

Term 2 Week 9
Monday 28th July 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome back to term 3. It has already been a busy start to the term and I'm sure we will be busy right up until the next school holidays.

It is Education Week this week, which is a time to celebrate education and all of the positives that come from the hard work that our teachers and students undertake. It is also a time to thank parents and families for taking an interest in their child's education and supporting the school in its endeavours.

It has been lovely to have Mrs Powter back at school. She was very keen to come back and has already started many projects which the students are enjoying.

Gala days will take up much of the term (Fridays) and the students in Westbrook are excited about going away and competing against other schools. We also have our athletics carnival in Week 4 (Friday) and a visit to Cobbity PS for a Harmony Day celebration. At this stage both dance groups will be performing and possibly two other items which we are finalising now. This is a whole school event. Notes will go home soon.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at the education Week celebrations this week. Have an enjoyable week and celebrate the achievements of your children. Every moment in time is valuable and the smallest gains are often the most important.

Mrs Karina Shepherd

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Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
28.07.14	Start of Education Week
29.07.14	Uni Comp - English
30.07.14	Ed Wk Open day & Assembly
1.08.14	Gala Day 2 - Soccer
6.08.14	Uni Comp - Maths
8.08.14	Athletics carnival
11.08.14	P & C Meeting @ 6.30 pm in Library
14.08.14- 15.08.14	Principal's Conference
18.08.14	School Spelling Bee spell off!!
19.08.14	Book Week Parade & picnic lunch
20.08.14	Assembly - Yr 1 presenting
22.08.14	100 th Commemorative assembly

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, there are a number of days still available.

P&C Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be held on the 11th August 2014 @ 6.30pm in the Library. It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible there.

Athletics carnival 2014

Part B of our Athletics carnival will be on Friday the 8th August 2014. It will be held here at Mount Hunter PS. The K - 2 students will also be involved in the 2nd day. We will organise some fun activities for them. Day 2 will consist of high jump, long jump, shot put and discus. If you are available on that day then it would be wonderful to see you here cheering on the students or even helping out with the events. Our P & C will be running a canteen on that day too.

Ambassadors Column

We have had a big first couple of weeks to start this term! We are all very happy to welcome back Mrs Powter. We missed you.

We had our gala day on Friday of week 1. Even though it was very windy we all gave it our best shot and had heaps of fun.

Coming up this week we have "Education Week". On Wednesday parents, grandparents, uncles and aunties are invited to come into our classroom. Then we will have an assembly and a picnic lunch in our garden.

We have another gala day this Friday so good luck to everybody that is playing!

That sums up the beginning of term 3 and I hope you all had a nice and relaxed holiday.

Education Week - Note went home before the holidays ☺

Dear Parents,

This year's theme for Education Week is "Lighting the Way to a Better World". There are a few things that will be happening to celebrate this important week. I have listed below dates and times and what's on so that you can note them down on your calendar. This is a week where we celebrate our children and their learning. It is also a time to thank and congratulate teachers for all of their hard work. Please come along and join in the activities that are being offered.

Monday 28th July 2014 - Normal school day

Tuesday 29th July 2014 - Normal school day

Wednesday 30th July 2014 - Open day

9.45 - 10.15 - Traveller Class activity

10.15 - 10.45 - Westbrook Class activity

10.45 - 11.30 - Assembly (prizes for competitions presented here)

11.30 - 12.25 - Picnic Lunch with families

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Thursday 31st July 2014 - Normal school day

Friday 1st August 2014 - Gala day 2

Dance Group

Dance group is going very well and Miss Courtney has been quite impressed with student behaviour and effort. This will continue each Thursday. K-2 is from 2.30 - 3.00pm and the 3-6 group from 3.00 - 3.30pm. Our first public performance will be On Friday 5th September 2014 @ Cobbity PS. Mr Mick Buckley, the Principal, has invited us along again this year for the day. Further information will be sent out at a later date.

Reminder Gala Days

We have one more winter gala day and hopefully it won't be as cold and windy as the last one. The students participated very well and we managed to stay grounded even though we were being blown away!!!! The summer gala days will be held in Week 6, 9 & 10 of Term 3. We won't be attending the Wk 6 one due to our special open day. We will be playing cricket for these gala days. Our P & C will be running the canteen at the Wk 9 & 10 gala days. Permission notes will go home once the winter days have finished.

Year 6 Fundraising

Yr 6 will be holding more fundraising days so please keep an eye out for notes coming home.

Camp 2015

I have managed to secure a booking for Term 4, 2015 @ The Tops. It will be a three day sport and rec camp and we will be going with Cawdor PS and Douglas Park PS. The cost will be \$260.00. Start saving!!!! I have heard many great reports about this camp and we are all looking forward to it.

Yr 5 High School Taster Day

Our Yr 5 students attended Camden HS on Thursday 24th July for a fun filled day. Our students participated in a PE lesson, an English lesson where they wrote some poems and then a Textiles lesson where they painted designs using the paint stick technique. The students were extremely well behaved and I was very proud to be there with them. They displayed excellent manners and left feeling very positive about high school. They are to be commended on their great behaviour.

Yr 6 Formal Farewell Dinner

The Yr 6 Formal farewell Dinner will be held on Thursday night the 11th December 2014 @ Enzos Restaurant in Camden @ 6.30pm. Yr 6 students and their parents (no siblings) will be invited along with staff and the P & C Committee. Siblings of Yr 6 students who attend MHPS will be invited to the bowling/dinner night. Invitations will go home in the near future. Yr 6

students are paid for however there is a cost of \$45 per adult. No alcohol can be served at this function as it is a school function and against DEC regulations. We had a great night last year and the students are excited and looking forward to this year's function.

Garden News!!!!

We are looking for any old cooking implements that we can hang in our garden. These will create a point of interest for the garden and add sound when the wind blows ☺ Old pans, tin plates, spatulas etc. Please bring them to the office and we will collect them.

Special order Photo's

Special order photo's Yr 6, Swimming etc are on display in the office. Envelopes have been sent home and orders need to be back by 11th August.

Celebrations:- Well done to Shannon, Ellie and Jaime on their fine efforts at the recent Cheerleading Championships...

Youth Level1 - 1st Shannon

Youth Level1 - 1st Ellie

Junior Level2 - 1st Ellie

Junior Level2 - 1st Jaime

Junior Level3 - 1st Jaime

Stunt Group -2nd

Senior Level3 - 1st & Grand Champs Jaime, also winners of paid bid to Duel in the desert- Palm Springs USA 2015.

THE BEST BOY'S WEEKEND - YOUNGSTARS FATHER-SON ADVENTURE CAMPS

Dads can connect and bond with their sons without the distractions of technology and modern life at a special father-son adventure camp, the first being held on the Father's Day weekend in the Hawkesbury.

Delivered by Sport and Recreation and The Pathways Foundation, the YoungStars camps are a chance for Dads to spend quality time with their boys and share their experiences of fatherhood with other dads. Activities will include setting up camp, playing games and sharing stories around the campfire.

The first YoungStars camp will take place at Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre on September 6-7. The second and third will be held at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre on October 19-20 and November 15-16. The camp is open to primary school boys aged seven up and their dads. :-For more information or to book your place visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars or call Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02.