



# Mount Warrigal Public School

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A quality school developing the individual in a caring community

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## NEWSLETTER

23 August 2017

Term 3 WEEK 6 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community

### **CONGRATULATIONS MRS MCKAY – It's a girl!!**

Congratulations to Mrs McKay and her husband on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Pippa. Both Mrs McKay and Pippa are doing really well and we look forward to meeting Pippa.

### **SOUTHERN STARS SHOW WEEK**

Wishing our Southern Stars performers and teachers the best of luck as they move through 'show week' rehearsals into the performances this Friday and Saturday. Students, I know all the hard work will pay off and I look forward to watching you all perform. Thank you to the parents for their time and commitment to providing their child with this fabulous experience where great memories are made. Also, I must recognise the dedicated staff who spend much of their own time organising, practising and taking our students. We couldn't do it without you, Mrs Reys, Miss Estreich and Mrs Houston!

### **2018 KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS**

We are currently accepting enrolments for students starting Kindergarten in 2018 and also for parents wishing for their child to attend our preschool in 2018. If you or anyone you know is seeking enrolment for 2018, please call into the school office to collect an enrolment form and additional information. It's important for us to have this information by the end of this term so children can participate in transition activities and parents can receive vital information. Knowing our anticipated enrolments also supports our planning for 2018.

Preschool enrolments will be informed of the success of their application at the beginning of Term 4. However, if you require this information earlier due to planning reasoning, please phone the office to speak with myself.

### **2017 NAPLAN RESULTS**

This week NAPLAN results for students in Year 3 and Year 5 were sent home to parents and carers. We encourage all parents to read this information and if you have any questions or concerns to see your child's teacher. NAPLAN is only one way of gaining an understanding of how your child is progressing. The school also has a number of ways in which we assess our students, giving opportunities for students to show their knowledge, skills and understanding in a variety of ways.

### **BOOK WEEK PARADE – Friday 22nd September (last day of the term)**

In Week 10, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September we will be holding our annual Book Week Parade. The parade will start at 10.00am in the hall and we invite parents, carers and families to join us in promoting and celebrating a love of books and reading. Our parade is non-competitive, however we do have some prizes that will be drawn out of a hat for students who join in, encouraging and recognising everyone's participation. Many costumes can be created with things you already have at home. This year's theme is 'Escape to Everywhere'.

### **EDUCATION WEEK & KINDNESS ON PURPOSE LAUNCH**

Thank you to the parents and family members who joined us for our Education Week assembly/Kindness on Purpose launch, open classrooms and picnic lunch. It was exciting to see the class murals that were created to show our students' commitment to kindness and developing and awareness of theirs and other's feelings. Thank you also to the choir and Mrs Voysey who performed beautifully.



## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - SCHOOL FETE AND AFTERNOON TEA

This year our school turns 50! To celebrate this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we will be holding an afternoon tea and school fete in Term 4. We have a Fete Committee made up of P&C members and other interested parents who are working together to support the organisation and running of this event. Organising a fete takes a great deal of work and we'd appreciate any additional support. The next fete meeting is to be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm, in the Community Room.

In addition, the Fete Committee is committed to organising a major raffle or chocolate wheel and is looking for donations. If you, or any family, friends or contacts, are able to offer any donations, big or small, please contact the office. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

### NAPLAN ONLINE

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of September, Year 3 and Year 5 students at Mount Warrigal Public School will participate in the **School Readiness Test** for the future plan to complete NAPLAN Online. All NSW schools will participate in this test. The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability, therefore, there will be no results provided to the school or to the parents.

- Year 3- Will complete one combined Literacy/Numeracy test. (40 minutes duration)
- Year 5- Will complete two tests - A combined Literacy/Numeracy test and a writing test. 40 minute duration for each test)

The tests will occur at 9:30am for Year 3 and 5. The second test for Year 5 will occur at 12 noon on the day.

Please see the attached information sheets in this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

### BUNNINGS WORKSHOP - LETTERBOXES

Mount Warrigal Public School is passionate about improving the literacy outcomes of our students and as such, 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, and therefore decided we would love to see every classroom have their own letterbox. Thank you to the generous support from both Shellharbour Bunnings and the Albion Park Men's Shed. The Men's Shed provides a great service where men can get together to build and refine skills whilst supporting community projects. They designed the letter box and pre-prepared all the materials in kits for the 15 letterboxes to be constructed. Bunnings were equally supportive by providing all the materials, a venue for the workshop and refreshments and dinner for our school community. We are truly grateful to both for such generous support. The workshop evening was a huge success with students working alongside both their family members and Men Shed volunteers. All students were thoroughly engaged and enjoyed the process, providing such pride and satisfaction. Thank you also to Mrs Pomery who organised the event and for her unwavering passion and commitment to our students.



