



Mount Warrigal Public School

Kindness - Safety - Respect - Fairness

A quality school developing the individual in a caring community

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Jodi Niedermayer
Principal

NEWSLETTER

8 February 2017

Term 3 WEEK 1 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community,

SAFE 4 KIDS - Parent Workshop Wednesday 8th February, 6.30-8.30pm at Flinders PS

This week we welcome Holly-Ann Martin, creator of Safe4Kids, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Safe4Kids is a Western Australian (WA) organisation that specialises in child protection education. The distinctive programs 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 will do demonstration lessons in each class (EIU excepted due to the timing), conduct staff professional learning and a parent workshop. Depending on the stage of students, these lessons may cover the concepts of safe and unsafe risks, public and private body parts and pictures, safety teams and using the Kids Helpline. Your children may come home and share some of this with you. Throughout the rest of the term (and year), teachers will continue this important education program. You may receive letters home explaining lessons being covered. Please see your child's class teacher if you need help or assistance with any questions, either you or your child may have on these topics.

A free Parent Workshop has been organised for Wednesday 8th February at Flinders Public School from 6.30-8.30pm (Please note, the incorrect date was advertised in last week's newsletter). 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. **NOTE:** Free child minding at Flinders Public School will be offered if you require this to attend.

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>

SKOOLBAG APP

Our school will be utilising the SkoolBag App as a way to more effectively communicate with our community. I encourage all parents who have a smart phone to download the app. Instructions can be found in this newsletter. By searching Mt Warrigal, you will notice our school logo.

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.

We request that no parent approaches another student to discuss a matter of concern. If you have a concern regarding another child, e.g. reported bullying, please see your child's teacher or another member of staff.

UNIFORMS

Thank you to all parents for ensuring your child is dressed in our school uniform. Our school community is very proud of our school uniform and our students look fantastic when everyone is in correct uniform. Parents are also asked to please ensure their child/ren come to school each day with a hat. School hats can be purchased through our Canteen.

ATTENDANCE

Our school begins at 9:00am and concludes at 2.45pm. Parents are asked to please make appointments outside of school time. From time to time, this is unavoidable and students may arrive late or need to be picked up early. It is practise at our school that if child/ren are late to school a parent/carers is to accompany the child/ren to the school office. Additionally, we are not permitted to allow any student to leave the school grounds if not in the care of a parent/carers.

As per DoE guidelines, unjustifiable explanations include sleeping in, missing the bus, waiting for a parent or sibling, shopping etc. Unsatisfactory reasons are required to be marked as unjustified on the school attendance register.

LOST PROPERTY

Parents are reminded that your child's belongings, including lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats, etc., need to be clearly labelled with his/her name. This really helps us in safely returning any misplaced items. If you are missing any items from last year, there is a massive pile of lost property at the end of the hallway after you head past the office.

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 so caring 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	Learning Club Starts back for 2017 from 2.45pm – 4pm
8 th February	SCHOOL BANKING STARTS (Weekly)-take bank books to canteen before school
14 th February	Kinder Photograph Day
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

We are having a Commonwealth School banking sign-up day next Wednesday 15th February from 8.30am, near the canteen. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate and 100 points of ID for yourself (parent/Guardian). It's a great way to teach savings, earn prizes, for every 10 deposits of banking at school and our school receives a percentage back from the Commonwealth bank.

Thank you
Dani and Nadine

Canteen News

Hi everyone, my name is Kym and I am the canteen supervisor. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out in the canteen you are most welcome. The times are 9am -11.30am, Monday to Friday.

Please fill out the slip below and return to the canteen/Kym. Looking forward to meeting you and I know your child/children would love seeing you helping out at their school.

