



MOUNT TERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Growing Strong Reaching Far

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GROWING STRONG REACHING FAR

TERM 4 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 4!

A big welcome back to all our students, staff and families. I hope you had a chance to enjoy the extra time with your children over the break. Term 4 is always a really busy term with lots happening so please keep an eye on the fortnightly newsletters and the SkoolBag app for updates about school happenings.

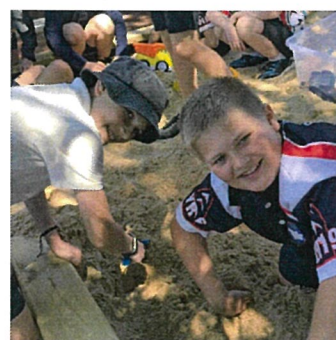
World Teachers Day

This Friday is World Teachers Day and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the fabulous work our teachers do each and every day. Our teachers work really hard both inside and outside of school hours to provide our students with a fabulous school experience here at Mount Terry. I hope you and your children take an opportunity on Friday to acknowledge World Teachers Day in your own way. A short note, a card or a big smile and a 'thank you' goes a long way!

New Sandpits

During the holidays, we had two new sandpits installed in the playground and they look fantastic. This work was completed by the Albion Park Men's Shed and I thank them for their fantastic work. A timetable has been organised and students are now digging tunnels, building volcanos and enjoying playing with the range of sandpit toys we have purchased. The sandpits have been made using Waxwood and there are two outdoor weather proof covers in red and blue.

The photos prove that you are never too old to enjoy some fun in the sand! Year 6 were given the privilege of being the first grade to use the sandpit and thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



Week 2	Life Education Visits
Mon 21 Oct	* Yr 6 to APHS
Tue 22 Oct	* Kindy 2020 Transition to 'Big School' Session 2 - 9.15-10.30am
Thur 24 Oct	* MSP Captain Photos * Kindy 2020 Transition to 'Big School' Session 2 - 9.15-10.30am
Fri 25 Oct	* Yrs 4&5 CoS Debating * Yr 1 Illawarra Environmental Ed Centre Killalea
Week 3	Life Education Visits
Tue 29 Oct	* Kindy 2020 Transition to 'Big School' Session 3 - 9.15-10.30am * P&C Halloween Disco
Thur 31 Oct	* Kindy 2020 Transition to 'Big School' Session 3 - 9.15-10.30am
Week 4	
Mon 4 Nov	* P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Thur 7 Nov	* Yr 3 Celebration Day * Yr 4 First Fleet Day
Fri 8 Nov	* P&C Spring Fair 3.30pm-7.30pm
Week 5	
Week 6	
Week 7	
Tue 26 Nov	* Yr 5 Dragon Tag Gala Day - Kiama Sporting Complex
Week 8	Swimming Program
Mon 2 Dec	* P&C Meeting AGM
Wed 4 Dec - Fri 6 Dec	* Yr 6 Camp - Narrabeen Sports & Rec
Week 9	Swimming Program
Tue 10 Dec	* Yr 6 Jamberoo Action Park
Thur 12 Dec	* Christmas Concert
Fri 13 Dec	* Christmas Concert

School Self-Evaluation Process

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who completed our annual school self-evaluation survey. We are currently sorting through all of the data that was collected before making plans for the 2020 school year. Congratulations to the Davis family who won the \$100 Woolworths voucher from the draw of all families who completed the survey. In the coming weeks, please keep an eye out for opportunities to be involved in some special parent forums, where parents and carers will have additional opportunities to provide feedback about what we are doing well and how we can be even better. These forums will be organised to more deeply explore some of the feedback we have already received in the annual survey.