### P&C MEETING – Monday 28 August

It was great to meet with the Manager of the NSW P&C Association. Steve provided us with important and useful information to further strengthen and improve our P&C. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us. The P&C will be holding their next meeting on Monday 28 August at 1.30pm in the community room. Please join us.

### LAKE LEARNING COMMUNITY PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mount Warrigal Public School will once again participate in our Community of Schools Public Speaking Competition. This will run the same as last year, culminating with the stage winners competing at Lake Illawarra High School on the 14<sup>th</sup> September, alongside representatives from Lake Illawarra South PS, Warilla North PS, Primbee PS and Windang PS. All students will be encouraged to present a speech within their class next week (Week 7) and the top 2 speakers from each class will then present at stage finals (Week 8) to determine who will go on to represent our school on the 14<sup>th</sup> September (Week 9).

Topics for this year:

**Early stage 1 (Kinder) – This is what makes me happy.... (30secs – 1min)**

**Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) – Being a kid is great (1-2 mins)**

**Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) – The importance of imagination (2-3mins)**

**Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) – Beauty in the eye of the beholder (3-4mins)**

If you have any questions, please speak with your child's teacher.

Kind regards

Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800  
Crime stoppers 1800 333 000

## Dates for Your Calender

24 <sup>th</sup> August	Deadly 7's visit with Stage 3
25, 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Southern Stars Rehearsal and performance
28 <sup>th</sup> August	P & C Meeting at 1.30pm in the Community Room
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Choir – Day Rehearsal leaving school at 8am-returning 2.45pm
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Choir – Evening Performance at Wollongong University
30 & 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Preschool Photo Day
31 <sup>st</sup> August	Deadly 7's visit with Stage 3
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Book Club orders & money due
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 & Year 5 -School Readiness Test for the future plan to complete NAPLAN Online
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Deadly 7's visit with Stage 3
8 <sup>th</sup> September	LIHS Leadership Day for Year 5 & 6
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Fete Committee Meeting at 1.30pm in Community Room
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Deadly 7's visit with Stage 3
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Public Speaking at LIHS
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Deadly 7's visit with Stage 3
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Book Week Parade-' <i>Escape to Everywhere</i> '
18-22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Book Fair Week



### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

**Last week we were learning to be safe, respectful learners at break time.**

- we wear a hat at break time
- we follow the rules of the game
- we take turns and share
- we encourage others to join in
- we eat in the correct area
- we return equipment
- we leave food outside the toilet
- we keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves
- we agree on rules before play

**This week we are learning to be respectful learners. To be respectful we connect to others with empathy**

**This means....**

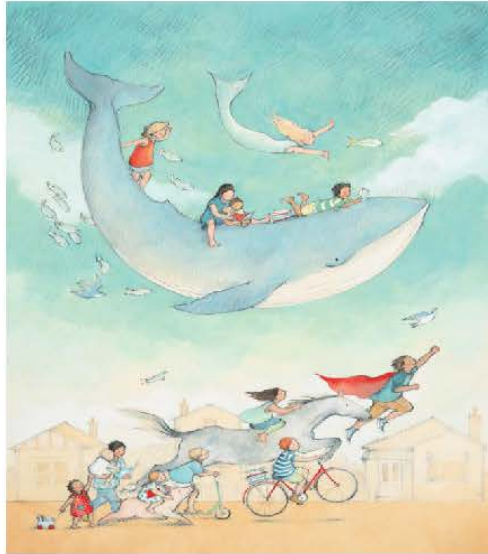
- we think about how others feel
- we think about what we say and do
- we speak nicely to others
- we respect our differences
- we listen to others



**2017**

## **Pre-6 Book Week Parade**

**Theme: Escape to Everywhere**



**When:** Friday 22nd September (Week 10)

**Time:** 10:00am-11:00am - Book Parade (buddy classes)

11:10am-12 noon - Picnic lunch and Book Fair

**Where:** Mt Warrigal School Hall and playground

**All visitors are encouraged to dress up and share in the fun!!!**

This year's Book Week theme 'Escape to everywhere' gives us inspiration as wide as the boundaries of our imaginations.

We invite everyone to dress up. Costumes can be based on...

**A favourite book, movie or TV series.**

**The comfort and safety of students is important when selecting a costume.** The children will be wearing their outfit for the day. Enclosed shoes must be worn and shoulders should be covered for sun protection. A change of clothes may be provided if your child requires it. Our Book Parade is non-competitive and all children are encouraged to take part. All those who participate will go into a draw to win a book.

