



# Mount Warrigal Public School

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A quality school developing the individual in a caring community

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## NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 WEEK 7 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community

### **NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK**

Last week our school participated in the Shellharbour Council Reconciliation Flag Walk, to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their cultures and demonstrate our genuine commitment to reconciliation. This was a great opportunity to listen and learn from Aboriginal Elders and community members to learn and share knowledge significant to reconciliation in our community.

Thank you to Katarina, Jack, Levi, Keeley, Kadin and Latoya who represented our school proudly and with great respect. You make me very proud! Congratulations to Kadin who also carried our flag and presented it on behalf of our school community. Thank you to our students' family members who transported their children there and those who were able to join us for the walk, ceremony and activities.



### **P&C AGM**

This week our school P&C held their AGM. A massive thank you to our outgoing committee who have shown such commitment to our school. They have worked extremely hard, alongside our other P&C members, collaborating with the school on a number of projects, raising a great amount of money and supporting a number of events. We'd particularly like to thank Dani, Charne, Samantha, Jodie and Kym. Our school greatly appreciates your ongoing support and our students have directly benefited from your hard work.

The feeling at the meeting was positive with a number of new faces. All executive positions were successfully filled and I look forward to working with our new committee and members. Congratulations and thank you to our new committee:

President – Melanie Stockfeld

Vice Presidents – Brenda Fletcher and Samantha Peever

Secretary – Kathleen Tanguig

Treasurer – Debbie Harris

### **P&C FETE COMMITTEE – Meeting tomorrow**

This year our school turns 50!! To help celebrate this milestone we are planning to hold a school fete. Members of our P&C will be holding a meeting this Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June at 1.45pm in the Community Room. If you are interested in supporting the planning and organisation of this event, we'd love for you to join us.

### **ASSEMBLY & KINDNESS ON PURPOSE**

Due to our last assembly being postponed and the upcoming public holiday, our next assembly will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 1.50pm. As always families are warmly invited to attend. In addition, this assembly we will be joined by Katrina Cavanough, the founder and creator of Kindness on Purpose. Kindness on Purpose is a school based program that connects children to empathy through acts of kindness on purpose. For more information, visit the website [www.kindnessonpurpose.com](http://www.kindnessonpurpose.com)

## LETTERBOX INITIATIVE

Our school is passionate about improving the literacy outcomes of our students and we are always seeking new ways to link literacy tasks to real purposes and audiences. Although we are living in an increasingly technological world, we believe it is still important for our students to be able to write letters, invitations and thank you cards by hand. As such, we would like to make a letterbox for every classroom at our school.

We will undertake this initiative in the lead up to Father's Day in the hope that our students can work side by side a significant male in their life to construct and paint a letterbox. We have been successful in securing the support of the Albion Park's Men Shed and our local Shellharbour Bunnings to assist with this initiative. This will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August from 4.30-6.30pm. Notes went home this week. Please complete the slip and return to school ASAP if you are able to join us.

## PLAYGROUND CHANGES

This week there have been a number of changes being trialed regarding our playgrounds at lunch and recess. This includes the bottom cola and primary toilets being out of bounds during lunch breaks. Students are asked to use the other toilets and senior girls have been given the privilege of using the disabled toilets in the hall and quiet area if need be. In addition we have more staff out on duty to support students and the equipment, which is a popular play area. The equipment is now open both breaks. These changes have been put in place to support students in the playground and ensure playground safety.

## SCOOTERS

If students are required to ride their scooter to school, they must remember they must wear a helmet. This is important for student safety and is not just a school expectation but also the law. In addition, I have had a number of concerned parents and community members approach me about students riding unsafely in the middle of roads, in front of cars and without helmets. We ask parents to support us by discussing with their children the expectations of riding safely. If you don't believe your child is being safe, I would encourage you to speak with me so we can support you and your child in this matter.

## EVACUATION DRILL

Throughout the year we are required to implement drills to practise our school evacuation and lock down procedures. We will be implementing one of these in the coming weeks. This is a great opportunity to improve practices as student safety is a priority.

