

Mount Hunter Public School Newsletter

Week 6 - Term 2 2018

Principal's Message

In this newsletter issues surrounding attendance will be discussed, as anything less than a 94% attendance rate raises concerns and must be investigated. (That equates to more than 3 days absent per term.)

Make School a Priority

Did you know that having ONE day off a week adds up to missing nearly a term for the year? If this pattern continues for their 13 years of schooling, your child will actually miss out on 2 ½ years of their education. It is important that children attend school every day as a day missed can NEVER be replaced. Make attending school a priority. Don't allow your children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night. Children who are used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important.

Notes asking parents to explain 'Unjustified Absences' for Term 2 will be coming home this week.

Late/Early leavers

Did you know that being 10 minutes late to school or leaving early each day over a year actually adds up to 5 ½ days missed in the year? Teach your children that being on time is an important habit to develop. Children that are constantly late to school miss a very important part of the school day when the teacher outlines what is happening during the day. It is also an important part of the day for new skills and concepts to be presented to students, as this is the part of the day when they are freshest and can concentrate better. Students that are late on a regular basis also become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.

Cross Country

The Razorback Zone Cross Country was held last Friday and our 6 students tried their best. Unfortunately, none of our students will progress to the next level. Thank you to Mrs Angilley for managing our team on the day. Mrs Angilley reported that the morning was sooooo cold, that she could barely feel her feet!!! We hope her feet have thawed out over the weekend!

Thank You

Sporting Schools Australia

Once again we have secured a grant from Sporting Schools Australia, which allows us to employ the services of a qualified coach, to train our students to play recognised team games. Mrs Powter chose to have all the students coached in Hockey again this term. Our students are receiving high quality coaching and show genuine enthusiasm and skill for the game. The coach, Mrs Jo King, has commented on the improved skills of

the students over the term. Below are some Traveller students demonstrating some excellent techniques.



Westbrook will be participating in Netball Gala Days this term. The 2 remaining dates are: FRIDAY 8th June and FRIDAY 29th June.

Mrs D Herrmann

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P and C Update

Canteen closed

Just a reminder that the canteen will be **closed on Friday 8th June**, due to Gala Day.

Working Bee

A note will be coming home shortly regarding a working bee that is planned for Sunday 27th July, in order to tidy up the gardens around the school and the fire shed.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday 27th July at Mount Hunter PS (Note: Working Bee), followed by a sausage sizzle. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Dates to Remember

Please refer to our School website and calendar for all Term 2 events.

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

Term 2	Date	2018
Week 6	Tuesday 5 th June	Mrs Herrmann & Mrs Goraya at a learning conference.
	Wednesday 6 th June	Whole School Assembly 3:00pm. All welcome!
	Thursday 7 th June	Mrs Herrmann at a Network meeting at Colo Vale PS – 1pm
	Friday 8 th June	Westbrook Gala Day 2 NETBALL Hub - Narellan
	Friday 8 th June	Canteen closed
Week 7	Monday 11 th June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
Week 8	Monday 18 th June	Mrs Goraya at L3 training at Bundanoon PS - 12:30pm.
Week 9	Friday 29 th June	Westbrook Gala Day 3 NETBALL Hub - Narellan

Our school website also has an electronic calendar that we continually update with the latest happenings and information. Please report any discrepancies.

Student News

Last week the Year Five and Six students were privileged to attend a leadership Day called '**Learning to Lead**' at Camden High School. They learnt skills in leadership, persistence and courage while playing games and developing their sporting skills. While it was a fun filled day, they also learnt an important message about having a go and being a visible leader. Later this term, the Year 6 students will hold a '**Wear your favourite team colours**' mufti day and will share some of the skills they learnt with our other students.

'YouTube' for Parents – Fact sheet enclosed.

Distributed by the Australian Federal Police.

Community News

JAKSA Performing Arts Studio

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"Put On Your Thinking Cap"

A creative drama program for students aged 2 – 18!

Our tailored programs aim to:

- Support young people's learning through drama
- Develop creative thinking and literacy skills
- Instil positive social skills including team interaction and leadership
- Encourages young people to be confident and articulate

Pay for 1st student and get a 2 WEEK FREE CLASS PASS for the 2nd student enrolled.

**Classes begin Term 3 Week 1 – Saturday 28th July 2018
At Camden Public School Hall – John Street, Camden 2570**

Limited positions available, EMAIL NOW to register and for further details!
jahnjaks@gmail.com

Creative thinkers will be our next generation of leaders.

Live Life Well - Newsletter Snippet

Did you know?

- Children who regularly drink soft drink and other sweetened drinks are more likely to be overweight.
- In NSW, 55% of boys and almost 40% of girls in Year 6 drink more than one cup of soft drink every day.

This is why it's important to promote healthy drink choices, in the classroom, canteen and at home.

Water is the best choice to quench thirst. It doesn't contain any sugar and it can help strengthen teeth and bones with the added fluoride.

Milk is another great healthy drink option. It's a great source of calcium, which is important to help children develop strong bones and teeth. Reduced fat milk is recommended for children aged over 2 years.

Looking for an activity to promote healthy drinks to both students and their parents/carers? Try Q4:H2O!

The aim is for students to accrue as many points as possible over the course of one week by choosing healthy drinks, both at school and at home. Each student receives a Q4:H2O student card where they record information like the number of cups of water and/or reduced fat milk they drink. Check out the website for more information:
http://www.healthpromotion.com.au/H2O/H2O_Home.htm

DID YOU KNOW?