

Mount Hunter Public School

Newsletter Week 6 Term 1 2015

Principal's Message

We had a very busy but excellent start to the year with all students settling in very well. I am very impressed with the positive attitudes that all students are displaying and the effort that they are going to, to learn new things. I have been especially impressed with the senior students and how they have really demonstrated kindness and understanding towards some of younger students as they settle into school. I feel proud to have them as students of Mount Hunter Public School. Paper planes have also been a big hit at the school during the first 5 weeks with many students K-6 making and flying their planes at lunch time and recess with some amazing results. They really have been creative. Our spare paper supplies are zero at the moment though!!! ☺ Our school photo day was a huge success with all students displaying their best manners and their best smiles. Well done MHPS. We have a very best rest of the term coming up so keep an eye out for notes in your child's bag and alerts via our school app. Camden Show is coming up on the 20th March and Mrs Gray is in the process of organising the note for this day. Please let us pray for much better weather this year.☺ There will also be some Easter festivities coming up on the 1st April (Wednesday). Mrs Gray is also organising some wonderful activities and competitions to go along with this wonderful day.

Mrs Karina Shepherd
Principal/R

Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
2.03.15	P&C Meeting @ 6.30pm
4.03.15	Grip Leadership Conference Yr 6
9.03.15	High School forms issued to Yr 6 parents
10.03.15	Yr 6 HS Visit to Camden High School.
11.03.15	Assembly Wk 7 @3pm
12.03.15	NRL Clinic K-6
19.03.15	Crazy Hair & Sock Day – Yr 6 – Gold coin donation.
20.03.15	High School forms due back to school.
25.03.15	Assembly Wk9 @3pm
26.03.15	NRL Clinic
31.03.15	Parent Teacher Interviews
31.03.15	Fruit Smoothies Day -Yr 6 – \$2.00ea – Parent Helpers please ☺
1.04.15	Proposed date for Easter Hat parade and activities
2.04.15	NRL Clinic
	Last Day of Term 1

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 tonight. It will be held in the school library.

An agenda book will now be kept in the front office so that items can be placed on the Agenda prior to the meeting in case information needs to be prepared for the meeting. If you have an item to discuss please come into the office and write it in the book.

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

Here we are in Week 6 and we have already completed half of this term. There's been plenty happening at our school in the last 2 weeks. We have had Pancake Day and it was very yummy. Library Monitors held their first Fundraiser and raised over \$80 dollars. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution and those that bought our yummy treats. Students went to Zone for swimming and they all did so well, many bettering their times that they swam at our carnival. Year 6 head off to Homebush on Wednesday for a leadership learning day. We are all so excited, but don't want to be up so early (we have to meet the bus at **Camden South PS at 6.45am!**). Gymnastics has been so much fun and everyone is learning new skills. Traveller class is working hard on their "Motor Bike" arm positions. Well done to Westbrook students, your effort in completing homework this term has been fantastic.

"Homework may not be easy...but it is worth it..."
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Outstanding Invoices

Could I please ask any families that have outstanding accounts from 2014 or 2013 to please try and finalise these accounts as soon as possible. I thank you in advance for your prompt payment.

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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.

West Tigers

On Monday the 16th February we were lucky enough to have three of the West Tigers players come to our school to talk to the students about healthy eating and living a healthy lifestyle. The players were David N, Kyle L and Nathan. The students were engaged in the discussion and activity and asked some very good questions. What a great experience!!!!



NRL Visits

I have organised for the NRL guys to come out again to work with the students. They will come out and deliver a series of three Football clinics with Yrs K-6. They focus on Touch skills and passing etc. We have done this every year for the past two years and the students love it!!!! The dates are on the school calendar.

Harmony Day

Saturday the 21st March is Harmony Day and as a school we would like to celebrate Harmony Day this year. We will be holding an "Orange Day" where you dress up in the colour orange for the day. We will be asking for a gold coin donation on that day to raise funds for the "Kids Of Macarthur" Foundation which raises money for specialised equipment to be bought for Campbelltown hospital that can be accessed and used for sick children in the Macarthur region. We

have participated every year and this year the teacher event is Barefoot Bowls at the end of the term.

Activities for the Harmony Day event school will be finalised soon and a date will be set. It will be Week 8 or 9 of this term.

Yr 6 HS Visit

On Tuesday the 10th March 2015 the Yr 6 students will be attending a taste of High School day at Camden High School. They will participate in lessons and meet teachers at the school. These days have been very successful in the past and all Yr 6 students from the eight feeder schools attend over the two days offered. Notes went home last Tuesday.

Yr 6 Fundraising

Yr 6 have come up with some wonderful ideas for fundraising this year and they will start this term off with a crazy hair and sock day and then a fruit smoothies day later in the term. Please refer to calendar above for dates.

Sponsor Child

Mount Hunter Public School has been sponsoring a child from Rwanda for a few years now and we would like to keep that sponsorship going. It costs us about \$40.00 a month for us to sponsor him. His name is Jean d'Amour. There is a soccer ball money box in my office for students to place spare change and donations into. If you have spare coins at home and wish to make a donation every so often please send them in. I bring in my silver coins as no one in my house likes to have them in their wallets. ☺ Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Zone Swimming

The students who attended the zone swimming carnival all represented our school very well with some excellent results. On Thursday Siena L came 16th out of 38 swimmers improving by 3 seconds, Hannah O came 13th out of 41 swimmers improving by 3 seconds & Dylan O swam 8 seconds faster than he did at school!!! My understanding is that we had some fantastic results on Friday also with a number of students placing in their heats. I am very proud of all of our swimmers and they should all feel very proud of their efforts.

School App

The school App seems to be working well. If you haven't yet downloaded the app it is for both Android and iPhones. You go through your app store and search Mount Hunter Public School and then download it. I have had some great feedback already and it is very easy to use.

Removing head lice and nits Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits>