? I say hopefully.

"The last of it," he said.

We both grinned, and tipped water down each other's shirts as the weather remained hot.

After each others showering, we discussed what we were to do next.

"Park" I say confidently.

"Park it is".

As we head over to the natural park across the road, I bring my Blues football with me. I spin it up in the air the whole way across the road, careful not to drop it. I stop as we reach the park. The park is possibly my favourite place in the world. There are birds chirping heartful melodies in the maple trees, and frogs and fish splashing around cheerfully in the crystal blue waters of the pond. To be continued.....

Oliver

Joke

Joke Of The Newsletter: Where does a turtle go when its raining?
A shell-ter.

Question

Who invented the telephone and in what year? (Mr Pope will hand out a prize for who guesses the question right first.)

Trivia

Did You Know? Two year old Dwanna Lee of Eureka, Utah, was struck by a freight train and thrown 3 metres in the air. The engine and six cars passed over her body, and yet she survived without injury!
Did You Know? The biggest Lego tower was built to 80 metres tall!

Soccer Gala Day

It was an amazing day. Everybody tried there hardest. We made an early start. We put our shin pads on. When the day ended every bodies legs were aching. We drew twice. We lost once. We got smashed in the last game. The girls were great. We kicked the boys to the dirt. The boys were great too. Everyone was great. Joel and Chantel scored a goal by themselves. Joel scored a lot and also Will tried his hardest to travel too travel the whole field and almost scored. Other hardworking members of our team were Grace, Emma, Jaime, Corey, Jay, Isaac, Jono, Bethany, Ellie, Chloe and Bailey.

Grace

Today Westbrook and Traveller learnt all about sustainability and how to be sustainable by doing things at home or school like not wasting water, or electricity. Natalie from Environmentors gave us some activities and a talk to help us make our environment a better place. Wollondilly Shire Council provided this service at no charge. It was exciting.

Alyssa

This is a little story about our exciting first Soccer Gala day. We had one amazing win against Currans Hill 15-1, two amazing ties, one team was very rough but tied with Camden 2-2 and Mount Annan 2-2 and one loss to Narellan Vale 0-5. The seniors consisted of 4 boys Blake, Brodie, Oliver and Josh. Blake and Brodie were amazing attackers, scoring many goals with the help of Oliver running back and forth so many times he was exhausted by the end of the day.

The girls were also amazing. We kicked some opposition (who were mostly boys) backsides. The girls me (Emily), Natika, Georgia, and Alyssa never gave up. We tackled we booted, we defended, we attacked. I would like to say a big thanks to all of the parents that supported and encouraged us and a big thanks to Mr Pope, for making this all happen.

Emily

Welcome

I've mentioned it before but again we welcome Miss Makragic who is currently working part time on Traveller. Miss Makragic has settled in already to her new role in the class and school. As previously mentioned she comes with loads of skills and experience. Miss Makragic and Mrs Gray will be working closely to ensure an 'outstanding' learning experience for our Yr 2 students. Please make her feel welcome.

Thank you

Thanks Gav for fixing the flag pole.

Help Needed

The P & C are planning to run a Book Fair and Car Boot Market on Saturday 13 October! We will also be selling refreshments and operating a few rides i.e. jumping castle. To ensure this goes ahead and that we make the most of this 'fundraising' event we are asking for volunteers to help run stalls/table, assist with organisation, or any other numerous methods of support. If you can help, please let us know

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Yes I am able to help at the Book Fair and Car Boot Market

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It would be appreciated if you could let us know by our next P & C on 18 June (11 June is a public holiday)

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Cards are being sent home so if you shop at Woolies why not help out. LAST YEAR WE GOT SOME GREAT Science gear and books.

Don't forget tomorrow MT Hunter school time will be normal, but Zone Cross Country won't commence until 10.15am.

COMING UP

P&C meeting :-18 June 7pm – All welcome.

Gymnastics:- (note home soon)

Broken Bay Camp – 7th – 9th November.. Note coming soon so payments can be made.

Stewart House:- Bags due back 21/5/12

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