



Mount Warrigal Public School

'Aim Higher'

A quality school developing the individual in a caring community.

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"At Mount Warrigal Public School, we acknowledge the Aboriginal people and Elders, both past and present, who hold the memories and respect the traditional ways of the Dharawal people. We respect their connection to the surrounding environment, the mountains, lake and the sea."



Ms Lyndall Holden
Principal

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community

Welcome to Term 2!! A big welcome to our new families that are joining our family here at Mount Warrigal Public School this term. It was lovely to see our students bright eyed and ready to jump into another busy term of learning. The students look amazing in their school uniform, it is like a sea of blue with maroon accents when we are at morning lines each day!! Congratulations students and families for seeing the value in our team approach to uniform. This is a uniting factor for our children, as we are all on the same team and want to display this to our community. Ms. Houston will be taking some much-needed time off, she will be away from school from week 2 and return to us in week 8. You will have noticed that during the holidays the General Assistant and I were very busy, we have removed the garden shed in the quiet area playground, cut back garden beds and have cleaned up various other spots around the school. Supervision for the playground has improved now we have clear vision from all sides of the playground. The first Boonerah Point Award assembly will be next week (Monday 6th May. We will celebrate the students who have demonstrated 'Care' for themselves and others in the school. Students will also be rewarded for this achievement in the coming weeks. P&C raised a massive \$1108.95 in the Easter Raffle, thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

Office

Our office is going to be out of action for at least all of this term if not a little longer into Term 3. Please be patient when coming to the school during the school day, call the number on the gate and wait for a staff member to come and open the gate. We only have one phone line so if it is busy, please be patient and try again. If you can limit coming to school during the school day, we would appreciate it.

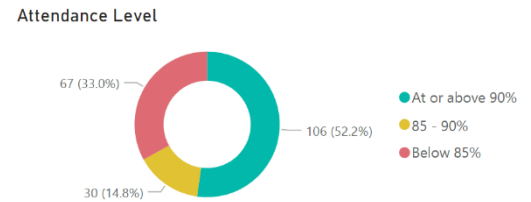
Due to the office being out of action, we have had to make a decision to only have the uniform shop open on a Monday and Thursday mornings between 8:30am-9am. Alternatively you can purchase uniforms online and make payment through our School Bytes App and uniform's will be distributed to students the following day. To ensure sizing is correct please contact the office via phone to let the office staff know the sizing required. This is a very easy system to use, and we are encouraging everyone to use the convenience of paying online.

Attendance

We finished the term holding steady with 52.2% of students attending school 90 percent or more of the time for Term 1. This is a huge improvement from our 2023 data, however, we have a long way to go to have most of our students attending school more often.

Attendance is a vital part of your child's success at school. Where possible if you can arrange holidays, appointments for time away from school to a minimum this will increase your child's exposure to learning outcomes across all Key Learning Areas. Individual, class, and whole school attendance awards will continue. We can beat this percentage Mount Warrigal; the challenge has been put out there!!!

School Attendance Level



AECD

The Australian Early Childhood Census Data is a data collection for kindergarten students only. The data that is collected is deidentified, this means that students names or any identifying information is represented in the data. The reason why the data is collected is to help the Government to distribute services to local Government Areas. The kindergarten teachers will complete the data collection during this term. If you do not want your child to have this survey completed for them, please speak to your child's class teacher.

School Bytes

Please register for School Bytes, we would like to get 100% of our families onto this platform for all school news and communication moving forward. This is a great platform for schools to be using and will give us the opportunity down the track to have all payments, permission notes, reports and all communication in the one place. School Bytes is an approved third-party application by our Department of Education and therefore doesn't require permission for us to use the platform with you. Dojo is not an approved third-party application and therefore this platform requires us to get permission on enrolment for us to use the application with our school community. Please see the instructions in this newsletter to register for School Bytes.

Communication with teachers

The Department of Education have mandated system changes to the way we communicate with parents out of school hours. Each school has to set quiet hours that reflect the needs of the staff and community. As staff we have met and discussed that quiet hours for Dojo, School Bytes and or Facebook messages will be from 4pm in the afternoon to 8am in the morning. This means that messages that come through between these hours may be looked at but not responded to until the following morning. Of course, we understand that there will be from time to time urgent messages that require a response. Similarly, if your message is during the school day, teachers may or may not see this until 2:45pm. If your message needs attention during the school day, please contact the office so we can attend to the request.

Canteen Menu

I have attached a canteen menu for Term 2. The canteen has had to raise some of the pricing menu items as the cost to purchase these items have risen from the supplier. We are currently opening on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday's this term. If you would like to volunteer in the canteen, please contact the P&C to organise your availability. The more hands make light work for others. Plus, as a token of appreciation the canteen will cover to the value of one lunch order for the day you work.

P&C

The next P&C which will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on May 28. You will need to be a financial member to vote during this meeting. If you would like to become a P&C member, please pay your \$1.00 membership fee to the canteen or the school office. All positions will become vacant and new officer bearers will be elected and voted in during this meeting. The P&C is a great way to be involved in your child's education.

Pie Drive

P&C are holding their annual pie drive. Orders and money are due to be returned on Thursday 16th May. Please spread the word the pies are delicious, so order up for winter warmers and yummy family dinners. Your orders will be available for collection on Friday 31st May. We have attached a copy of the order form for your use.

Mother's Day Raffle

The P&C are holding a Mother's Day stall and raffle to celebrate Mother's Day this year. All students should have received tickets through their class teacher. If you require additional tickets, please see the canteen or the school office for more. There are fabulous prizes to be won!! The stall will be open for students to purchase gifts on Tuesday 7th May for Preschool and Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May for the main school. Gifts range from .50cents to \$6.0

Warm Regards

Ms Holden

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Cross Country Carnival

Due to our current weather patterns, we are sorry to announce that we will have to postpone our Cross Country Carnival. This is to ensure our students are safe when running around the school, as the grounds are very wet, slippery, and spongy due to the amount of rain that we have endured over the past few days and weeks.



