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NEWSLETTER

22 May 2019

Term 2 Week 4 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community,

ROOFING

The final stages of the roofing and painting is being completed and it's anticipated that the majority of the work will be complete by the end of this week. Thank you to our community for your patience and understanding regarding the construction. I'm sure all will agree it has been worth it, now we can see the facelift it has given our aging buildings. Our students must be congratulated on how they have conducted themselves safely and dealt with the changes. Thank you also to our staff who have spent time planning and setting up our students for success.

STUDENT REPORTS AND LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Last year we asked parents to complete a survey on the value and effectiveness of our student reports and parent/teacher interviews. This feedback, as well as current research, has been used to inform decisions in modifying how we report student achievement to parents.

This year we have changed the structure and time frame of how we communicate with parents in regards to student progress -

Term 1 - 3-way Learning Conversations

Term 2 - Semester 1 Report

Term 3 - 3-way Learning Conversations

Term 4 - Semester 2 Report

Towards the end of this term, students will receive their Semester 1 Report where teachers provide information on each child in relation to effort and achievement in each Key Learning Area (English, mathematics, history, PD/H/PE, etc.). A Learning Conversation is alternative way of reporting student growth and achievement. The Learning Conversation will be focused around each student's individual goals. It will provide examples of how this learning has been demonstrated and will discuss the student's 'next steps in learning' and strategies to achieve these next goals. Overall this strategy aims to authentically bring our community together to collaboratively support student learning.

I would encourage all parents to maintain contact with their child's class teacher through year as required. Our formal reporting opportunities are only one way to communicate. 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!

K-2 KIDS FEST EXCURSION

Yesterday Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2, along with K-3M and 3-5D went to Kidsfest! It was a great opportunity to learn about all of the emergency services in our community, and how to keep ourselves and others safe in the event of an emergency. Thank you to all the teachers, SLSO staff and parents who came along and to Mrs Kelly for organising such a great day!



ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to 5/6B and Ms Dunn for entertaining us at this week's assembly. Our next assembly will be held Monday 3 June at 2.00pm. All families are welcome to join us in the school hall.

STAGE 3 CAMP

Stage 3 students are invited to attend a school camp from Wednesday 12th June through to Friday 14th June, 2019 at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. We are very excited to provide this opportunity for a wonderful educational experience. With feedback received at the end of last year, it was decided that we would hold the camp earlier due to the major focus being around team building. We found completing this at the end of the year was not as beneficial as Year 6 students were moving on to high school.

We are sending out a new notification and medical note, as there were some inconsistencies and changes to staffing from the last notification. This will be our updated permission and details included will be provided to camp organisers. We ask Stage 3 families to complete the new notifications and return them to school at your earliest convenience. The final payment date is Friday 7th June, 2019. If you have any concerns finalising this payment, please speak with the office.

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Winter uniform for both boys and girls consists of the school tracksuit pants and jacket, or maroon tracksuit pants and jumper, 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.

MORNING ASSEMBLIES

It's fantastic to have a number of parents who are able to stay to hear messages and see their child off to class. We ask that parents stand to the side or the back of the students and hold conversations until after the assembly. This will help to teach our students important listening manners and ensure messages are heard.

P&C ELECTION BBQ

Congratulations and thank you once again to the hardworking P&C for the organisation and running of the Election Day BBQ. Thank you also to all parents who helped out on the day, donated cakes and lollies for the cakes stall and those who came and purchased a sausage. This community effort raised almost \$700 for our school and students. Congratulation and thank you!!!

LOOSE CHANGE CHALLENGE

The P&C Loose Change Challenge has begun again this year and will continue for the remainder of the year. Students are encouraged to contribute only small amounts of change. At the end of each term the leading class will receive a prize.

Kind regards,
Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
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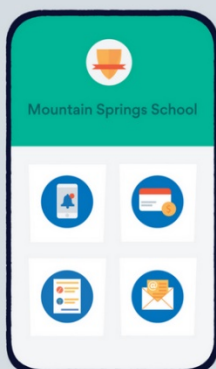
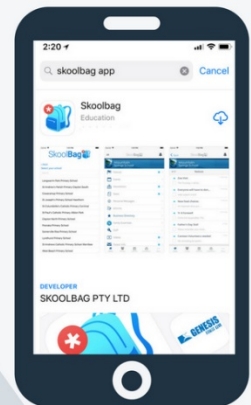
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Dates for Your Calendar

27th May	Permission Note for Stage 3 Camp Due Reconciliation Walk
31st May	Reconciliation Assembly
3rd June	School Assembly at 1.45pm in school hall
4th June	Whole School Athletics Carnival
7th June	FINAL Payment of Stage 3 Camp Due
12th – 14th June	Stage 3 Camp to Stanwell Tops 12th June Leave at 10.15am - 14th June Return at 2pm
17-21st June	Preschool & EIU School Photos
17th June	Whole School Assembly at 1.45pm in school hall
19th June	Kindergarten Excursion to Early Start Discovery Centre at UOW
24th June	P & C Meeting at 1.30pm in Community Room
25th June	Debating at Balarang PS
28th June	Debating at Flinders PS
1st July	Whole School Assembly at 1.45pm in school hall



Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Weeks 1-4, we have focused on being safe, respectful learners.



