

# Mount Hunter Public School

## Newsletter Week 9 Term 4 2017

### Principal's Message

As this is the last Newsletter for 2017, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their hard work and excellent behavior throughout the year. We have had another very full year, entailing excellent classroom programs and many extra curricular activities. Thank you to the teachers, office staff, SLSOs and our GA for the dedication and commitment they show towards our students and school. I would now like to say a special thank you to the parents and families who are leaving us this year. We hope your experience at Mount Hunter Public School has been a productive and satisfying one. Whatever your involvement has been, we hope your family will leave with fond memories of our school, staff and students.



**Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas season and best wishes for the New Year. Mrs Herrmann**

### **Kinder Orientation**

We have completed our Orientation sessions for our 5 new Kinder students for 2018. The teachers and I were really impressed with our gorgeous little newcomers who settled so well into the classroom and enjoyed all the activities. We are really looking forward to them starting at school next year.

### **Community Engagement surveys**

Thank you to the 13 families who completed the 2017 Parent survey, which was sent home this term. The information gathered has been very valuable for our planning and directions for 2018.

#### **I would like to share some data with you:**

Out of a possible 165 responses -

- 90% (149) responses were strongly/agree
- 10% (16) don't know

#### **Some positive responses include:**

- communication is great and teachers are very approachable
- teachers and parents work together well
- teachers are supportive and seem to enjoy working at Mount Hunter PS
- the third class is great-the teachers are dedicated
- issues are fixed quickly
- the lunch time clubs are great- ie Eco club, craft

#### **Improvements for 2018:**

- look into anti-bullying and Ethics classes
- more computer learning
- push students harder – G & T classes
- bring the parents and school together more
- more participation at local events

### **Staffing News**

Mrs Powter's appointment has been finalised and we can now officially welcome her as a 5 day per week, permanent member of the Mount Hunter P.S. team. Now we are in the process of filling Mrs Powter's former position of 2 days per week-permanent, through the merit selection process. This should be finalised by the end of term.

### **Reminder to bring in ABSENT notes for Term 4 2017**

We need to finalise our records for 2017 so that we can roll over to 2018, using the LMBR system. All absences must be accounted for by close of year as per government regulations: **Absences must be explained promptly in writing and will be recorded as an unjustified absence by the school after seven days.**



**Parents and friends are  
invited to attend  
MHPS Presentation Day  
Assembly**

**on**

**Wednesday 6th December.**

Our annual Presentation Day  
assembly will be held at

**10:00am -11:30am.**

Sporting awards, Class awards,  
Gold awards, Year Six certificates  
and 2018 student leaders will be  
announced.

**Please join your child afterwards  
for a picnic lunch. Everyone is  
most welcome!**

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### P & C News

**Our next P&C meeting, including the AGM, will be held in February 2018, in the Library at 7pm.** A warm invitation is extended to ALL parents and community members.

P&C in conjunction with **Dance 2Be Fit** will be holding an end of year disco on **Tuesday 12 December between 4.30-6pm.** There will be a sausage sizzle, snacks and drinks available for purchase on the night. So bring a picnic rug and enjoy a fun evening of dancing! **Please RSVP on the note provided last week before Friday 8th December** for catering purposes.

Also, don't forget to bring you **raffle tickets** and raffle money back to the Office before 3.30pm on Tuesday 5th December. The prizes will be drawn at the conclusion of the **Presentation Assembly on Wednesday 6th December** and the winner of most tickets sold will also be announced.

**Please note, there will be no canteen on the last day of school, Friday 15th December.0**

The P&C would like to thank all families who have been involved with our fundraising and other activities for 2017. **We hope you all have a safe holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in 2018.**

### Dates to Remember

Please refer to our School website for all Term 4 events.

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

Term 4	December	Event
Wk 9	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Swim Scheme commences</b> (2 weeks) 1:15-2:00pm.
Wk 9	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>High School Orientation</b>
Wk 9	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Presentation Day</b> 10:00am
Wk 9	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reports home today</b>
Wk 10	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6 Farewell</b> - 6pm for Year 6. 7pm for Year 5.
Wk 10	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dance 2B Fit Party Disco</b> 4:30 – 6:00pm
Wk 10	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5/6 Revolution Laser Arena and dinner.</b> 5pm at Laser Arena.
Wk 10	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Sing –a-long. Mufti:</b> Come dressed in Christmas clothes.
Wk 10	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6 Goodbye song and Farewell arch.</b> 3:15pm
Wk 10	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day of school - Happy holidays everyone!</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>Students in Years K-6 return to school on Tuesday 30th January.</b>	

### Community Support and Sponsorship

We would like to acknowledge the kind donations towards our Presentation Day awards and book prizes from the following organisations: **Wollondilly Council, Jai Rowell MP, Wollondilly North Rotary Club, St Paul's Church Mount Hunter, Bendigo Bank-Picton and Cobbitty Village Markets.**



**The P and C bumper Christmas raffle** has been a successful fundraising event. Final details of total funds raised will be available in the coming week. **Over \$1000 in raffle prizes were very generously donated by the following local businesses:**

The Oaks Butchery	Venus Nails Narellan
Glen's Bakery Cafe The Oaks	The Oaks Hotel
The Oaks Friendly Grocer	Biddle Belle Scentsy
Jensen's Nursery Glenmore	
The Oaks Newsagency	
Cafe Merino The Oaks	
Royal Char Grill Chickens The Oaks	
Freestyle Saddlery The Oaks	
The Oaks Village Pharmacy	
Belle Femme Day Spa The Oaks	
Bounce Back Physiotherapy Narellan	

Please support these businesses as appreciation for their generosity.

Hopefully Christmas can come early for some lucky winners!

Thank you to Mrs Cranfield, Mrs Osborne-Smith and Mrs Arnot for assistance in making this a success.

