



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 5 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Thank you to the parents and carers who completed the online survey or the paper survey to provide us with your thoughts on our school changing our 4 expectations to only 3 – We are safe, respectful learners. 100% of responses agreed with the change.

Hopefully your children told you about the success of the Paws Shop. We had a number of students use their Paws awards to 'purchase' a reward or prize, however many students opted to continue saving their PAWS. I'm nervous my face will be painted too soon!! Thank you to the school leaders, the staff and particularly to Mrs McKay for all her organisation to make the launch of our shop so amazing.



SCOOTERS

Unfortunately we are unable to guarantee the security of students' scooters or bikes. We encourage students to leave their scooters at home if they are not required as a means of transport to school. If students are required to ride their scooter to school, they must remember they are required to wear a helmet. This is important for student safety and is not just a school expectation but also the law. We ask parents to support us with this matter.

GONSKI NEEDS BASED FUNDING MODEL

Many of you would have heard in the media a lot of debate about the funding of education. The Gonski needs-based funding model, which was previously agreed upon, is set to be replaced with an alternate funding plan. This alternate plan, is predicted to leave our school, over the next 2 years, with approximately \$500 000 less, compared to the original agreement. This funding provides our school with significant additional resources, staffing and opportunities for our children. If you would like to understand what Gonski is and how the proposed changes will affect the school, please look at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyIDiOI7RGI>

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Winter uniform for both boys and girls consists of the school tracksuit pants and jacket, or maroon tracksuit, a school polo shirt and appropriate footwear. As usual, uniforms can be purchased from Kym in the canteen. If the weather is extremely cold and you feel your child needs extra protection from the wind, they may wear a parker, beanie, and gloves on their way to school, but will be asked to remove these during class time as our classrooms can be heated if necessary. If it is possible to buy these in school colours, please support by purchasing maroon. A hat must still be worn to play. If you require support with uniforms, please speak with your child's teacher.

COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

I would like to encourage all parents to maintain contact with their child's class teacher. By the end of Term 2, all teachers will report to you via our usual Semester 1 report, but will also ask you to come for an interview. You may also request an interview with your child's teacher at any time. Your child's educational success is a team effort and we must all work together to make this happen. Remember, communication doesn't just have to be due to a concern. Teachers love good news stories – so if you have one, please pass it on!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Athletics Carnival on Friday. The weather forecast looks promising, however if the carnival needs to be postponed due to weather concerns, we will notify you in the morning via the SkoolBag app. If the carnival is postponed, the school canteen will still be closed which means students who have ordered their lunch will need to bring their lunch with them to school. I'm sure the sun will be out so we can all enjoy the day.

Kind regards
Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crime stoppers 1800 333 000

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Last week's behaviour focus was to be respectful. This involves;

- considering the feelings of others
- respecting the privacy of others
- taking responsibility for our own behaviour
- following the 'Golden Rule'.

Our expectations of respect in all settings include;

- We speak nicely to others.
- We listen to others.
- We wear our school uniform.
- We use our manners.
- We respect other people's space.
- We respect our differences.
- We stop, walk and tell.
- We put rubbish in the bin.
- We connect to others with empathy.
- We celebrate the achievements of others.

This week our behaviour focus is to be a learner. This involves;

- Listening respectfully
- Following instructions
- Being organised for learning
- Being ready to learn
- Our feelings and concerns
- Having a go

Our expectations of being a learner in all settings include;

- We are prepared for learning.
- We follow adult instructions the first time.
- We report problems.
- We actively participate.
- We are risk takers.
- We attend school every day.
- We are on time.
- We are determined and resilient.
- We take responsibility for our own actions.
- We talk about our light and heavy feelings.



Dates for Your Calender

26 th May	Athletics Carnival at Myimbarr Oval - whole school event
29 th May	Reconciliation Walk
5 th June	P & C Annual AGM Meeting at 1pm in Community Room
12 th June	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
16 th June	Walk-a-thon
30 & 31 st August	Preschool Photo Day

P & C AGM Meeting

At 1 pm there will be our annual AGM meeting for the P & C and will be held in the Community room. Everyone is welcome and all positions on our P & C are up for election.

Reconciliation Flag Walk

The Shellharbour City Council will hold the annual Reconciliation Flag Walk this Monday 29th May, at Little Park, Shellharbour Village. Students from Mount Warrigal Public School, along with Ms Niedermayer will be representing our school in this important event.

Written by Us

Stage 1 wrote a persuasive letter to the editor in response to last term's book of the month – Chip. Mrs Voysey

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter because some of you don't know that feeding the seagulls can make them sick.

Please stop feeding seagulls chips because it is not their natural diet. Without their natural diet, they will die and you don't want that, do you? As you keep on feeding seagulls, more and more eventually die, so STOP feeding them.

Seagulls are a part of nature and we need to live together with nature. We need nature. If nature dies, we will die, so stop feeding the seagulls.

I am going to say that one more time, stop feeding the seagulls!

By Saxon Evers.