## 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=xylDiOI7RG1>

## SEMESTER 1 REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

All our teachers and supervisors will be going through our final processes of completing and checking student reports. These will then be given to me to read and sign off, before coming home to you by the end of Week 9 (approx. Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June). This will be followed by an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher during Week 10 of Term 2. Meetings will be approximately 10 minutes in duration. If you feel that you may need a longer discussion time, please contact the school to make arrangements. However, as always, parents/carers are invited to speak with their child's teacher at any time throughout the year.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Kind regards  
Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800  
Crime stoppers 1800 333 000

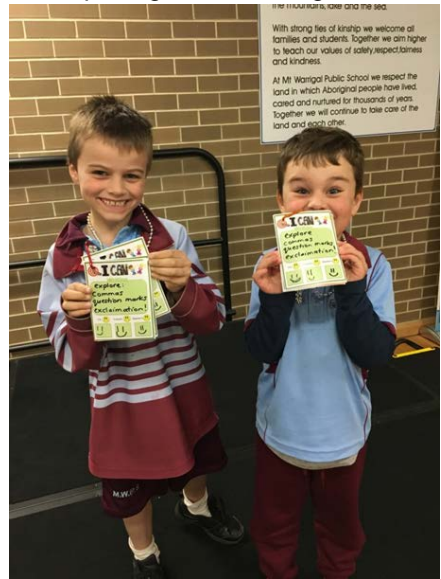
## Dates for Your Calendar

8 <sup>th</sup> June	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fete Meeting at 1.45pm in the Community Room
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Lake Illawarra High School Visit-Taste of the Lake
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Walk-a-thon- <b>Last day money due 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Assembly at 1.50pm
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Teacher Interviews
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day Term 2
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday-First day for students Term 3
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Father's Day Letter Box Initiative at <b>Shellharbour Bunnings between 4.30 and 6pm</b>
30 & 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Preschool Photo Day

## "I Can" Achievements

Each fortnight at the K-2 assembly we celebrate the students who have achieved their 'I Can' goals in the classroom. These goals are individual to the students and change as they are worked towards and met. Goals are set in Maths, Reading and Writing. Well done to the students who have mastered their new skills this fortnight!!

The following photographs celebrate children who have been successful in completing their 'I Can' goals.









***Keep it up kids. We are very proud of you!***

## **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)**

All Education Ministers from Commonwealth, state and territory governments have endorsed the implementation of a nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability in all Australian schools (government, independent and Catholic).

The nationally consistent approach to data collection provides all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with a clear picture of the number of students receiving adjustments because of disability in schools, and the adjustments they are provided to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students.

We are in the process of collecting this data for Mount Warrigal students and we'll submit the information during July and August this year.

For more information, please refer to the NCCD guidelines and authority in SkoolBag

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

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

- Listening respectfully
- Following instructions
- Being organised for learning
- Being ready to learn
- Talking about 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.

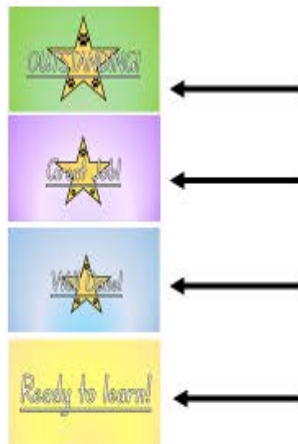
This week we are focused on being safe in the playground.

We have made some playground changes. These include;

- The COLA and toilets near the carpark are out of bounds during recess and lunch. All students will use the quiet area toilets and senior students have a second toilet option.
- All eating during the play breaks must be done in the quiet area.
- The areas open at Break 1 are;
  - The equipment area
  - Top grass
  - Bottom grass/ Basketball/Assembly
  - Library
  - Quiet area and the toilets
- The Library is not open in Break 2, but the equipment will now be open at recess!

