

Mount Hunter Public School Newsletter

Week 9 - Term 3 2018

Principal's Message



SASS Recognition Week

Last week was SASS Recognition Week, the week when schools recognise their wonderful support staff. Mrs Fenning, Mr Leonard and Mrs Tighe

all do an amazing job to support the teaching staff and students at our school. They often go far beyond their role to help make Mount Hunter PS the friendly, welcoming and supportive school that it is. As you see them this week you might want to recognise them and thank them for their outstanding contribution to our school.

P & C Fundraising Committee

To our hard working P&C members – thank you for your efforts last week in particular for the preparation and time spent purchasing, wrapping and selling Father's Day presents for our dads. THANK YOU from the students, staff and parents.



Tell Them From Me Surveys

This term, our year 4, 5 and 6 students will be participating in the 'Tell Them From Me' survey. The anonymous survey asks students questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand student's perspectives on their experiences at school. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The online survey will typically take 20 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, our student's responses are very much appreciated.

The TTFM survey will be conducted between 18th September and 2nd October, 2018. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2019

Your child is eligible to enrol at our school if they are five or turning five on or before 31st July 2019. If you will be enrolling your child for Kindergarten next year, please contact the office staff for enrolment details. If you are applying for 'Out of Area' enrolment, contact the office staff for the appropriate form and return the form to the school as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee placement for 'Out of Area' children until we review all the applications. Each case is considered separately.

Zone Athletics

6-7 students attended the Zone Athletics Carnivals on 5th & 6th September and we achieved some great results. Well done to all our competitors.

A special thank you is extended to the parents who assisted with transport on both Thursday and Friday. Without your support we would not have been able to send our students to represent Mount Hunter Public School. We may be a small school but we participate in all local events.

Another Successful Book Week

Thank you to all the parents and family members and friends who came along to celebrate Book Week with us. The students (and teachers) all dressed up and could describe the character they represented. Thank you to Mrs Smith for organising the parade and presenting the book prizes to the students who borrowed the most library books this term. **Everyone had a great day!**





Changemakers Course

At last week's P & C meeting, Mrs Powter presented a new way of embracing change that would assist staff, students and parents become actively engaged in our school. This strategy has involved developing a school mantra and key phrases that everyone would be able to embrace, in order to implement our strategic directions from 2018-2020, and moreover, to become actively involved in developing our students as independent learners in this ever-changing world. For those of you who could not attend the meeting, I have included a synopsis of what was discussed.

AIM: TO ENGAGE, CHALLENGE and CONNECT our students as future focussed learners.

	Mantra	What are our intended outcomes?	What will it look like?
Teachers	ENGAGE <i>Engage to Motivate</i> Creating an engaging learning environment.	Teachers facilitate engaging learning environments through creative and critical thinking strategies.	School wide focus on creating engaging learning environments through creative and critical thinking strategies.
Students	CHALLENGE <i>Challenge for Success</i> Students as powerful self-motivated learners.	Students take responsibility for their own learning to create their own successes.	Students take responsibility for their own learning by taking risks to improve learning growth and actively participate in challenging tasks.

Community	CONNECT	Parents and community become learning partners in our students' education.	Parents as partners in students' education are encouraged to share own skills and be actively involved in lesson development. Parents gain a clear understanding of students' learning styles and ability to engage in goals.
	<i>Connect our partners</i>	Parents as partners in student's learning.	

Look out for our new school mantra that we will be using often: ENGAGE, CHALLENGE and CONNECT!

New technology coming to Mount Hunter PS

In Term 4, our students will be experiencing STEM technology first hand with new equipment on loan from the NSW Information & Technology Directorate. The STEM share kits have been created by expert NSW educators for NSW school classrooms and everything is included to teach STEM in our school. In particular, we have secured the loan of the STEM Share PC Robotics kit, that will allow students to design moves and control robots through coding and programming skills. We look forward to sharing this jump into the 21st Century with you at a 'Parent Information' day early in Term 4.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who offered support and words of comfort during the recent passing of my mother. Mrs D Herrmann Principal



P and C Update

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 12th November, 7:00pm, in the Mount Hunter PS library.

Dates to Remember

Please refer to our School website and calendar for all Term 3 events.

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

Term 3	Date	2018
Week 9	Monday 17 th September	Bike day – Students bring bikes and helmets to school.
	Wednesday 19 th September	Taronga Zoo Excursion – No Assembly today!
Week 10	Friday 15 th September	Last day of term. NOTE: School re-commences Monday 15th October.

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