**Principal’s Message**

Congratulations to everyone for all of the hard work that you have been doing in the last eight weeks of the term. Term three always seems to be a busy term.

The students have been working hard in all areas and the staff have been undertaking some professional development and Staff Meetings on Child wellbeing and Engagement.

Our Debating teams (Mount Hunter Brown - Emma Toovey, Bethany McManus, Abby Williams and Ellie Mainwaring and Team Yellow - Ginger Kane, Bailey Morris, Monique Wright and Chloe Angilley) have been very busy. It was sad to see one team go out in the Interzone Finals (where we debated each other) but the both debated admirably and Mount Hunter Yellow has made it to the Sydney Schools Quarter Finals. We have also been very busy preparing for our upcoming performances in the Camden Community of Schools Showcase.

Students attended Zone Carnival at Leumeah. I was very proud of our students and their behaviour and would like to congratulate them all on their performances. Most students exceeded their times and distances at the recent athletics carnival to achieve a personal best. Congratulations to Bailey Morris for coming third in the Zone High Jump and Jonah large for coming fourth overall in the 9 Years Boys 100m.

Parents received their children's NAPLAN results recently. If you have any questions or would like to speak to myself or Mrs Herrmann when she returns, please don't hesitate to make an appointment.

 I would like to sincerely thank the parents who volunteered for Reading and MultiLit programs. By doing this you have provided our students with the best possible opportunity to succeed and due to your help, the students are able to access the program more often throughout the week. Also to those who give up their valuable time to help in the canteen and with transport. You are providing a valuable service to our school and I thank you.

I would also like to thank the school community for being involved in our Book Week Parade. We had some amazing costumes everything from Frozen Princesses to some interesting or scary book characters and dinosaurs. The students did a great job explaining why their favourite books 'Light up their World'. Thank you parents for supporting students by helping with costumes and attending on the day.

Mrs Janelle Powter **Principal/R**



**Dates to Remember**

**Also check our Mount Hunter PS website:** [**http://www.mthunter-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/**](http://www.mthunter-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/) **calendar for all the Term 3 events.**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| **Week 9**  09.09.15 | Spelling Bee  Camden Community of Schools Rehearsals and performance |
| 10.09.15 | Camden High School Year Advisor Visit for Year 6 |
| 11.09.15 | PSSA Gala Day- Oztag  Onslow Park - 9:15am |
| **Week 10**  14.09.15 | P & C Meeting 6:30pm |
| 16.09.15 | Year 6 Fundraiser and Reward Day Mufti/ favourite Sporting Hero or Team $2.00 |
| 18.09.15 | PSSA Gala Day- Oztag  Onslow Park - 9:15 |

**Reminder Gala Days**

Well done to our senior and junior oztag teams who played at the recent Week 7 Gala Day. We had beautiful weather and a wonderful time and certainly showed enthusiasm on the day. The final summer gala days will be held in Week 9 & 10.

**P&C News**

Our Next P&C meeting will be held @ 6.30pm on **Monday 14th September, held in the school Library.**

Please come along and support your children by being involved with this hard working group of volunteers.

**Camden Community of Schools Showcase**

We have a busy day on Wednesday 9th September. Mount Hunter has three performances - the drama and dance acts will be performed by six of our students who have been attending the High School for quite a few of the past weeks and our whole school choir performance. The rehearsal schedule will be as follows:

Dance and drama students arrive at Camden Civic Centre at 8:30am.They will be at the civic Centre all day. The rest of the school (Choir) arrive at 9:45am. Choir students return to school approx 11:30am (for a break and lunch). Choir returns at 2:00pm for full dress rehearsal. 4:30 pm -Students walk with teachers and some parents to McDonalds for dinner. All welcome. Return to Civic Centre at 5:50pm to get dressed. Performance at 6:30pm.

**Bring**: lunch, recess, snacks a book to read (or an activity to do) and your formal uniform for the evening performance.

**$2.00 entry** at the door for audience members

**Camden HS News**

On Thursday the 10th September the Yr 7 coordinators for 2016 will be coming to our school to meet with our Yr 6 students. They will hand out enrolment packages and they will talk to the students about other high school related issues. They will also answer any questions that the students may have.

**Spelling Bee -** Best wishes to Bethany McManus, Bailey Morris, Ruby McManus and Jonah Large who will be representing our school in District Spelling Bee At Thomas Acres Public School. I hope they have been tuning in to the amazing spellers on the T.V. Spell Well!

**Reward Day/Year 6 Fundraiser - Sports Day**

Reward day will be Wednesday 16th September. Students who have not been a level all term or those who have been on level 1 only once will enjoy some free activities and Yr 6 students are going to support me by assisting with the tabloids. Your child will bring home a note if they are eligible for Reward Day. Well done to all of those students who have consistently followed the rules and followed teacher instructions!!!! **Wear your favourite sporting team colours** - $2.00 (Wk 10) 16/09/15.

**Ambassadors Column**

This week we have The Camden Showcase, Spelling Bee and Oztag. I wish all the students the best of luck at the Spelling Bee. I want to thank everybody that is coming to participate in the Camden Community of Schools Showcase and thank you to everyone who is coming to support us (don’t forget to bring in your notes for MacDoanlds).

We also have our reward day on. It will be a Year 6 Mufti day as well so come in your favourite sports colours or the uniform that your sport wears. There will be some free, fun activities during the middle session.

Coming up we also have our gala days for Westbrook. Good Luck Westbrook.

It’s going to be a busy week so make sure you all hand in your notes so the teachers know who is coming and who is not.

**Community News**

Last week was SAS Staff Week Please take the time to pop into the office and thank our hard working School Administrative and Support Staff for the great job they all do.

Thank you to Mrs Fenning, Mrs Hickey, Mr Leonard, Mrs Gill, Mrs Tighe, Mrs Greaves, Mrs Nash and good to see Mrs T back.

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Climatic droplet Keratopathy(cloudiness of the cornea)

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