



Mount Warrigal Public School

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A quality school developing the individual in a caring community

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NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 WEEK 1 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our students, families and community members. We hope you all had an enjoyable time with family and friends, a relaxing holiday period and are looking forward to the year ahead as much as we are. We also warmly welcome all new students and their families to our school and look forward to getting to know each of you and working together.

It was great to see the students return on Monday with excitement and enthusiasm (Parents too!). I congratulate them on the standard of uniform and for displaying our school values of kindness, safety, respect and fairness.

Classes for 2017

Like previous years, and due to the uncertainty of our total school enrolments, our students have begun the year in class formations similar to last year. This step has been taken to help to reduce possible disruption while we work to gain a more accurate number of enrolments, which determines the number of classes we are entitled to. This also helps to ease the anxiety many students have returning to school, as they, in most cases, are grouped with their familiar teacher and peers from last year.

Students were formally allocated to their new classes on Wednesday. Our class structure and teachers are outlined on the following pages. We anticipate that no further changes need to be made, however, if any additional changes are required, parents will be informed. Please be confident that we carefully consider all placements and try to ensure that students are placed in a class best able to meet their learning and wellbeing needs.

Safe4Kids

Next week, Safe4Kids creator Holly-ann Martin will visit our school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Safe4Kids is a Western Australian (WA) organisation which specialises in child protection education. The distinctive programmes are specifically designed as a preventative measure to combat child abuse by providing children with clear messages regarding inappropriate behaviour. This allows them to identify unsafe situations and seek help immediately - and to persist in seeking help until they feel safe again. Having a consistent, whole school approach that is current and real, which becomes a part of our whole school language and culture, will take us a long way in empowering children themselves to be proactive about their own safety.

Holly-Ann comes all the way from WA but travels all over the country, and internationally, teaching staff, students, parents/carers, local police, Department for Child Protection staff, etc., the most current, practical, yet simple, child protection practices. Holly-Ann is also working within 8 schools in our local area this year and brings extraordinary experience.

During next week, Holly-Ann will do demonstration lessons in each class (EIU excepted due to the timing), conduct staff professional learning and a parent workshop.

A free Parent Workshop has been organised for Wednesday 15th February at Flinders Public School from 6.30-8.30pm. Parents who have attended past workshops cannot speak highly enough of Safe4Kids. Please attend, if you can! It takes all of us working together to keep your children safe. If transport to Flinders Public School is an issue, please contact the office so we can endeavor to support.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation, please speak with your child's teacher or contact the office. Holly-Ann's website can be viewed at: <http://www.safe4kids.com.au>

Communication

At MWPS we greatly value families and staff working together to support our students. We encourage open communication between home and school and invite you to speak with your child's teacher regularly. It's important for us to be kept informed if there are any matters that may be impacting on your child at school. As first option, parents and carers are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher before and after school. Please be mindful that often at this time teachers are busy preparing for lessons or have other commitments, like meetings. If this is the case please make an appointment to discuss any issues at a mutually convenient time.

Your child's teacher is always the first person to talk to, however, if for some reason you would like further support the Assistant Principal responsible for each stage may also be of assistance. Please feel free to contact the office to arrange a time to meet.

School Leaders for 2016

Our student leaders were announced at the end of 2016; Jack Bellef and Katarina Mrksic as Student Leaders, and Levi Paplauskas and Keeley Bannister as Assistant Leaders. We congratulate them as they officially take on this prestigious role within our school. I look forward to working with them and I know they will all do an exceptional job.



Staffing Changes

During the holidays I was informed that Victoria Small, our school Chaplain, has had to relinquish her position due to family commitments. We thank Mrs Small for the commitment, care and support she has shown our whole school community for the past year.

Congratulations to Mrs Annette Borilovic who applied for and was successful in gaining the position of relieving Assistant Principal. Mrs Borilovic will be our Stage 3 supervisor until the position is appointed permanently and is a great asset to our school executive team.

Welcome to Braidy Connor who was successfully appointed to the position of Deputy Principal, Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). This position is a regional position who supports PBL schools throughout the Wagga Wagga Operational Directorate but will be based at our school. Miss Connor is a great asset to our school and brings vast experience and expertise in PBL.

We also welcome back Mrs Gray from maternity leave, Miss Melillo who previously worked at our school and Mrs Debnam who is also a familiar face at our school. In addition, Miss Tiffany Estreich is a new staff member to our school who we welcome into our school.

High School Applications for 2018 – Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts

For parents wishing for their child to apply for enrolment as a Performing Arts (Dance, Drama or Music) or Visual Arts student at Wollongong High School, please contact the office or collect an application package from the office ASAP. These applications are to be completed by Friday 4th March, 2016.

Class Requirements

We request that parents provide certain supplies for their children each year. A note will be sent home by the end of this week providing you with a list of supplies suitable for each year. Your support with providing your children with these items is much appreciated.

High School students

As always, it's a pleasure for our staff to see the familiar faces of our previous students as they visit after High School. We encourage all students to come back, share with us their experiences and maintain the positive relationships built at Mount Warrigal PS. We do ask that all students wait near the front gate until the bell rings before collecting family members or approaching staff, ensuring that classes and learning is not disrupted.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts again on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 8am. This is a great way for students to have a healthy breakfast while socializing with their peers. To ensure student safety, students are not to arrive before 8am and must enter the school via the footpaths, rather than the car park. Students will see the Breakfast Club flag out, indicating it's open. A massive thank you once again to the volunteers who are so caring and support our students and families.

