

Mount Hunter Public School Newsletter

Week 6 - Term 3 2019

Principal's Message

Last week, a copy of the Department of Education's new Enrolment Policy was sent home to all families. The DoE wants to ensure that every student has a place at their local school and that when they go to enrol there are adequate facilities and resources available.

Why was the enrolment policy revised?

Across the state, many communities are changing. Some are growing at rates never seen before. Some schools that used to be able to accept out-of-area enrolments, no longer have the room to do so. While other schools are left with unutilised spaces, intended for local area enrolments. The revised policy is designed to support schools to manage all enrolment applications, encourage greater consistency in decision-making and make sure the enrolment choices are clear for parents.

If you have a neighbour who should be enrolling at their local school, please let them know that Mount Hunter PS is a great learning place, whereby students are happy, valued and well supported. I am available to give tours of the school and let potential families know about our small class sizes and the advantages of attending a small school.

We are now in the process of accepting new Kindergarten enrolments for 2020. If you, a family member or a neighbour has students starting Kindergarten next year, could you please obtain an Enrolment form online or from the office as soon as possible.



Kindergarten Orientation days will be held on November 14th and November 23rd. More information soon to follow.

ATTENDANCE Concerns

Just a reminder to parents that absence notes need to be brought in to school within five days of your child being absent, otherwise an unjustified absence will be marked on the roll. We have made a school commitment to remind parents Week 5 and Week 10 of each term, to finalise attendance notes.

Unfortunately, we have had a severe drop in our student attendance rates this year. Last year we were hailed as the best school in the local area for student attendance at 96%. i.e. number of students attending school each day. **Currently we are sitting at 86% attendance,** indicating that absenteeism is high with some children having as many as 20 days off already this year.

If there are too many unexplained absences, the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) will pick up on these and demand a written explanation. Families are also encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during the school term is necessary, an Application for Extended Leave needs to be completed.

Another successful Education Week and 160th Birthday celebration

Thank you to all the parents and family members and friends who came along to celebrate Education Week with us. The students had a great time with Ranger Peter and learnt about sustaining our environment for the future while also having loads of fun.

The 160th Anniversary assembly was well-received with a look into our past, present and future. It was one of our best recorded days with 28 families, friends and special guests, such as former teacher Mrs Gray, attending. **Mrs D Herrmann**



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P and C Update

Father's Day Stall

The P&C Father's Day stall will be held this week on **Wednesday 28th August**. Presents will cost \$2.50 & \$5.00 and there will also be extra **grandparent presents** to

purchase. Please notify a P&C member if you can help out with selling the gifts on the day.

Our next P & C meeting will be held on **Monday 16th September, 7:00pm**, in the Mount Hunter PS library. Everyone 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 6	Wednesday 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Father's Day Stall• Healthy Harold• School Assembly
	Thursday - Friday	Razorback Zone Athletics 29/30 th August
Week 7 Sept	Tuesday 3 rd	Whole School Excursion to State Library/ Parliament House/ Botanic Gardens
	Friday 6 th	GALA Day - Oz tag
Week 8	Thursday 12 th	Crazy Hair Day - \$2.00 fee

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

Student News

The Year 6 students will hold their last fundraiser for Term 3, in Week 8. It will be a **Crazy hair and Mufti day**. Start planning your crazy hair-style.



Book Week

Book Week is coming to Mount Hunter PS in **Week 9 - 18th September, 2019**. The Book Week theme this year is **'Reading is my secret power!'**

We will be having a Book Week Dress Up Parade! Everyone is welcome! I am looking forward to a great Book Week!

Mrs Webb



Community News

Message from 'Home School Liaison Officer'

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. Don't allow your children to have 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. **Make attending school a priority.**