To ensure we have competitors to advance to the next level of competition we will be running the carnival in age races during the early part of next week during class time.

Mr. Soames and support staff will take out students who would like to compete to run the course. Ribbons will be given out in the following assembly (week 4).

The sausage sizzle will go ahead as planned as we have already catered for this. The canteen will be open as per normal for lunch orders and purchasing of food items.



We are safe, respectful learners.

Dates for Your Calendar

Wednesday Weekly	Learning Club in Library 3-4pm
Tuesday Weekly	Come and YARN with Vicki & school staff in our Culture Room-10am – 11am
Tuesday (Trial), Thursday & Friday	Lunch orders accepted from 8.30am
Every Day	Breakfast Club from 8:30am
3 rd May	Year 6 Fundraiser BBQ- \$5 per student
9 th May	Mother's Day Stall by P&C
10 th May	Extra Day for Mother's Day Stall by P&C



Parent Portal: Set up your parent portal account

School Bytes provides a parent portal to help your school communicate with you. Your school may use the parent portal for various things, including online permission notes, attendance, and payments, which can be accessed via a secure link. The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction.

IMPORTANT: To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.

To set up your parent portal, follow the steps below:

Detailed steps

1. See attached flyer for QR Code to register OR

Open the parent portal link – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>

2. Select the create a new account link.

3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.

4. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.

5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.

6. Enter a password.

7. Confirm the password.

8. Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address.

Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.

If you have another student attending our school please follow instructions on next page.



MOUNT WARRIGAL PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU 2024

Please note: Our school canteen is open **TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 8:30am- 11:30am**

All lunch orders must be in by 9am. Lunch Bags are an additional 10 cents each.

SANDWICHES (White or Wholemeal):

Vegemite or Jam	\$1.50
Cheese (low fat)	\$2.50
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
Ham (Lite)	\$3.50
Chicken (Shredded)	\$4.00
Egg	\$3.00
Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Beetroot & Cucumber)	\$4.00

Extras:

Add Cheese or Toppings	60cents each
Add Salad	\$2.00
Bread Roll	\$1.00 extra

HOT FOOD:

Lasagne (97% fat free)	\$5.00
Butter Chicken and Rice (GF)	\$5.00
Macaroni Cheese	\$5.00
Meat Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Pizza (Cheese/BBQ Chicken/ Meat & Cheese/Hawaiian)	\$3.50
Cup Noodles (Chicken)	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets	3@\$2.00 or 5@\$3.00 or 7@\$4.00 or 80cents each
Corn on The Cob (GF)	50cents
Garlic Bread- homemade	\$1.50
Cheesy Garlic Bread-homemade	\$2.00

SALAD TUBS AND WRAPS:

Garden Salad	\$5.00
Ham and Salad	\$6.00
Chicken and Salad	\$6.50
Egg and Salad	\$6.00
Fruit Salad Tub (GF)	\$5.00
Extras: Add Dressing (97% fat free)	50cent

JAFFLES (TOASTIES):

Baked Beans Jaffle	\$3.50
Tin Spaghetti Jaffle	\$3.50
Cheese Toastie	\$2.80
Ham, Cheese and Tomato Toastie	\$4.50

BURGER TIME:

Crumbed or Grilled Chicken Burger (lettuce & mayo)	\$5.00
Veggie Burger (lettuce & mayo)	\$4.80
Junior Burger (Lean Beef & Tom Sauce)	\$4.50
Cheeseburger (Lean Beef & Sauce)	\$5.00
Beef Burger with the Lot (cheese, lettuce, tomato, beetroot & sauce)	\$6.50
Extras: Tomato or BBQ Sauce	30cents
Add Cheese or Toppings	60cents

(GF) = Gluten Free – Please note: Gluten free sandwiches are available on request.





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SNACKS:

Fruit or Fruit Bag (Seasonal)(GF)	\$1.00
Fruit Salad Cup (Seasonal) (GF)	\$3.00
Fresh Popcorn	\$1.00
Cheese and Crackers (Pack)	\$1.00
Sultanas (Snack Bag) (GF)	\$1.00
Pikelets (with butter or jam)	50cents each
Custard Pot	\$2.20
Custard Pot with Fruit	\$3.00
Red Rock Chips - Sea Salt	\$2.00
Fresh Veggie Sticks (GF)	\$2.00
Add Hummos	50cents

FROZEN SNACKS:

Slushie - 200ml (Various Flavours)	\$2.00
Moosies (Chocolate or Blue Moon)	\$2.00
Juicies (Apple & Blackcurrant)	\$1.50
Quelch Fruit Ice Block	80cents
Frozen Milk Cup	20cents
Frozen Juice Cup	20cents
Frozen Custard Cup	20cents

Please Note: All frozen snacks pre-ordered with lunch need to be collected from the canteen. Please bring back your lunch bag.

DRINKS:

Bottled Water 300ml	\$1.00	OAK – Chocolate	\$2.50
Bottled Water 600ml	\$2.50	OAK – Strawberry	\$2.50
Apple Juice	\$2.00	Apple & Blackcurrant Juice	\$2.00



CANTEEN INFORMATION:

- Lunch orders must be clearly written in pen or texta, with the child's name and class on top.
- Healthy eating and good nutrition are promoted using the Healthy School Canteen strategy.
- The canteen is operating with a COVID safe plan, adhering to the rules set out by the NSW DoE.
- **Our canteen is run by the P&C Committee and relies upon volunteers to assist in the day to day running of the canteen. If you can help in any way, your time will be appreciated.**