ScopelT

Last week, all students in the school started the ScopelT program which provides our students with a fabulous opportunity to learn about coding and how to use technology in innovative ways. Reports so far from teachers and students have been extremely positive. This program has been generously subsidised by the P&C and the school so the total cost has been reduced to just \$20 for the term. Please note that payment for this activity was part of the term 3 invoice and was due last term. As of last week, there were still many parents who had not paid their Term 3 invoice. The term 3 invoice, which includes payment for ScopelT, must be paid in full for your child to continue their participation in ScopelT beyond Wk 5 this term. Please note that it is not possible to pay for only one or two specific items on a term invoice. Each invoice needs to be paid in full to guarantee your child's participation in extra-curricular activities. If for some reason, you are unable to finalise your term invoice, and/or you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact me at school and we can discuss a payment plan or ways the school may be able to support you so that your child is not excluded from future activities. Thank you.

Life Education

The Life Education visit for our school began last week and each day, classes have been heading to the van to see Healthy Harold and learn about how to keep themselves and their bodies safe, healthy and happy. I have had great reports from the students and teachers about the visit and what they have been learning about. Please note that Life Education is a charity organisation and they are not financed by the Department of Education. Sales of Harold products, along with community donations help to keep this fabulous program afloat. Thank you to all those families who have supported Life Ed by buying merchandise while the van is at our school.

Yr 1 Environmental Ed Excursion

This Friday, our Yr 1 students will head off to the Illawarra Environmental Ed Centre at Killalea for an excursion. I'm sure they'll have a great day and enjoy the learning involved.

Kindergarten Transition Program

We are currently in the middle of our Kindergarten Transition to School Program with children coming for their second visit this week. The program concludes next Tuesday and Thursday when the children come for their 3rd visit. Many thanks to Mr Hailstone, Mrs Gammone, the Kindergarten teachers, the office staff and all other staff and parents involved in helping our newest children and their families settle into the Mount Terry school community.

If you know or hear of any other local children wanting to start kindergarten at our school, please ask their parents to contact the office as a matter of importance so we can give them all the information they need. Thank you.

Fathering Project

This Friday afternoon, we are inviting dads and other father figures up to the school to learn all about how to do their children's hair. Thank you to the brave hairdressers who have volunteered to teach our dads how to do a pony tail, a plait and even braids! Should be lots of fun and a great opportunity for dads to spend quality time with their children. On Sunday, we have a paper plane making afternoon planned for our dads and children and we hope to see lots of people coming along for that activity too. More information about both activities can be found later in this newsletter. Many thanks to Mr Hailstone and his team of dads for coordinating these events.

School Leaders Photo

A reminder that the School Leaders will need to come ready for photo with MSP photography this Thursday morning 24th October. That will complete our school photos program for 2019.

P&C Halloween Disco

A reminder that the P&C disco will be held next Tuesday afternoon/evening (29th October). The theme is Halloween so the children should have some fun dressing up for that. Thank you to all those parents who are helping on the night or donating cakes and slices for sale. Special thanks to Destination Dancefloor for their kind donation of time and ongoing support which makes these discos possible for our children.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 4th October at 6:30pm. We hope lots of parents, carers and friends can join us for that meeting.

AECG Meeting

The next AECG Meeting will be held at Port Kembla PS on Wednesday 6th November from 4pm. Interested parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Staff Are Learners Too!

Wed 16th Oct: All teaching and non-teaching staff attended an Aboriginal cultural awareness session with Gumaraa at Killalea State Park to learn about the culture and history of the local Aboriginal people.

Mon 21st – Wed 23rd Oct: Mrs Kaer and Mrs Schmidt attended the Art of Leadership course in Sydney to develop and further refine their school leadership skills.

David O'Connor

Principal

FATHERING PROJECT

This Friday afternoon, at 3pm in the school hall, The Fathering Project will be holding a Dad's and Kids event. At this event we will have two trained hairdressers from the school community available to teach dads how to pony-tail, pig-tail, plait and braid. All you need to bring along is a brush, a tail comb, elastics and a water sprayer. It will be great fun and I'm sure many hearty laughs will be shared.

This Sunday afternoon, we will be holding our second Dads and Kids event, a Paper Plane throwing and making competition at 3pm on the bottom oval. We will have books and online tutorials available to help you make the perfect plane. After the planes have been made and decorated we will make our way to the Mt Terry airport and start launching our planes to see who has the plane that goes the furthest. There can only be one winner and I'm sure the dads won't be overly competitive!