Week 3

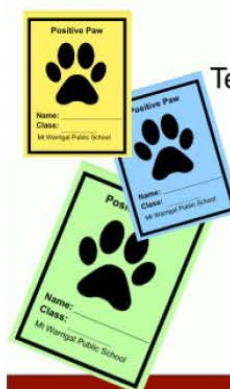
At Mount Warrigal Public School we are safe, respectful learners.

We are safe around the building work
We follow instructions the first time
We eat in the correct area
We put our rubbish in the bin
We use the buddy bench to find new friends

Week 4

At Mount Warrigal Public School we are safe, respectful learners.

We respect our differences
We respect other people's space
We speak kindly to others
We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves



Teachers give out paws to students who are being **safe,** **respectful,** **learners**

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Woof!
wednesday
is School Banking day.



MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE 2019

1st Ethan S	9th Annie H
2nd Annie H	10th Alexander A
3rd Lalee	11th Georgia K
4th Ingrid W	12th J Townsend
5th Karen	13th Jamie-lee A
6th Lalee	14th Kade H
7th Gabby	15th K Monash
8th Alexander A	16th Nullah

Congratulations to Kade H for winning the prize for most tickets





HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



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Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents



Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

The compulsory years of schooling

In New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

- full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);
- full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or
- a combination of both of the above.

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child:

- develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- make and keep friendships.

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may be required to:

- send a note to the school, or contact the school via electronic means such as SMS text message, fax or email, or
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

What are school Principals responsible for?

Principals help to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of your child. Principals have to keep accurate records of student attendance and the reasons for any absences. Principals are responsible for accepting or not accepting a parent's explanations for their child's absences. Principals may request further information from parents for long or frequent absences, even where they are explained by parents as being due to illness.

When absences are unexplained by parents, or the explanations are not accepted by the principal, the school will work with parents to help address the issue. The main aim is to sort out what is preventing the child from getting to school and putting strategies in place to help. Sometimes, the school will ask support staff and other agencies to assist.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken.

■ Attendance meetings and compulsory attendance conferences

Parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a meeting with school personnel and other regional officers. The aim of the meeting is to help identify strategies to support the child and family. Other agencies may also be invited along to help, if parents agree.

If the school and other regional officers have tried to help improve a child's attendance, without success, parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance conference. The conference will be run by a trained conference convenor. The aim of the conference is for the school, parents (and sometimes their child) and other identified agencies ("the parties") to further identify the issues which are impacting on a child's attendance.

The outcome of a compulsory attendance conference is for the parties to agree to undertake certain actions to improve the child's attendance. These actions are written in the form of undertakings.

■ Applications to the Children's Court – A Compulsory Schooling Order

Legal compliance can be sought through an application to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues which are preventing satisfactory school attendance but has the added enforcement of a Court's powers.

■ Prosecution in the Local Court

If all attempts by schools and regional support staff fail to improve a student's attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court and the result can be fines up to a maximum of \$11,000.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are provided, where possible, for parents/carers who do not speak or understand English well and for Deaf parents/carers who use sign language. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the telephone number: 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

See the website address:

http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/help-with-english/help_with_translating/



LITTLE LEARNING LABS (FOR YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2019)	
WHEN:	8 and 9 July, 2019
WHERE:	University of Wollongong
TIME:	9:00am - 2:00pm
FEE:	\$155
LITTLE MINI-LABS (FOR YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2019)	
WHEN:	10 July, 2019
TIME:	9:00am - 3:00pm
FEE:	\$85
Location and times are the same as above	
EARLY LEARNING LABS (FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2019)	
WHEN:	16 and 17 July, 2019
WHERE:	University of Wollongong
TIME:	9:00am - 3:30pm
FEE:	\$165
EARLY MINI-LABS (FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2019)	
WHEN:	18 July, 2019
FEE:	\$90
Location and times are the same as above	

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Little and Early Learning Labs is an enrichment program designed for students who are excelling in their area of interest within their year group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays.

All workshops are held over one (mini-labs) or two days, and are presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. There will be sponsorship places available for some participants- please see more details on how to apply for these places on the website.

WORKSHOPS ON OFFER- FULL LIST & WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS ONLINE

Learning Labs workshops cover a range of diverse and innovative disciplines that are designed to challenge and stimulate the interest of self-motivated and curious learners. Here are some examples of what's coming up in July:



STEM Challenges

Do you enjoy solving problems and finding ways to improve designs? This workshop will be quite different to standard lessons at school. We will be learning how to apply Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths to the real-world.



Clay Cafe

Come join us at Clay Cafe where you get to develop your clay sculpting skills whilst creating any food (made completely out of air-dry clay) your taste buds desire. Warning! You may leave this workshop with an increased appetite!



Sphero Bolt 'Rollin' Robots

Curious about coding? Ever wanted to learn to program your own robot? You will learn to write code and program a Sphero Bolt robot to overcome a series of individual challenges. Then, design programs and watch your robot compete in a variety of group competitions.



Stop Motion Animation

Why watch movies when you can make your own? Brainstorm ideas, create a storyboard, design your set and shoot your very own stop motion animation. We'll look at lighting, sound, creation and green screens to make your animation come to life. Draw your characters, make them or build them - the choice is yours.

A full list of the available workshops to choose from will be posted on the website in April 2019 when applications open. Please note that the program books up quite quickly, so ensure you submit your application as early as possible.

APPLICATION & CONTACT DETAILS

For more detailed workshop descriptions, how to apply, FAQs, and the online application form, please go to: uow.info/learninglabs

For all other enquiries, please contact the Learning Labs team via:

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