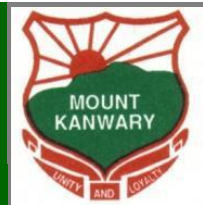


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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Welcome Breakfast



The staff would love to bring all of our community together to enjoy a Welcome Breakfast at the school on Thursday 22 February, please drop-in from 8 – 9.30am.

Catch up after the holidays and join us in welcoming our new families to our small learning community.

Breakfast will include bacon, eggs, fruit, muffins, tea, coffee and orange juice.

There will be a giant slide for students to enjoy for the morning



We look forward to meeting with you all on Thursday 22nd!

Carpark Safety Alert!

It has been reported to the school that some students have been entering the school in the morning through the car-park, after being dropped at the front of the school.

Please ensure **all** students enter the school via the pedestrian gate (next to the flag pole) and **not** through the car-park. If parents/caregivers are parked in the car-park please ensure all students are accompanied or hold the hand of a parent to enter or leave.

To ensure student safety it is imperative that no student enters the car-park without being accompanied by an adult.

Staff will continue to monitor the car-park to remind students to enter and leave the school via the pedestrian gate, unless accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

As a principal I am mindful of the tragic events that took place in school car-parks in 2017 and feel as a community we need to protect our students through continuing road safety messages at home and at school. Please see the attached road safety message from Transport for NSW.



Maitland High School – 2019 Year 7 Information Evening

Maitland High School 2019 Year 7 Information Evening; it is currently scheduled for 21 February 2018 at Maitland High School from 6 – 7.30pm. The evening will include a tour of the school and an opportunity for parents and potential students to meet the school's executive team.

Swimming Carnival

All of the students from Mount Kanwary PS who attended the Small School's Swimming Carnival on Friday represented our school with pride and a 'have a go' attitude, with many of our students placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in a range of strokes. We are very proud of you all, congratulations!

The following students placed 1st in their races:

Makayla Pasenow (Senior Girls):

- 50m Backstroke

Lachlan Porter (11y.o.):

- 200m Medley
- 50m Freestyle
- 50m Butterfly

Charlie Carroll (11y.o.):

- 50m Breaststroke

Toby McDonald (11y.o.):

- 50m Backstroke

Ben Yeomans (9y.o.):

- 50m Freestyle

Nicholas Tobin (9y.o.):

- 50m Butterfly

Further congratulations go to Lachlan Porter for being awarded the 11 y.o. Boy Age Champion!

Thanks also go to Mrs Tuyl and Mrs Davis for their supervision on the day.

An amazing achievement by all!

NAPLAN Online 2018

Our school will be one of around 500 schools in NSW that will be transitioning to NAPLAN Online this year. This means our students in years 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN assessments online this year rather than pencil and paper.

The Year 3 writing test will continue to be paper-based but all other YEAR 3 NAPLAN tests will be done online.

Last year we participated in a school readiness test to prepare for the transition to NAPLAN Online. Our experience with the school readiness test confirmed that our school is ready to transition to NAPLAN Online in 2018.

Our teachers and students will be involved in preparation and practice activities in the lead up to NAPLAN this year. This will include participation in a practice test on 22 March, where students will have a further opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will be asked in NAPLAN Online.

More information about NAPLAN Online, including the latest fact sheet for parents and carers, can be found on the NSW Department of Education's NAPLAN Online website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/getting-ready/parent-information>

The factsheet has been printed and sent home to all year 3 and 5 students.

Term 1 Assembly Dates

- Friday 16 February
- Friday 23 March

Parent/Teacher Interviews

If you have not yet booked an interview with your child's teacher please see below for their availability.

Term 1 parent/teacher interviews are scheduled to be conducted in Week 4 for all Kindergarten to Year 6 students on Wednesday 21 February 3.40 – 5pm and Thursday 22 February 8.30 – 9.15am. If you would like to book an interview please contact Mrs Greedy or Mrs Davis to make an appointment. If you are unavailable during these times please see your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Teachers are also available throughout the year to discuss your child's learning and wellbeing.

Scheduled interviews will still take place during the Welcome Breakfast; we will save a bacon and egg sandwich for you!

Current Payments

Thank you for your prompt payments:

- Voluntary Contribution - \$47 per student
- Oxford Maths textbook - \$23 per student

Staff Training

Mrs Cameron – 16 February 12 – 3.30pm
(School Planning MDO)

Mrs Davis – 14 February (NAPLAN Online)

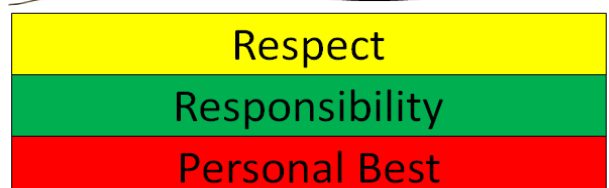
Have a wonderful week!