Mother's Day Raffle Results

Thank you to these mums who helped serve the children at the Mother's Day Stall;

Brenda Fletcher, Melanie Stockfeld, Amanda Booth, Julieann Martin, Jodie Welland and Debbie Harris.

Congratulations to the following winners;

Kade Haines-2 Red, Katie Sarin-Preschool, Lusia Reedy-5/6 Blue, Rachel King, Jude Bartle-Preschool, Izaac Haynes-1/2Blue, Nate Ellem-2 Red, Lucas Tanevski-3/4Blue, Levi Diomei-1 Red and Locklyn Lewis-K-2 Red.

Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets in our raffle.

Thank you to the following businesses that donated to our raffle;

Cuts n Curls Albion Park Rail, Tranquil Beauty & Massage, Nail Candy Lake South, Civic Video Shellharbour, Unanderra Flower Shop, Andrews Pharmacy Mt Warrigal, Oak Flats Patisserie, Food Works Oak Flats, Sue's Beauty Spot Unanderra, Xquisite Styles Jones Avenue Mt Warrigal, Far Out East Jewellery and Albion Park Rail Post Office.

Thank you to Sam Peever for sourcing these prizes.

Library News from Mrs Marold

Help your students keep the reading momentum rolling

We're offering parents whose school is opted in to **LOOP** the opportunity to keep the reading momentum rolling throughout the school year with a **Keep it Rolling** special offer.

All they need to do is place a \$10 minimum order off three consecutive Book Club Issues via **LOOP** and they could be eligible for a Bonus Book on their third order, and every consecutive Book Club order thereafter—for the remainder of the school year! If they miss an issue, it just takes two consecutive issues to get rolling again! This will help families to build their home library and keep the reading momentum rolling among students—PLUS, it will help keep the Rewards rolling in to the school all year!

This offer has come from Scholastic

Your book orders for Issue 3 should be arriving this week 23/05

LIBRARY BAGS

All children in Kindergarten were given a Library Bag to start their school experience. There has been a decline in borrowing from the little ones so please assist your child to have their Library bag packed for their Library Day. Please see the library class timetable below.

All students have their books for 1 week to return at the next Library Lesson

CLASS LIBRARY DAYS

Monday

5/6 **Blue** - 4 Books

5/6 **Red** - 4 Books

Tuesday

2 **Red** - 2 books

1 **Red** - 1 book

Wednesday

K **Red** & K **Blue** - 1 Book

3/4 **Red** - 2 books

Thursday

K-2 **Red** - 1 book

1/2 **Blue** - 1 book

3 /4 **Blue** - 2 books

Friday

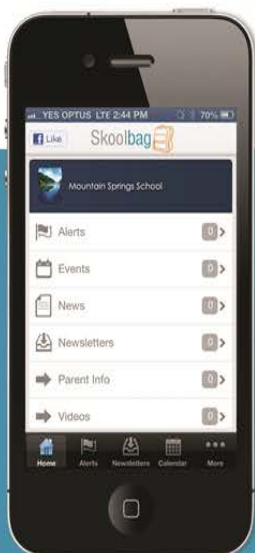
1-4 **Blue** - 2 books

PRC CHALLENGE

All students in K-2 are having 30 PRC books read to them by their teacher's books during the PRC challenge in 2017

3-4 grade students are covering their Premiers Reading Challenge by reading 20 series books in their Home Reading.

All 5/6 students have been registered and are encouraged to take part in the PRC .Log into the student account and look up the PRC site to enter books into the student reading Log. Alternatively fill in a reading Log and submit it to Mrs Marold by the end of the challenge in August 2017.



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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7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Google play

Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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Early literacy event

PAINT THE GONG REaD!

All families with children 0-5 years
are invited to come and celebrate
BrightSpark's 3rd birthday with us!
Special guest storyteller Lord Mayor
Gordon Bradbery!

Dapto Mall,
top floor -
outside BIG W

STORIES
ACTIVITIES
READING TENT
BIRTHDAY CAKE
CRAFT CORNER
MUSIC MAT
+MORE!



Thursday 25 May
10am - 12pm



MyTime
Supporting parents of
children with disabilities
An initiative of the Parenting Research Centre

Time for you with
friends who understand



MyTime is for parents and carers of children with a disability,
developmental delay or chronic medical condition.

It's a place for you to unwind and talk about
your experiences. It's a world away from
appointments and therapy. It's support for you.
And while you attend your group led by
a trained facilitator, a play helper engages
your child.

- Skilled guidance from facilitators to
help you adjust to your child's diagnosis
- Information about local services
and resources
- MyTime is free

Find a group mytime.net.au



Playgroup Program Term 2 2017- Thursday @ Mt Warrigal Public School 9 – 11am

Week / date	Activity/ event
1 27 th April	Earth week
2 4 th May	Mini beasts
3 11 th May	Mother's Day activities
4 18 th May	Picnic at Blackbutt Forest KidsFest all week !!!!
5 25 th May	Simultaneous Story time
6 1 st June	Asthma awareness week
7 8 th June	Winter
8 15 th June	World environment day
9 22 nd June	World music week
10 29 th June	Big Day Out!

Any questions? Phone or text 0411659698.