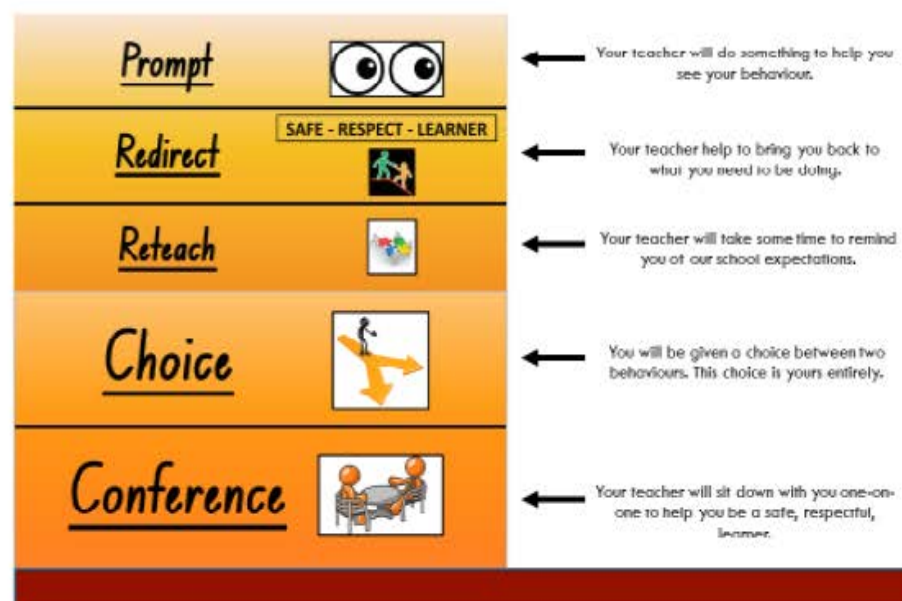


We have a new classroom behaviour chart to support students. Here is a description.



This part of the peg chart is for celebrating the amazing things you all do each day!

Everyone starts here at the beginning of the day.  
Nothing gets carried over from the day before.  
It's a clean, fresh slate each and every morning!  
If you have moved down, you can also move back here after each break time.



## P & C Walkathon

Our school P & C Walkathon is a major fundraiser event for this term. It will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017. All monies raised will provide additional resources for our students. All of our students have received their sponsorship forms and students can raise as little as \$10 to be entitled to a prize.

When you complete and hand in your sponsorship form to the canteen make sure that the 'How to claim your prize' section is complete. The prizes should arrive shortly after the Walkathon.

**Please return all money and sponsorship form is returned to the canteen by 14<sup>th</sup> June.**

## Walking together to and from school



Walking to and from school with your child helps ease traffic congestion, reduces your carbon footprint, promotes physical activity and provides a talking point about road safety. The Roads and Maritime Services website has more information on active transport.

When you walk with your child, talk about safe behaviour. Always demonstrate correct pedestrian behaviour. The best way you can help your child to be a safe pedestrian is to:

- give them lots of supervised practice with you or another trusted adult.
  - talk with and teach your child about being alert in a road environment.
  - always hold your child's hand.
  - explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross the road.
  - point out dangers, such as vehicles coming out of driveways.
  - use pedestrian crossings and traffic lights correctly.
  - teach your child to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.
  - talk with them about everything they need to think about to keep safe when walking.
  - explain why they should look and listen before crossing a driveway, road or car park.
  - talk with your child and reinforce Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road together -STOP! one step back from the kerb.
- LOOK! continuously look both ways.
- LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
- THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

**Cancer Council  
NSW**

Nutrition Snippet

**The simplest way**  
...to learn more about Fruit & Veg

Do you need help encouraging your kids to eat fruit and veg?

*Eat It To Beat It* is Cancer Council NSW's nutrition program. It helps make eating fruit and veg easy, cheap and fun.

**Eating the right amount of fruit and veg is the crucial in the fight against cancer, but we all know it can be hard to get the family eating healthily.**



Cancer Council NSW is offering **Fruit & Veg Sense**: a free 90 minute session that will give you a range of ideas to deal with fussy eaters, plus provide you with a **free recipe book** packed with Cancer Council approved meals.  
This program helps busy parents make simple changes to make the whole family healthier.

If you're interested in attending the session at Mt Warrigal Public School contact Sharlene Gauci on 4296 6266.

For more information visit  
[www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

**Eat It To Beat It** 





*Seeing Red explores ways for you to deal with feelings of anger in yourself  
and your kids.*

- Recognise your feelings and needs and those of others around you
- Communicate and listen to these feelings and needs.
- Be assertive.
- Express anger in more constructive ways.

**Where:** Mount Warrigal Public School, 2 Hogarth Avenue

**When:** 3 Thursday mornings 10am-12.30pm

17th, 24th and 31st of August 2017

**BOOKINGS** and enquiries please phone: 42 966 266

**Workshop Fee: \$15 per session**

For more info go to [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au)

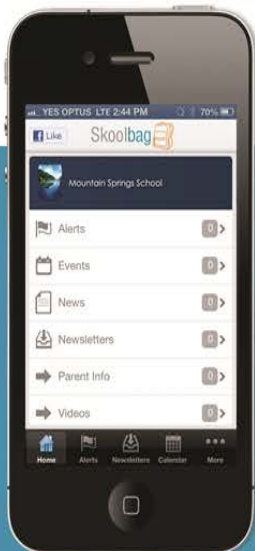
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*hope begins with us*



# 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".
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