



Mount Warrigal Public School

Kindness - Safety - Respect - Fairness

A quality school developing the individual in a caring community

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NEWSLETTER

26 April 2017

Term 2 WEEK 1 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community

A warm welcome back to our whole school community. I hope you all had a great Easter break and everyone is re-energised for a great Term 2. Term 2 brings the usual focus on high quality teaching and student learning, with many additional exciting things to look forward to, including CAPA groups, district cross country, whole school walk-a-thon, parent-teacher interviews and much more. I encourage everyone to read the school newsletter to keep up to date with our school happenings.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Monday our staff returned for a day of learning. Our staff teamed up with the staff from Warilla North Public School to attend training on an exciting new program called Kindness on Purpose. Kindness on Purpose, while it sounds lovely, is a research based program aiming to link children to empathy through acts of kindness. When children are able to have empathy for theirs and others' feelings, research suggestion there will be many positive improvements, including reduced bullying, improved mental health outcomes and increased student engagement. We look forward to embedding this positive and proactive new program in our school and providing you with more information as we do. For more information, please visit www.kindnessonpurpose.com

STAFFING CHANGES

We welcome Mrs Tina Duffield who has joined our school as a Deputy Principal, supporting whole school leadership and management. Mrs Duffield will also bring a strong focus of Instructional Leadership to support the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy in Years 3-6. Mrs Bec Coole also began this week as our School Chaplain and will be a great addition to our school, supporting staff, students and our community. Mrs Mowbray has unfortunately had to take some leave due to health concerns. Mrs Mowbray will be off for the remainder of this term and Mrs Aisha Peace will replace her on Kinder Red on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We wish Mrs Mowbray well and look forward to seeing her back well.

ANZAC COMMEMORATION

Yesterday our school leaders and assistant leaders represented our school at the Shellharbour City Council ANZAC Day service and presented a wreath on the school's behalf. Congratulations to Katarina, Levi, Jack and Keeley for the way they proudly and respectfully represented our school. Thank you also to Mrs Borilovic for her organisation and support from our leaders' families.

Today we also held our school ANZAC commemoration assembly in the school hall, with special guest, ex-servicemen Jim McGeeham from RSL Warilla sub branch. The SRC did a fantastic job in leading our assembly, as did Mrs McKay in her organisation. Congratulations also to all students for the respect shown throughout the service.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy)

This year NAPLAN will be completed by all Year 3 and Year 5 students from 9th – 11th May 2016 (Week 3). There are four tests involved - Language Conventions (Tuesday), Writing (Tuesday), Reading (Wednesday) and Numeracy (Thursday). The results of the tests will provide information to schools about each student and parents will be provided with a report indicating their child's level of achievement in mid-August. If you would like further information about these tests, please contact the school or visit www.naplanforparents.nsw.com.au. In addition, these tests are conducted in conditions unlike the regular quality learning environments our students learn in every day at school. Given these circumstances, and the attention given in the media, some students may feel anxious or nervous. Please assure your child that this is just one way teachers and parents gain information on their progress.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS – Parents of students in Year 4

The Department of Education offers a small number of Opportunity Classes (OC) at some schools. Opportunities Classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018, you need to apply soon. Please speak with your child's teacher if you are interested in applying, visit www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement or see the office staff for more information.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REWARD

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. At Mount Warrigal Public School we are working to increase our attendance rate and encourage regular attendance at school (Our school is currently behind the state average in attendance). Students who demonstrate a pleasing attendance rate each term have the opportunity to participate in a reward program at the end of the term. So, just a reminder, we really want your child at school every day (unless they are sick of course!) and if they need to be absent a note or doctor's certificate must be returned within 7 days, explaining their absence.

This Friday, students with positive attendance for Term 1, will be recognised and rewarded with a movie and treat afternoon. Congratulations to these students!! If your child does not receive an invitation and you believe they may have been missed out, please speak with your child's teacher so this can be rectified. All students are given a 'fresh start' this term to be rewarded for Term 2. We look forward to hopefully including even more students.

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL

Every year Stewart House benefits financially from collections of clothing in schools. The Smith Family generously provides bags and undertakes the collection and pays Stewart House for each kilogram received. About \$25,000 is raised each year from this collection. Bags were sent home last term for the collection of clothing in good condition. We ask that clothing bags are returned to our school for collection before Monday 1st May (next week).

Kind regards
Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crime stoppers 1800 333 000



Stewart House School Clothing Appeal 2017

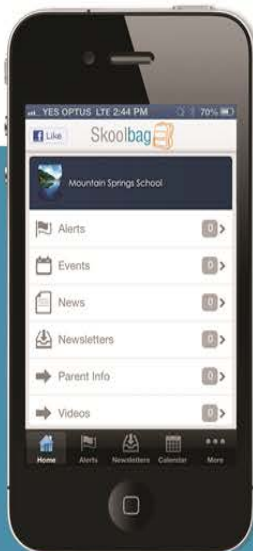
Today we have sent home with all students a collection bag; if you have any clothing you would like to dispose of; they can be placed into this bag and returned back to our school office before the 1st May. The collection of these bags helps the Stewart House Appeal who helps students in need.

Dates for Your Calender

28 th April	Stewart House collection bag collection day
5 th May	Mid-South Cross Country @ Blackbutt Reserve
9 th to 11 th May	NAPLAN
12 th May	Mother's Day Stall for students to purchase gifts @ \$5.00 each



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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:

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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.

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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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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*

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