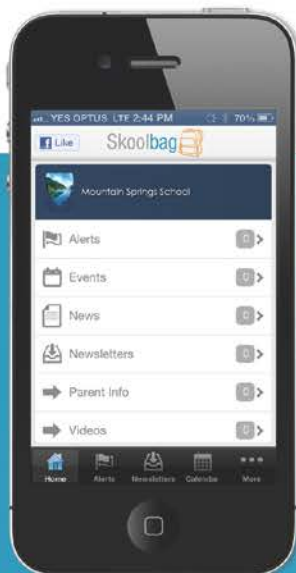
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PREFERRED DAY: MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

WEEKLY FORTNIGHTLY MONTHLY PER-TERM

(Please circle)



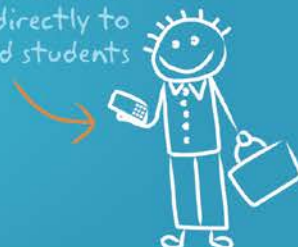
Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple 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 "iPhone 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. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



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).
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Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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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.



Stressed about back to school costs?

Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet?

Saver Plus matches your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

You may eligible if:

- you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and,
- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

**Contact Lindi Jamieson-Brown
your local Saver Plus Coordinator:**

0427 439 234

or lindi.Jamieson-Brown@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in the Illawarra, Wollongong, Southcoast and Southern Highlands area by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government. Find more information at saverplus.org.au.



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SUPPORTING TALENTED ATHLETES THROUGH EDUCATION



YEAR 5 & 6 OPEN NIGHT MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

**Illawarra Sports High School Hall
Information session and a tour of the school**

Contact the school for more information

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.



Learning for Life Scholarship

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH THE COST OF YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION?

The Learning for Life scholarship can provide parents with two payments a year which can be spent on uniforms, school shoes, stationary, BYOD, excursions and all other costs related to school.

(Payments are to be used for school expenses only!)

You may be eligible for the scholarship if your family:

- ✓ holds a Pension or Health Care card
- ✓ attends one of our partner schools
- ✓ demonstrates a commitment to education (children attend school regularly)

Please call Alisha on 0466 745 454 or email alisha.mcluckie@thesmithfamily.com.au for more information.



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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OAK FLATS HIGH SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
(Relieving)
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
(Acting)

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Space to learn and grow

Year 6 Expo Night
MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2017

Dear Future Students, Parents/ Carers,

Oak Flats High School believes that familiarity in a high school setting is an integral part of your child's transition from primary school. It is also important that parents become confident in the school's facilities, policies and procedures that take place at Oak Flats High School.

Oak Flats High School would like to invite you to an afternoon "Expo" that will give you the opportunity to visit our school and find out about the programs we offer. We feel that Oak Flats High School is a first rate choice as the local school for your child's secondary education.

The afternoon will provide you the opportunity to meet the Relieving Principal Angela Byron and 2018 Year Adviser Steven Ayrton, and to inspect the facilities and watch demonstrations and displays at your leisure.

The school will be buzzing with activities from each faculty and the Student Representative Council will be providing a complimentary barbecue. Our Hospitality students will also have their cafe 'Froth on Top' open for finger food, coffee and cold drinks.

Year 6 Students/Parents/Carers are to meet in the school hall at 4.00pm, where students will be given Oak Flats High School sample bags including information on the 2018 enrolment process.

We look forward to meeting our future students and parents.

Angela Byron
Relieving Principal

Steven Ayrton
Year Adviser

Cooinda and Budda Jitji Playgroups

Playgroups for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and their children aged 0-5 years.



A free playgroup with morning tea, play activities, access to support and helpful information

Yarn, play and share your culture with your kids.

Bellambi Public School
Owen Park Road
Tuesdays 10am-12pm

Mount Warrigal Public School
Hogarth Street
Wednesdays 10am-12pm

Koonawarra Public School
Fowlers Road
Thursdays 10am-12pm

Port Kembla Community Centre
Corner of Wentworth and Church Street
Fridays 10am-12pm

Can't get there?
Give us a call to see if we can help

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supporting families to raise children



*playgroups during school terms only

To find out more phone:

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