

# Mount Hunter Public School Newsletter

## Week 9 Term 2 2022

### Principal's Message

The end of the term is quickly approaching so please look out for reports which will be coming home on **Monday, 27th June - Week 10**. Over the past 4 weeks, the teachers have been carefully assessing students against the stage outcomes and combined with classroom observations, have made professional judgments on your child's progress. This progress will be outlined in the Semester 1 reports.

### Westbrook Parent-Teacher Interviews

While the teachers and I believe that Semester 1 reports offer a detailed account of your child's progress, there will also be an opportunity for Westbrook families to discuss the content of these reports further at Parent/Teacher interviews to be held on **Wednesday 29th June from 3:30-5:00pm**.

While we encourage all parents to attend the interviews, teachers will also be sending home pink interview requests in the **Report** envelopes. The **pink notes** will only apply to those students/parents for whom teachers would like to address Semester 2 future directions with. If parents, however, do not receive a pink interview request and would still like to discuss their child's progress with his/her teacher, then please access the **Skool Loop app** to book to an interview appointment time.



Further to this, early in Semester 2, teachers will be sending home each student's individual learning goals so that parents and students are aware of specific goals to focus on for learning success in 2022.

### Traveller Parent-Teacher Information Session.



As mentioned earlier this term, Mrs Mackie has been appointed as the new Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction (APC&I). In this role, Mrs Mackie is responsible for introducing **effective, evidence-**

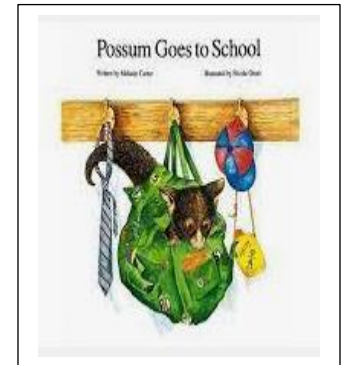
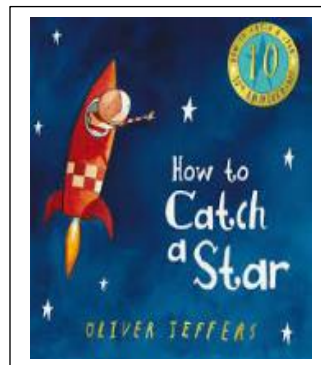
**based** literacy and numeracy teaching practices to promote **improved student learning outcomes** across the curriculum.

We would like to invite **all Traveller** parents to an afternoon Literacy information session on **Wednesday 29th June from 3:30-4:30pm**, whereby Mrs Mackie will outline the new way of teaching Literacy in 2022, which is occurring across NSW schools. This will include information about \*a shift away from a 'balanced' literacy approach in favour of systematic synthetic phonics and \*the use of decodable readers – phonetically controlled – over predictable/levelled readers. **Please save the date!**



### Literacy for K-2

As mentioned below, children in K-2 will be bringing home Decodable Texts to read commencing Term 3. These books will contain sounds the student has already learnt and practiced at school. They are meant to be simple enough to encourage early success! These texts support beginning readers to develop decoding strategies and practice early reading skills. We also encourage you to read other good quality books that may be available from your local Library or for purchase at Big W or Kmart, to your child at home to develop vocabulary and comprehension. A list of these books will be provided at the Traveller Parent-Teacher information session.



### Attendance and Absentee Notifications

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children. Parents and carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- helping their child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ensuring their child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence).



We continue to encourage the use of the [Skool Loop App](#) for notifications of student absences. It is easy to use and only requires the student's

name, parent's name, date and the reason for absence. The notification is then automatically sent via email to the school account. Parents may also phone the school directly or send in a written note. Please do not message or email the teachers directly. **Just a reminder that student absences must be provided upon return to school, on the next school day.**

**Multicultural Public Speaking** Public speaking continues to be an integral part of the NSW K-6 English Syllabus which we fully embrace at Mount Hunter Public School. Public speaking improves young people's overall communication skills, increases self-esteem and confidence, helps them to plan and organise their thoughts, express their ideas in front of the class and

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develops leadership skills. It is an essential skill to learn and master. The finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking are being held this week and next. Two students may be selected to participate in the regional Multicultural Speaking competition next term. Good luck to all participants.

### Whole School Assembly

**Our whole school Assembly will be postponed to Week 10 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 2:50-3:30pm**, due to Westbrook's excursion to Camden Park EEC, to consolidate their learning on GOLD. Thank you for your understanding. All family and friends are welcome.

**I wish to extend to everyone a very restful and relaxed winter holiday break. See you back at school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

Mrs D Herrmann

Principal

### P and C Update

Our next meeting will be held tonight at **6:00pm, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. On the agenda for Monday night will be:

- Proposed date for family Movie night early in Term 3
- Discussion on the use of the old play equipment
- Bunning Barbeque fundraiser
- Working Bee Term 3
- Spring Fair.

**A reminder from the P & C fundraising committee that Cookie money is due by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.**



On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, the P & C held a Working Bee on the school grounds. Thank you to Mr Leonard and the three families who helped on the day. A lot of pruning and gardening was done, and we are slowly getting the school grounds

back up to scratch, after the recent rains delayed our efforts to keep the school neat and tidy.

### Student News

#### Hockey Gala Day results

**Gala Day 1 Results– Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

Juniors - 2 games won, 2 games draw.

Seniors - 2 games won, 2 games draw.

Congratulations, Westbrook!

Mount Hunter PS hockey teams

currently sit near the top of the leaderboard even though they competed against much larger schools. Both teams are to be congratulated on their participation and sportsmanship. Our students have received plenty of compliments from the teachers of other schools about their excellent manners and respect for one another on the field. Thank you to Mrs Burgin and Ms Murina who came along to support Mrs Powter and cheer on our teams last Gala Day.



*\* Please note that teacher/student ratios are strictly adhered to at these events, however, any extra parent assistance is always greatly appreciated!*

**Good luck at your second Gala Day for this term, Westbrook, which will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June.**

### Traveller Artwork based on the author Jeannie Baker



### Dates to Remember

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

Term 2	Date	2022
Week 9	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	P & C meeting – Hall 6pm
	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Gold Excursion to Camden Park EEC – Westbrook only
	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	GALA DAY- Narellan Hockey Centre - Westbrook only
Week 10	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reports go home
	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	School Assembly 2:50pm <b>All Parents welcome!</b>
	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Information session Literacy in 2022 <b>Traveller only</b>
	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent - Teacher interviews <b>Westbrook only</b>
July	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of Term 2
Term 3	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	School Development Day (SDD) <b>Only staff on site.</b>
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Students return to school to commence Term 3.

### Community Information

**Reading the school newsletter is important!** School newsletters are intended to provide essential information to parents; can foster a connection between the classroom and the home and can be used to increase parent involvement. Newsletters inform parents about anything and everything school related: school activities, policies, news, schedule changes, updates, events, performances, student awards, and community happenings. **Please encourage all family members to read our newsletter!**

