



# 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 8

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

<b>Week 8</b>	Swimming Program
<b>Mon 2 Dec</b>	* P&C Meeting AGM 6.30pm
<b>Tue 3 Dec</b>	* Yr 6 to APHS for Orientation Day
<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 - Large COLA 1.30pm- 2.40pm
<b>Fri 13 Dec</b>	* Volunteers Breakfast at 8.15am * Christmas Concert - Large COLA 1.30pm- 2.40pm
<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

#### SRE

Just a note to let you know that SRE (Special Religious Education) concluded for the year on Wednesday. I would like to sincerely thank all our SRE volunteers who provide weekly lessons in Baha'i, Catholic and Anglican faith-based groups. Their time, effort and enthusiasm towards providing these valuable sessions for our school community is very much appreciated by us all. Thank you!

#### Stop Work Meeting This Thursday

As per information previously provided to parents, there will be a Stop Work Meeting for teachers this Thursday morning, 5<sup>th</sup> December so that they can meet with the union to vote on a new Salaries and Conditions Award. The NSW Teachers Federation have endorsed minimal supervision for the duration of the stoppage so if parents can't make alternative arrangements for their children, they may come to school and will have supervised playtime in the playground.

For the purpose of the stop work meeting, normal classes will not operate until after recess. It would be appreciated if parents could make alternative arrangements for their children until around 11am. Normal classes will resume at 11:15am. Those students attending our swimming scheme will not be attending on this day, therefore any refund applicable will be credited to your term invoice, which will carry over into 2020. Please note that year 6 camp will not be affected. If you have any questions about these arrangements, please contact the school office.

#### 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!

#### 2019 Volunteers' Breakfast

Thank you to all the wonderful parents, carers, relatives and friends who have supported the school by helping out in one way or another this year. Whether it was helping in the classroom or library, volunteering at one of the many P&C events and fundraisers, flipping sausages on the BBQ, volunteering in the Living Classroom, transporting children to events, minding chickens or helping out in some other way, please know that your help and assistance is greatly appreciated by us all here at Mount Terry.

To acknowledge your great contributions, we are holding a Volunteers' Breakfast on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 8.15am. The teachers would love to cater for this event so I'm sure there'll be some tasty things to kick off the day. It's just our way of saying 'Thank You' and I hope you can come along and join us. Feel free to pop in any time between 8.15 and 8.45am.

#### P&C Notice

Thank you to the parents and community members who came along to the final P&C Meeting for the year on Monday night. This was also the AGM for the election of the new P&C Executive. I would like to sincerely thank the outgoing Executive for their hard work, efforts and dedication in 2019 for the benefit of our students and the school as a whole. Following the AGM, there are still 2 Executive positions that are vacant and need to be filled at the first meeting in 2020. One is President and the other is Fundraising Coordinator. Can I strongly encourage all our parents and carers

to seriously consider giving one of these positions a go. It is important to note that new people in these positions may have a different approach to the role and that is perfectly fine. You do not have to be at the school all the time to successfully fulfil these roles. If you would like to have a chat about what these roles might entail, please give me a call at school and we can talk about it. A strong, healthy P&C is so important and integral to the smooth running of a school. Thank you for giving this some serious consideration.

### **Staffing News**

I am pleased to announce that following a merit selection process, and pending the expiry of the mandatory appeals period, Darrell Wallace has been appointed as the new Assistant Principal of Mount Terry PS. We are so excited to have Mr Wallace join our staff team and look forward to the contributions he can make to our school community as an experienced teacher and also as part of the school's Leadership Team. Mr Wallace comes to us from a leadership role in Griffith and has considerable experience as an Assistant Principal and Deputy Principal at schools in regional NSW and the ACT. Please join me in welcoming Mr Wallace to our school community when he starts at the beginning of the 2020 school year.

