

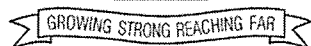


MOUNT TERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Growing Strong Reaching Far

Principal: Mr David O'Connor

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



TERM 1 WEEK 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Week 4	
Mon 17 th Feb	* Kindergarten Class Info Session 8.15am starting in the Hall * P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 21 st Feb	* Tongarra District Swimming Carnival at Albion Park Pool * Yr 6 Debating team to UOW
Week 5	Clean Up Australia Day Week
Mon 24 th Feb	* Clean Up Australia Day - Kindergarten
Tues 25 th Feb	* Basketball Trials at MTPS 3.15pm-4.15pm * Clean Up Australia Day – Years 1&2
Wed 26 th Feb	* Clean Up Australia Day -Years 3&4
Thurs 27 th Feb	* Clean Up Australia Day – Year 5
Fri 28 th Feb	* Clean Up Australia Day – Year 6
Week 6	
Tues 3 rd Mar	* Basketball South Coast Trials
Wed 4 th Mar	* APHS Expo 4pm-6pm
Week 7	
Wed 11 th Mar	* Regional Swimming Carnival at Dapto Pool
Thurs 12 th Mar	* Selective High School Placement Test
Week 8	
Mon 16 th Mar	* P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Week 9	
Fri 27 th Mar	* Years 3-6 Cross Country at MTPS

Monday Assembly Organisation

We have welcomed the rain with open arms but it has hampered our Monday morning ACE awards assembly. To ensure our dedicated students receive their hard earned ACE award, we have decided to do the following;

Week 5 - Monday 24th February Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be presented with their ACE awards. SRC badges will also be presented at this assembly to the new SRC members for 2020. Sports Captain and Vice Captain badges will also be presented.

Week 6 - Monday 2nd March Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 will be presented with their ACE awards.

If there is inclement weather on either of these days, a message will be posted via Skoolbag.

P&C President

Congratulations to Louise Windisch who was elected as President of the P&C at the first meeting of the year on Monday night. We look forward to another fabulous and productive year, working hand-in-hand with the P&C to make Mount Terry an even better place for our school community. All parents and interested community members are welcome to come along to our P&C Meetings which are held on Monday evenings in Wk 4 and Wk 8 of every term. Reminders are always put in the fortnightly newsletters.

Novel Coronavirus

You will have heard the news regarding Novel Coronavirus on the television, radio, internet or social media. While this news can be upsetting for many people it is important that we work together to support those who have been in the impacted areas. It is also very important that we don't assume people who have a Chinese or other Asian background are linked to the spread of the Novel Coronavirus.

Anti-Asian language and behaviour, or any other form of racism is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in our school community. If you or your children ever experience racism of any kind in our school, please contact me and it will be followed up and addressed immediately.

Class Information Sessions

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the class information sessions held over the past week. We hope you found them useful. If you couldn't make it, your child should have brought home some written information covering the main points.

Parking and Pick-Ups

Could I please ask all parents to be very mindful of safety when dropping off and/or picking up their children from school? Please remember that as adults, we are role models for our children and rushing across the road away from the crossing sends a really poor message to our children about what is ok and safe to do. Please also be mindful that leaving your car after stopping in the drop-off zone or stopping there for extended periods may result in a fine. A number of our parents have already experienced this as the area is frequently patrolled.

I am very aware that like most schools, at pick-up time the roads, pathways and areas around our school are very busy and congested. Please try to be patient so that all our students are picked up safely and everyone goes home with a smile. If you have any problems at pick-up or drop-off times, please come and see one of the teachers on duty, usually Mrs Gammone (at the back gate) or Mr Hailstone and myself (at the front two gates), and we will work to resolve any

problems as best we can. If it's difficult to do that at the time, please call the school and leave a message and one of us will get back to you.

Riding Bikes to School

A reminder that students should have returned their signed notes and had their bikes checked by Mr Hailstone, Mrs Gammone or myself for them to continue riding bikes to school from this point. If you need another note, they are available from the office.

Swimming Carnival

The School Swimming Carnival was a fabulous event again this year and went off without a hitch with really great levels of participation. Thank you to the many parents who came along to help with the running of the carnival or just supported our children throughout the day. Good luck to all those selected to represent the school at the District Carnival this Friday. Swim well!

