

*Mount Hunter Public School
Newsletter Week 9 Term 2 2015*

Principal's Message

Welcome to the second last week of Term 2. The time is flying by very quickly. Might be a sign that we are all getting older!!

Winter Blues

Over the last few weeks it has been very obvious that winter is taking its toll on both the students and staff! Most days we are recording high absences and I know Mrs Gray's voice is only just hanging in there! Some students are coming to school quite ill and either spend a miserable day with us in the classroom or spend some time with Mrs Fenning in her office. If you are aware that your child is feeling unwell in the morning, please keep them home for the day! Please remember to phone the school or send notes explaining your child's absence as soon as your child returns to school.

School Security

It has come to our attention that people are using the school ground during the weekend without permission. As a result, some of the students' gardens are being damaged and the alarms are being tripped. As we are about to embark on our two week break, could I please ask everyone to keep an eye on the school and if you notice anything suspicious, then notify School Security on the following number:

24-hour Security Hotline - Phone: 1300 88 00 21

Warraqamba Excursion

2 weeks ago Traveller and Westbrook were very fortunate to visit Warragamba Dam. All the students (and staff) were mesmerized by the size of the Dam and we had a rare visit to parts of the Dam that are not open to the general public. The centre staff commented on the excellent behavior of the Mount Hunter students.



We also visited Warragamba Public School and had a very emotional reunion with Mrs Shepherd. She was very sad to see us go!!

Semester One Reports

The students have been working very hard this semester and it's now time to inform parents of their progress. Reports will come home on **Wednesday 24 June**. If you need any part of the report clarified and you wish to have an interview with your child's teacher, please contact them to arrange a mutually suitable time.

Head Lice

In light of the letter that was sent home last week, regarding the prevalence of Head Lice at our school, could we all please be vigilant over the holiday period and regularly check our child/children's hair?

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a well-deserved and enjoyable break. Get well and come back to school healthy and rested!

Mrs Doris Herrmann
Principal/R



Dates to Remember:

Date	Event
Week 9 15.06.15	P &C Meeting advertised on the Notice Board is cancelled.
15.06.15	Public Speaking Finals Douglas Park P.S.
17.06.15	Westbrook -10 years and over. Orienteering Day.
17.06.15	Assembly @ 3.00pm Parents welcome!
18.06.15	Onesie Day- Gold coin donation. Yr 6 fundraising.
19.06.15	Final Gala Day for this term. Kirkham Netball Courts. 9:15am
Week 10 24.06.15	Reports go home today.
25.06.15	Reward Day
26.06.15	Last day of school. Holidays commence 29/6.
Term 3 13.07.15	Staff Development Day - Students not required at school.
14.07.15	Students return to school.

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P&C News

Our Next P&C meeting will be held @ 6.30pm on **Monday 27th July, 2015.**

It will be held in the school library.

P&C News continued...

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

Term 3

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 parents who assisted with the Year 6 'Cookie and Hot Chocolate' Fundraiser.

Mount Hunter Student's Corner



Westbrook Debaters

Yellow team

The Mount Hunter Yellow debating team competed against Wallacia PS and even though it was a very close call, Mount Hunter won! Then we went to Macquarie Field PS and won again by a little bit! On Tuesday 16 June, we will be competing against the Mount Hunter Brown team to see which team goes into the finals. We are so excited!!

Brown Team

The Mount Hunter Brown team competed against Macquarie Fields PS and won in a close debate. After that we travelled to Wallacia PS but only just lost. Even though we lost, it was a great day and we learned a lot and made new friends. We are now very excited about the debate against Mount Hunter Yellow team.

Year 6 Fundraising

Last week, Year 6 a held a 'Cookie and Raisin toast' Fundraiser. It cost \$3.00 for a hot or cold Chocolate and 2 Cookies or a piece of Raisin toast. All the children loved it! Thanks to our Hot Chocolate, everyone kept warm! We raised \$120 from this event. Thanks everyone! Chloe A

Last Thursday and Friday, we sold some of our vegetables after school, near the carpark. We made an average of \$30.00 per day, which we are putting towards a gift for the school at the end of the year. We will be continuing with our vegie sales so please come along and buy some. Cody M

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

Gala Day Results

So far we have already had 2 out of three of our Gala Days. Everyone is doing an amazing job! Both Juniors and Seniors have won most of their games and have only lost about two or three games. Miss Rolph helped and organised the teams for the whole day, so a big THANK YOU to her. Friday is our last Netball Gala day for this term. Beth M

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. The students are enjoying registering their fitness on a daily basis.

Community News- Kids, social media and privacy

Regardless of your child's age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect.

According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (- it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram.
- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media

Please review your family's privacy settings and discuss online security. You'll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au