



# 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 6

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

<b>Week 6</b>	
<b>Mon 18 Nov</b>	* P&C Obstacool
<b>Tue 19 Nov</b>	* P&C Christmas Shopping Night @ Casey's Toys 6pm-8pm
<b>Wed 20 Nov</b>	* Yr 6 Kingball 1.30pm-2.30pm
<b>Fri 22 Nov</b>	* Yr 6 DOSH day
<b>Week 7</b>	
<b>Tue 26 Nov</b>	* Yr 5 Dragon Tag Gala Day - Kiama Sporting Complex
<b>Week 8</b>	Swimming Program
<b>Mon 2 Dec</b>	* P&C Meeting AGM 6.30pm
<b>Wed 4 Dec - Fri 6 Dec</b>	* Yr 6 Camp - Narrabeen Sports & Rec
<b>Week 9</b>	Swimming Program
<b>Mon 9 Dec</b>	* TOP Awards
<b>Tue 10 Dec</b>	* Yr 6 Jamberoo Action Park
<b>Thur 12 Dec</b>	* Christmas Concert
<b>Fri 13 Dec</b>	* Christmas Concert
<b>Week 10</b>	
<b>Mon 16 Dec</b>	* Yr 6 Dinner Dance & Graduation Assembly
<b>Tue 17 Dec</b>	* Reports go home * Presentation Day K-5
<b>Wed 18 Dec</b>	* Last day of 2019 for students

#### Instrumental Festival Performance

Last Thursday evening our school band performed at the Wollongong Instrumental Festival and I was one very proud principal as our students performed beautifully to a packed Town Hall audience. Our students have been practicing hard all year during their lunchtimes and they really did shine on the big stage. Huge thanks go to Mr Brett, Mrs Boyd and Mr Robbo for their tireless efforts over the whole year with the school band. It is so good to see our students given such a wonderful opportunity to be part of this fantastic musical group at school.

#### Life Education Raffle

Just a reminder that our school is registered in a special raffle being run by Life Education for a brand new car. The great thing about this raffle is that half of the ticket sales comes directly back to the school. The raffle prize is a brand new Hyundai i30 valued at over \$26000. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased online for \$5 but remember that half of that ticket cost is donated back to our school! It's a win-win situation – go into the draw to win a new car and support the school in the process! To buy your raffle ticket(s), please use the following link:

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/lifeeducation?sref=nhtvva5c>

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

#### School Leaders Speeches

Good luck to all our 2020 School Leader nominees who will deliver their speeches tomorrow (Wednesday) to our primary classes. Electing new school leaders is always such a difficult task with so many students who we know would do a wonderful job. The results of this election will be announced at the Yr 6 Graduation Assembly on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Mount Terry PS Fete

Thank you to all the families and friends who came along to support the Fete on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. While we had to soldier on through some pretty strong winds, the Fete was a great success and not only did the P&C raise \$7,353, they also put together a fabulous community event that was enjoyed by all. I know that there were many, many people who put in an enormous effort to make the Fete happen and if you were one of those people, thank you very much.

#### Staffing News

Just letting you all know that we are currently in the process of recruiting a new Assistant Principal to join the school from the beginning of next year. Interviews for the position will be held this Thursday. Once we know who the successful applicant is, we'll be sure to let you all know. This position was made vacant by the retirement of Maureen Collins. Mrs Collins has been on leave from the school for a number of years.

#### Remembrance Day

Thank you to our wonderful student leaders who led our Remembrance Day ceremony last Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you also to Mrs Bolton who always does a fabulous job of coordinating and organising our ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies.

### **Bunnings BBQ**

Thank you to those who helped out at the Bunnings BBQ or supported this fundraiser by buying a sausage or two on Sunday. It was a big day in the local community with Convoy happening on the same day but the P&C raised \$1,785 which was a fabulous effort.

### **ScopeIT**

Thank you to those families who have finalised their Term 4 invoice so that their child(ren) can continue with Scope IT for the rest of the year. If you haven't already finalised your invoice, please do so as a matter of importance so your child doesn't miss out. As always, if you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact me at school and we will discuss a payment plan or possible school support.

### **Year 5 Dragon Tag Gala Day**

Next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November our Yr 5 students will be heading to Kiama Sporting Complex for a Dragon Tag Gala Day. We're sure they'll represent our school well and have a fabulous day. Many thanks to Mr Fownes for organising our school's participation in this event.

### **Last Day for SRE (Scripture)**

Just a note to let you know that the last day for SRE (scripture) is next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December. I would like to publically thank all the SRE volunteers who give so freely of their time to provide our students with the weekly lessons. Their time and efforts are very much appreciated.

