



Mount Warrigal Public School

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A quality school developing the individual in a caring community

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NEWSLETTER

30 March 2017

Term 1 WEEK 10 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community,

PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)

Many students may have come home this week excited about the positive changes being made to our positive reward system. Students will still be recognised for following our school expectations by receiving 'positive paws', however, these will now go towards students choosing their own reward from the PAWS menu. Many students are 'overly' excited about the prospect of painting my face!!

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

This week our students participated in the school's cross country carnival. Thank you to all the parents who joined us and for the students for their enthusiastic participation.

TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

Our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 30 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Only if you do not want your child or children to participate, please contact the school office or speak with your child's teacher by Friday 31st March.

MUFTI DAY – This Friday

Students are invited to come to school on this Friday, 31st March, in casual clothes and are asked to bring a gold coin to support our school Easter Raffle. Students are asked to wear appropriate clothes and closed in shoes for safety reasons.

ATTENDANCE

This term we will again recognise and reward students with excellent attendance. Students with an attendance rate of 95-100% this term will receive an attendance award and be invited to participate in a reward afternoon, which will be held early Term 2 due to the many events in these last few weeks. Students who have had several days' absence due to illness will be eligible as long as the school has received a medical certificate or note from parents.

EASTER HAT PARADE

This year's Easter Hat Parade will be held on Friday 7th April, in our school hall, commencing at 11.45am. Students in years K-2 will be making Easter Hats at school for the parade and students from years 3-6 are invited along to cheer on their buddies. We are looking forward to seeing lots of family and friends on the day.

SKOOLBAG APP

Already 148 people have downloaded the Mt Warrigal SkoolBag app! I encourage all parents who have a 'smart' phone to download the app. Please note, when searching for the app, please search using the abbreviation for Mount, i.e. Mt Warrigal. You will notice our school logo. This is a quick and easy way to receive communication regarding our school, including newsletters.

PAPER NEWSLETTERS

As of next term, we will send paper newsletters home to those parents who request it. As a parent, I see firsthand the benefit of having the newsletter in digital form, however, please don't hesitate to request a paper newsletter if you'd prefer. Our school will continue to provide paper copies of other notes, such as permission notes. Please complete the slip below if you still would like to receive the newsletter in paper form.



Paper Newsletter

Please continue to send a paper newsletter home.

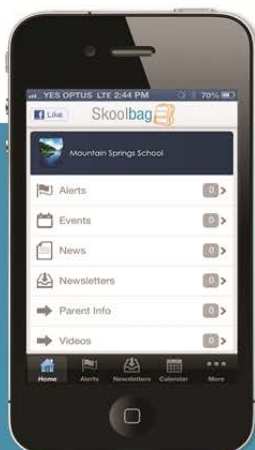
Child's name/s: _____

Child's class/s: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Kind regards
Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crime stoppers 1800 333 000



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.
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Google play

Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

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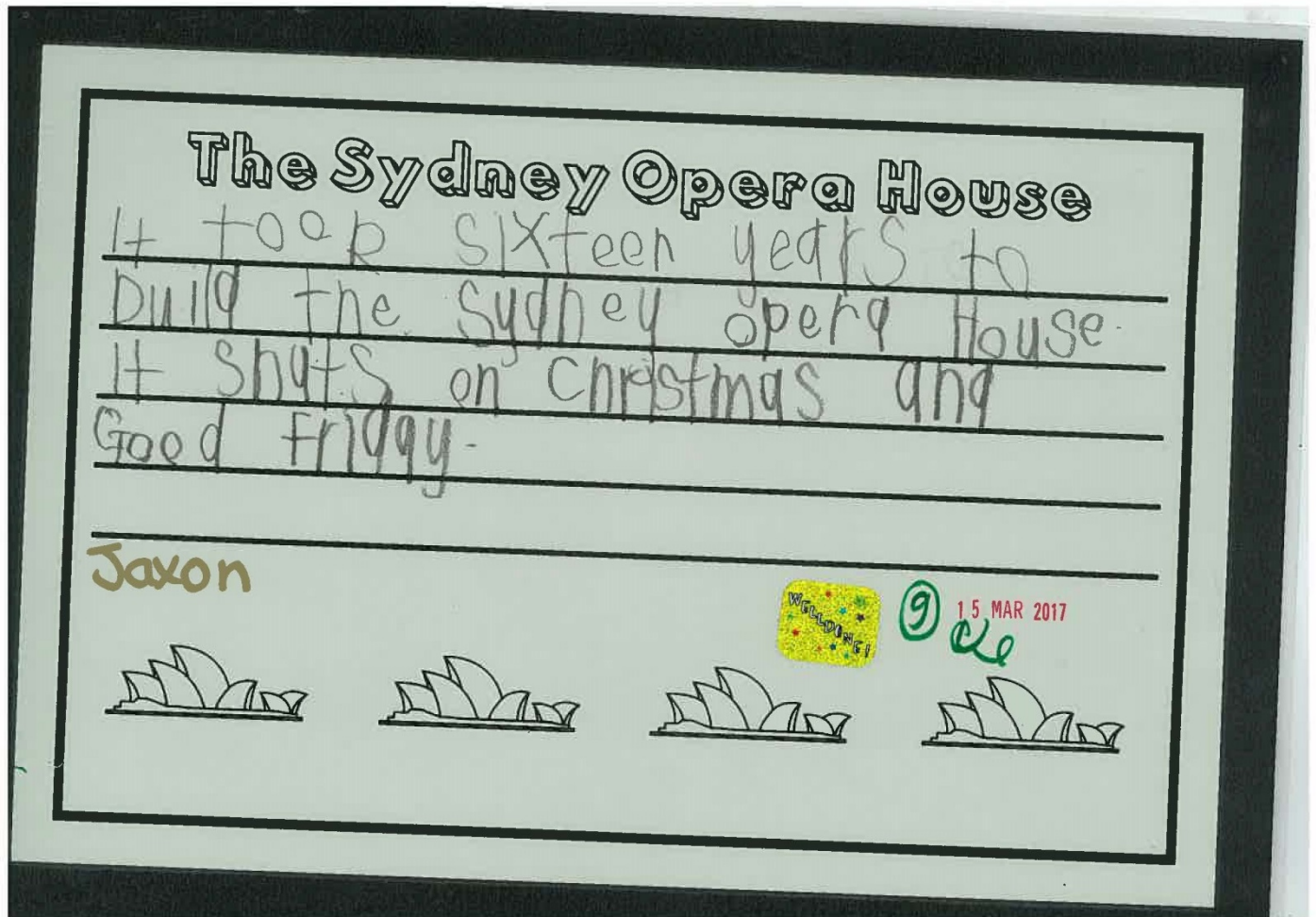
Dates for Your Calender