The Fathering Project organisation are also organising a Camp Out at WIN stadium on Saturday November 2. The Big Camp Out offers fathers the chance to spend quality one-on-one time with their child in a unique camping experience. If you are a camping enthusiast, please join them to camp under the stars at WIN Stadium and make memories to last a lifetime. Ticket sales do close this Friday the 25th of October and further information is available in the newsletter and at the link below.

thefatheringproject.org/event/the-big-camp-out-nsw

Steven Hailstone

Deputy Principal

LIVING CLASSROOM

As of the end of week two stage 3 cooking will be completed for the majority of classes. Students in 5F will continue with their two catch up cooking days on Tuesday middle sessions in the upcoming weeks. I would like to thank all volunteers for donating their time and commend the students on their efforts this year. All ten meals went down a treat! A cook book of some of our favourite recipes is in the works for those interested in replicating dishes at home.

Kind regards

Miss Hopkins

TERM INVOICE

Term invoices went home with students last week. Payment options for this term are Week 5 and Week 9.

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT (POP)

Parents/carers are able to make online payments to the school directly via a secure payment page on the school's website by selecting "**\$Make a Payment**". Payments can be made using Visa, MasterCard credit or debit card. This is a secure system and your bank/card details are not passed back to the school.

All P&C activities such as Sausage Sizzle, Meal Deal Days etc. cannot be paid using this online system. If you do this, it will be refunded into fees in advance on your child's account to be used for further school based activities.

CASH

All money is to be in a sealed envelope/bag clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This envelope/bag needs to be placed in the collection box located in the office.

EFTPOS

We also have Eftpos facilities available at the office for your convenience.

For any enquiries regarding the Money collection process, please contact the school office.

ScopeIT

This term an exciting new program has started at Mount Terry – ScopeIT.

Throughout the term students will be participating in digital technology workshops, aligned with the new NSW Science Syllabus, to support the teaching of coding for all students, K-6.



ScopeIT is an Australian owned and operated education company that will be providing Mount Terry students with expert demonstrators and all the necessary equipment for weekly coding sessions. Lessons are engaging and practical, allowing students hands-on experiences differentiated to suit all grades. Through these lessons, students will become critical consumers of information and creative producers of digital solutions.

Participation in the program would normally cost \$60 but has been **heavily subsidised and reduced to \$20**, thanks to support from our P&C and school funds. We would like to remind parents that this costing was attached to the Term 3 invoices. Please note that if your Term 3 invoice is still outstanding and is not fully paid by week 5, Term 4, your child will not be able to continue in the ScopeIT program beyond week 5.



Thank you
Rebecca Hopkins

ACE AWARDS

KB	Lucy W & Phoenix C	1C	Xander R & Bailey B
KH	Connor H & Kenzie H	1D	Tyler O & Olivia R
KK	Lacey D & Joshua S	1H	Skylar I & Maddisyn O
KM	Ivy H & Riley N	2B	Jaxon L & Alexis P
KT	Scarlet B & Braith D	2F	Nixon B & Grace C
1A	Eli J & Bentley H	2H	Maddison H & Jet T
1B	Summer K-G & Alivia S	2A	Maddison D & Ruby O

CHOOK-SITTING-ROSTER

26 & 27 Oct	2 & 3 Nov	9 & 10 Nov	16 & 17 Nov	23 & 24 Nov	30 Nov & 1 Dec
Eggs are in the incubator 😊	Chicks just hatching 😊	Owen Family 6B	Michaela G KT		



Facebook Page: Mt Terry P&C Fundraising

Halloween Disco – It's disco time!! Tuesday 29th October is the date of our Term 4 Halloween disco! This is our final and most popular disco of the year! Kids are encouraged to come wearing their best spooky Halloween costume although this is not compulsory.

Our disco will again be hosted by the amazing Kim Barlow and DJ Steve Barlow (two of our generous parents) from "Destination Dancefloor".

