



GROWING STRONG REACHING FAR

# MOUNT TERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr David O'Connor

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### TERM 2 WEEK 2

<b>Week 2</b>	
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	* Tongarra District Cross Country
<b>Week 3</b>	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	* Mother's Day Stall - Volunteers needed
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	* K-2 Cross Country * OC Applications close today
<b>Week 4</b>	
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	* P&C Meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	* NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

#### Welcome Back to Term 2

Welcome back to the new school term! We have a number of new students who started with us this term and it is great to have them join our great school community. Special welcome to our new staff, Mrs McNaughton and Mrs Leighton on 3-6M, Mrs Aikman on 3-6M and RFF and to our new School Psychologist (counsellor) Mrs George.

#### Relaxing of COVID Restrictions

As noted in the last newsletter of last term, COVID restrictions have been relaxed further which means parents and carers are now able to join us at school for most activities and mostly without restrictions to numbers. It was really great to have a Monday morning assembly this week, the first one we've been able to have in over 12 months. It was especially nice to be able to invite parents along to see Ace Awards presented to our wonderful students. If you are coming up to the school during the school day, please take note of the COVID-safe practices that need to be followed. These may vary slightly from one activity to another, but we will always ask you to sign

in with the QR Code which is posted on entry gates and at the front office. Thank you for continuing to make sure that we all stay safe and healthy as we get closer and closer to normal school operations. If ever you have any questions about sign-in arrangements for various activities, please contact the school office.

#### ANZAC Day

Last Friday, we held our ANZAC Ceremony to commemorate this special date in the school calendar. We were very privileged to have one of our parents, Mr Priestly, organise a guard of cadets to take part in the ceremony. We were also lucky to have another one of our parents, Mr Berenger, come along as a guest speaker. Many thanks to Ms Russell for coordinating this year's ceremony. We do apologise for not posting the time details on Skoolbag prior to the ceremony. We understand that some parents and carers may have been waiting for this and we apologise if this meant you missed this year's ceremony. We have noted this oversight to make sure our communication is better next year.

#### Mother's Day Stall

The P&C will be running the Mother's Day Stall on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Please see further details about the stall later in this newsletter and on the P&C Facebook page. A big thank you to all the P&C volunteers for helping to make this happen for our children. I'm sure there will be many very happy mums come Mother's Day. Can I take this opportunity to wish all the mums in our school community a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>. May you be rightfully spoilt and enjoy a wonderful day with your family.

#### Opportunity Class Applications for Yr 5 in 2022

A reminder to Yr 4 parents that applications for the OC Class in 2022 are open now and close on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. All applications must be made by parents online as per the instructions sent home on the information note. If you have any questions about this, please contact the office.

#### Annual Report

The school's Annual Report for 2020 is now published and publicly available on the school website via the 'About our school' tab. Parents are welcome to have a look at the report if they wish.

#### SRE (Scripture)

SRE happens at our school each Wednesday morning throughout the year. There is a substantial amount of planning and organisation that is required to make SRE run smoothly and we thank the many volunteers who kindly and generously give of their time to teach SRE lessons. Students are allocated an SRE class based on preferences selected by parents on enrolment. If parents would like to change their nominated preference for SRE, they must do so in writing. We do ask that you only change SRE preferences when absolutely necessary. We are finding that some families are changing these preferences quite often which makes the organisation of SRE logistically very difficult. Please only change your child's SRE preference when absolutely necessary. Multiple changes should not be requested, except under exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## NAPLAN

The NAPLAN assessments will be taking place for Yr 3 and Yr 5 students from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May. There is no need for students to be anxious about these assessments or do any preparation at home. However, we do want to make sure they do their best so a good night's sleep and healthy breakfast are a good way to start each of those days. If parents have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Willetts in the office.

## AECG Meeting

The next AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at Oak Flats Public School from 4pm. All interested parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

## P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All parents, carers and interested community members are welcome to attend.

## District Cross Country

Good luck to all our District Cross Country reps who head off to Gerringong this Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April. We know you will do your best and represent the school with pride.

## Staff Are Learners Too!

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April: All staff took part in the School Development Day. Half the staff did training around de-escalating challenging behaviours while the other half did some numeracy training followed by some work in Stage teams to collaborate and plan.

David O'Connor  
Principal

## ACE AWARDS

<b>3H</b>	Olivia R & Ella S	<b>5C</b>	Alan Y & Zara F
<b>3/4L</b>	Ivy G & Flynn P	<b>5F</b>	Jacob P & Lucas G
<b>3S</b>	Elena T & Tyler O	<b>5K</b>	Mikayla C & Checoby W
<b>3W</b>	Ethan L & Chelsea S	<b>6B</b>	Olivia S & Charlotte L
<b>4C</b>	Amarni P & Callie H	<b>6P</b>	Lincoln B & Matilda H
<b>4H</b>	Layla H & Jett S	<b>6R</b>	Tayla F & Jake G
<b>4R</b>	Lucas C & Addison C	<b>6W</b>	Aaron K & Ethan S
<b>5B</b>	Aleisha M & David S		

## TERM INVOICE

Term invoices went home with students last week. Any outstanding amounts are now due immediately. Term 2 invoice payment options for this term are Week 5 and Week 9.

### **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.



The P&C Fundraising Committee will be hosting our annual Mother's Day Stall on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**.

There is a beautiful range of gifts for the students to purchase.

Gifts range in price from \$1.00 to \$10.00

Each student will be able to purchase ONE gift only with a second opportunity to shop again at lunchtime for a second gift.

There are Grandmother / Nana gifts available, these can also be purchased in your child's class time slot on top of their Mother's Day gift purchase.

Unfortunately, gifts are unable to be wrapped on the day, so we encourage students to bring in a small carry bag to conceal their special surprise for mum.

Can you spend a few hours of your day helping on the Mother's Day Stall?

Volunteers are needed to help keep the day running smoothly and assist our students to spoil their mums. If you are interested in helping, we would love to hear from you, please send us a message through Facebook on the P&C page or leave a message with the office.

Many Thanks

P&C Fundraising Committee

## CANTEEN ROSTER

<b>Week 2</b>		
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Beata Bezold	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	HELP NEEDED	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Nadine Smith	12.30-1.30pm Help needed
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Nadine Smith	12.30-1.30pm Help needed
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	HELP NEEDED	
<b>Week 3</b>		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Beata Bezold	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bec Coghlan	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Nadine Smith	12.30-1.30pm Help needed
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Nadine Smith	12.30-1.30pm Help needed
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Jayd Marsh	
<b>Week 4</b>		
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Beata Bezold	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	HELP NEEDED	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Nadine Smith	12.30-1.30pm Help needed
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Nadine Smith	12.30-1.30pm Help needed
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Marylou Ibrahim	