### **School Swimming Scheme**

There are still spaces left for children wishing to participate in the Special School Swimming Scheme which starts on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This is a great low cost opportunity for our Yr 2-4 children to learn to swim or refine their swimming skills as well as learn some vital water safety skills. Please contact your child's teacher or the school office for more information. Thank you to Mrs Carberry for coordinating our school's participation in this program.

### **Yr 6 High School Orientation Day**

Albion Park HS are holding their Yr 6-7 Orientation Day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We are so lucky to be attached to such a fabulous local public high school and I'm sure this final part of the transition process will see our Yr 6 students ready to take on the next part of their education journey as they move on to high school next year.

### **Yr 6 Camp**

Year 6 Camp to Narrabeen Sport and Rec is fast approaching. The students will head off for their 3 day camp on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Many thanks to Miss Russell and our Yr 6 teachers for providing our Yr 6 students with such a wonderful opportunity. Could all parents please make sure they have finalised their Term 4 payments so that your children can attend this fabulous camp experience.

### **AECG Meeting**

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

### **Staff Are Learners Too!**

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov: Miss Nash and Mrs Carberry attended a PD/Health/PE workshop to support the implementation of this new syllabus at our school.

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Nov: Mrs Dowdell continued her ongoing L3 training.

David O'Connor

Principal

## **MISSING SCOOTER**

A scooter similar to this was taken from the scooter rack during the Spring Fair. This was purchased using birthday money and the student would love for it to be returned.

If you have any information regarding this scooter can you please contact the school.



## ACE AWARDS

<b>KB</b>	Keelan B & Addison D-K	<b>3C</b>	Chloe M & Harry D-K
<b>KH</b>	Chloe D & Gemma D	<b>3H</b>	Drew J & Aleisha M
<b>KK</b>	Abigail G & Dakota M	<b>3N</b>	Harlen T & Emma H
<b>KM</b>	Mia P & Faith S	<b>3/4K</b>	Ellie C & Connor O
<b>KT</b>	Josh C & Millie P	<b>4B</b>	Dom T & Jye C
<b>1A</b>	Izayah C & Ruby L	<b>4H</b>	Rolin J & Lincoln B
<b>1B</b>	Isabella A & James B	<b>4M</b>	Jessica R & Ollie C
<b>1C</b>	Chelsea S & Liam C	<b>5F</b>	Jayden B & Boston S
<b>1D</b>	Amarlie H & Ethan L	<b>5L</b>	Chelsie G & Kyden J
<b>1H</b>	Bradley C & Zahlea H	<b>5P</b>	Rogue P & Luka P
<b>2B</b>	Mikayla S & Tehani A-B	<b>5/6W</b>	Kodi M Carly H
<b>2F</b>	Kyla W & Will M	<b>6B</b>	Mercedes K & Brannan M
<b>2H</b>	Paityn R & Zac C	<b>6R</b>	Charlotte F & Corey W
<b>2A</b>	Lauren F & Holly F	<b>6T</b>	Maddison N & Peyton F

## CHOOK-SITTING-ROSTER

23 & 24 Nov	30 Nov & 1 Dec	7 & 8 Dec	14 & 15 Dec	19 to 27 Dec	28 Dec to 3 Jan
Maddison D 2A	Ciara B 6B	Ruby & Indi A 3C & KH			



## Facebook Page: Mt Terry P&C Fundraising

**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 number 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!!

### **Fete – \*\*FETE RESULTS ARE IN\*\***

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to our fete and a very big thanks to those who volunteered in far from ideal weather conditions.

The wind made the day extremely hard for us with set up and running the stalls but we battled on and got the job done. Massive thanks to our stallholders who paid to come along and persisted in the chaotic conditions also. I did put the order in for no wind but it seems my wishes were ignored. I guess we could have had wind AND rain right? Trying to find the bright side of that one.

We need to make special mention and send a MASSIVE thanks to [Coates Hire Albion Park](#) who supplied our portable toilets, tables, generator, extensions leads and barricades. This is not the first time Coates has supported our school. They donated the use of ALL of these items and we appreciate it more than they know! Thanks [Coates Hire Albion Park](#)! We love you guys!!

Despite the wind, the kids still had an awesome time which is fantastic.

[A&Z Kitchens](#) donated a \$100 Stockland voucher for us to use as a lucky draw prize for all our wonderful volunteers (including all the teachers that stayed back to help on stalls) which is super generous of them! We have done the draw and the lucky winner is Amy Latham who volunteered on the Year 1 stall! Congratulations Amy!!

Thanks again to [A&Z Kitchens](#) for your on-going support!