Learning Club

Mount Warrigal Learning Club will start back on Wednesday 8th February from 2.45 – 4pm and will be located in our school library. Please see the advertisement located in this newsletter if you require any further information.

Kind regards
Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crime stoppers 1800 333 000

Dates for Your Calender

8 th February	Safe4Kids – class visits
8 th February	Kinder Photograph Day
8 th February	Learning Club Starts back for 2017 from 2.45pm – 4pm
8 th February	SCHOOL BANKING STARTS (Weekly)-take bank books to canteen before school
15 th February	Commonwealth Bank Sign up for new accounts from 8.30am near canteen
17 th February	Mid-South Coast Swimming Carnival
20 th February	Oak Flats High School Expo Evening (4-6pm)
24 th February	BACK-UP Mid-South Coast Swimming Carnival

School Banking

If your child has an account with the Commonwealth Bank and you would like to start to send in some banking, please hand the bank book to the canteen before school starts every Wednesday.

If you would like to open an account with Commonwealth Bank for your children to start banking, please bring your child's ID to school on Wednesday 15th February from 8.30am. They will be near our school canteen.

A note from the Chaplain

It is with sadness that I say farewell to you all in the school community.

I have had to finish up as the Chaplain.

Over the summer holidays we had to move back to Sydney for personal and family reasons.

I have enjoyed my time working with you all and will miss everyone, students, staff and parents.

I hope to be able to visit at some stage and say hello.

With warm wishes

Victoria Small



everyone's family

MT WARRIGAL LEARNING CLUB

Wednesday 2:45 – 4:00pm

FREE homework assistance and support provided for students at Mt Warrigal Primary School.

To Join our FREE Learning Club please contact **Siân** from The Smith Family on 0408 461 523 or sian.hulland@thesmithfamily.com.au

Learning Club meets during school term at the school library.



Welcoming all families!!!

Welcome back to all families, we make a special welcome to all new Kindergarten families to

Mt Warrigal School.

I hope to see some new faces join our

"Mt Warrigal Social Craft Café"



Come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Mondays & Thursdays

Community Room

9am -11am

Sharlene can meet you after the morning assembly and will be more than happy to show you where the Community room is located.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all.



Playgroup Program Term 1 2017- Thursday @

Mt Warrigal Public School 9 – 11

Week / date	Activity/ event
2 9 th Feb	Welcome & water activities
3 16 th Feb	Valentine's Day/Library lover's day
4 23 rd Feb	Chinese New Year – Year of the Rooster
5 2 nd March	Autumn
6 9 th March	Pancake Day
7 16 th March	Harmony Day
8 23 rd March	Sea week
9 30 th March	Easter
10 6 th April	Big Day Out!

Any questions? Phone or text 0411659698.

SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICELIST 2017

Our school shirt was designed through a school competition by the students.



Unisex Polo Top \$25

Unisex Shorts \$22

Unisex Rugby Top \$40

School caps \$10

Unisex Tracksuit Set \$65

(Tracksuit sold as set however, you may buy different sizes in tops and bottoms)

All uniform items available in Sizes 4 – 16

Uniforms may be purchased from the school canteen.

Times: Monday to Friday

Between 8:30am and 11.30am

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Mt Warrigal Public School Canteen Price List - 2017

Sandwiches (available every day)
Choice of white or wholemeal bread



Bread Rolls 30c extra
Buttered bread 2 slices 70c

Vegemite \$1.50
Tomato \$1.50
Cheese (light) \$2.20
Egg \$2.50
Ham (lean) \$2.50
Tuna \$2.50
Chicken \$2.50

Salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot, beetroot, cucumber) \$3.00

Egg, lettuce & mayo \$3.00
Cheese & tomato \$2.50



Toasted sandwiches 30c extra

Extras:

Cheese, tomato, etc 30c each
Mayonnaise (97% fat free) 20c
Salad \$1.50



Lunch bags extra 10c

The following hot food will be available everyday

Noodles - cup \$2.50
(beef or chicken)
Lasagne (97% fat free) \$3.30
Pizza Slab (Hawaiian) \$3.30
Sauce extra 20c



Chicken Nuggets 50c each
Chicken Burger \$3.50
(with lettuce & mayo)
Meat Pies \$3.30
Sausage Rolls \$2.70

Snacks:

Fruit (seasonal) 80c
Slinky apples 80c
Apples from home (slinky) 20c
Fruit salad cups (seasonal) \$1.80
Honey Soy Chicken Chips \$1.20
Jumpys Chips \$1.20
Hello Panda Biscuits 90c
JJ Noodles 60c
Recreo's 60c
Pikelets 50c

Drinks:

Bottled water (pure spring) 350ml \$1.00
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Orange or apple juice \$1.70
Milk - plain \$1.50
Moove flavoured milk \$2.00
TNT Iceblocks 60c
Frozen OJ Cups 60c



Fresh warm popcorn \$1.00

All orders must be in before school begins.