31 st March	Mufti Day- Gold coin donation
7 th April	EASTER HAT PARADE-commencing at 11.45am in School Hall-Raffle drawn
7 th April	Last day of Term 1
24 th April	Staff Development Day
25 th April	ANZAC Day
26 th April	Students return to school Term 2

WRITTEN BY US

In 1-4 Blue we learned all about the Sydney Opera House. This is an example by Jaxon Wilkes.

Well done Jaxon!!



Respect LOOK, LISTEN

Join our Easter Family Night



Thursday 6 April 6–8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun!

Free Activities in store including:

Easter Crafts

Visit from Easter Bunny with photo opportunities
Light refreshments will be provided

Bookings recommended

For more information or to book
Contact Activities Organiser on 4220-8200
shellharbourao@bunnings.com.au



Parenting children with a Disability

Support and information for issues related to parenting a child with a disability.

It explores:

- Expectations verses reality
- Dealing with feelings
- Behavior management strategies
- Communication skills
- Self-esteem
- Teaching children to care for themselves
- Routine, rules and boundaries
- Coping strategies and resources available

Where: Mount Warrigal Public School, 2 Hogarth Avenue

When: 3 Mondays 10am-2.00pm

1st, 8th and 15th of May 2017

BOOKINGS and enquiries please phone: 42 966 266

*Morning tea and lunch will be provided

For more info go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

CatholicCare's Family Support Program is funded by The Australian Government



The Fun Starts Here!

April

School Holiday Program

Highlight Event:
UOW Early Start
Discovery Space



Monday 10 April

**UOW Early Start
Discovery Space**

Come along and get involved in the amazing interactive exhibits at the UOW Early Start Discovery Space.

Fee range*: \$32.90-\$86
Excursion: 9am-12.30pm

Tuesday 11 April

Rock of Ages

One of Big Fat Smile's resident musicians will drop by today to play some tunes while we sing and rock along with musical instruments.

Fee range*: \$21.40-\$66

Wednesday 12 April

Hangtime

Laugh, jump, twist, bounce and have more fun than you can remember. Today we'll visit Hangtime Trampoline Park.

Fee range*: \$32.90-\$86
Excursion: 8.30-10.30am

Thursday 13 April

Sensory Delight

Squish, squeeze, touch, smear and smell! Delight your senses today with hands-on sensory experiences.

Fee range*: \$21.40-\$66

Friday 14 April

Public Holiday



Monday 17 April

Public Holiday



Tuesday 18 April

Top Secret Art

A visit from Artist-in-Residence Tamara is always fun. You will be able to write hidden messages in your artwork and no one will know it's there except for you...

Fee range*: \$21.40-\$66

Wednesday 19 April

Little Stompers

Explore the multi-level play maze at Little Stompers today.

Fee range*: \$32.90-\$86
Excursion: 8.30-10.30am

Thursday 20 April

Water Wars

Today we are getting wet! Water games and activities galore.

Fee range*: \$21.40-\$66
Extras: Bring swimmers, towel, change of clothes.

Friday 21 April

**Gymnastics at
Beaton Park**

Jump, roll and tumble in the gymnastics room at Beaton Park.

Fee range*: \$32.90-\$86
Excursion: 12-2.30pm



Wollongong City

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Phone: 4283 9900

Bring every day:
Hat + Drink + Lunch

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* Fee range indicates the out-of-pocket expenses which vary according to CCB & CCR. For your individual fee please contact your fee manager.