

# Mount Hunter Public School Newsletter

## Week 6 - Term 2 2019

### Principal's Message



**Waiting, waiting, waiting!!!** We have a beautiful new building sitting on our school site, almost ready to be occupied. I believe the air-conditioning units need to be connected and then there will be a final inspection ready for handover. Watch this space!

### Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

During this term, students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Multicultural Public Speaking competition as a compulsory component of 'Talking and Listening' in the NSW curriculum. All Westbrook students will compete at a class level. Two



winners from each of the Stages 2 & 3, will then compete at the district final at Thomas Acres Public School on Wednesday 26th June. Please see Mrs Powter if you have any queries about this competition. Good luck to all of the students in their class

speeches.

### Cross Country

The Razorback Zone Cross Country was held last Friday and our 10 students tried their best. Unfortunately, none of our students will progress to the next level. Thank you to Mrs Powter for managing our team on the day and Mrs Milton for assisting with transport.

*Thank You*



### Parent Online payment - POP

Thank you to all the parents who have embraced the online payment system. It is quite easy to use and allows you to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. **Payments can be made using either a credit or debit card.** To enter Westpac secure payment system click on the link on the **School's website.**



### \$ MAKE A PAYMENT

**You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment** before the payment is processed. Receipts for all transactions will be printed and sent home. For any enquiries regarding the **Parent Online Payment** system **please contact Mrs Fenning in the Office on 02 46545266.**

### Wooglemai Environment Centre

We are so lucky to have 2 environmental centres practically on our doorstep, one being the **Wooglemai Environment Centre at Oakdale**. Last Tuesday, while the wind was a bit blowy, the students still managed to look for mini-beasts in a pond environment and under a microscope, look for termite mounds, go for a bush walk and design a wind turbine. Thank you Mr Wilcox for assisting with transport and for sharing your fantastic natural environment with us. In August, the Year 5 & 6 students will be visiting Wooglemai for a Leadership day.



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### Is your child getting on with their friends at school?

Lately, we have had a few incidents involving students who are not getting on as well as we hope for. While the teachers and I try to solve issues when we see them, often issues are not brought to our attention when they occur. The issues then become larger than life and we are powerless to act upon them weeks and months after they occur. Please let your child know to tell a teacher when they are unable to solve social issues themselves. Of course, we do encourage students to have a go at solving their own problems before teachers and parents get involved. This is a part of resilience training and a part of their life-skills development.

**Research has proven that kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning.** Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Mrs D Herrmann

Principal

### P and C Update

There will not be a P & C meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> June due to the Queen's Birthday holiday.

**Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th June, (Week 9) 2:00pm, before the school Assembly. 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	2019
Week 6	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Assembly 3:00pm. All welcome!
	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Westbrook Gala Day 2 Hockey Centre - Narellan
Week 7	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Fundraiser - 'Favourite team colours' Mufti Day.
Week 8	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Director's visit
Week 9	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Speaking Competition - Final
	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	P & C Meeting 2:00pm All welcome!
	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Assembly 3:00pm. All welcome!
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Westbrook Gala Day 3 Hockey Centre - Narellan
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reports home!

Week 10	Wednesday 3 July	3 way Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. 3:30pm
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**Our school website also has an electronic calendar that we continually update with the latest happenings and information. Please report any discrepancies.**

### Student News

On **FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June**, the Year 6 students will hold a **'Wear your favourite team colours,' Mufti Day** with a serving of hot chocolate and cookies for **\$2.00**. Year 6 students will share some of the skills they learnt at the 'Leadership in Sports' day with the other students during lunch time.

### Community News - Kids, social media and privacy

Regardless of your child's age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (- it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years
- more than 20% of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

Please review your family's privacy settings and discuss online security. You'll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at [www.ipc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au).

### Take Action – Individual Anxiety Program

Learning Links have generously offered to support our students who suffer from low-level issues revolving around anxiety. Their student support program is run by trained psychologists using Cognitive Behavioural Therapy to assist students to solve problems such as school avoidance, social anxiety, separation anxiety, test anxiety and peer pressure issues. The 'Take Action' program is run over 10 sessions and is totally free. Also, there is no obligation to continue after school. If you are interested in your child participating please contact Mrs Herrmann.



Helping Kids Learn

### Woolworths Earn and Learn

We are approaching the last weeks for 'Earn and Learn' stickers. We will be counting them shortly. Please place them in the box in the wet area or at Camden Woolworths. Thank you to the families and students who have been collecting them for our school.

