



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 1 WEEK

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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| Week 2 | |
| Mon 3rd Feb | * 9.30am Kindergarten 2020 First Day |
| Mon 3rd Feb – Fri 14th Feb | * Kindergarten 2020 finish at 2.30pm |
| Wed 5th Feb | * Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival at Albion Park Pool |
| Thurs 6th Feb | * Year 5 Class Info Session 8.15am in 5/6W |
| Fri 7th Feb | * Year 6 Class Info Session 8am in 6R |
| Week 3 | |
| Mon 10th Feb | * Kindergarten Class Info Session 8.15am starting in the Hall |
| Wed 12th Feb | * Years 1&2 Class Info Session 8.15am starting in the Hall |
| Thurs 13th Feb | * Years 3&4 Class Info Session 8am starting in the Hall |

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the 2020 school year. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break with your children and you were able to spend some quality family time together over the holidays. Obviously the Christmas break was marred by the devastating bushfires and our thoughts go out to all those impacted and your family and friends, who were affected by the bushfires.

As a school community, through an initiative led by the NSW Primary Principals' Association, we have nominated to be a 'partner school' with a NSW public school that was either damaged or destroyed by the recent fires. As a community, we will work with our partner school to support them in their efforts to restore their school to normal operations. I will provide more information about this when we have been matched with a school and plans are in place.

This year we welcome Mr Darrell Wallace to the staff team as the new Assistant Principal for Stage 2. Mrs Emma Dixon joins the staff team, working on Fridays with KD, job-sharing with Mrs Hood. We also welcome back Ms Kuiper after a year of teaching in the Northern Territory and Mr Hardcastle is returning one day per week, working in the library every Tuesday. Mrs Bailey is due to return from maternity leave 2 days per week (Mon & Tue) on KB from about Wk 5 this term. Please join me in making our new and returning staff feel welcome here at Mount Terry.

We also had several new students move from other schools to join us here

at Mount Terry from the beginning of this year. Welcome to Kayden, Bradley, Blaine, Kyannah, Shaun, Reece, Vanessa, Mary-Anne, Edward, Alara and their families. We hope the transition has been a smooth one and I'm sure you will love being part of the Mount Terry PS community.

I am very excited about the year ahead and I look forward to working with you all to make your child's school experience a great one in 2020.

New Classes

It was great to have all our students move to their new classes so early this year, with all Yr 1-6 classes in operation from last Thursday afternoon. A great deal of work goes into placing students in classes and with around 700 students at the school this year, I'm sure you can appreciate that this is a complex task. The students have settled in well and we are in full swing, ready for an exciting year ahead.

Kindergarten

Yesterday we welcomed 85 new Kindergarten students to Mount Terry for their first day of 'Big School'. The children in all five classes settled in extremely well and we hope they all came home with smiles and stories of a great first day. Our teachers and Kindergarten buddies will continue to support our new students as they settle into school over the coming days and weeks. A big thank you goes out to all those who have been involved in the Kindergarten transition to school process.

Uniform

It was great to see our children come back to school proudly wearing the school uniform. Wearing the full school uniform is an expectation here at Mount Terry and we ask that all parents and carers support us in this endeavour. Please note that this includes the wearing of black shoes and white socks. Black socks are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn. It is really important that parents and carers don't allow their children to make exceptions to these expectations and we ask for your assistance in making sure your children are in full school uniform every day. If you are experiencing financial hardship that makes providing the full school uniform difficult, please contact me at the office and we will discuss how the school may be able to support you.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have been busy in the Uniform Shop to make sure all our students have access to new uniforms. Keep an eye on the newsletter for Uniform Shop opening times and if you are able to volunteer some time to help out there, I know your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Riding Bikes and Scooters to School

Students are welcome to ride bikes and scooters to school again this year. This week, students in Yrs 3-6 will be given a new bike riding contract to take home, sign and return to school if they would like to ride their bike to school in 2020. Please note that part of this process requires students to have their bikes checked by myself, Mr Hailstone or Mrs Gammone for road worthiness. New notes need to be returned to school by next week for children to continue riding their bikes to school from that point onwards. If you have a child in K-2 and you would like for them to have permission to ride their bike to school, you can request a note from the office. The school does not encourage young students riding to and from school unaccompanied as this can be dangerous.

No note is required for students to ride their scooter to and from school but it is expected that students wear a helmet when riding their scooter. Please note that children should not ride scooters or bikes within the school grounds at any time which is part of the school's safety expectations. If students are not riding bikes and scooters safely to or from school, or they do not comply with the school's safety expectations, they may not be able to ride to school for a period of time. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

Swimming Carnival

We are hoping for good weather tomorrow for the School Swimming Carnival which will once again be held at Albion Park Pool. Many thanks to Mr Fownes and the Yr 3 teachers who are organising this year's carnival. As always, parents are welcome to attend and we hope many of you will come along to support our students as they compete and have fun. Please ensure that your child brings a hat, sunscreen and plenty of water to stay hydrated.

Kindergarten Photos

Tomorrow (Wednesday), we will have photographers at the school to take photos of our wonderful kindergarten students to capture images of their early school days. A note from MSP Photography will then go home with your child with online ordering information. Formal school photos for all students K-6 will be taken in Term 3.

