

Mount Hunter Public School Newsletter

Week 6 Term 1 2018

Principal's Message

Car Park Blitz

In 2017, as a result of a car accident occurring within DET school grounds, the NSW Department of Education has directed that Principals need to be very vigilant about vehicles entering school grounds.

School grounds must be safe for children despite various areas being available for use by vehicles. Particular care **MUST** be taken when driving near children. Children are more susceptible to vehicle related accidents because:

- they can be impulsive and have little sense of danger
- their thinking and sensing skills may not be fully developed
- they do not always behave in a consistent and predictable manner
- **they may be small and not visible over a parked car, or from the car.**

Students are NOT to walk through the car park unsupervised.

At all times, students MUST be accompanied by an adult or an older person when walking through the car park.

At home time, all students will be directed to the side grass area, where parents will pick them up from a safe and visible place.

Please be mindful of the fact that most schools do not allow parents to park in the school grounds during drop off and pick-up times, due to the high risk of accidents occurring at these peak times. **Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!**

Textbooks

Thank you to the parents who have already paid for spelling and/or handwriting text-books. We have commenced using these textbooks and unfortunately, some students still do not have theirs to work with. Children get very upset when their classmates have a book and they don't have one, so please support the teachers in this matter.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Many of you would have returned your slips for parent/teacher interviews on **Wednesday 7th March**. This is a valuable time to discuss with your child's teacher how your child is settling and any information or concerns that you have about your child's learning. I hope that you find this time a good way to share your thoughts and aspirations for your children in 2018.

Kindergarten Best Start

Kindergarten parents will be receiving their BEST START Data - Parent/Caregiver information, after Week 8, this term. If you have any questions about this assessment

data, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goraya or Mrs Herrmann.

Emergency contact details

If you have not done so, would you please return the emergency contact forms that were sent home last week. It is really important that our records are updated each year and that we have all the recent contacts listed on these forms. Remember all returned forms earn a fruit ice-block.

School Uniform

We will be discussing the merits of introducing a new cap as part of the school uniform at this month's P & C meeting. Please come along and voice your opinion about the cap versus the full coverage hat, currently in use. Suppliers for school shorts will also be discussed.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Last week, 5 of our students competed at the Razorback Zone Primary Swimming Carnival at Picton Pools. It was another warm day and the students had a great time. Well done to Ben A, in Year 2, for making it to the next level. Our small school relay team came second and have made it through to the SSW Area carnival which will be held at Bradbury pools, in Week 7. Congratulations to Pepper OS, Isla T, Ben A and Luke A. (Notes are on the way.)

Thank you to Mr Osborne Smith for managing the team on both days.

Crunch and Sip



At approximately 10:30am each morning, students are encouraged to have a small fruit or vegetable snack and a drink of water. The idea is for the students to make a crunching sound as they eat the fresh fruit or vegetables. Please do not send packaged or processed fruit cups or bars containing fruit/veg for this time. These can be saved for lunch...Fresh is best!!!

Absent Notes

Please get into the habit of bringing back notes for absences, as soon as your child returns to school.

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Congratulations to the newly elected P & C office bearers for 2018.

(See the P & C report below.)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing President, Mr Scott McSweeney for undertaking this role for the past 2 years. We value all the office bearers and the contributions they make to the P & C each year. Without the P&C we would not be able to fund some of the programs we run in the school. **Mrs Herrmann Principal**



Week 8	19 th March	Best Start information letter home
Week 9	26 th March	Newsletter
	28 th March	School Assembly
	29 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Hat Parade P & C Easter Raffle
	30 th March	Good Friday
	2 nd April	Easter Monday
Week 10	Tuesday 3 rd April	Students return

P and C Update

Thank you to those who attended the AGM and our first meeting in February. At that meeting we elected the new Executive Team for 2018. Mr Parry has replaced Mr McSweeney as President and Mrs Farrugia has replaced Mrs Parry as Vice President. All other positions have remained unchanged. Mrs Cranfield is Secretary, Mr Traynor is Vice President, Mrs Arnot is Treasurer and Mrs Parry is the Canteen Coordinator. A big thank you to Mr McSweeney and Mrs Parry for your time and effort as part of the P&C Executive.

Our first fundraising event for 2018 will be an Easter Egg raffle. A note about the raffle and tickets would have come home today with this newsletter. We are asking for parents to donate an Easter Egg for the prize pool and these will be made up into multiple prizes for the raffle. Tickets will be \$0.50 each and if you require extra ticket books please see Mrs Arnot or Mrs Farrugia. The P & C thanks you in advance for your support.

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 12th March at 7pm in the School Library.

We will be discussing the School Uniform Policy as we are going to have to change the supplier of our sports shorts and we are considering the inclusion of the baseball hat as part of our official school uniform. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Dates to Remember

Please refer to our School website and calendar for all Term 1 events.

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

Term 1	Date	2018
Week 6	5 th March	Newsletter
	7 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Assembly Parent /teacher information sharing
Week 7	12 th March	P & C Meeting 7pm
	12 th /13 th March	SSW Regional Swimming Bradbury Pool
	16 th March	Camden Show

Student News

Year 6 have begun their fundraising efforts by encouraging all students to contribute to the recycling 10 cent cash back scheme. A white recycling box will be placed outside the canteen to encourage everyone to place their recycled items in the box.

Community News

2018 Coles Sports for Schools Program – Mount Hunter Public School have registered for this program. There is a collection box located in the front of the classrooms where the vouchers can be left. Don't forget, for every \$10 spent at Coles, Coles Express and Coles Online (electronic voucher) customers will receive one voucher just by doing your regular shopping. Please encourage your family and friends to help.

St Paul's Anglican Church Mt Hunter - Easter Services

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Easter Services



*Very few people will die for a righteous person...
...but God shows his great love for us in this:
Christ died for us while we were still sinners.*
Romans 5: 7-8

Good Friday
10.00 am
Family Service & dramatic reading
Hot Cross Buns after the service

Easter Day
10.00 am Family Service with Sacred Music
Special activities for children
Contact Marilyn 0419441595
Contact Charles 0488 558 138

Last day Term 2 – Friday 13th April.