



MOUNT TERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Growing Strong Reaching Far

Principal: Mr David O'Connor

Deputy Principal: Mr Steve Hailstone, Mrs Jemima Gammone & Mrs Mel Kirk

TERM 4 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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 Fete 3.30pm-7.30pm
Week 5	
Fri 15 Nov	* P&C Flipout Fundraiser
Week 6	
Mon 18 Nov	* P&C Obstacool
Tue 19 Nov	* P&C Christmas Shopping Night @ Casey's Toys 6pm-8pm
Wed 20 Nov	* Yr 6 Kinball 1.30pm-2.30pm
Fri 22 Nov	* Yr 6 DOSH day
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 6.30pm
Wed 4 Dec - Fri 6 Dec	* Yr 6 Camp - Narrabeen Sports & Rec
Week 9	Swimming Program
Mon 9 Dec	* TOP Awards
Tue 10 Dec	* Yr 6 Jamberoo Action Park
Thur 12 Dec	* Christmas Concert
Fri 13 Dec	* Christmas Concert
Week 10	
Mon 16 Dec	* Yr 6 Dinner Dance & Graduation Assembly
Tue 17 Dec	* Reports go home * Presentation Day
Wed 18 Dec	* Last day of 2019 for students

Mount Terry PS Fete!

We are all very excited and looking forward to the fete this Friday afternoon/evening. The event kicks off at 3:30 and finishes at 7:30pm. A big thank you to all those who have contributed in some way or who will be helping out on the day. Please bring your family and friends along to join in the fun and help raise money for our school. Spread the word in the community – we'd love as many as possible to come along on Friday. See you there!

Kindergarten 2020

Many thanks to the parents and staff who contributed to another very successful transition to school program. I'm sure there are lots of very excited 4 and 5 year olds who can't wait for their first day of 'Big School' in 2020. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them and their families to our wonderful school community.

Life Education Raffle

The Life Education visit with Healthy Harold finished up at the end of last week. Thank you to all those who supported the Life Education charity by purchasing Harold products. This year, Life Education is running a raffle for a brand new Hyundai i30 valued at over \$26000. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased online for \$5 and the great news for us is that half of the ticket cost is donated back to our school! That means you not only get to go in the draw for this great prize, but you also support the school in the process. It's a win – win! To buy your raffle ticket(s), please use the following link: so that our school gets the 50% return
<https://www.raffletix.com.au/lifeeducation?sref=nhtvva5c>

Please note that the raffle closes on 15th December and is drawn 2 days later. Good luck and thanks for supporting Life Ed and Mount Terry PS!

Disco

Thank you to all the students who came along to the Halloween Disco last Tuesday afternoon/evening. Special thanks to those parents who donated cakes/slices and to those who helped to sell all the goodies. Of course, a big 'shout out' to Destination Dancefloor who continue to be a great supporter of our school by donating their time. Much appreciated!

School Self-Evaluation Process

Following the comprehensive school self-evaluation survey process we undertook at the end of last term, our survey team has analysed the data and we are looking carefully at the results to inform our future directions. We would like to tease out some aspects of the feedback a little more so we know exactly what members of our school community are telling us. To do that, we are holding a series of forums to discuss certain aspects of the feedback in a little more detail. Last night at the P&C Meeting, we held the first of 2 parent forums. It took about 15-20 minutes and we simply discuss 4 topics we identified from the survey that need further explanation. The second parent forum will be held in the staffroom next Monday morning 11th November, straight after the morning assembly. Please come along and give us your thoughts and feedback if you can. All parents and carers are welcome.

Aboriginal Education Priorities for 2020

We would like to invite parents and carers of our Aboriginal students to come up to school on Tuesday 12th November to discuss how we might move forward to best meet the needs of our Aboriginal students in 2020 and beyond. We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. If the weather is good, we'll meet in the outdoor seating at the Living Classroom and if we have bad weather, we'll meet in the staffroom. If you can't make it at that time, please email your thoughts to the school, give me or Mrs Kaer a call to discuss them or send them to the office in writing. We are always looking at ways we can do things better and improving outcomes for our Aboriginal students is a big priority for us here at Mount Terry. Thank you in advance for your thoughts, feedback and suggestions.