Carers, visitors and younger siblings are encouraged to dress up and join in the fun.

We look forward to sharing this celebration with you.

**Book Fair**

After our Book Parade, a Book Fair with Central Books will take place during the lunch break and for the remainder of the day.

Good quality books for families will be available for purchase. Prices range from \$2.50 for easy read paper backs to large gift packs for \$20. Most books are in the \$5-\$10 range and cover a wide range of topics in Non Fiction and Fiction to appeal to all readers.

**Donate a Book**

During past Book Week celebrations many generous parents and caregivers have donated good quality literature including CBCA shortlisted books to our school library. Mrs Marold will have a selection of books which can be donated to the school. These books will have a plate inscribed with your child's name. Books will be available in the Library until the end of term.

**Picnic Lunch**

Join us for a Picnic lunch with all the wonderfully costumed characters (aka students, carers and staff). Tea, coffee and cake will be available for visitors in the community room .



## School Chaplain Invitation

Our chaplain, Bec Coole, works alongside our Learning & Support Team to help facilitate the wellbeing of our students and their families.

Bec is located in The Breakfast Club Room (above the main office) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and is able to provide personalised care, mentoring and support for students, parents and staff.

Bec would like to invite any parents who would like to chat with her, to drop in and have a cup of tea or coffee during the normal School Assembly time (Monday fortnightly between 1.45pm-2.45pm).

Alternatively, you can make an appointment, for yourself or your child, to see Bec by contacting the school office or by sending an email to [rebecca.coole@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rebecca.coole@det.nsw.edu.au)



*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)

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

Concessions may apply dependent on financial circumstances



**CatholicCARE**

*hope begins with us*



# Fact sheet for parents and carers

**The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.**

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## What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

### Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

### Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging\*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

\* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

## NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

### NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

## For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



## Improve your health & wellbeing with FoodREDi™

FoodREDi is a healthy lifestyle program – that's free!

It shows you ways to:

- save money on food
- achieve a healthier diet
- make positive lifestyle changes
- keep your kitchen safe
- be a savvy shopper
- try new recipes for easy, tasty and nutritious meals and snacks



**Dates:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> August  
4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September

**Time:** 9.30-12pm

**Venue:** Community Room



## SCCWN 2017 CONFERENCE

**Children's Trauma Needs;  
Understanding and  
Responding in our Daily Work**

### KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

Annette Jackson—Berry St

Angela Weller—Australian Childhood Foundation

### WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

Karen Triggs

Lisa Roberts

Dr Jodi Park

Angela Weller

Annette Jackson

### PRESENTATION

Mission Australia

Caring Dads Project

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**8.45 am – 4:00pm**

**THE PAVILION**

**2 BONG BONG ST,**

**KIAMA**

**Cost: \$80 including Morning tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea**

### TO REGISTER

<https://ectarchive.worldsecuresystems.com/child-protection-week>

Or copy and paste URL into search engine.



## Fit4Life™ Program

**Do you have a child aged 4-7 who is above a  
healthy weight?**

*Help them gain skills to get fit for life!*

We are offering you and your child the opportunity to enrol in a free 10-week interactive program.

You will learn about healthy eating, physical activity and sleep and be involved in cooking sessions.

Your child will play active games each week, learn skills and meet new friends.

For more information phone:  
4221 5670 or email  
[mhammers@uow.edu.au](mailto:mhammers@uow.edu.au)



## LAKE ILLAWARRA LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE



### 2017-2018 Season

### Registration Information

Lake Illawarra Little Athletics Centre is entering its 47th Year of Competition.

Registrations open on the 1st August 2017 and all registrations will be done online at [www.lilac.net.au](http://www.lilac.net.au)

### REGISTRATION DAYS

Sunday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August between 1pm and 3pm at Myimbarr Community Park.

At these days you can get help with your online registration, pay for your registration (cash, cheque, bank transfer\* or online\* payment), purchase our centre uniform and ask questions.

### COST

Early Bird registrations during August

\$100.00

Normal Registration \$120.00 (all registrations after August 2017)

2 Week Trial \$30.00

\*Please note that payments made online or via bank transfer will incur service fee.

### WHO CAN DO LITTLE ATHLETICS

Is opened to athletes born between the 1st October 2000 and 30th September 2014 in age groups from Tiny Tots to Under 17's

### COME TRY NIGHT

25th August 2017  
5-30pm

Come try Little Athletics for Free—one night only

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