

Principal's Message

I would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. I hope that everyone has had a very restful break and that you are all looking forward to the year ahead.

Both classes have settled in very well, especially our new Kindergarten students who are already well into their learning. The Best Start assessment has been undertaken and Kindergarten parents will receive some feedback in the coming weeks. If you have any questions regarding this feedback please speak with the K-2 teachers.

We are starting our year off with 45 students. There are currently 29 students in Westbrook and 16 students in Traveller. This is wonderful for our school.

In Week 5 our Yr 6 students will be heading off to the Grip Leadership Conference at Sydney Olympic Park and they will have a fantastic day. Mrs Powter will be attending with those students.

I am looking forward to a great term and we really have hit the ground running already!!!!

Mrs Shepherd

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Dates to remember:

Date	Event
10.02.14	Swimming carnival
12.02.14	Assembly @ 3.00pm
13.02.14	Principal Meeting in Mittagong
20.02.14	Ice-cream Day \$1.00
26.02.14	Yr 6 Grip Leadership
27.02.14	Zone Swimming
28.02.14	Carnival

Working with and respecting others is vital;

- Act and play safely;
- Be kind and caring to others in what you say and do;
- Encourage and support others;

- Stay calm in conflict or when problems arise and keep things in perspective;
- Be polite and use manners;
- Look after your classrooms and school;
- Show initiative, be a good role model and be a good school representative at all times.

Please go over these expectations with your child/ren and discuss with them what this would look like within the school setting. Westbrook have had similar discussions in class however a discussion with their parent demonstrates ongoing support between home and school.

Allergies

Some students can and do suffer from food allergies and at Mount Hunter we do have students with nut allergies and also some fruit allergies. Could I please ask for your understanding with this?

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards

We will be continuing with the bronze, silver and gold awards and teachers are already taking notice of how the students present themselves, how they apply themselves and how they interact with others. Gold and Silver students would be demonstrating the above characteristics all of the time. By discussing these with your child not only will you possibly help them earn awards but this will help them with their learning too!

School Ambassador

Welcome back Mount Hunter students. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Chantel Wright and I'm your School Ambassador for 2014. We have had a great start to the year with all of our new Kindergarten students and our new yr 3 student Jack. We are all excited for the up and coming events like the **swimming carnival on Monday the 10th February** and Westbrook's camp in Term 2. We will be having our first Year 6 fundraiser and it is going to be an **ice-cream day on the 20th February 2014**, so

remember to bring your \$1.00 for an ice-cream. Thank you and I look forward to sharing my final year with you at Mount Hunter PS.

Year 6 Shirts

Organisation of year 6 shirts is currently underway. I will let you know when we can expect those to be handed out.

Canteen Volunteers Needed

Canteen can only run on Mondays and Fridays if we have volunteers. If you can help we'd love to see you. The canteen is appreciated by our kids and their tummies. It also helps raise money for the P&C who then ultimately help the school with much needed resources.

P&C AGM & Meeting

The first P & C Meeting of 2014 will be held next Monday night the 10th February in the school Library building @ 6.30 pm. It also the AGM meeting. please come along and support the P & C as their assistance to the school is vital.

High School Transition

Year six students will be bringing home forms to be filled in regarding their high school placements for 2014. **The forms will come home on Monday the 10th March and must be returned no later than Friday the 21st March.**

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival is on Monday 10/02/14 and we are hoping for some lovely weather. **We will be leaving school at 9am.** At this stage I have no one that requires transport however there are notes still outstanding. If we could all meet here first before leaving **(8.45am)** that would be great just in case. Thank you to all of those parents who have offered extra seats. Remember to pack everything that you need.

Assemblies

Assemblies will continue to be held in Weeks 3, 6 & 9 of each term. Each assembly will be run by a different grade, starting with Year 6 next week. At times, assemblies may need to move to another week and in the event of this happening a short note explaining this will be sent home or it may be written in the newsletter.

Fundraising Day for "Georgia."

On the last week of Term 4 2013, we had a very successful fundraising day for my sick little niece Georgia. She has been battling a stage 4 cancer called Neuroblastoma, where the cancer has spread to her bones and bone marrow. She had a rough start to the year with horrible side effects from the chemo. However she is so strong, and doing ok at the moment.

On behalf of my sister, Georgia and their family, I would just like to say a huge thank you for all the donations made on that special day. We raised a considerable amount of money, which will assist Georgia's family with food, petrol and ongoing bills. It is heart warming to see all the support we have received, and I am truly grateful. Thank you. Nikki Morris.

Summer food safety

You can greatly reduce the risk of food poisoning during the summer period by chilling food in the fridge before packing your child's lunch and then putting a frozen drink into their lunchbox. The food will stay about 12 degrees cooler.

Have a look at more school food tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/power-foods-for-kids>