

# Mount Hunter Public School Newsletter

Week 3 - Term 3 2019

## Principal's Message

In February 2019, Mount Hunter PS was informed that it would be participating in the 'External Validation' process for 2019. The



External Validation process provides the Department of Education with assurance that the systems, progress and impact we are making are aligned with the expectations articulated in the NSW Department of Education School's Excellence Framework. External validation provides an opportunity for schools to discuss their judgements about their practices and evidence that underpins them.

Over six months ago Mrs Powter, Mrs Goraya and I, began the rigorous process of collecting and annotating evidence and compiling a document that reflected our judgement about our 'Teaching, Learning and Leadership' practice at Mount Hunter Public school. This document (106 pages) was uploaded last Tuesday. Next Tuesday, a panel of peer Principal delegates will be visiting the school to meet

with us, to make their final determinations against our submission.



I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Mrs Powter and Mrs Goraya for the huge amount of time, and hard work that they have contributed to helping me compile our Validation document. The work involved was enormous and it was only by working as a team, that we were able to produce a high-quality document. Thank you also to Mrs Webb for being our 'editor in chief'. She also had a difficult task editing 106 pages.

I will be sharing this document and the findings of the panel at the next P & C meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August, if you would like to see exactly what the document entailed.

## Student Engagement Survey and 3 Way Interviews

Thank you to the 75% of parents who attended Parent- teacher interviews at the end of last term. Many positive comments were made including comments about the importance of students being present at the interviews and talking about setting their own goals and taking risks with their learning. There was some concern about the limited time allocated for each interview, however, parents are reminded that they are able to request an interview with or without your child present, at any time throughout the term, if there are any concerns. We will continue with the 3-way format for the Semester 2 interviews at the end of term 4.

**Welcome to Education Week!** Education Week is a major event on the NSW Public Schools calendar. This is the week where we get to showcase the wonderful things happening in our school. The theme for 2019 Education week is 'Every student- Every voice!'

## NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATION WEEK INVITATION

**Mount Hunter Public School - OPEN DAY**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**Parents are invited to attend a School Assembly with their children at 9:30am followed by morning tea at 10:30am.**

**Year 6 students will be selling cup-cakes as a fundraising activity.**

**Book Fair - Books will be on display in the Library for purchase or donation to the school.**

**Come along and have a great day of learning as we celebrate, 'Every Student - Every Voice'**



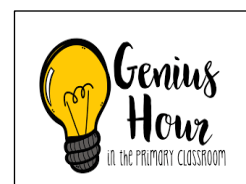
This year marks the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of education at Mount Hunter Public School. We will be celebrating this event as part of our Education week celebrations. **Children may come dressed in olden day clothing.**

## Multicultural Public Speaking

Last term, 4 students from Mount Hunter Public School went to Mawarra PS to compete against other schools in our area for the Multicultural Public Speaking competition. All our students presented excellent speeches discussing Multicultural issues. Well done to Penny and Chelsie who competed in the Junior division and to Pepper and Luke who competed in the Senior division. We are very proud of their achievements, as it is an extremely difficult task to present a speech in front of a large audience, especially when one of the speeches is an impromptu speech.

## Genius Hour

Genius Hour will commence on Wednesday - Week 5. 21/8/2019. Once again, we will offer 6 activities ranging from robotics to construction and this term we have secured a 3D printer to experiment with. Student selection sheets will be available next week. Parents are welcome to attend from 2:30-3:30pm.



Mrs D Herrmann

Principal

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### P and C Update


**Canteen** - Thank you for supporting our need to change the canteen day to Friday. We have more volunteers available to help on Fridays and this helps us to share the load.

**Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 7:00pm, in the Mount Hunter PS library. Everyone is welcome!**

### 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	2019
Week 3	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Education Week Open Day/ 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration</b> 9:30am - School Assembly 10:30am - Morning-tea with parents 11:00am - 3:00pm Ranger Jamie Activities
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Book Fair in the HALL</b> 
	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Athletics Carnival –Onslow Oval</b> 9 :30– 2:00am Mt Hunter PS Canteen
Week 4	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>External Validation Panel Meeting</b> 10:00am
	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>School Dentist Visit</b>
Week 5	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>P &amp; C Meeting</b> 7:00pm in the Library
	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Year 5/6 Leadership day</b> Woogilemai
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	<b>Westbrook Gala Day</b> Oz Tag
Week 6	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Father's Day Stall</b>
	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Healthy Harold – Life Education Van</b>
Week 7	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>Whole School Excursion to State Library/ Parliament House/ Botanic Gardens</b>

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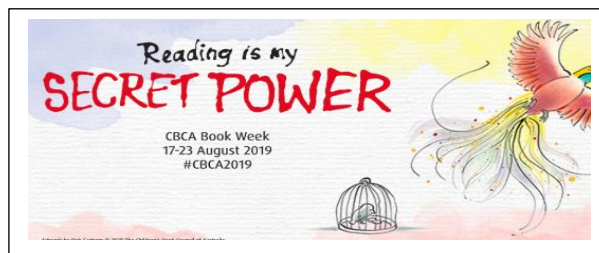
### Student News

The Year 6 students will be holding a cake stall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August, at **Open Day**. Please bring your loose change and support our Year 6 fundraising event. Cupcakes from \$1.00- \$2.00.



### Book Week

Book Week is coming to Mount Hunter PS in **Week 9 - 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**. More information to follow.



### Community News

#### **Have your say on before and after school care**

The NSW Government is allocating \$120 million by 2021 to expand access to affordable and convenient before and after school care for children attending public primary schools.

From July to December 2019, you can share your needs on before and after school care to help us better plan, deliver and manage services across NSW.

What you'll need:

- your postcode
- your child's age and school name
- current and desired before and after school care arrangements

Have your say at: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc>

### **Cancer Council Lunch Recipes**

Nutrition Snippet

**The simplest way**  
... to get new recipes.

To keep you and your kids from getting bored with the same lunch box we have updated our [website](#) with new recipes.



- [Veggie pasta soup](#)
- [Yoghurt rice pudding](#)
- [No bake cookies](#)
- [Nicoise salad](#)
- [Turkey, apple & avocado crepe](#)
- [Vegetable pasta bake](#)
- [Vegetable dumplings](#)
- [Mexican baked sweet potato](#)

For more recipes and ideas visit [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

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