Running times are as per below;
Kindy and Year 1 4pm – 5pm
Years 2 and 3 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Years 4, 5 and 6 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Cost is \$5 per child and includes entry, water or cordial during a disco drink break and a poppa and packet of chips at the end of the disco.

We will have spooky glow products for sale on the way in and we will have a cake stall selling donated cakes. Please note, no food or drink can be taken into the hall. Parents are also not permitted in the hall at any time.

If your child attends Peak they will be sending out an email about where they will be located on that day and they can also organise to get your child to and from the disco if they wish to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE!!

- We need volunteers to donate cakes, slices, biscuits or similar for us to sell at the cake stall on the night please!
- We need volunteers to help sell glow products, man the cake stall and serve drinks during the drinks breaks. It would be ultimate if we could have at least 6 volunteers over each of the following times slots 3.45pm – 5pm / 5pm – 6.15pm / 6.15pm – 7.30pm.

If you can help with any of the above we would LOVE to hear from you. It's disco time!! Tuesday 29th October is the date of our Term 4 Halloween disco! This is our final and most popular disco of the year! Kids are encouraged to come wearing their best spooky Halloween costume although this is not compulsory.

Fete – Our fete is on Friday 8th November from 3.30pm – 7.30pm. Notes have now come home with arm band and pre order show bag options. Arm bands will be \$25 if ordered and paid for before Friday 1st November or \$30 on the day. Show bag pre-orders closed on Tuesday 22nd October. There will be a limited number of Bertie Beetle Showbags available on the night.

If you have been saving items for us, you can finally start clearing them out of your house! You can drop items to the uniform shop during uniform shop opening hours which are;

Thursday 2.30-3pm
Friday 8.30 - 9am

Things we are looking for at this stage as donations are;

- * Empty glass jars with lids and labels cleaned off (to be filled with lollies by us)
- * Books for the book stall
- * Items for the "trash and treasure" stall (please no rubbish as we need to dispose of all leftover stuff at the end of the fete). Think pictures, puzzles, toys in good condition, kitchenware, garden tools, knick knacks, anything you think we can sell and make a couple of bucks out of really!
- * Plants or plant cuttings

Stallholder applications are also now open and you can get an application by emailing mtterryfundraisingpandc@gmail.com

Obstacool – Unfortunately this event has now been postponed twice due to bad weather but now the ice cream parties are done, we have the final figures on the Obstacool Ninja-WarriorThon and what we raised. Obstacool has raised \$9,386 which is awesome! Thanks to everyone who has gained sponsorship to participate in what is going to be a super fun event! Cross your fingers for good weather on our new date of Monday November 18th.

Flip Out Fundraiser – We have something a bit different happening on Friday 15th November as a fundraiser. We have joined together with Flip Out Albion Park and any 2 hour jump sessions booked through the below link will see us get 50% back!! There is a 6pm session and an 8pm session available. 2 hour jump sessions are \$26. Sessions are limited and it is first in best dressed! Friends and family outside of Mt Terry are welcome to purchase through this link also so share it around! Get your tickets now

<https://www.rollerdigital.com/flipoutalbionpark/products/mtterrypsfundraiser?date=20191115>

Christmas Shopping Night at Casey's Toys – Did someone say champagne, nibbles and shopping?! Yep, we did!!

Support our school while doing your Christmas shopping at the same time!!

When: Tuesday 19th November

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Where: Casey's Toys - Wollongong Central. W018 Princes Hwy, Wollongong NSW 2500

You will get 10% off on the night and we will get 10% of the total spend back in gift voucher form (5% on hobbies) This is strictly a child free night due to the service of alcohol at the event.

You are welcome to bring your friends and family along!! Please RSVP to the facebook event if you are able to come so the store is able to cater for the correct amount of people.

Last year we got a massive \$640 voucher for the school and this was spent on lots of different things including puzzles that went to both the classrooms and the quiet room, timers for all classrooms, lots of squishies, fidget and sensory toys and a connector / construction game.

See you there!!



NEW OPENING HOURS!!

