

Mount Hunter Public School

Newsletter Week 9 Term 1 2015

Principal's Message

Well we have almost made it to yet the end of another term. It feels like only yesterday that we started the new school year. The students have all been working very hard this term and should be commended on their efforts. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work too as it has been a very busy term and they often go above and beyond to ensure that the students at the school have wonderful learning opportunities and that things run smoothly.

Congratulations to our four Kindergarten students for making it through your first term of school. Well done to their parents also. It is always a big event when your child starts school and for some it is a huge adjustment. Well done!!!! ☺

This week we have Corey Shepherd from Elizabeth Macarthur HS spending a week with us on work experience. We also have Amber Reynolds from the University Of Notre Dame spending a week with us for an observation prac.

We have four students, Monique W, James A, Hannah O & Dylan O attending the State Swimming Carnival on Thursday morning. We wish them all the very best and hope they enjoy their experience.

Westbrook will be attending a League Tag gala day on Thursday also at Kirkham, organised by the NRL guys. We enjoyed a Camden Show visit last Friday and I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who came along and enjoyed the day with us. Well done to our wonderful students who represented us so well.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Easter and holiday break and look forward to seeing you back here safely after the holiday break.

Mrs Karina Shepherd
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Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
25.03.15	Assembly Wk9 @3pm
25.03.15	Harmony Day – Wear ORANGE on the day Gold coin donation for the Kids of Macarthur Foundation
26.03.15	League Tag Gala Day Mrs Powter attending
31.03.15	Parent Teacher Interviews
31.03.15	Fruit Smoothies Day -Yr 6 – \$2.00ea – Parent Helpers please ☺
1.04.15	Easter Hat parade and activities
2.04.15	NRL Clinic Last Day of Term 1
20.04.15	SDD –Teachers only return
21.04.15	Students return for Term 2
Sat 25.04.15	ANZAC Ceremony @ Mount Hunter Memorial 4.30pm

	followed by a BBQ.
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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 the 11th May 2015. 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.

School Ambassador

Wow I can't believe that we are in Week 9 of Term One only one more week left of the term. On Friday the school went to Camden Show it was lots fun, we got to do activities, we got to look at animals and well done to Traveller for that amazing art work that you did. On the 25th we will be celebrating Harmony Day, on the 31st year 6 we will be having a fruit smoothie day and on the 1st we will be having an Easter hat parade where you can make a hat in any shape and size and after that there will be an Easter egg hunt.

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.

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.

Harmony Day

Saturday the 21st March is Harmony Day and as a school we would like to celebrate Harmony Day this year. On **Wednesday the 25th March 2015** 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

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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.

Yr 6 Fundraising

Yr 6 has come up with some wonderful ideas for fundraising this year and they will be having a fruit smoothie's day on **Tuesday the 31st March 2015**. It will be \$2.00 for a fruit smoothie. Please let staff know if your child is unable to have milk, bananas or strawberries prior to this day please.

Crazy Hair & Sock Day



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.

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.

School Photos

I trust that everyone has received their school photos for 2015. There are some photos available for viewing in the front office. If you would like to purchase these please see Mrs Fenning within the next few days. You may have noticed that Mrs Gray has (USB) next to her name on the photos?? This was an error made by the photo company. I had written it next to her name on the day and told them that her photo was on the USB provided as she was absent on photo day. We asked for her to be photo shopped in, which she was, however they printed exactly what was on the sheet when printing the names etc ☺

Australian Flag Presentation

On Friday the 13th March 2015 we had Mr Angus Taylor come along to our school and present to us a brand new Australian flag that we can use down at the newly restored Mount Hunter Memorial. We would like to thank Mr Taylor for coming to our school to present the flag.



Safetytown website – A road safety education program

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit <https://www.safetytown.com.au>

Bullying knows no bounds

When cyberbullying hits home - what one mum wishes she'd done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home>