ScopeIT

A reminder that Term invoices are due by Monday next week and if overdue invoices are not paid in full, and there have been no payment plan arrangements made with the school, unfortunately those children will not be able to continue with the very popular ScopeIT program. Please make sure your outstanding Term invoice/s are paid in full by Monday next week to avoid problems with your child's participation in this fabulous program. As always, if you are experiencing financial difficulty and cannot meet this payment, please contact me and we will discuss payment plan options.

Pre-Service Teachers

This week we welcomed 10 pre-service teachers from the University of Wollongong to our school. These pre-service teachers are completing a 2 or 3 week placement as part of their 2nd or 3rd year studies. As always, we place great importance in contributing to the development of our profession and we hope you join us in welcoming them to our school community.

Instrumental Festival

Best wishes to all the students in our school band who will be performing at the Wollongong Instrumental Festival next Thursday 14th November at Wollongong Town Hall. They have all been practising hard and I'm sure they'll do a great job representing our school. Many thanks to Mr Brett, Mrs Boyd and Mr Robbo for preparing our students for this special event.

Bunnings BBQ Time

The P&C will once again be running the Albion Park Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 17th November. If you are able to help out by flipping sausages or helping to sell them, please contact Cindy O'Keefe through the P&C Facebook page. If you can't help out on the day, please come along and buy a sausage sandwich or two ... or three ... Thanks!

Obstacool

We have all fingers and toes crossed for good weather on Monday 18th November so we can finally hold the much awaited Obstacool event. Here's hoping it's 3rd time lucky!

School Carpark

The school car park is not available for parents, grandparents and visitors to use at any time. Parking and walking in this area is not permitted. The students are not allowed to walk through this area, even with their parents. At the beginning and end of the school day the car park area is very busy and can be unsafe. At times we see adults entering through the walkway at the canteen. Please use the pedestrian gates instead. In the interest of the safety of students, parents and staff, we ask that you please pick up your child in the designated pick up areas.

AECG Meeting

The next AECG Meeting will be held at Albion Park PS on Thursday 28th November from 4pm. Interested parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Staff Are Learners Too!

Last week and this week, each teacher has spent a day working in collaboration on the new Literacy Progression, identifying individual student needs and planning for consistent teacher judgement of assessment tasks.

Tue 29th Oct – Fri 1st Nov: Mr O'Connor attended the Annual State Principals' Conference in Sydney.

Tue 29th Oct: Year 1 teachers continued their ongoing L3 training.

David O'Connor
Principal

YEAR 6 CAMP PAYMENTS DUE

Just a reminder that the final payments for Year 6 Camp are due this Term in Week 5, Monday 11th November. Please make sure the balances for the camp are finalised by this date so no student misses out. Thank you.



We got up at 5.30am and got in the water at 6am. An hour drive in the boat to the spot and we chucked out the burley and waited then the shark circled the boat for ages and then finally ate the bait, it was a 20minute fight. Then we brang it into the boat and drove an hour back home, it weighed 156.5kgs on a 10kg line. Crew on the boat - Jye, Mason, Dad, Glen & Hunter.
Jye McDonough 2F

TERM INVOICE PAYMENTS REMINDER

Reminder – Term 4 Invoice reminders will be coming home this week and payments are now due. Please select one of the payment options below. Payment instalments are due Monday week 5 and are to be finalised by Monday week 9. Thank you.

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 to 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.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 12TH NOVEMBER AT SCHOOL

We would like to invite all Mount Terry School community members to attend a short Remembrance Day service following our Monday morning assembly on 11th November. There will be an opportunity to lay some flowers if you wish.

We look forward to seeing you at Monday's assembly on 11th November at 8:50am.
Katie Bolton

NO HAT PLAY IN THE SHADE

Students without Mount Terry hats will be asked to play in the designated shade areas. Please remind your child/ren to have their school hat with them every day.