Katrina Cameron

(Principal- Mount Kanwary Public School)

TWEET AWARDS

Our values for our TWEET awards are:



This week our focus is RESPECT:



TWEET

Respect

- ✓ Listen well & speak politely
- ✓ Be kind, fair & understanding
- ✓ Students collect 10 gold coins to gain a coloured feather (15 coins for the final gold). Coins are collected and kept in a zip lock bag attached to the bottom of their Tweet Birds on the classroom wall
- ✓ When students have 10 coins they take their bag to the office to Mrs Jones where they are replaced with a Treasure Trove Token
- ✓ Students return their bags to their Tweet Birds on the wall
- ✓ Every Thursday at lunch students who have a Treasure Trove Token can take their token to the Tweets Treasure Trove Box and claim a prize
- ✓ Once students have gained their Gold feather they receive a Gold Tweet Badge at the end of year Presentation Night (a different colour for each grade)
- ✓ At the end of Semester 1 (end of Term 2) students that have received up to their Blue feather will join in a Special Rewards Day at school

IMPORTANT DATES

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Week 3	
13 February	P&C AGM
14 February	Office Unattended Zone Tennis Trials
Week 4	
20 February	Zone Swimming Carnival
21 February	Office Unattended Parent/Teacher interviews Maitland High Yr 7 2019 Information Evening
22 February	Welcome Breakfast Parent/Teacher interviews
23 February	Office Unattended

P&C NEWS

Our Annual General Meeting will be held tonight, Tuesday 13 February at 6.30pm in the library. This will be followed by our general meeting directly after that. All positions are vacant tonight, so make sure you come along. Whether you have been a part of our school for many years or just

beginning, we would love for you to be a part of our P & C.

You will not be expected to take on any jobs or roles but we encourage you to come along and be involved in the educational discussions and decisions affecting Mount Kanwarly Public School and its students.

Babysitting will be available on the night.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Leanne Yeomans
P & C President

Canteen

Thank you to our wonderful parents for filling the vacancies on our canteen roster. Please note that orders need to be placed by Thursday afternoons.

Uniform

For ease of payment our bank details are as follows:

BSB 646-000

Acc Number 100024291

Acc name Mount Kanwarly P&C Association.

**Year 7, 2019 Information Evening, Wednesday,
February 21st 2018, 6-7.30pm in the Maitland High
School HALL.**

Entry via the front of the school on High Street, East Maitland.
Join us for: an introduction to the school; its specialist programs;
find out 'what's it really like being an MHS student' and tour our
facilities while sharing finger food and refreshments with teaching
staff and executive.

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Ms Paula Graham
Principal



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Term 1 Events	Date	Details
P&C Annual General Meeting	13.02.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm School Library
Zone Tennis Trials	14.02.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maitland Tennis Centre 9am for 9:30am start \$10/child Years 5 & 6 only Private transport Nominations close 13.02.18 3:30pm
Zone Swimming Carnival	20.02.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commences 9:30am
Maitland High School 2019 Yr. 7 Information Night	21.02.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-7.30pm Tour of the school Meet the school Executive
Parent/Teacher Interviews	21.02.18-22.02.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday after school Thursday before school Please make an appointment with Mrs Greedy or Mrs Davis
Welcome Breakfast	22.02.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All families welcome BBQ breakfast from 8-9:30am Meet our new and current families Entertainment for children provided- watch this space!
Zone U11s and U12s Rugby League Trials	02.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U11s @ 9-11:30am U12s @ 11:30-2pm McKeachies Sporting Complex \$5/child (on the day) Private transport Nominations close 26.02.18
2019 Year 7 Expression of Interest (EOIs) due	16.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 Year 7 Package return to school
NAPLAN online practice test	22.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3 and 5 only 10:30-11:15am
Easter Hat Parade	29.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details TBA
Good Friday	30.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Holiday
Easter Monday	02.04.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Holiday
Last Day Term 1	13.04.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of term for students and staff
Small Schools Athletics Carnival	11.04.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed date
ANZAC Day	25.04.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details TBA
Term 2 Events	Date	Details
Term 2 Staff Development Day	30.04.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff return to school
First Day- Students	01.05.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students return
NAPLAN	15.05.18-25.05.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in years 3 and 5 National literacy and numeracy testing
GRIP Leadership Conference	24.05.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 students only Newcastle City Hall
Opera House 3-6 Recorder Concert	21.05.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3-6 (17 places only) Recorder Opera House Transport by bus

Queen's birthday	11.06.18	▪ Public holiday
School Photo Day	05.07.18	▪ Student photos- winter school uniform
Last Day- Term 2	06.07.18	▪ Last day of term for students and staff

Road safety

Hold your child's hand

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's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

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

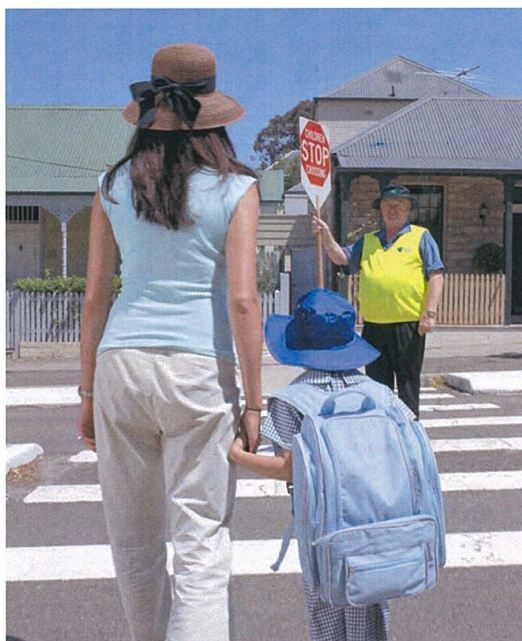
- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

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

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on their own safety.

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



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park
- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across