

Mount Hunter Public School

Newsletter Week 6 Term 2 2015

Principal's Message

Thank you to the parents, grandparents, staff and students for making me feel so welcome! In the two weeks that I have been at Mount Hunter Public School, I am beginning to feel organised in the classroom with routines and expectations established, and my job now will be to familiarise myself with the office routine and with the systems required in running the administrative side of this role.

I feel very fortunate to be given the opportunity to be a part of a small school and its neighbouring community. I have already noticed a huge difference in my interactions with the students, and am getting to know each of them as lovely individuals. (This is quite hard to accomplish in a big school setting!)

Also, I feel very lucky when I am out on playground duty and admire the beautiful countryside surrounding the school. (I must say that I have had to make adjustments to my wardrobe and buy a few extra winter woollies!!)

I have already been introduced to a few parents and grandparents, so please feel free to come and say hello if you see me about. I look forward to working with you for the benefit of your child/children and for the benefit of Mount Hunter Public School. ☺☺☺☺☺

Mrs Doris Herrmann
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Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
25.06.15	P & C Meeting 6:30pm
25.06.15	Premier's Sporting Challenge Commences (10 weeks)
26.06.15	Brown Team – Debating Challenge against Macquarie Fields
29.06.15	Gala Day 2 – Netball Kirkham Netball Fields
1.06.15	Warragamba Dam Excursion Whole school
3.06.15	Assembly @ 3.00pm
4.06.15	Hot Chocolate and Cookie day – Yr 6 fundraising. \$3.00
5.06.15	Last day - Miss Rolph (Practicum Student)
8.06.15	Queen's Birthday long weekend
17.06.15	Assembly @ 3.00pm
18.06.15	Onsie day – Yr 6 fundraising Gold coin donation
19.06.15	Gala Day 3 – Netball Kirkham Netball Fields
24.06.15	Reports go home

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 News

Our Next P&C meeting will be held @ 6.30pm on **Monday 25th May, 2015.**

It will be held in the school library.

Record the dates of future P & C meetings on your calendar:

Term 3

Monday 27th July

Monday 10th August

Monday 14th September

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.

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the selling of presents on the Mother's Day Stall – Week 3. (It seems so long ago!)

Gala Day 2

This Friday is the second of our three netball Gala Days, this term. Last time (Week 3) we played extremely well winning many of our games. Let's hope that we can continue our winning streak!! We will still 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. Good Luck, Westbrook!

School Ambassador

I would like to welcome Mrs Herrmann to MTHPS. I hope you are settling in and finding all the students lovely and friendly. I know Mrs Shepherd has had a great 2 weeks at Warragamba PS and is missing us all. I can't believe that we are half way through the school year. On Friday, the Yellow debating team had their first debate against Wallacia PS. Congratulations to the Yellow team for winning this debate. On Tuesday, the Brown team will be debating Macquarie Fields at Mount Hunter P.S. Good luck, Brown team! This Friday is our second Netball Gala Day for the term. Hopefully we will be as successful as we were last gala day – both Senior and Junior teams were

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undefeated – Woo Hoo! Miss Rolph has been running us through some netball drills. Thanks, Miss Rolph.

I would also like to welcome Alexis and Addison to our school. I hope you are enjoying our Family School. Would you like to have another afternoon of fun and games and where we all bring a plate? If yes, please come and see me so I can organise an afternoon with our teachers. Remember, it is getting chilly of a morning so bring your jumpers, but also remember to take them home of an afternoon. Ellie M

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” – Nelson Mandela



Westbrook Debaters

Last week, Westbrook's Yellow debating team competed against Wallacia Public School in Round 1 of a total of 3 debating competitions. The students involved in this round were Ginger K, Bailey M, Monique W and Chloe A. The adjudicator was very impressed with both teams but declared Westbrook the winners. Next week, the Brown team will compete against Macquarie Fields. Thank you to Mrs Powter's daughter (Ellie) for coaching both teams. They are all very impressive debaters! (Future lawyers, maybe!!)

Premier's Sporting Challenge

Both Traveller and Westbrook have commenced registering their daily fitness and sporting activities for a program called, '**Premier's Sporting Challenge**'. Students are encouraged to participate in, between 30-60 minutes of physical activity each day. (This includes all playground activity and after school activities.) The recording of activities will commence in Week 6 and continue until Term 3 - Week 5. The money raised from this program will be used to purchase Sporting equipment for the school.

Warraqamba Dam Excursion

Monday 1st JUNE 2015

This is a reminder for students to bring in your permission notes and \$15.00 to the office as soon as possible. As it is a whole school excursion, all students are expected to attend. The school will be closed for the day as all staff will be attending the excursion. Please be at school at 9:30 am to board the bus on time.

Year 6 Fundraising 😊😊😊😊😊😊

We would like to encourage students to start saving their coins for the **Hot Chocolate and Cookie Day** scheduled for **Thursday 4th June**. Only \$3.00 for a

cup of warm milo and a cookie and it will be a great treat on a cold winter's day!

*****Could we please have some volunteer parent helpers to assist the Yr 6 students on the day and for the Yr 6 students to donate Milo and cookies.**

The next fundraising event for the Year 6 students will be a '**Onsie**' day on Thursday 18th June. Students will need to bring a gold coin donation for the '**Onsie**' day.

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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.

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.

Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: <http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au>