

Mount Hunter Public School

Newsletter Week 9 Term 3 2017

Principal's Message

The end of Term 3 is fast approaching and what a busy term we have had. It's been pleasing to see our students participating in many varied activities including Gifted and Talented and Sporting Events.

As the weather warms up just a reminder to encourage your children to wear their hats at school as we have a no hat, limited play policy. We also have two Gala days in the next two weeks so wearing and reapplying sunscreen is a priority.

A special thank you to the P&C for purchasing our brand new headphones. The students are enjoying the colour and comfort of their individual set.

Thank you all for your support while I have been Relieving Principal. It has been a challenging but exciting time and we look forward to Mrs. Herrmann's return in Term 4. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Spelling Bee

Luke Angilley and Ruby McManus represented our school admirably in the Spelling Bee Finals at Thomas Acres Public School on the 7th September. Unfortunately they didn't place but showed some great spelling skills in what can be a nerve-racking experience.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

The NAPLAN Online Readiness Test ran smoothly last week and I noticed as the students filled in their survey, that the majority enjoyed using the computer to complete the test.

Tournament of Minds

We were extremely proud of our Tournament of Minds Team that competed in the South West Regional the University of Western Sydney.



Our team of seven students:
(James Angilley,
Jonah Large,
Ruby McManus,
Shannon Traynor,
Luke Angilley,
Ruby Wickham
and Dylan Jamal)

placed equal second out of 30 schools along with Drummoyne and Newington College. The teams competition came from large schools (e.g. Camden South), many Inner-West Sydney Schools and some very large Private schools.

It was an amazing effort and the students performed amazingly with their rigged lottery machine working perfectly and their team work and knowledge, shining through to the judges. Well done TOM team, your hard work paid off. Look out for their photo in the Camden Reporter and Macarthur Chronicle!

Dance to Be Fit

Mrs Herrmann has organized a Dance to be Fit Program for Term 4.

This will include lessons each week, a performance at Presentation Day and an end of term party disco. Please look for the note which will be coming home today or tomorrow.

TOPS Camp

Years 3-6 are becoming excited as camp grows closer. If your child is attending please ensure permission notes, medical and indemnity notes have been returned along with final payments. We are looking forward to exciting activities and it will be a great way to finish our term. If you have any questions about camp please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Powder.

Year 7 Year Advisors Visit

Year advisers will be visiting Mount Hunter P.S. on Thursday 14th September at 9:30am to speak to students, introduce themselves and provide them with a brief profile/information sheet. A more detailed information package will be provided to students at Orientation Day.

Mrs. Janelle Powder Principal/R



Eco Club Report with Mrs. Willard

Spring has sprung in Mount Hunter! It's not just the weather that's warming up, but the soil too - so it's the perfect time to get planting. The club has earmarked several of our beds for growing a spring crop of snow peas, cucumbers, carrots and leafy greens as well as some herbs and berries. Bunnings has offered to supply us with some vegetables in the next week and we have greatly appreciated help with our veggies in the past from the Farrugia family.

It's been a big job watering our new native plant additions (planted in late July). The club has done a fantastic job with the endangered native tubers which have grown considerably in the last two weeks. Our next task is testing the PH of our soil and spreading compost which will take place before the end of term.

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Keep an eye out for Eco club fundraisers in the coming months as we raise money for more seedlings and a bug hotel to encourage beneficial insects into our patch!

An Eco Club note on Magpies

Spring is nesting season for Magpies and this time can bring anxiety about swooping birds. Magpies are very intelligent and friendly creatures. Only 10% of paired males are prone to swooping. This can be avoided by building trust with your local pair; providing treats (like shredded ham or chicken) and remaining at respectful distances. Magpies have brilliant memories and remember faces and clothes, so if someone in a uniform is unkind or throws sticks/stones it can spell danger for everyone else in that uniform. Please be kind to your avian neighbours this season.

Dates to Remember

Also check our Mount Hunter PS website:
<http://www.mthunter-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Wednesday 13.9.17	Week 9	School Assembly 2:45 pm
Friday 15.9.17	Week 9	Softball Gala Day
Wednesday 18.9.17- 20.9.17	Week 10	Tops Camp 3-6
Friday 23.9.17	Week 10	Softball Gala Day
Monday 9.10.17	Term 4 Week1	Return to School



Mount Hunter PS Student's Corner **Year 6 Fundraising Term 3**

10 Cent Challenge – students of each class are encouraged to bring any spare 10 cent pieces to place in the class Piggy Bank. The class with the most 10 Cent pieces partway through Term 4 will be rewarded with a Pizza Prize - Ongoing.



P and C Report

We hope the students are enjoying the new headphones purchased by P&C for computer work!

At tonight's P&C meeting we will discuss the response we have received from the letter sent to parents about the proposed mobile phone tower in Mount Hunter and how the P&C will respond to the proposal.

As previously mentioned the P&C is not against Mount Hunter getting a mobile phone tower, but we are concerned with the proximity to the school.

There will be a community meeting about the tower on 19 September between 4-7pm at the Mount Hunter Community Hall. Submissions can be sent to RedentorTandog (redentor.tandog@visionstream.com.au) or Kirra Hartley (kirra.hartley@visionstream.com.au) by 5pm Friday 22nd September. The report from the outcomes process to be published on Monday 25th September.

We look forward to seeing you at tonight's meeting at 7pm in the Library.

Ambassador Message

Wow there are only two weeks of school left until this term ends! Two weeks ago our TOM team went off to Bankstown Uni to perform a challenge as well as a play and a spontaneous activity. We were pleased to bring back the honours award. We have had some newspapers come to report about our wonderful TOM team. Last Thursday Ruby McManus and Luke Angilley went to go represent our school at the spelling bee at Thomas Acres Public School and I'm sure they did really well. Our senior and junior softball and tee ball teams are training really hard not to lose any games this Friday so I wish the best of luck for them. Lastly, next week 3-6 is going to the Stanwell Tops for camp which I know most people are excited about. I hope you have a safe and a happy holiday.

Community News

NSW Rural Fire Service Get Ready Weekend

On Saturday 16th September the Rural Fire Service will be holding a State wide get ready for bushfires weekend. Our local station will be open from 10am - 2pm to help put together bushfire survival plans for locals and their properties.

Kids Holiday Club

Monday 25th - Friday 29th of September 9am - 12pm

For Kids Kindy - Year 6

Come and join in for a fun time of craft, games, bible stories and food. \$5 per day or \$20 for the week.

St John's Anglican Church Hall,

6 Menangle Rd, Camden

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