### **High School Orientation Day**

Today, Yr 6 students took part in their High School Orientation Day. This is an important part of the transition to high school program, helping our Yr 6 students prepare for the next phase of the education journey. It's hard to believe that in just two short weeks, we will say farewell to our current Yr 6 cohort!

### **Yr 6 Camp to Narrabeen**

Best wishes to all our students and teachers who will be attending the Yr 6 Camp to Narrabeen Sport and Rec camp this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I'm sure everyone will have a wonderful time over the three days and there will almost certainly be some tired eyes on Friday night. The children might be tired too! A massive thank you must go to Ms Russell, Mr Wall, Miss Webb, Mr Bannister and Mrs Boyd who are giving so generously of their personal time to give our children this amazing experience.

### **Yr 6 Jamberoo Excursion**

As part of their end of primary school celebrations, Yr 6 will be heading off to Jamberoo Action Park for a day of fun on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Just another one of the end of year activities for our graduating class. Have fun everyone!

### **Christmas Concerts**

Our students and teachers are busily preparing for the end of year Christmas Concert which will be happening on 2 afternoons again this year. The two dates are Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. It will be the same concert repeated twice so please feel free to come along to the date that best suits your availability. Of course, if you want to see it twice, feel free to come along to both performances. The Christmas Concert will be in the big COLA as usual and there will be seating for parents and visitors. The concert will start at 1:30pm on both days. We look forward to seeing many parents and friends there to celebrate this wonderful time of the year.

### **Year 6 Graduation Assembly**

Our much anticipated Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony will take place in the big COLA on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 9:30am. This is a very special occasion and formal assembly where we recognise the efforts and achievements of our Yr 6 students, not just this year but over the course of their primary school years. It is also the time when we announce our new School Leaders for 2020. We hope lots of parents and friends can join us for this special occasion.

### **Presentation Day Assemblies**

This year, we are trialling a new format for our Presentation Day Assemblies. Instead of holding one assembly per stage in the hall (4 assemblies), we will be having two assemblies, one for Yr 3-5 at 9am and one for K-2 at 11:30am. These assemblies will take place in the big COLA, weather pending. We hope many parents and friends can join us for these formal presentation assemblies where we acknowledge and recognise outstanding effort and achievement. Yr 6 awards will be presented at the Graduation Ceremony on mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### **Reports**

Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Unfortunately it is not possible to have these ready early for families going on early holidays so if you are in this position, please contact the school and we will arrange to have them posted to your home address or held at school until the New Year.

### **Last Day of Term**

The last day of the school year for students is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Teachers will finish on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December when they will be completing mandatory training and preparing for the new school year. Please note that there is no supervision for children on that day.

### Staff Are Learners Too!

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Kindergarten teachers attended their ongoing L3 training.

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Mr O'Connor and Mrs Lewis attended a school budget training workshop.

David O'Connor  
Principal

## ACE AWARDS

<b>3C</b>	Imogen K & Chloe M	<b>5F</b>	Ryan C & Thomas G
<b>3H</b>	Benjamin M & Mikaylla C	<b>5L</b>	Blade S & Olivia L
<b>3N</b>	Bailey L & Max W	<b>5P</b>	Germaine W & Mia Z
<b>3/4K</b>	Jake W & Cooper S	<b>5/6W</b>	Anissa M & Riley W
<b>4B</b>	Blake M & Sienna T	<b>6B</b>	Ellyse W & Thea V
<b>4H</b>	Brodyn M & Ben G	<b>6R</b>	Levi L & Mikayla C
<b>4M</b>	Chevy P & Aaron K	<b>6T</b>	Ryan A & Sophie S

## CHOOK-SITTING-ROSTER

<b>7 &amp; 8 Dec</b>	<b>14 &amp; 15 Dec</b>	<b>19 to 27 Dec</b>	<b>28 Dec to 3 Jan</b>	<b>4 to 10 Jan</b>	<b>11 to 17 Jan</b>
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## Facebook Page: Mt Terry P&C Fundraising

**Lunchtime sale** – This Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, for one day only we will be set up outside the canteen selling leftover lucky dips and Bertie Beetle Showbags from the fete. The wind on fete day really hampered the sales on these as we couldn't have them out in the open as stuff was just blowing everywhere! Lucky dips will be \$1 and show bags will be \$6.

