

Mount Hunter Public School

Newsletter Week 3 Term 2 2015

Principal's Message

It has been a wonderful start to the term with all of the students returning to school healthy and happy and settling back into their school work very well. There are many things to look forward to this term like more Yr 6 fundraising days, Gala Days, Zone Cross Country and an excursion to Warragamba Dam.

This is my last week here at Mount Hunter Public School and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the staff, students and the school community for their support during my time here. I believe that we have achieved some great things in the past 2 ½ yrs and I will miss you all very much. This is such a wonderful school with many, many things to be proud of. I will forever hold Mount Hunter close to my heart and will carry with me the fantastic memories I have of the school, the staff, the students and parent community. I hope that I can still catch up with you at sport events and gala days and maybe see you out and about. I know that the school will continue to be a wonderful place to learn and I wish you all every success for the future. ☺☺☺☺☺



Mrs Karina Shepherd
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Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
6.05.15	Assembly 1 @ 3.00pm – Yr 5 Leading
7.05.15	Mother's Day Stall
8.05.15	Gala Day 1 - Netball
8.05.15	Mrs Shepherd's last day
11.05.15	P&C -
12.05.15	NAPLAN – Language conventions and Writing Tests
13.05.15	NAPLAN – Reading Test
14.05.15	NAPLAN – Numeracy Test
15.05.15	Zone Cross Country
4.06.15	Hot Chocolate and cookie day – Yr 6 fundraising \$3.00
18.06.15	Onsie day – Yr 6 fundraising Gold coin donation

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

On behalf of the school and the P&C I would like to thank Mrs Mckew for selling drinks here at school on Election Day. She was able to raise more funds for our school. We thank her for giving up her time to do this.

7th May 2015 (Thursday) - Mother's Day Stall - Helpers needed from 10.45 - 12.00

8th May 2015 (Friday) - Mrs Shepherds last day and farewell Afternoon Tea - please bring a plate to share

11th May 2015 (Monday) - P and C Meeting has been postponed - Mrs Shepherds Farewell Dinner @ Luigi's Narellan. All Welcome - please let Renai know if you would like to attend by Thursday 7/5/2015

25th May 2015 (Monday) - Proposed next P and C Date (as June's date is the long weekend and Julys falls on a Student Free Day)

Canteen helpers still needed for Mondays.

This Fridays canteen will be open for lunch orders only (no walk up sales) and please if possible could you not order noodles or chicken burgers as Mrs Tighe will be bagging the lunches as a huge favour to me so Traveller kids won't miss out.

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.

Gala Day

This Friday is the first of three netball Gala Days, this term. Last time we played Netball our school did very well and we are looking forward to seeing what we can achieve this year. We will be playing at the Kirkham netball fields and parents are most welcome to come along and support us on the day. The students have been training hard under the guidance of Miss Rolph (who plays and coaches netball). This is a normal school day for the students and if for some reason they are not attending netball then they would be expected to come to school. I would love to see everyone there on Friday. It is a great day!!!!

School Ambassador

This is Mrs Shepherds last week at Mount Hunter P.S. She has been selected as the Principal of Warragamba P.S. On behalf of all the students I wish her all the best for her new role. We will miss her so much. She has helped me so much in the past two years and I know she has helped all of us :(

We all had fun at last week's Cross Country with



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Cawdor PS – we were lucky with the rain holding off until the afternoon. Congratulations to all the Age group winners and to all who ran on the day.

On Friday Westbrook Class has their first gala day for the year. This term we are playing netball.

Last week and this week we have all been doing our speeches. Well done to all the students who have already spoken and good luck to those who still have to. A tip I learnt for writing speeches is – “When I get ready to talk to people I spend 2/3 of the time thinking about what they want to hear and 1/3 thinking about what I want to say”

Don't forget to come on Friday afternoon to say goodbye to Mrs Shepherd.



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.

Yr 6 Fundraising & Thank you ☺

I would like to say a huge thank you to Anne, Renai and Carla for their help with the Yr 6 Fruit Smoothie day fundraiser last term. It was a very successful fundraiser and without their support I'm not sure that we could have had such a successful event. The Yr 6 students worked hard with the parents to create some very yummy smoothies which the children loved. Well done!!!!!!

This term the Yr 6 students will be holding two events. A hot chocolate and cookie fundraiser and then a onesie mufti day. Please refer to the calendar for dates. We will need volunteer parent helpers to assist the Yr 6 students on the day and for the Yr 6 students to donate milk, milo and cookies. It will be a \$3.00 donation for a cup of warm milo and a cookie and a gold coin donation for the onesie 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.

Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students for their efforts at our school cross country last week. It always such a pleasure to see the students go and try their very best. Even though cross country is a difficult sport our students took it in their stride and did their very best. A number of students will be going off to Zone Cross Country on the 15th May 2015 and I wish them every success. Well done Mount Hunter!!!! Thank you to the staff and the parents for their assistance and support on the day also. It is always greatly appreciated ☺

Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don't be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children>

Financial literacy

Does your child need help with business and economics? Here's info on credit cards, how to be responsible spenders and savers, and make consumer choices.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/business-and-economics/credit-cards>

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between

Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

The application website is at

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Spellcheck

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing>

Homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>