

Term 2 Week 6
Monday 2nd June 2014

Principal's Message

Congratulations to all students, staff and families on a wonderful few weeks. We have had many exciting things happening within the school and the students have handled the adventures very well.

We have had Zone Cross Country, camp, a visit to the Oaks Heritage Centre and also welcomed our prac teacher from the Wesley Institute, Miss Flanagan. Miss Flanagan was lucky enough to be able to come on camp with us in Week 4 and she enjoyed her experience very much. Mr Leonard enjoyed himself so much that he has already booked a spot on the bus for next year's camp. I would like to thank Mr Leonard and Miss Flanagan for their support whilst on camp. They both did an amazing job and made the camp special for our students.

I would also like to thank Miss Makragic and Miss Owen for holding down the fort back here at school while we were away on camp. They too have done an excellent job and things continued to run smoothly. Well done!!!! ☺

Mrs Powter is home and doing well following her surgery, back in Week 3 of this term. Mrs Powter will be returning to school on day one of Term 3 and we are all looking forward to having her back with us. We have all missed her very much.

Mrs Gray is still enjoying her overseas trip and we look forward to having her back with us in Week 9. Miss Makragic is doing a wonderful job with the Traveller class in her absence.

Our NAPLAN week ran very smoothly and we look forward to seeing our results late in Term 3.

On a last note I would like to sincerely thank all of the parents who have been offering their support and kind words to me over the past 5 weeks as I have been going through an emotional time with my daughter and her surgery. It has made the journey bearable and I will be forever grateful.

Mrs Karina Shepherd

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Dates to Remember:



Date	Event
4.06.14	NSW Uni Comp - Science Test
4.06.14	Assembly @ 3pm - Yr 3 Leading
9.06.14	Public Holiday
11.06.14	Principals Meeting - Mittagong
12.06.14	Rainbow Mufti - Georgia
16.06.14	NSW Uni Comp - Writing
16.06.14	P & C Meeting @ 6.30 pm in the Library
17.06.14	NSW Uni Comp - Spelling

18.06.14	Yr 6 Fundraising - Onesie Day Gold Coin Donation
24.06.14	Collegiate Principal Meeting @ Mount Hunter PS 1pm
25.06.14	Assembly @ 3pm - Yr 3 Leading
26.06.14	Part 1 - Athletics carnival
27.06.14	Reward Day

Year 6 Fundraising

On Wednesday the 18th June 2014 we will be holding a mufti day for the Yr 6 students to raise funds. It will be a **onesie** day!!!! Students, teachers and parents can wear their onesies to school on this day. Please make sure your child/ren have a t-shirt underneath in case it becomes warm on that day. It will be a gold coin donation day.

Fundraising for Georgia (Morris Family Niece)

Last year we held a fundraiser for Georgia. Georgia is still undergoing treatment and is expected to be continuing on this path for at least another 12 months. The P & C thought that it would be wonderful for us to show our continued support for the family by holding another fundraising day. I have put aside Thursday the 12th June as the day and it will be a "Rainbow Mufti" day. We hope we can bring some colour to what must be a very trying and emotional experience for the family and also for our Morris family. It will be a gold coin donation day however if you would like to make an extra donation it can be made directly to the office. I thank you in advance for your support.

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 on **Monday 16th June @ 6.30pm**, in the school Library. It would be wonderful to see you there.

Reports

Reports are coming home this term. Thursday of Week 9 is the day we will be sending them home.

Athletics carnival 2014

On Thursday of last week I found out that Onslow Oval will be out of Action til at least December therefore we would be unable to have our Athletics carnival down there. Several schools in the area are organising to have their running events down at Kirkham fields in the last week of this term and then they will hold their field events at school. At this stage we will be holding our running events on Thursday the 26th June at Kirkham along with Cawdor. I have then invited Cawdor PS to come to our school on another date, yet to be decided, next term to complete

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our field events. I will be asking for support from parents for both days. This is our best option at this point. Notes with further detail will be sent home soon ☺

Ambassadors Column

We had a great time at Camp! We drove around Mount Panorama, went gold panning, walked through Golden Gully and a mine, we played night activities and more. We made heaps of friends from Douglas Park and will enjoy seeing them again sometime soon. Mrs Shepherd and Mr Leonard had a great time and I think Miss Flanagan also enjoyed her very first school camp as a teacher, even if the bus driver did try and leave her in Hill End!

I would like to congratulate all the boys and girls that went to zone cross country. They all did an amazing job. Coming up soon is our next Year 6 Fundraiser. This time we will be having a "Onesie Day"! I hope it's not hot on that day!

Year 6 students were excited to get their Year 6 T-shirts last Thursday and we are already known as our new nicknames.

Year 5 and 6 went up to The Oaks Heritage Centre to find some information for Westbrook's project about the men that went to WW1, from Mount Hunter, for the 100th anniversary commemorative ceremony. It has almost been 100 years since the first one left Australia. Mrs Shepherd has also asked the Year 6's to get stuck into the garden this week so we can get some winter vegies planted.

We had a quieter week last week but there is plenty coming up in the last weeks of Term 2!

Dance Group

My daughter is a qualified dance teacher and teaches at her dance studio 4 times a week. She has offered to come out to our school and run a dance group on a Thursday afternoon between 2.30 and 3.30 pm. This will be a voluntary group however if your child makes the commitment then your child must attend each week as the students will be working towards a performance in Term 4. The students who do not join will undertake other creative arts activities at this time as part of the creative arts syllabus. Best behaviour will be expected and students who misbehave will not be allowed to continue. She will do a ½ hr class with each group (K-2) & (3-6). If your child is interested in joining they will need to come and see me to get a permission note. A starting date will be decided soon. We are looking at Week 7 or 8 of this term.

Camp

Camp was a huge success. We had an amazing time and the students were fabulous. The Mount Hunter students are truly a pleasure to take away on camp. Our bus driver, Terry, was very impressed with them also. Our students mixed in well with the Douglas Park students and we are already making plans to join with Douglas Park and Cawdor

for a sport and rec camp next year in Term 4. I have a photo album in the classroom that you are most welcome to come in and see. I have also ordered a photo book for the Library which will be here in another week or so.

Zone Cross Country

Well done to all of the students who went along and represented our school at the Zone Cross Country carnival on Friday the 23rd May 2014. It is always very daunting having to run such a long distance but our students put in their very best efforts and should be congratulated on their efforts. Our best result was Skyler Johnstone of Yr 3 who came in 20th in the 8/9 yrs girls. ☺

The Oaks Heritage Centre

On Monday the 26th May 2014 the Yr 5 & 6 students from Westbrook went up to the Heritage Centre to undertake some research in preparation for our special ANZAC event in August. Mr & Mrs Gill up at the centre taught the students how to research using old file systems and the students were enthusiastic about going through the old documents and finding out interesting bits of information. I would like to thank Mr Latham, Mrs Mainwaring and Mrs Angilley for coming along and supporting the students with their research. Mr Latham is working tirelessly on putting all of this together and must be thanked for all of his efforts.

Asthma Reminder

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.

Reminder 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.