

Mount Hunter Public School

Newsletter Week 9 Term 4 2018

Principal's Message

As this is the last newsletter for 2018, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their hard work and excellent behavior throughout the year. We have had another very full year, entailing excellent classroom programs and many extra curricular activities. Thank you to Mrs Powter, Mrs Goraya and Mrs Webb, Mrs M Fenning, Mrs H Fenning, Mrs Tighe and Mr Leonard for the dedication and commitment they show towards our students and school. I would now like to say a special thank you to the parents and families who are leaving us this year. We hope your experience at Mount Hunter Public School has been a productive and satisfying one. Whatever your involvement has been, we hope your family will leave with fond memories of our school, staff and students.



Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas season and best wishes for the New Year.

Mrs Herrmann

Community Engagement surveys

This week we will be sending home 'Parent Engagement' surveys as a follow-up to the surveys conducted in Term 3, about how well you feel that your child has been engaged with their schooling in 2018, and how much he/she takes responsibility for her/her own learning. Last year, 13 families completed the 2017 parent survey, which was only a 50% response rate. Hopefully, we can encourage more parents to be connected with us as a school community, and have a say in their child's learning. The information gathered will be very valuable for our planning and directions for 2019, so we would love to see an increase in the survey response rate.

School Planning Information

The last day of school for students this year is Wednesday 19th December 2018. All staff members have completed time in lieu for the two professional learning days that are scheduled for 20th and 21st December, 2018. Staff have remained back at school on four occasions until 6.30pm completing various learning activities and evaluative projects. Therefore, there will be no staff at school on these two days.

Staffing News

There will be no staffing changes for 2019. We welcome the return of all our team members thanks to the extra funding received again for 2019 from the State and Federal governments. Mrs Powter - 5 days,

Mrs Goraya - 4 days, Mrs Webb - 2 days and Mrs Tighe 2 -3 days. Another great year of teaching and learning ahead of us in 2019.

Reminder to bring in ABSENT notes for Term 4 2018

We need to **finalise** our records for 2018 so that we can roll over to 2019, using the LMBR system. All absences must be accounted for by close of year as per government regulations: **Absences must be explained promptly in writing and will be recorded as an unjustified absence by the school after seven days.**



**Parents and friends are
invited to attend
MHPS Presentation Day
Assembly
on
Wednesday 12th
December.**

**Our annual Presentation Day
assembly will be held at
10:00am -11:30am.**

**Sporting awards, Class awards,
Gold awards, Year Six certificates
and 2019 student leader will be
announced.**

**Please join your child afterwards
for a picnic lunch. Everyone is
most welcome!**

P & C News

**Our next P & C meeting will be held tonight, Monday
10th December, at the Oaks Hotel at 7pm.**

**A warm invitation is extended to ALL parents and
community members.**

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Message from Mrs Parry - Canteen Coordinator

As the year comes to an end, I would like to say thank you for your support of the Canteen throughout 2018. We have had a profitable year, which has enabled the P & C to support various projects throughout the year.

Our menu for 2019 will include new drinks! We will be selling "Juice Bombs" which are flavoured sparkling fruit juice. Students had a taste test earlier in the term, and I think they were a hit! We will no longer be selling Quench, as it does not meet the Healthy Canteen guidelines.

Our menu for 2019 complies with the NSW Healthy School Canteens strategy. The menu has 75% 'Everyday' foods, and 25% 'Occasional' foods. This aims to encourage healthy choices by students.

The last day of canteen for 2018 will be Tuesday 11th December. The canteen will re-open Tues 5th February 2019 (Week 2).

Thank you to the following families who have donated goods to the canteen though out the year- the Osborne-Smith, Farrugia and Laison families and Mrs Tighe.

And lastly, the canteen would not be possible without the volunteers each Tuesday. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Cranfield, Mrs Osborne-Smith and Mr Parry from myself and the students.

Thank you to the families and teachers who assisted with the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday the 21st of November. We made a total profit of \$1440 dollars which will be used to subsidise the cost of the bus transporting our students to Swim Scheme.

Dates to Remember

Please refer to our School website for all Term 4 events.

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

Term 4	December	Event
Wk 9	Monday 10 th December	Swim Scheme commences - 5 days 1:30-3:00pm
Wk 9	Monday 10 th December	P & C Meeting The Oaks. 7pm
Wk 9	Wednesday 12 th December	Presentation Day 10:00am - 11:30am
Wk 9	Friday 14 th December	Reports home today
Wk 10	Monday 17 th December	Year 6 Farewell 6:30pm Up Stairs at Fred's.
Wk 10	Tuesday 18 th December	Year 6 Farewell Arch 3:15pm
Wk 10	Tuesday 18 th December	P & C Disco Community Hall 4:30pm-6:30pm
Wk 10	Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Sing-a-long. Students' last day of school.
2019	Students in Years K-6 return to school on Tuesday 29th January.	

Community Support and Sponsorship

We would like to acknowledge the kind donations towards our Presentation Day awards and book prizes from the following organisations: **Wollondilly Council, Jai Rowell MP, Wollondilly North Rotary Club, St Paul's Church Mount Hunter, Bendigo Bank-Picton and Cobbitty Village Markets.**

St Paul's Mount Hunter

Thank you to all the students and families who attended 'Carols by Candlelight' at St Paul's Church, Mount Hunter on the 1st December. Wow! What a great turnout. Mount Hunter PS was well represented and it was a great community event enjoyed by all.

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**We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy
and prosperous New Year from Mount Hunter
PS staff and students.**