

Mount Hunter Public School

Newsletter Week 3 Term 4 2017

Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 4. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Powter for holding the 'fort' in my absence and I wish to thank all the team for supporting her. Not only did Mrs Powter have the general school business to contend with, she had to finalise the camp organisation as well. Mrs Powter and Mr Leonard reported that the students were generally well behaved at camp and everyone had a fantastic time challenging themselves. It was the highest attendance rate at a school camp for many years. Well done!!



I'd also like to thank **Miss Neidra Hill** for assisting with Softball and T-ball coaching last term. While we are still new to this game, Miss Hill was very impressed with our skill development and sportsmanship displayed each week.

Term 4 is shaping up to be a busy one with lots of end of year activities and events. Please ensure that you are well informed by reading the newsletters and alerts and by keeping a close eye on the website calendar this term.

Selective High School Placement test

It is time for students in Year 5 to consider the option of applying for a Selective High School for 2019. Selective High Schools cater for highly achieving, academically gifted students teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents must apply online during October, if they wish for their child to sit the test.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2018

It is time to finalise Kindergarten enrolments for 2018. Enrolment forms are available at the office or online: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/gotoschool/enrolment/detsef.pdf> Please let your neighbours know and anyone who may be considered enrolling as an **Out of Area** enrolment. These applicants will need to submit a statement explaining why they wish for their child to attend Mount Hunter Public School. All **Out of Area** applicants will be considered by a panel of school representatives in the next few weeks.

Community Engagement Committee

On the 30th October, the Community Engagement Committee will be hosting a breakfast for a contingency of 8 **Korean visitors, coming to our school from Kangwon Province**, in the north of South Korea. They will be serving sausage and bacon & egg rolls from 9:00am and we would love to see everyone there, interacting with our visitors.

The students are learning about South Korean culture, Korean art and some Korean games, that they may be able to play in the morning. Mrs Powter is also teaching them some key phrases in Korean.



Dates to Remember

Also check our Mount Hunter PS website:

<http://www.mthunter-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Term 4	Date	Event
Wk 3	Wednesday 24 th October	Assembly 3:00pm
Wk 3	Wednesday 24 th October	Dance 2BFit classes (every Wednesday til end of term.)
Wk 4	Monday 30 th October	Korean Visitors. 9:00am-11:00am. Breakfast provided by Community Engagement Committee.
Wk 5	Tuesday 7 th November	Nominations to the Principal for the 2018 School Ambassador.
Wk 5	Thursday 9 th November	Kindergarten Orientation # 1.
Wk 5	Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Day Service at 11:00am at the Mount Hunter memorial.
Wk 6	Monday 13 th November	P & C Meeting 7pm
Wk 6	Wednesday 15 th November	Assembly 3:00pm
Wk 6	Thursday 16 th November	Kindergarten Orientation # 2.
Wk 7	Wednesday 23 rd November	Final Year 6 Fundraiser
Wk 8	Tuesday 28 th November	Ambassador Speeches
Wk 8	Wednesday 29 th November	Parent Helper Afternoon - tea. Time: 2:45pm.
Wk 9	Monday 4 th December	Swim Scheme commences. Weeks 9 & 10. 1:15-2:00pm
Wk 9	Tuesday 5 th December	High School Orientation
Wk 9	Wednesday 6 th December	Presentation Day. 10:00am
Wk 10	Monday 11 th December	Year 6 Farewell
Wk 10	Friday 15 th December	Students' last day of school

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Strategic Directions and School Planning

In 2018, we will be heading into our new three year **Teaching and Learning** cycle. The teachers and I are currently planning our next strategic directions for 2018-2020 and will be staying back after school and also using one of our Staff Development Days, at the end of the term, to finalise the plan. The draft plan will be presented to the community at the next P & C meeting, to be held on Monday 13th November, as part of the consultative process required by Dept. of Education. Please come along and have a say in the future direction of your child's education.

P & C News - Our next P&C meeting will be held in Week 6, Monday 13 November, at 7pm.

P&C will be undertaking a number of fundraising activities in Term 4. We are doing a **Bunnings Family Fun Night BBQ** for Halloween, on 31st October at the Narellan store. If you can assist with the BBQ between 5-8pm on the night, please let Helen know before Friday 27 October.



We will also be doing a **Christmas Raffle** with fantastic prizes donated by local businesses. Further details to follow about this in the coming weeks.

On Friday 20th October, those of us who submitted a response in regards to the proposed mobile phone tower received notification from **Visionstream**, that the tower **would proceed at 18 Westbrook Road**. This is a disappointing outcome for the community and we will discuss what we should do next at the November meeting to be held on **Monday 13th November at 7pm** in the Library. We hope to see you there. Helen

Canteen News - Term 4 Update

As we near the end of the school year, the canteen will be having weekly specials to try and use all existing stock before the holidays. Please keep an eye out for notes coming home with the week's specials or items that are out of stock.

The vanilla yoghurt and fresh berries were enjoyed by plenty of students in Week 2. We hope to have these and milk and flavoured Sipahh straws as a regular item next year. In the meantime, they will be an advertised weekly special.

There may be some changes to the canteen menu in 2018 so we can comply with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy. Three quarters of our menu has to be made up of "Everyday" foods. The remaining quarter must be "Occasional" foods that have a health star rating of 3.5 stars or above. Lisa

An example
of the
healthy food
on display
and
available
each Friday!

Yum, Yum!



Farewell Mrs Gray

Last Saturday the staff and community held a final farewell for Mrs Gray at the Campbelltown Art Gallery. For those who could not make it, we have included a few photos. Needless to say, Mrs Gray was overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and would like to convey her thanks and gratitude for the gifts and good wishes extended to her upon her retirement.