**Raffle**– Don't forget the school currently has the Heathy Harold raffle running. This is a school run raffle and NOT a P&C run raffle but we fully support it as HALF of every ticket sold goes back to the school. The P&C has decided we will not be running a Christmas raffle this year and we ask that you consider spending any money you might have spent on our Christmas raffle on these tickets. It's still supporting the school in a major way! You can win a car! You gotta be in it to win it! I've got my tickets!!!

### ABOUT THE RAFFLE

By purchasing tickets in this raffle you'll be supporting Australian schools and Life Education as half of the funds raised through tickets sold through the registered school's unique URL will be donated back to the school. AND the school that raises the most money will win a \$500 Life Education voucher to go towards their lessons in 2020! Tickets are only \$5 each and you can buy as many as you like.

Open to residents of Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

Ticket sales are NOT permitted to residents of Western Australia.

Tickets will be on sale until 11.59pm Sunday 15 December 2019.

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

**Santa Farm Photos**– Massive thanks to Amy from [TASM Plumbing Services](#) who spent her whole day at the farm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November taking photos for us and then spent all week working late into the night getting them ready for us to send out to everyone who came along! All photos have now been emailed to the email addresses provided to us.

Thanks so much for your support Amy and TASM, we appreciate your support on this event so much!

Support the businesses that support us where you can!

A big thanks also goes out to our Santa Darrell for dedicating his whole day to this event, the Finch and Owen families for the use of your beautiful farm and calves and Renee Dumughn for helping out getting people signed in! Kelly Owen needs a massive thanks for her hand in organising this fundraiser! She did so much to make sure the set up was just right .

Lastly, thank you to all who came along and supported this fundraiser, we love that we have gotten so much great feedback and we are glad you all enjoyed the experience as much as the photos!

This was the last official fundraiser of the year and it was a great one to end on. I enjoyed it so much and the icing on the cake was getting to watch a calf being born at 6.35pm when it was all done 🐄 The perks of fundraising.

This event raised \$870.50 and for me, it was the fundraising highlight of the year, the event I enjoyed the most!



### 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.**

<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
<b>Week 9</b>		
<b>Monday 9th Dec</b>	Beata Bezold	
<b>Tuesday 10th Dec</b>	Bec Coghlan	
<b>Wednesday 11th Dec</b>	Nadine Smith	Kelly 912-1.30)
<b>Thursday 12th Dec</b>	Nadine Smith	
<b>Friday 13th Dec</b>	Jayd Marsh	Marylou Ibrahim
<b>Week 10</b>		
<b>Monday 16th Dec</b>	Beata Bezold	
<b>Tuesday 17th dec</b>	Linda Bertenshaw	
<b>Wednesday 18th Dec</b>	Nadine Smith	Sonia Smith

# WIN

## Healthy Harold's Hyundai



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Mon 6 - Fri 10 Jan  
Mon 13 - Fri 17 Jan  
Mon 20 - Fri 24 Jan

### Prices:

1st Child \$62  
Additional child \$49

### Locations:

Albion Park and Warilla 50m cold water pools  
Albion Park Pool, Russell Street, Albion Park  
Ph: 4256 3744  
Warilla Pool, Benaud Crescent, Warilla  
Ph: 4296 2141

### Enrolments:

Enrolments can be picked up at the  
learn to swim office at Oak Flats pool,  
also available at Albion Park and Warilla  
and online at [www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au)

### Office hours:

Monday 9am - 5pm  
Wednesday 9am - 5pm  
Friday 9am - 2pm