MTPS Annual School Self-Evaluation

Parent Focus Group

Our school has now completed the first phase of our annual school evaluation.

The staff of Mount Terry would now like to invite parents and carers to participate in a focus group to discuss some of the findings from the survey and provide us with further feedback about what our school is doing well and how we can make things even better for your children.

When: Monday 11th November 2019

Time: Straight after the whole school assembly approx.: 9:30am

Where: The Staffroom

CHOOK-SITTING-ROSTER

9 & 10 Nov	16 & 17 Nov	23 & 24 Nov	30 Nov & 1 Dec	7 & 8 Dec	14 & 15 Dec
Owen Family 6B	Michaela G KT	Maddison D 2A		Ruby & Indi A 3C & KH	



Facebook Page: [Mt Terry P&C Fundraising](#)

Fete – Our fete is on **THIS FRIDAY 8th November from 3.30pm – 7.30pm!!**

We hope to see lots of people there, it's going to be awesome! If you missed the cut off date for the unlimited pre-paid arm bands you can buy one from the ticket booth on the night for \$30. Individual ride tickets can also be purchased from the booth.

There will be heaps happening on the night besides the rides. We have a MASSIVE trash and treasure / book stall / plant stall happening. We have a lucky dip, plaster painting, lots of side show games at affordable prices, live music, lots of food which includes, nachos, meat and gravy rolls, hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage sandwiches, slushies, cakes and popcorn. We also have various market stalls coming along to join us. We have a fire truck coming with Smokey the Koala who is up for cuddles and photos plus lots more!!

If you would like to donate to our plant or cake stall please bring these donations any time on Friday and they will be greatly appreciated.

We are also still needing volunteers on a few of the stalls, mainly towards the middle and end of the night. If you can help for 30 – 60 minutes it would be very much appreciated. Please contact us on facebook or leave a message for us to call you in the office if you are able to help! All volunteers who get their name on a roster before the night will go into a draw to win a \$100 Stockland Shellharbour voucher which has been **generously donated by A&Z Kitchens** to help us in our quest to fill our volunteer rosters. Thank you A&Z Kitchens for your on-going support of our school and our kids!

Also big thanks to **Coates Hire Albion Park** who are donating the use of portable toilets, tables, extension cords and a generator for our event. This makes our life so much easier and we appreciate the support so much!!

Our fete is open to the public so don't forget to tell your friends!!!

Halloween Disco – Halloween disco done!! Massive, massive thanks to Kim and Steve from Destination Dancefloor for yet again being a massive part of our successful disco! Thanks to everyone who volunteered and all the teachers who stayed back also! Thanks to all our cokies who outdid themselves as usual!

This disco made a whopping \$2,733.85 for the school! The cake stall alone made \$471 of that which is just MASSIVE!!

We had 124 kids in the K/1 disco, 114 kids in the 2/3 disco and an enormous 177 kids in the 4/5/6 disco! I hope all the year 6 kids loved their last disco in primary school!!!



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

If you would like to see the uniform shop open more and are able to help by volunteering in there, please contact us on the facebook page or leave a message for us to call you in the office.



The canteen needs you!!! Unfortunately the canteen has lost a couple of it's 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 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 4		
Monday 4th Nov	Beata Bezold	
Tuesday 5th Nov	Linda Bertenshaw	
Wednesday 6th Nov	Nadine Smith	Sonia Tayler
Thursday 7th Nov	Nadine Smith	
Friday 8th Nov	Mel Singh	Marylou Ibrahim
Week 5		
Monday 11th Nov	Beata Bezold	
Tuesday 12th Nov	Bec Coghlan	
Wednesday 13th Nov	Nadine Smith	Kelly (12-1.30)
Thursday 14th Nov	Nadine Smith	
Friday 15th Nov	Jayd Marsh	Nadine Smith
Week 6		
Monday 18th Nov	Beata Bezold	
Tuesday 19th Nov	Linda Bertenshaw	
Wednesday 20th Nov	Sonia Tayler	
Thursday 21st Nov	HELP NEEDED	
Friday 22nd Nov	Emily Austin	Lauren Gray



