

*Term 1 Week 2*  
*Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015*

**Principal's Message**

Welcome back everyone!!!!!! It is so good to see everyone again. I hope that you have all enjoyed a fabulous break and are ready for another fabulous year at Mount Hunter PS.

Thank you for all the well wishes at the end of last year. My surgery went very well and I am feeling really good now. Your kind messages and thoughts were very much appreciated.

We farewell Skyler & Saxon, Lily and also Jack J from our school. We wish them every success at their new schools. We welcome Abbey into Yr 6 and also Romanna & Wolf who started with us in the last week of last year. They have all settled in very well and I know they will love being at our school. I would also like to welcome our four new Kinder students – Lincoln, Xavier, Alex and Mark. They have settled into school life very well and are enjoying their time at school. It's wonderful to see their smiling faces in the playground. We also welcome all of our new parents to our school. It is always nice to meet new families and I know you will feel very welcome within our school community.

Our new school ambassador, Ellie Mainwaring, has taken up her post already and I know she will do a wonderful job this year. All of our Yr 6 leaders will work together with Ellie to ensure that Mount Hunter PS remains the great school that it is.

Please remember that if you have any questions at any time please come and speak to us. Enjoy the school term and keep an eye on notes that come home.

**Mrs Karina Shepherd**  
**Principal/R**

**Dates to Remember:**

| Date                                    | Event   |
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| 3.02.15                                 | Gymnastics starts<br>Every Tuesday  |
| 9.02.15                                 | <b>Swimming Carnival @<br/>Picton Pools</b>   |
| 9.02.15                                 | P & C Meeting @ 6.30pm in<br>school Library   |
| 11.02.15                                | <b>Assembly Wk 3 @3pm</b>   |
| 16.02.15                                | NRL Tigers Visit  |
| <b>20.02.15</b>                         | <b><u>School Photos</u></b><br>Boys wear sport uniform.<br>Girls wear their dress. Please<br>come and see us prior to this<br>day if you need to borrow a<br>dress. |
| 27.02.15                                | Scripture starts  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb | <b>Zone swimming carnival</b>   |
| 4.03.15                                 | <b>Grip Leadership<br/>Conference Yr 6</b>  |

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| 9.03.15  | High School forms issued to<br>Yr 6 parents |
| 11.03.15 | <b>Assembly Wk 7 @3pm</b>                   |
| 12.03.15 | NRL Clinic K-6                              |
| 20.03.15 | High School forms due back<br>to school.    |
| 25.03.15 | <b>Assembly Wk9 @3pm</b>                    |
| 26.03.15 | NRL Clinic                                  |
| 31.03.15 | Parent Teacher Interviews                   |
| 2.04.15  | NRL Clinic                                  |

**Canteen**

**Canteen will be closed Monday 9/2/15** and will open  
Friday 13/2/15

**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**

Our Next P&C meeting will be held @ 6.30pm on Monday night the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015. It will be held in the school library. This is also the AGM for the P&C. We would love to see as many parents as possible at the meeting. All new parents are welcome. The P&C make it possible for our students to receive extra resources and special events that would otherwise be difficult.

P&C contribute to the purchase of resources, programs and sporting equipment. They organise fundraisers and support us at sporting events. Much needed funds for school playground upgrades have been donated by P&C. They give up much of their own time to support the students and the school. We very much appreciate their support and look forward to another great year working with them.

**School Ambassador**

I'm so excited to be writing my first Ambassador Column for our school newsletter. I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and I hope I make a great Ambassador for our school.

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I would like to welcome our new families, the Cranfields, Arnotts, Flowers, Williams and McKews to our school.

Also a I would like to welcome Mark Angilley to Kindergarten.

I hope the kindy parents are not too sad to leave their young ones at school, but I know they are having heaps of fun and learning new things with Mrs Gray and Miss Makragic in the classroom.

Hopefully, all the returning students are settling back into a good routine and are ready for a year of learning at Mount Hunter Public School.

Next week, our students, 8 years and older, will be travelling to Picton pools for our swimming carnival with Cawdor Public School. I encourage all students to come along and have a swim and try their best. It's not just about winning, but also having fun and getting in and having a go.

Look out for our first ever fun day that the Library Monitors will be having. We will be selling lots of yummy treats and all money raised will go to our School Library.

Thanks for reading, Ellie.

***The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!!!!.....Dr. Seuss***

### **Outstanding Invoices**

Could I please ask any families that have outstanding money from 2014 or 2013 to please finalise these accounts as soon as possible as we are trying to set our budgets for 2015 and outstanding amounts mean that we have to cover those costs before we can allocate funds to 2015 programs. I thank you in advance for your prompt payment.

### **Working With Children Check Forms (WWCC)**

As per DEC policy parents who volunteer at the school, either in the classroom or the canteen, must fill in a WWCC form at the front office and show 100 points of ID. This also includes parents who transport other students to and from events during school hours. If you are able to provide extra transport I also need a copy of your driver's licence and your recent CTP insurance. We keep these on file at the front office. Could I also ask that when you update your insurance each year you bring it in for us to copy so that our records are up to date too? Please come and see us for a form if you haven't already filled one in.

### **Eight ways to get your kids organised**

*Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.*

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school>

#### **Smart foods to boost learning**

*Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?*

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/smart-foods-to-boost-learning>

#### **Benefits of team sports**

*If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient, and being less likely to feel isolated.*

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports>

### **Doing well in class**

*Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.*

Find our more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one>

### **2015 homework planner**

*Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.*

Find out more

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips>