

# MOUNT KANWARY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Term 2 Week 9

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20<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

### Student Reports

As we come very rapidly to the end of our first semester of 2017, it is report time! Teachers have been assessing student learning throughout terms one and two and will now report to parents on student progress. As published in last week's newsletter this year's reports will continue to follow Department of Education requirements by reporting using an A-E scale. Semester One reports will be provided on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2017. Please see your classroom teacher if you have any questions regarding student reporting.

### LMBR deployment- Change of Dates

As you are aware from previous communications we are preparing for the school to GO LIVE with the new school management system LMBR. As part of this preparation our current bank account will be closed, please see attached information for the **UPDATED** details.

**Be alert!**  
**Accidents hurt**



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### Student Safety

At the end of term one this year the school was visited by our Work Health and Safety (WH&S) Officer who outlined changes to our

school and playground to make it a safer place for all students. This resulted in:

- The disabling of the 'flying fox' as part of the 'banned equipment list'
- Recommendation to limit access to our car park resulting in the installation of two gates one to replace the damaged door and the second to control student access and limit such things as balls rolling into the car park.
- Gymnastics can no longer occur in the playground as "*The teacher/instructor must have appropriate expertise and/or training in the teaching/coaching of gymnastics.*" (Sport Safety Guidelines- Gymnastics- DET)



Concerned parents have brought to my attention that some students may be leaving the school in an unsafe manner, the following is an extract from the Department of Education document ***Keeping our kids safe around schools:***

*"As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively. Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways."*





*Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:*

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

*Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.*

*After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety."*

A staff member will be posted at the small school front gate for the remainder of the term to monitor the safe exit of students from the school. In addition the whole school will participate in Road Safety lessons for the remainder of the term as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education K-6 syllabus.



### Education week Community Member Award

Education week is an opportunity to celebrate the success that occurs every day in all schools. This success would not be possible without the ongoing support from our wider school community. As part of the Education week celebrations a community member can be nominated to receive an award for their contribution to the learning at Mount Kanway PS. The award will be presented at the Maitland Learning Community awards night, to be held at Maitland High School on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of August commencing at 5:30pm. Please nominate a community member at the office with a brief outline of the nominee's contribution to the school. Please submit all nominations to the Office by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### Save the Date - Book Week

This year Book Week falls in week 6 of term 3. The school will be holding an open day for parents and family on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of August to celebrate the importance of books in student learning. The theme of this year's event is 'Escape to Everywhere'.

Jodie Stevenson (Librarian) has begun organisation for the day to include:

- 9:30-11:00am in class book character mask making
- 11:00-11:30am Class parades with masks
- 11:30-12:10pm Lunch (with parents/family)
- 12:10-3:30pm Normal class routines resume

Students are not required to dress-up as a book character, (the parade will be based on the student book character masks created in class on the day) however students can dress-up if they wish or wear out of uniform. Further details will follow closer to the date.



ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE  
LBGA BOOK WEEK 15-26 AUGUST 2017

### Parent Teacher Interviews- Banksias

Mrs Compton will be conducting parent teacher interviews for the Banksias in week 10 of this term, please return your slip to the school to secure your preferred interview time.

Mrs Cameron and Mrs Greedy conducted parent teacher interviews in term 1, however please feel free to make an appointment if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning.



### SS Athletics Carnival

For those students attending the Small Schools Athletics carnival Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Woodberry oval please meet Mrs Compton at the oval by 8:45, the event is expected to conclude at 2:30pm. Students are reminded



to wear Sports uniform and to bring a hat, water bottle, lunch and snacks. **Transport is by Private vehicle.**

Primary students (including students turning 8 this year) will move through a tabloid of 5 events and infants students through a tabloid of 9 activities.

Please come and support our students on the day!

Good luck everybody!!!

### Mary Poppins

For those students attending Mary Poppins at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the bus will depart the school at **9.30am sharp** and will return to school by 3.00pm. Students are to wear their full school uniform and hat. They are to bring their recess, lunch with plenty of water for the day. The Civic Theatre has just notified the school that it restricts audience members from bringing backpacks for into the theatre. We have been asked for students to bring their recess/lunch in a small plastic bag, labelled with the student's name All bags will be collected by the teachers and placed in a secure location. We appreciate your assistance in this matter. All students need to be at school by 9.15am for roll marking prior to departure.

### NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and cultures. In conjunction with Maitland High School staff and students the school will be having performances and activities for students on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

### Debating

Our team will be heading to Paterson Public School for the next debate. We are still waiting on Paterson to give us some information such as dates and times. As soon as we have the information you will be informed.

### Kindergarten Enrolments 2018

**We are currently taking enrolments**

When to start school?

Your child can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> July in that year. By law all children must be enrolled in school by their

sixth birthday. If you have a child or if you know of anyone with a child who is turning 5 this year, or before the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 please contact the office on 4987 2596 and we can assist you in the enrolment process for our school.

Thank you to Lillianah's wonderful Grandparent's for allowing us to place our school banner in her front yard!

### Point Wolstoncroft

The Banksia's Point Wolstoncroft camp is coming up very quickly. The **final payment date has been changed for cash, cheque and online payments Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.** I apologise we have been notified this week that we are unable to take payments of any kind after the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to ensure the smooth process of new LMBR system I am sorry for any confusion this may have caused. This definitely is the **last date and amounts owing will need to be paid for by then**, as our current bank account will be closed for the new LMBR system to be rolled out to our school. Thank you to those parents who have paid.

Have a wonderful week!

Katrina Cameron

(Principal- Mount Kanwary Public School)

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Week 9</b>	
21st June	Office Unattended
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Athletics Carnival & Mary Poppins
<b>Week 10</b>	
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Katrina-LMBR
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Office unattended Principal Meeting
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photos Office unattended
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Tennis NAIDOC Week Celebrations



**TWEET AWARDS**

Congratulations to Nick for achieving his Blue level!

**P&C NEWS****Entertainment Books.**

Available in the office. \$65.00 digital or hard copies available. Excellent for the school holiday plenty of savings!! Please see Deb for details.

**Pie Drive**

Don't forget to pick up your goodies! Your order will be ready for pick up on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 3pm.

**Annual Movie Night Fundraiser**

This Friday at Scotty's Cinema Raymond Terrace (a busy day!) - 6pm for 6.30pm start. The title of the movie is **Despicable Me 3**. Tickets will be at a cost of \$15.00 per ticket. Please see Tamara for details.

**Cracker Night is Back!!**

Our annual major fund raising event for the year will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Thank you to all of the parents who have already been busy getting donations for our auction.

Leanne Yeomans  
P & C President

**Canteen**

Just a reminder canteen for Wednesday's Ice-blocks \$1.20 & packets of chips, pop corn etc \$ 0.70.

Orders for Meal Deals in by Thursday Afternoon.

**Uniform**

Could all those parents requiring winter grey pants please contact Kristen to place your order. Also it would be appreciated if any outstanding amounts owed to the uniform

shop could be finalised, as we need to pay our supplier.

Thank you for your understanding.

For ease of payment our bank details are as follows:

BSB 646-000

Acc Number 100024291

Acc name Mount Kanway P&C Association.

### **Transition to the New NSW Public Schools' Finance System and a New Bank**

Dear Parents and Carers

Mount Kanwary Public School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **24 July 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

- **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **17 July 2017** and **28 July 2017**, we will not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. This is the first week and part of the second week of Term 3. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **30 June 2017** (the last week of Term 2). From **28 July 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact Mount Kanwary Public School on Ph. 4987 2596



# say cheese

## School Photo Day is

**29th** June 2017

*Have your child's school memories captured forever*

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon *request*
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

**For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us**

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# JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

## Kids Art Days

**Monday 3rd July** for 5–12 years 9.30am - 2.15pm

Animals and Habitats - collage and sculpture an animal habitat.

**Wednesday 5th July** for 10 years + 9.30am - 2.15pm

Photo and Paint - capture a bird in flight and create a mural.

**Tuesday 11th July** for 5 years + 9.30am - 2.15pm

Journey Sticks - decorate a journey stick & create a Wetlands Trail

**Cost \$ 30 per session Bookings are essential as places are limited. Phone: 49516466**



## Bush Skills

For 8 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 4th July and Wednesday 12th July

**Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential Phone: 4951 6466**

Make (and eat) a damper, build a bush shelter, enjoy a guided walk and learn basic survival skills. Get up close and personal with some of our resident reptiles.

## Wetlands Explorer Club

For 5-8 years 10.00am– 12.30pm

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 12th July

**Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential Phone 49516466**

Enjoy a wetlands wander and then get crafty learning about frogs. Finally get up close with some of our resident reptiles



## Sand Art Fun

(4 years +) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon

Thursday 6th July **Cost: \$5 per child (plus \$2 entry)**

Drop in and use coloured sand to create an amazing picture to take home.

## Plaster Fun

(3 years +) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon

**Monday 10th July Cost: \$5 per child (plus \$2 entry)**

Drop in and paint a plaster model.



## Wetlands Passport

Available any time during the school holidays. **Cost: Free**

Follow clues to explore the wetlands. Go in the draw for a weekly prize.



## Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre

A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!

Open 9am to 4pm

**Entry** \$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). Under 3 free. \$5 general entry

### Activities

- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am.
- Try Dipnetting from the jetty.
- Playtime at Discovery Playground.
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Reptile Encounter - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.
- Shop - snacks, icecreams, drinks and affordable gifts for children & adults.