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.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be on Monday 16th March at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All parents, carers and interested community members are welcome to attend.

Staff are Learners Too!

Over the past two weeks, our Stage 1 teachers have all begun their L3 training for the year. Year 2 teachers are doing their intensive first year training which takes place every 3 or 4 weeks, while the Kindergarten and Yr 1 teachers will do their ongoing training once per term.

David O'Connor
Principal

ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS - TRANSITION INTO HIGH SCHOOL

Expressions of interest forms for enrolment in a government high school will be distributed to all year 6 students this coming Monday 24th February.

We ask that you complete the form and return to this school by Wednesday 11th March for processing.

After these forms have been processed they will be passed on to the high school and you will receive an enrolment form (which will be sent out by Week 2 Term 2). Parents/carers will be asked to provide proof of residency (i.e. drivers licence or utility bill, rates notice or rental agreement with the parent/carer's name on it. Any of these documents will suffice.

It is also a requirement by the Department of Education to supply Albion Park High with your child's immunisation record.

Any out of area students wishing to apply for enrolment at Albion Park High will need to pick up a "non-local" application form from Albion Park High only.

If you have any queries please contact Colleen Stone at Albion Park High on 4257 1744.

Natalie Russell
Year 6 AP

SCOPEIT

Next term, we are excited to be offering a digital technologies program at Mt Terry Public School, referred to as ScopeIT. This ten week program aligns with the new NSW Science Syllabus and will support our teaching of coding for all students here at Mount Terry.

ScopeIT are an Australian owned and operated education company, servicing primary schools and high schools with the delivery of digital technologies. ScopeIT will be providing Mount Terry students with all the necessary equipment (e.g. 2:1 laptops, software, ozobots, Spheroes) and differentiated learning workshops to support their development of coding knowledge and skills.

The cost of this program is normally \$60/student. However, we have been able to subsidise this program through the support of our P&C and school funds. The cost of this program will be \$20/student and has been included on the Term 1 invoice. Please note that full payment of the Term 1 invoice is required for your child to participate in ScopeIT in Term 2. Students who participated in the program last year will be presented with new content and coding opportunities.

Rebecca Hopkins
Science & Technology Co-ordinator

BREAKFAST CLUB

After a successful year of Breakfast club last year, we are going to continue the program in 2020. For those families who are new to Mt Terry and as a reminder to returning families, Breakfast Club happens every Wednesday morning. Students are invited to the hall at the 8:20am bell to enjoy a free breakfast consisting of toast, cereal or fruit with their peers and teachers. This year the Breakfast Club is looking for volunteers. If there are any parents or carers who are able to volunteer their time on a Wednesday morning or donate food to help the program run successfully, please contact the office or Miss Ash Brooks. The Breakfast Club wouldn't be successful without those who already volunteer and donate, so we would like to thank the teachers, Albion Park Bakery and Albion Park Woolworths for their support.

TERM INVOICE PAYMENTS

Term invoices went home with students around the end of week 2. Invoice payments are due by Monday 24th Feb. Please select one of the payment options below and finalise by the start of next week (week 5). 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 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.

SKOOLBAG

This is our most current and up to date form of communication with parents. Alerts are put out at various times in regards to changes in activities, busses running early/late from excursions, etc. You can also access the fortnightly newsletters through the app. To get the app on your device, please follow these instructions:

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the 'App Store' icon on your phone device
2. Type your school name in the search , using suburb name will help
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click 'FREE' then 'install'
4. If iPad, change the drop list to 'iPad Apps', your school will then be visible, click 'FREE' then 'install'
5. When installed click 'open'
6. Select 'OK' to receive push notifications, when asked
7. Click the 'More' button on the bottom right of the App, then 'Setup'
8. Switch all relevant schoolastic years to 'on' position to receive push notifications specific to your child/ren

Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the 'Play Store' button on your android device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search
4. Click the 'install' button
5. Click 'Accept' for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
6. Click 'open' when installed
7. Click the 'more' button on the right of the app, then 'Set Up'
8. Switch all relevant schoolastic years to 'on' position to receive push notifications specific to your child/ren

IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A HARD COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER YOU OR YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO COLLECT IT FROM THE OFFICE.