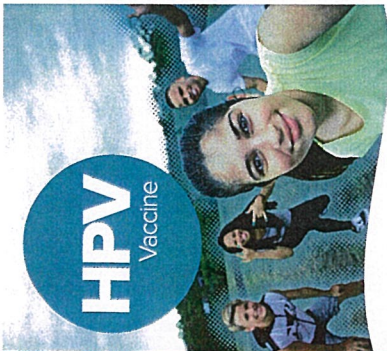
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Preventing human papillomavirus (HPV) cancers and diseases by vaccination

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health.gov.au/immunisation



National Immunisation Program
A joint Australian, State and Territory Government initiative

How safe is the vaccine?

HPV vaccines used in Australia are very safe. All HPV vaccines available in Australia have been thoroughly tested and 270 million doses have been given around the world.

The vaccine has been provided through school-based programs in Australia since 2007 for females and 2013 for males. In Australia, as in other countries, there is ongoing monitoring of vaccine safety. Some people might experience mild side effects from the vaccine. These can include:

- ✓ soreness, swelling and redness at the injection site
- ✓ mild temperature
- ✓ feeling faint and fainting.

Like other vaccines, a very small number of people can have an allergic reaction shortly after getting the vaccine. Vaccination providers are prepared to manage these types of reactions.

See your GP if you are worried about your child's reaction.

HPV Vaccine

You can learn more about the safety of the HPV vaccine at the Therapeutic Goods Administration website tga.gov.au

How effective is the vaccine?

HPV vaccination is a safe and reliable way to protect people from getting a range of HPV related cancers. Cervical screening should also participate in cervical screening for best protection against cervical cancer.

Almost all HPV infections that cause abnormal cells and cancer can be prevented by the HPV vaccine. Studies have shown that the vaccine is proving very effective in Australia. There has been a big decrease in HPV infections, pre-cancers of the cervix and genital warts.

The vaccine works best when given at a younger age and before exposure to HPV.



How do you get vaccinated?

The vaccine is provided free to children aged approximately 12–13 through school-based immunisation programs.

It involves getting two injections, six months apart. It is important to receive two doses to get the best possible protection against HPV. Students eligible for a free vaccine will receive a consent form from their school. This consent form must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the school before a vaccination is provided.

Delaying vaccination

Delaying vaccination to 15 years of age or older will mean that three doses are required instead of two. The National Immunisation Program only covers two doses for free. Individuals who did not receive the vaccine at school are eligible for two free catch up doses up to 19 years of age.

Where can I get more information?

- ✓ Speak to your doctor, practice nurse, or other immunisation provider.
- ✓ Visit health.gov.au/immunisation

Key Facts

HPV can affect both males and females.

Females and males ages 12–13 can receive the HPV vaccine free of charge at school.

A consent form needs to be signed and returned to the school before the vaccination can be given.

How can I find out if my child is immunised?

The Australian Immunisation Register keeps a record of vaccinations given in Australia. Immunisation history statements can be accessed at any time by using your Medicare online account through myGov (my.gov.au).

HPV Vaccine

Why get vaccinated?

The HPV vaccine prevents several cancers, including:

- ✓ cervical cancer in females
- ✓ vaginal and vulval cancers in females
- ✓ anal cancer in females and males
- ✓ throat cancers in females and males
- ✓ penile cancer in males.

The HPV vaccine also protects against almost all cases of genital warts in both males and females.

What is HPV?

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a common, contagious virus that can cause cancers and diseases in both men and women. It is mainly spread by contact during sexual activity.

Without vaccination, 90% of adults will have a HPV infection at some point in their life. There is no treatment to get rid of HPV infection. In most people the virus causes no symptoms and goes away by itself, but sometimes it can persist and cause types of cancer or serious illness.

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