A big thanks must also go to my "Stall Heads". These are the Mum's who put their hands up to try and fill the volunteer slots on the stalls their year group was looking after. Filling those slots was not easy going and I appreciate all the effort and care you guys put in! Thank you for helping make my job easier. Thanks also for the many laughs and hilarious gifs in our group chat that kept me somewhat sane in times of madness xx

The final amount raised at the fete was \$7,353. Thank you to all who contributed to this by donating, volunteering or buying, we appreciate your support of our school and our kids.

**Flip Out Fundraiser**– The Flip Out fundraiser was flippin' good fun! Thank to those that came along! Results to come on this one!

**Bunnings BBQ**– Thanks to all the legends who volunteered at the Bunnings BBQ! Massive thanks to Mrs Boyd, Renee Dumughn, Jillian Sikora, Sonia Taylor, Kelly Owen, Adam Micale, Darrell Swadling (Darrell from the canteen) and Mr O'Connor. Without you guys it couldn't happen. With the shortfall on volunteers lots of you extended your shifts to help get the job done and Jillian ended up staying all day instead of just her original morning shift. I can't thank you guys enough.

This BBQ raised \$1,785 for our school and ALL our kids. Thank you!



### **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 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 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. (boooooooooo)
- 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.**

<b>Week 6</b>		
<b>Monday 18th Nov</b>	Beata Bezold	
<b>Tuesday 19th Nov</b>	Linda Bertenshaw	
<b>Wednesday 20th Nov</b>	Sonia Tayler	
<b>Thursday 21st Nov</b>	HELP NEEDED	
<b>Friday 22nd Nov</b>	Emily Austin	Lauren Gray
<b>Week 7</b>		
<b>Monday 25th Nov</b>	Beata Bezold	
<b>Tuesday 26th Nov</b>	Bec Coghlan	
<b>Wednesday 27th Nov</b>	HELP NEEDED	Kelly (12-1.30pm)
<b>Thursday 28th Nov</b>	HELP NEEDED	
<b>Friday 29th Nov</b>	Lorraine Newman	Jayd Marsh
<b>Week 8</b>		
<b>Monday 2nd Dec</b>	Beata Bezold	
<b>Tuesday 3rd Dec</b>	Linda Bertenshaw	
<b>Wednesday 4th Dec</b>	Sonia Tayler	
<b>Thursday 5th Dec</b>	HELP NEEDED	
<b>Friday 6th Dec</b>	Marylou Ibrahim	Mel Singh



# WIN

## Healthy Harold's Hyundai



1. Visit [lifeeducation.org.au/cashforschools](http://lifeeducation.org.au/cashforschools)
2. Search for your school
3. Buy your tickets

50% of funds raised  
through your school  
will be donated back  
to your school



# The Smith Family Learning for Life Scholarship

**DO YOU NEED SUPPORT  
WITH THE COST OF YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION?**



The Learning for Life Scholarship can provide parents with two payments a year for each child (max 4 children) which can be spent on expenses related to education such as uniforms, school shoes, stationary, BYOD, excursions.

(Payments are to be used for school expenses only!)

You may be eligible for the scholarship if your family:

- ✓ Holds a Pension Concession or Health Care Card and
- ✓ Attends one of our partner schools\*
- ✓ Student is enrolled in Kindy to Year 8
- ✓ Demonstrates a commitment to education (children attend school regularly)

Payments are made in January and July.

KINDY TO YEAR 10 students receive \$450 a year

Year 11 and YEAR 12 students receive \$727 a year

(Receipts must be provided)



For more information please contact Jess Hammond  
Text or call 0468 554 184 or email  
[jess.hammond@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:jess.hammond@thesmithfamily.com.au)

\* Albion Park High, Warilla High, Oak Flats High, Lake Illawarra High.

\* Warilla North Public School, Warilla Public School, Oak Flats Public School, Balarang Public School, Barrack Heights Public School, Mt Warrigal Public School, Mt Terry Public School, Albion Park Public School, Albion Park Rail Public School.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY POP UP MEETING

The Lake Illawarra Police District and Shellharbour City Council invite you to attend a community safety Pop Up meeting.

**Time:** 3:00pm – 4:00pm  
**When:** Tuesday 3 December 2019  
**Where:** Calderwood (Sprout Hub)

Come and chat with your local Police and Council officers.

An opportunity to raise any concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighbourhood. We hope to see you there!

For updates or cancellations, please visit Shellharbour City Council Facebook page or contact our Customer Service Centre on 4221 6111



## AUSTRALIA DAY AQUATHON



Big Fat  
Smile

## KIDS AQUA

**WOLLONGONG HARBOUR  
Sun 26 January 2020**

Individual or Tag teams



Finishers medals

AGE	
u10s:	140m + 2km
10-12s:	200m + 2km

[aquathon.com.au](http://aquathon.com.au)

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