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NEWSLETTER

15 February 2017

Term 4 WEEK 1 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community,

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.

SAFE 4 KIDS

Thank you to the parents who attended the free parent workshop last Wednesday at Flinders Public School. These parents have spoken highly of the current, relevant and eye-opening information provided by Holly-Ann Martin, creator of Safe4Kids.

If you are still interested in attending a parent workshop there are 2 more being held at schools within our area which you are invited to attend:

- Thursday 16th Feb, 6.00 – 8.00pm at Mount Brown Public School
- Thursday 23rd Feb, 6.30 – 8.30pm at Flinders Public School

During Holly-Ann's visit to our classrooms, she and many staff were surprised at the number of students who accessed apps that have age restrictions beyond their years, and also admitted to accessing the internet at times when their parents were unaware, e.g. after parents have gone to bed. This can present a safety risk to your children. In this newsletter Holly-Ann has provided some information on 5 apps that can potentially put your child at risk. Many children admitted to using these apps as well as Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and Kik. If you require any advice or support, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.

WELCOME BBQ SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday 1st March

Parents/Carers are invited to a Welcome BBQ and Information Session on Wednesday 1st March from 3.00-4.00pm, to meet with your child's teacher and other staff members. Please save the date so we can share information about your child's class and the year ahead. We are also providing a free BBQ and the opportunity to mingle with other parents and staff. Further information and an invitation will be sent home in the next week.

The Welcome BBQ will provide an opportunity for you to chat informally with your child's teacher, however if you have any individual matters you wish to discuss in detail it may be best to arrange another appointment time with your child's teacher.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is now providing fresh fruit for our students, thanks to the generous donations from Trim's Fresh Fruit Market which is located on the ground level of Stockland Shellharbour. Children who have a healthy breakfast are more likely to have greater concentration and of course better health. Breakfast Club is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 8am.

HEALTH CARE NEEDS

We are committed to the health, welfare and safety of our students. To meet this commitment we are required to have an updated Health Care Plan for all students with the following health conditions:

- Anaphylaxis
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Severe Asthma

We ask that parents/carers let us know if their child is diagnosed with any of these, or any other serious medical conditions, and that the school is updated whenever treatment details change. We are required to have all Health Care Plans signed by parents/carers to ensure that symptom and treatment details are correct, and also ask that parents/carers obtain a doctor's signature on plans, to confirm their accuracy, wherever possible. If you wish to discuss Health Care Plan procedures, or need to check and sign your child's current plan, please contact me as soon as possible.

STUDENT SAFETY

To ensure student safety, students are not to arrive before 8.30am, unless attending Breakfast Club, and must enter the school via the footpaths, rather than the car park.

P&C MEETING – Friday 24th February, 10am

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Friday 24th February at 10am in the school Community Room. All parents and community members are invited to attend as a way of being further informed and contribute to our school. We hope to see lots of new faces!

SCHOOL BANKING – EVERY WEDNESDAY

School Banking is available at MWPS and is coordinated by our P&C. School banking is a great way to help your children learn the important lesson of saving and encourages this with rewards for regular banking. The emphasis is on regular banking, not the amount, so children can bank as little or as much as possible.

LOCAL AECG MEETING – Monday 20th February

The first AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) meeting for Wollongong will be held on Monday 20th February at 4pm at Hayes Park Public School. All families and community members are invited to attend.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

After the success of our school swimming carnival at the end of last year, we have a number of students representing our school at the next level this Friday 17th February. We wish each of these students the best of luck and know they will represent our school with pride.

VOLUNTEERS – Working With Children Check (WWCC)

The DoE have policies and procedures in place to minimise risk of harm to our students, staff and community when at school. In accordance to the WWCC Policy we require all parent and community volunteers to complete a Working With Children Check Declaration form and provide 100 points identification. This is only required to be completed once every 2 years. To complete the WWCC procedures or for further information, please contact our office staff. As a school, we are committed to working in partnership with families and our community and strongly encourage your participation in our school in whatever way you can provide.

Kind regards
Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crime stoppers 1800 333 000

Dates for Your Calender

17 th February	Mid-South Coast Swimming Carnival
20 th February	Oak Flats High School Expo Evening (4-6pm)
20 th February	Local AECG Meeting from 4pm at Hayes Park Public School
24 th February	BACK-UP Mid-South Coast Swimming Carnival
24 th February	P & C Meeting (All Welcome) from 10am in Community Room
1 st March	WELCOME BBQ – From 3-4pm (See note)

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.

NAME:

MOBILE NUMBER:

PREFERRED DAY: MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

WEEKLY FORTNIGHTLY MONTHLY PER-TERM

(Please circle)

WRITTEN BY US

Drop Everything and Write is part of a daily writing opportunity. One task last week was to create a revolting sandwich.

I hope you enjoy reading about Eligh's.

How to make a Revolting Sandwich

Ingredients:

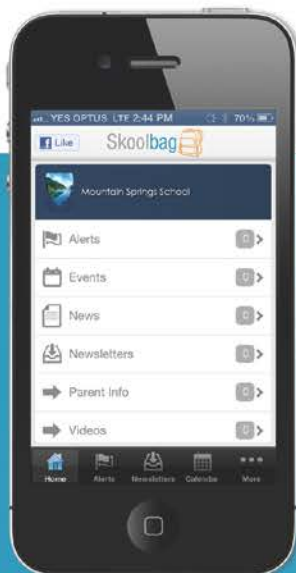
- * white, mouldy bread
- * smelly, sliced dead rat
- * black spotted tomato
- * smashed cockroach
- * blue spotted mouldy bread



Method:

1. Put smelly, sliced dead rat on a piece of the white bread.
2. Place on spotted tomato and smashed cockroach.
3. Top with the piece of blue spotted bread.
4. ENJOY!!!

By: Eligh Booth 3-4 Red



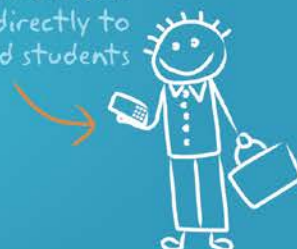
Skoolbag

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).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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.



Google play

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.

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.







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A HEALTHY START IN 2017!**
starting 7th of February




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Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble Expression of Interest
(Years 3-6)

The Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble is a new and exciting opportunity for Public School students in Years 3 – 6 to excel in vocal performance in an extra-curricular setting.

Students (Years 3-6) will be selected by audition. Successful students will represent the Illawarra with a variety of performances throughout the school year.

Rehearsals will be held after school from Term 2 2017 at the *Corrimal East Public School Hall (Duff Parade, East Corrimal)* from 4pm - 5pm on Thursdays during term. Participation fee is \$25 per term.

If you are interested in becoming part of the ensemble please complete an Expression of Interest via the following website:
<http://tinyurl.com/IllawarraJuniorVocalEnsemble>



Expressions of interest are due by Monday 27th February, 2017.

For further information, please contact Sonia Milgate on sonia.milgate@det.nsw.edu.au

This initiative is supported by the NSW Department of Education.

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**




**playgroups during school terms only*

To find out more phone:
Barnardos South Coast
02 4275 8575
barnardos.org.au

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