



Mount Warrigal Public School

Kindness - Safety - Respect - Fairness

A quality school developing the individual in a caring community

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NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 WEEK 3 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community

MRS WIGMORE

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Wigmore, who has decided to retire from working at Mount Warrigal Public School. Mrs Wigmore has worked at our school for over 15 years and is a highly respected staff member, by students, parents and staff. Mrs Wigmore is a kind, patient and knowledgeable School Learning Support Officer, colleague and friend to many. We wish Mrs Wigmore the very best in her new adventures and thank you for your dedication and contributions to our school.

MRS MCKAY

Mrs McKay is having a baby!!! Some of you may have already noticed her adorable and growing bump! Mrs McKay will be going on maternity leave next term and further information will be provided to her class and parents. Congratulations to Mrs McKay and her husband!

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

The staff at our school has been reflecting on research, professional development and advice from experts within this field. On completing a survey, students and staff have found our school expectations would be easier and more appropriate to define and understand by moving from four school expectations to just three – SAFETY, RESPECT and LEARNING. We value our community support and would like your input. Many people have already done this by completing the survey on SkoolBag app. If you haven't already, please complete the really quick survey using the app or complete the slip attached to this newsletter.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy)

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 should be acknowledged and congratulated on their approach to NAPLAN this week. So far they have completed Language Conventions, Writing (Tuesday) and Reading (Wednesday). Tomorrow they will complete the final test for 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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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 our reward programs 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.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Next Friday, 19th May, is National Walk Safely to School Day. This campaign encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers to walk and commute regularly and safely to school and promotes Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Australian children are becoming less active. One substantial contributor is the decline in walking and/or taking public transport to school. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and less likely to be obese or overweight, which can lead to the long-term risks of heart disease, diabetes, etc. Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine. Not only does it provide great health benefits, it also provides a great opportunity for you to teach your child valuable skills to navigate roads and traffic. If you have to drive to school, consider parking a few blocks away and walk the remainder of the way together.

ABORIGINAL ARTIST

Today an extraordinary artist, Daren Dunn, will be working with a small group of students from Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6). These students will engage in creating Aboriginal art and connecting to Aboriginal culture. We look forward to welcoming Daren and look forward to sharing their experience with you.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

The P&C have, once again, organised our annual Mother's Day Stall on Friday 12th May. Students can buy a gift for their mother/carer after our first break. Thank you to Kym for your organisation and for those who can support on the day.

The Mother's Day raffle will be drawn on Friday so get your tickets to the canteen by Friday morning.

Kind regards

Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Crime stoppers 1800 333 000

Dates for Your Calender

9 th to 11 th May	NAPLAN
12 th May	Book Club Orders due (last day)
12 th May	Mother's Day raffle drawn – tickets must be in early Friday
12 th May	Mother's Day Stall for students to purchase gifts @ \$5.00 each

Written by Us

Jake enjoys writing short stories, especially funny short stories, during our daily "Drop Everything and Write" sessions. Here is one of his pieces:

One exotic, hot day Barry and Cherry went for a surf in Surfers Paradise. It was enormous that day - big waves, big crowds.

There was a problem. They didn't know how to surf! So, they asked a bird but birds can't talk. They tried to do it themselves. First attempt - they got pumped. Second attempt - they snapped their boards. So they went back home and gave up.

Then they woke up! Barry is a banana, he isn't meant to surf and definitely not Cherry because she is a cheesecake! So why did they dream that they could surf? The story continues...

Written by Jake Green

Positive Behaviours for Learning at MWPS

The PAWS Shop will be open for the first time, Friday 12th May!

Students have been busy saving their PAWS tokens so that they may 'buy' a treat from our student-designed PAWS Menu.

How can students earn PAWS?

By showing they are a SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER at school, anywhere, anytime!

NEWS ALERT!!! Next week students will be able to earn DOUBLE PAWS!

What will you do with your PAWS next week - go shopping or save them up for an even bigger treat?

20 PAWS

- 15min free time in class
- Bring a favourite toy to school
- VIP Pass for the canteen no lining up
- Ice Block
- Half an hour free time in buddy class
- Line leader for a week
- 15mins draw on whiteboard
- Choose who you want to sit next to for a week
- Do your work outside with a friend for a lesson
- Challenge a teacher to a handball competition
- Listen to music on the Ipad during a class activity
- Lolly dip
- Wear a football jersey to school for a day

PAWS Menu

40 PAWS

- Bean bags for assembly
- Sit in the teacher's chair for the day
- Toy Lucky Dip
- Computers at lunch
- 30mins Ipad free time in class
- Challenge the teacher to a game
- VIP Bike Rack

60 PAWS

- 15mins extra playtime
- No homework for a week
- Personal mufti day
- 1 hour class free time
- 2 handball squares reserved for a week
- Picnic with your parents

80 PAWS

- Watch a movie with 5 friends
- Bring your own device
- Skip your least favourite subject for the day
- Office helper (1 Hour)
- Be the teacher for a session

100 PAWS

- Teacher for the day
- Class party for last hour of the day
- Paint the teachers face
- Party in the hall with class

150 PAWS

- Paint the principal's face
- Principal for the DAY!!



PBL (Positive behaviour for Learning)

I agree that the school expectations should be simplified to Safety, Respect and Learning.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

Comments (optional): _____

Join us for a night filled with fun activities

Bunnings Shellharbour

Mother's Day Family Night



Thursday 11 May 2017

6pm - 8pm

Make Mum a Special Gift  from the heart

Picture Frame or Gift Box

(Decorated with Paper Flowers)

Free Tai Chi Class

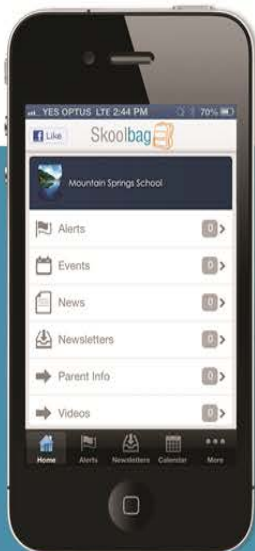
Light Refreshments provided

Bookings are required

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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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