Thursday 2.30pm – 3pm

Friday 8.30am – 9am



The canteen needs you!!! Unfortunately the canteen has lost a couple of its regular weekly volunteers due to changes in personal circumstances for the volunteers. We thank those ladies so much for the time they put into the canteen while they were able to. This however has left a massive hole to be filled where these wonderful volunteers once were. We would love it if you could consider getting yourself on the canteen roster even if it's not for a regular shift, even if it's just to help serving over recess or lunch, even if it's just for an hour in the morning to help them get ahead for the day. Seriously, they will take any crumb you can throw them! They need help please!

Things that happen when you volunteer in the canteen;

- The kids get their lunch orders on time
- The kids get more play time as they don't have to stand in the line for so long
- Darrell and Erin are much less likely to fall on the floor from stress
- You get a free lunch (this is my favourite!)
- Your kid thinks you are a rock star
- You get a warm fuzzy feeling inside from helping your child's school
- You get to have fun while making a difference

Things that happen when we don't have enough volunteers in the canteen;

- Lunch orders can run late
- The kids spend most or all of their recess and lunch standing in line waiting to be served and sometimes they even miss out after spending their whole time standing there. (booooooooo)
- Darrell and Erin are very likely to fall on the floor from stress (and no-one wants that!)

Go see them or give them a call to get yourself on the roster!

CANTEEN ROSTER 0455 960 129

Thank you to all our volunteers for your valuable assistance.

Week 2		
Monday 21st Oct	Beata Bezold	
Tuesday 22nd Oct	Linda Bertenshae	
Wednesday 23rd Oct	Nadine Smith	Sonia Tayler
Thursday 24th Oct	Nadine Smith	
Friday 25th Oct	Emily Austin	Lauren Gray
Week 3		
Monday 28th Oct	Beata Bezold	
Tuesday 29th Oct	Bec Coghlan	
Wednesday 30th Oct	Nadine Smith	Kelly (12-1.30pm)
Thursday 31st Oct	Nadine Smith	
Friday 1st Nov	Lorraine Newman	Jayd Marsh
Week 4		
Monday 4th Nov	Beata Bezold	
Tuesday 5th Nov	Linda Bertenshae	
Wednesday 6th Nov	Nadine Smith	Sonia Tayler
Thursday 7th Nov	Nadine Smith	
Friday 8th Nov	Mel Singh	Marylou Ibrahim

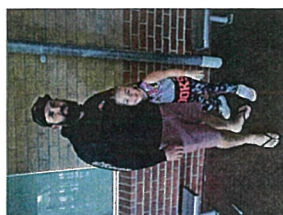


the fathering project

Dads & Kids Hair afternoon & Paper Plane Throwing Competition!

Dads and Kids hair afternoon, 3pm in the school hall on Friday 25th October! We will have hairdressers on site to show you how to plait, braid, pigtail and ponytail! Remember to bring a tail comb, a brush, elastics and a water sprayer.

Paper plane throwing competition, 3pm on the oval on Sunday 27th October! We will provide the paper and you and your children will be the builders!



Shellharbour Youth Services

DOSH DAY OF SILLY HATS



DOSH 2019 - Transition to Teens

For over 15 years Shellharbour Youth Services have met with year 6 Young people across Shellharbour's Local Primary schools annually.

The Day Of Silly Hats utilizes team building group activities to learn challenging new skills in a fun, safe environment whilst introducing young people to our team of youth work professionals.

Bookings are open now, for your free 1/2 day workshop.

Workshops are available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

From November to December 2019

Only 18 dates to choose from, for the 16 schools.

Workshops begin with school start time, finishing at approximately 1pm (depending on school size)

Please confirm your schools preferred date ASAP

Ph Belinda 0406 382068

Email: belinda.caruana@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au



Shellharbour Youth Services

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City Library
Thursday 7 November 2019, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

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Children aged over 8 years are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Bookings essential on 4221 6222 or online at libraries.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au



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Kind regards,

Alison

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- * Shoes * Clothes * Handbags
- * Hats * Scarves * Jewellery

Admission \$10
includes afternoon tea.

For further information
Contact

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