Class Information Sessions

At the beginning of each year, all teachers hold a class information session for parents so they can meet the teacher and find out about how the class will run for the year. The days and dates are as follows:

Kindergarten – Monday 10th February at 8.15am in the hall then moving to individual classrooms

Years 1 & 2 – Wednesday 12th February at 8.15am in the hall then moving to individual classrooms

Years 3 & 4 – Thursday 13th February at 8am in the hall then moving to individual classrooms

Year 5 – Thursday 6th February at 8.15am in 5/6W

Year 6 – Friday 7th February at 8am in 6R

These sessions are a great opportunity to find out more about your child's teacher and the class as a whole and I strongly encourage you to come along if you can. For those who are unable to make the meeting(s), a written version of the session will be sent home for you to read. I strongly encourage parents and carers of year 6 students to try and attend that session where the transition to high school information will be discussed.

As always, if you would like to have a more detailed conversation with your child's teacher, they are more than happy to do that as well. Please just arrange a mutually suitable time with the teacher.

School Staff Carpark

Just a reminder that the school's staff carpark should not be used by parents or students at any time, except if you have a 2020 staff carpark permit. If you feel there are very substantial circumstances that require the use of the staff carpark, please contact the school office so we can discuss your situation and whether or not you can be granted a parking permit to use the staff carpark. Please note that disabled parking permits from the RMS do not apply to the staff carpark, however there is a designated disabled parking space on Ashburton Drive on the western side of the school carpark driveway. Please note that these conditions are in place for the safety and security of all staff and students and we thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Camp Quality Puppet Show

Last week, the team from Camp Quality came to present a free puppet show to all students from Yr 1-6. The show focused on dispelling myths and misconceptions commonly associated with childhood cancer and how we can all support children affected by cancer. The show was fabulous and well received by students and staff.

Dance Program

We have been very fortunate to secure the services of 'Dancefever Multisport' for free! Every Thursday this organisation will be sharing their physical education program with Stage 2 and Stage 3 for a five week period. Students will spend a week focusing on dance, athletics, gymnastics, skipping and well-being. A number of local schools have used 'Dancefever Multisport' in their school and spoken very positively about it. Normal school uniform is to be worn on these days and it will commence next week.

AECG Meeting

The next AECG Meeting will be held at Oak Flats HS on Wednesday 19th February from 4pm. All interested school and community members are welcome to attend.

Staff are Learners Too!

On the School Development Day last Tuesday, all teachers investigated a new Science teaching resource and Google Classroom. We also spent some time planning in stages and team building.

David O'Connor
Principal

CBA SCHOOL BANKING

Melinda from the Commonwealth Bank will be set up on a table in the playground on Friday morning before school for about 20 minutes to answer any questions parents may have about School Banking.

CHOOK-SITTING-ROSTER

| 8 & 9 Feb | 15 & 16 Feb | 22 & 23 Feb | 29 Feb & 1 Mar | 7 & 8 Mar | 14 & 15 Mar |
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| Jedrzejczak Family | Adie Family | Jenkins Family | | | |

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Thank you to all our volunteers for your valuable assistance.

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| Week 2 | | |
| Monday 3 rd Febuary | Nadine Smith | |
| Tuesday 4 th Febuary | Bec Coghlan | |
| Wednesday 5 th Febuary | Nadine Smith | Kelly (12-1.30) |
| Thursday 6 th Febuary | Nadine Smith | |
| Friday 7 th Febuary | Jayd Marsh | Linda Fletcher |
| Week 3 | | |
| Monday 10 th Febuary | Nadine Smith | |
| Tuesday 11 th Febuary | Linda Fletcher | |
| Wednesday 12 th Febuary | Nadine Smith | Sonia Tayler |
| Thursday 13 th Febuary | Nadine Smith | |
| Friday 14 th Febuary | Lorraine Newman | Marylou Ibrahim |
| Week 4 | | |
| Monday 17 th Febuary | Nadine Smith | |
| Tuesday 18 th Febuary | Bec Coghlan | |
| Wednesday 19 th Febuary | Nadine Smith | Kelly (12-1.30) |
| Thursday 20 th Febuary | Nadine Smith | |
| Friday 21 st Febuary | Emily Austin | Linda Fletcher |

CAN YOU HELP?



Would you like to have a turn 'chook-sitting' the famous Mount Terry chickens one weekend or holiday?



What do you get for your time?

Unlimited chicken patting experiences and whatever eggs they give you.

If you can help, please visit the office or call 4257 4370, and add your name to the 'chook-sitting' roster.



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Mite-E Soccer (2-3yo)

A great introduction to Soccer!

Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills! Lots of fun games in a non-competitive environment

35 minute classes
\$120 for 8 weeks



Pint Size Soccer (4-5yo)

Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more. Children get to play lots of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get introduced to the Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!

50 minute classes
\$135 for 8 weeks



Intro to Micro (5-6yo)

The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more.

Intro - 60 mins \$145 for 8 weeks
Micro - 75 mins \$150 for 8 weeks



Micro Plus (8-12yo)

This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favourite soccer based games,

fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!

75 minute classes
\$150 for 8 weeks



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Expo Evening

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Year 6 Parents and Students are invited to attend WHSPA's Expo Evening

There will be 2 sessions: 5pm and 6.30pm

Bookings Essential

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- Nationally recognised and award winning Performing Arts Programs specialising in Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts.
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