

Mount Hunter Public School

Newsletter Week 3 Term 1 2017

Principal's Message

Welcome back to school for 2017. I hope you all had a great break with family and friends. Although this is the second week back for students, it is actually Week 3, as staff came back the previous week. We also have an 11 week term, this term only.

Last week, a Mount Hunter PS **information booklet** went home with all the students detailing current Information about our school procedures. If you did not receive one, please contact your child's teacher.

Small School, Small classes, Great learning!

As most of you are aware, we now have three classes operating in the morning session for Literacy and Numeracy. Traveller class teachers are Mrs Gray and Mrs Webb K-2. Fitzroy class will be taken by Mrs Powter -Yrs 3 & 4. Westbrook class will be taken by Mrs Herrmann - Yrs 5 & 6.

After 12:30pm, Mrs Herrmann and Mrs Powter will share the afternoon times with both Westbrook and Fitzroy coming back together.

With 11 students now in each class during prime learning time, we are offering quality teaching and great learning, by providing great activities and opportunities, which can only be of benefit to all our students!

Welcome back staff!

Mr Leonard has returned as our General Assistant and Mrs Fenning will continue in the office. This year we welcome back Mrs Gill, Mrs Tighe and Mrs Edgton as our School Learning Support Officers supporting teachers and students in the classroom and playground. We also welcome back Mrs LeGood as our reading Recovery teacher for Semester One. Along with our teachers, these people will have an impact on your child's education throughout the year.

Parent Online payment - POP

Thank you to all the parents who have embraced the new online payment system. It is quite easy to use and if you need more information read the details outlined below:

Parents Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a **secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card.**

To enter **Westpac secure payment system** click on the link on the Schools website:

[**\\$ MAKE A PAYMENT**](#)

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called "Other" to cover items not covered in the previous headings. "Other" can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the **"\$ Make a Payment"** you must enter:

- the student's name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the student's name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Parent Online Payment process please contact Mrs Fenning in the Office on 02 46545266.

Early departures and Late arrivals

Due to the new LMBR office system, all student late arrivals or early departures **MUST** go to the OFFICE to register arrival/departure time as a partial absence.

OFFICE TIMES:

Monday: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Tuesday: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Wednesday: Open on alternate Wednesdays
(Please avoid any office inquiries on this day)

Thursday: 9:00am - 12:30pm

Friday: 9:00 - 3:30pm

When the office is unattended, please record your child's partial absence details in the register outside their classroom.

New students

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students: **Amber, Brock and Rawson.** We look forward to spending the next 7 years with you at Mount Hunter PS!!



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Textbooks

Last week your child received a letter asking for parents to purchase text-books and the benefit of using them in a multi-age classroom. We intend to start using these textbooks next week and unfortunately, we cannot distribute books unless payment is received upfront. Children get very upset when their classmates have a book and they don't have one, so please support the teachers in this matter.

The staff and I are looking forward to a happy, productive year working with your child.

Mrs Doris Herrmann

Principal

Dates to Remember

Also check our Mount Hunter PS website and calendar:

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

Term 1	Date	Event
Wk 3	8 th February	K-6 Assembly 3:00pm
Wk 3	9 th February	Swimming Carnival - Picton Pools. Westbrook and 8 yo students only.
Wk 4	13 th February	P & C Meeting & AGM 7:00pm in the library.
Wk 4	16 th February	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wk 5	21 st February	NRL visit
Wk 6	2 nd & 3 rd March	Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival

P & C Meetings

P & C Meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month (when possible). Please refer to the school website calendar and the Newsletters (Week 3, 6 & 9 of each term) for updates about when the P & C Meetings will be held and upcoming items on the agenda.

The first P & C Meeting for 2017, including the Annual General Meeting, will be held in the Library on Monday 13th February, 2017. 7:00pm. Executive positions will be up for nomination. All parents and friends are welcome!

Ambassador's Column

Welcome back everyone to Term 1 and I hope you have had a happy holiday and a good Christmas. This year at Mount Hunter PS there are three new classes and they are: Traveller, Fitzroy and Westbrook. This week is our Annual Swimming carnival at Picton pools. I recommend everyone 8yrs and over grab your goggles and come and have a splash. Also good luck to

all the competitors. Finally, I would like to welcome our new Kindergarten children for 2017; Brock, Amber and Rory and hope you find friendship and come to love Mount Hunter PS like we all do. I look forward to being your Ambassador for 2017. **Jonah L**

Weekly Merit Certificates



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students:

T1 Week 3

Traveller: Amber W, Rawson E, Brock CB, Ryan P, Ben A, Mark F, Penny R, Mark A, Xavier A, Lincoln C, Eric W.

Fitzroy: Addison H, Ruby W.

Westbrook: Luke A, Jonah L, James A, Tiffany W, Dylan J, Montana Mc.

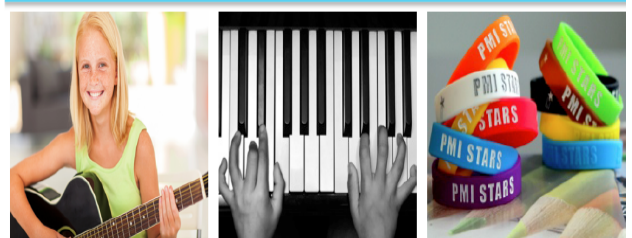
Community News

PMI Music Institute Lessons

If you are interested in Music lessons with **PMI** this term, please refer to the brochure below and see Mrs Fenning in the office to register your interest. **PMI** were the company that came and taught our students DRUMMING last year.



Guitar & Keyboard Lessons



Lessons in 2017 Subject To Interest

- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (3-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars)
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination