

Mount Hunter Public School

Newsletter Week 3 Term 3 2017

Principal's Message

Thank you to all the students for a calm and settled return to school. We have a very busy term ahead and the students have made a committed start.

Welcome to Education Week! Education Week is a major event on the NSW Public Schools calendar. This is the week where we get to showcase the wonderful things happening in our school. The theme for 2017 Education week is 'I Learn, We Learn.'

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATION WEEK INVITATION

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Mount Hunter Public School - OPEN DAY

Tuesday 2nd August 2017 – Parents are invited to attend the morning session with Ranger Jamie followed by a BBQ picnic lunch provide by the P & C. Year 6 students will be selling cakes for their fundraising.

Book Fair- Books will be on display in the Library for purchase or donation to the school.

Come along and have a day of learning with the children – 'I learn, We learn.'

New Report format

Thank you to the parents who attended Parent - Teacher interviews last Wednesday and also to those parents who responded to the new Report Format survey. Many positive comments were made and so the December report will continue to follow the same format as the June report.

NAPLAN On-line trials

Our Years 3 & Year 5 students will take part in some trials for completing NAPLAN online. The Department of Education is planning to have students in Years 3 & 5 in 2018 complete assessments online and these trials are to ensure that all runs smoothly and any problems are ironed out before next year. While these trials will be undertaken this term, it is a TRIAL and not an assessment of your child's abilities. Students are required to bring ear-phones to school on the week of the trials. More information to follow in September.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2018

It is time to start considering 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 early in Term 4.**

Mobile phone

Unfortunately, we have some students who are not following our school rules in regards to Mobile phones. For safety and privacy reasons, students are not to bring out their mobile phone during school time. Whilst we recognise that students may need to contact their parents after school to confirm travel arrangements, Mobile phones must be kept in student's school bags or signed in at the office each morning for safe keeping. This also applies to excursions and PSSA Gala days.

Community Noticeboard

The Community Engagement Committee has transformed the noticeboard outside of Westbrook classroom into a board for **all** the community to use. Please submit your notice to the office first, so that it can be scrutinised for appropriate content before it is displayed. Watch out for new signage around the school and our new pamphlet to be distributed around the community.



Public Speaking

Last term, 4 MHPS students represented

Mount Hunter Public School in the Public Speaking finals at Mawarra PS. Ruby M, Shannon T, Ruby W and Luke A all delivered excellent speeches discussing Multicultural issues. We are very proud of their achievements as it is an extremely difficult task to present a speech in front of a large audience, especially when one of the speeches is an impromptu speech.

Premier's Reading Challenge reminder

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) finishes soon with the online Student Reading Records needing to be completed by the end of August 2017. Below is a list of the required number of books to be read and recorded online. Westbrook students must complete their own.

PRC	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books
K-2	30	25
3-4	20	15
5-6	20	15

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students that I will be taking extended Long

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Service Leave (LSL) commencing Week 5, Term 3.

Mrs Powter will be responsible for the running of the school and will be ably assisted by Mrs Gray, Mrs Webb, Mrs Goraya, Mrs Fenning and Mr Leonard. If you have any concerns during this time, please inform your class teacher first and then if the matter has not been resolved, please speak with Mrs Powter.

Mrs D Herrmann

Dates to Remember

Also check our Mount Hunter PS website:

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

Date		Event
Monday 31.7.17	Wk 3	Education Week commences
Tuesday 1.8.17	Wk 3	Open Day with Ranger Jamie 11:30 Picnic lunch with parents
Wednesday 2.8.17	Wk 3	Whole School Assembly 3pm
Friday 4.8.17	Wk 3	Gala Day 3 – NO CANTEEN Narellan Hockey Centre - 9:45am
Tuesday 8.8.17	Wk 4	School Athletics Carnival Onslow Oval, Camden. 9:30am
Wednesday 9.8.17	Wk 4	Excursion to State Library and the Rocks. Leave 8:30am sharp.
Monday 14.8.17	Wk 5	Mrs Herrmann Long Service Leave commences
Monday 14.8.17	Wk 5	P & C Meeting tonight 7:00pm.
Friday 18.8.17	Wk 5	Gala Day 1 – Tball / Softball Cowpastures, Camden - 9:30am
Monday 21.8.17	Wk 6	Book Week commences. Book Parade date TBA

P & C Report

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Working Bee on Sunday. It was a beautiful day and we achieved a lot around the school grounds in the two hours and then enjoyed a well-earned sausage sandwich. The following hardworking families put in a great effort: Ramon, Parry, Farrugia, Osborne-Smith, McSweeney, Jamal, Cranfield, Wickham, Arnot, and Powter. Thank you so much!

Here is some evidence of their hard work.



Through the fundraising efforts of the Mount Hunter School community we have been able to donate \$3,000 to the School for the purchase of new home reader materials to assist students with their literacy skills. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!

There have been some changes to the Executive Committee of the P&C, Mrs Hobbs has resigned as Vice President and Mrs Parry has taken over in this role. We thank Mrs Hobbs for her service to the P&C. Also Mrs Cranfield and Mrs Osborne-Smith have resigned as joint Canteen Coordinators and Mr & Mrs Parry have taken over this role. Thank you Mrs Cranfield and Mrs Osborne-Smith for all your efforts over the past 12 months in the canteen, we all really appreciated it!

At the July meeting the P&C discussed the proposed Telstra Mobile Phone Base Station located on Westbrook Road approximately 100 metres from the School. We are concerned about the proximity of the tower to the School and will be raising this issue further with Angus Taylor - Federal Member for Hume. Don't forget that the Canteen will be open on **Tuesday 1st August selling Snacks & Drinks** as part of the School Open Day celebrations.

Our next meeting will be Monday 14th August at 7pm in the Library. From the P & C