

Term 2 Week 3
Monday 12th May 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 2. We have had a successful start to the term. We have had our school photos and once again we all looked fabulous!!!

We have our NAPLAN tests this week so the students have been undertaking some practice papers in class and we have also been working on our grammar. The tests are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We wish all the students in Yr 3 & Yr 5 all the very best. Please make sure they eat a good breakfast before coming to school for the tests because it will be beneficial for their concentration.

Mrs Powter will be undergoing surgery this week after it was delayed for 2 weeks due to unforeseen circumstances. We wish her a speedy recovery and a speedy return to Mount Hunter PS as we all miss her very much. I will continue to let you know how she is going.

Miss Makragic will be on the Traveller class fulltime while Mrs Gray is on leave. We all wish her a wonderful overseas trip and look forward to her return in Week 9

Parent/Teacher interviews went well last week. It is always a pleasure to speak with parents about how their students are going at school. Communication between home and school is vital for success. If you were unable to come up for the interviews please come and see the class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

While I am away at camp in Week 4 (Tues, Wed & Thurs) Miss Makragic will be in the big chair. If she needs to contact me she will be able to. I know she will look after you all!!!!

Mrs Karina Shepherd
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Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
12.05.14	P&C meeting @ 6.30 pm in the Library
13.05.14	NAPLAN
14.05.14	NAPLAN
14.05.14	Assembly @ 3.00pm
15.05.14	NAPLAN
16.05.14	Prac Teacher - Tiani Flanagan starting.
20.05.14	Camp - Hill End & Bathurst Mrs Shepherd, Mr Leonard &

	Miss Flanagan
21.05.14	Camp - Hill End & Bathurst Mrs Shepherd, Mr Leonard & Miss Flanagan
22.05.14	Camp - Hill End & Bathurst Mrs Shepherd, Mr Leonard & Miss Flanagan (prac teacher)
23.05.14	Zone Cross Country @ Equestrian Park Camden
26.05.14	Yr 5 & 6 Research excursion to The Oaks heritage Centre
28.05.14	Principal Meeting
30.05.14	NRL 9.30 - 10.30 @school

Year 6 Fundraising

For year 6 fundraising this term we are looking at having a onesie mufti day and a lolly day. Dates will be decided soon. We will send a flyer home when more information is available.

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. Please come and see Mrs Mainwaring or Mrs Shepherd if you are able to assist.

P&C Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be held tonight, the 12th May @ 6.30pm, in the school Library. It would be wonderful to see you there.

Ambassadors Column

Term 2 has gotten off to a flying start.

We have had our cross country carnival and I would like to congratulate all the boys and girls heading off to zone. I wish them all the best of luck!

I would also like to welcome Jonah to Mount Hunter PS. I hope you enjoy your new environment.

We had some great smiles come to school on the 5th for our school photos. I hope nobody's eyes were closed!

Lots of boys and girls had great dance moves at the school disco last Friday. My sister Lauren can't stop talking about her new friends that are Ms M's twin daughters.

Westbrook children are thrilled about going on camp. We have arranged our cabins and are ready to conquer the cold weather. We will be heading off to Hill End on the 20th of May and coming home on the 22nd.

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That sums up most of our first two weeks back at school and I look forward to spending Term 2 with you all.

Camp

Please make sure that you read your camp information very carefully. The buses will be running to a strict schedule so we need to make sure we are ready to go on the Tuesday morning at the right time.

More notes may come home this week re: what to take but I think I will be packing lots of warm clothes and definitely my onesie!!!!!!

Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the students who ran their hearts out at our school cross country carnival. It was a beautiful day and it ran very smoothly. Congratulations to the students who will now progress onto the Zone Cross Country carnival which is to be held on Friday the 23rd May (Day after camp) @ the Equestrian Centre. Make sure your permission note and money is brought in on time so we can organise transport.

ANZAC Commemorative Assembly

Friday the 22nd August 2014 is an instrumental day for our school. On this day we will be holding an event that commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Mount Hunter diggers who went off to WW1. The very first one was George Iley Dunn.

Mr Latham has been instrumental in organising this event to be held at our school.

The students in the Westbrook class are currently researching the Mount Hunter diggers from WW1 and will be compiling their research into a book which will be launched on this date.

We are hoping to get a WWII digger(s) from Camden to come and speak with the students and share their stories in the morning and then at 11.00am we will be having a formal assembly.

The mayor of Wollondilly and also Mr Angus Taylor will be attending and speaking on the day and also we hope to have the Camden RSL sub-branch President here to speak.

More details will follow as arrangements are finalised. If you have suggestions or would be willing to assist with this organisation I would very much appreciate it.

Cyber Safety

Last term I attended a Principal and Police meeting where we heard from a member of the Federal police on Cyber Safety. It is quite frightening what is happening with social media at the moment.

Things that we see as quite innocent are not always as they seem. I have included with this newsletter some

information sent through by the Federal Police contact. Please take the time to read the information and share it with your children.

Asthma

The staff at Mount Hunter PS has been undertaking a lot of training in emergency care, anaphylaxis, asthma and CPR recently. As a result of the asthma training we now need to review students who have said that they have asthma.

There is a specific form that the doctor has to fill in and then that form needs to be brought back to the school. It is an asthma care plan form and we should have one for each student with asthma.

I am asking that if you have a child with asthma that you come and see me in the next two weeks so that I can show you the form and then I will need you to request that it be filled in by your child's doctor. Once it is brought back to school we will file it.

I thank you in advance for your understanding with this.

Uniforms

I have noticed that there are a number of students who are wearing various sorts of brightly coloured shoes to school on a regular basis. Sport on a Friday is a great time to wear these joggers however I would prefer that the students wear proper school shoes on the other days. Our school uniform is lovely and it looks even better when we wear the correct shoes.

This really stood out on photo day when we had to hide many feet due to colourful footwear.

The girls are able to wear either black or brown shoes and the boys can wear black jogger style shoes (black laces/straps) as can the girls if they choose.

When we go out on excursions we look more presentable when we are in full school uniform. Most of the children have the correct hats, which is wonderful because we are a sun smart school and we need to wear the broad brimmed hats.

Our Bronze, Silver and Gold awards also include criteria about wearing full school uniform. Could I please ask for your support with this?

Gala Days

Due to issues with Onslow oval and Kirkham netball courts winter gala days will be held next term in Week 1 & Week 3. There will only be two gala days for these sports. The summer gala days will be held in Week 6, 9 & 10 of term 3. Notes will come home later in the term for the winter gala days. We will not be able to compete in the summer gala day in week 6 due to our ANZAC commemorative assembly and special day.

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