STUDENT ABSENCE – NOTES OF EXPLANATION

All absences need to be explained by the Parent/Carer within seven (7) days. This can be done via our skoolbag app or a handwritten note to the teacher. The note should indicate the date(s) of the absence and reason. If an explanation is not received within 7 days of the absence, the absence will be recorded as unexplained.

Follow Up

If a note is not produced, a reminder will be sent home during weeks 4 and 9 (blue absence letter). This will ensure that the absence is recorded as explained, however, if it is after the 7 day period, it will be an unjustified absence. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHOOK-SITTING-ROSTER

22 & 23 Feb	29 Feb & 1 Mar	7 & 8 Mar	14 & 15 Mar	21 & 22 Mar	28 & 29 Mar
Jenkins Family	Dumughn Family	Kiara A KH	Sophie L 5/6W	Maddison H 3W	Bradley A 5B

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Thank you to all our volunteers for your valuable assistance.

Week 4		
Monday 17th Febuary	Nadine Smith	
Tuesday 18th Febuary	Bec Coghlan	
Wednesday 19th Febuary	Nadine Smith	Kelly (12-1.30)
Thursday 20th Febuary	Nadine Smith	
Friday 21st Febuary	Emily Austin	Linda Fletcher
Week 5		
Monday 24th Febuary	Nadine Smith	
Tuesday 25th Febuary	Linda Fletcher	
Wednesday 26th Febuary	Nadine Smith	Sonia Tayler
Thursday 27th Febuary	Nadine Smith	
Friday 28th Febuary	Jayd Marsh	Mel Singh
Week 6		
Monday 2nd March	Beata Bezold	
Tuesday 3rd March	Bec Coghlan	
Wednesday 4th March	Nadine Smith	Kelly (12-1.30)
Thursday 5th March	Nadine Smith	
Friday 6th March	Linda Fletcher	

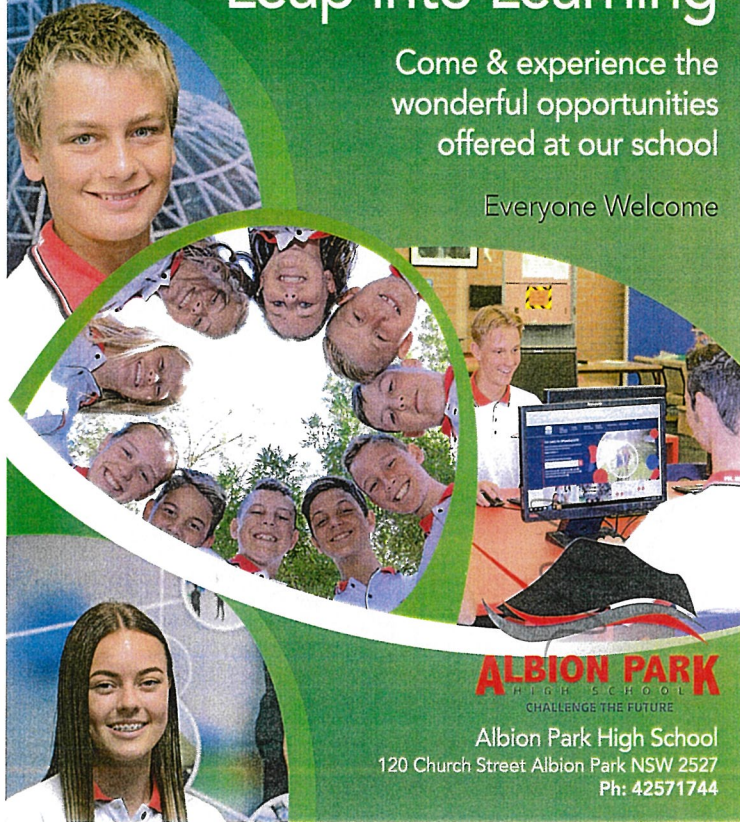
APHS EXPO

Wed 4th March 2020 4-6 pm

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Everyone Welcome



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