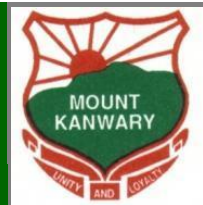


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## Principal's Message

TODAY  
is the day to  
learn something  
NEW

Welcome to the end of Week 5! Can you believe this term is nearly half over already!

This week teachers have been busy looking at some of the wonderful excursion opportunities on offer for students this year.

Traditionally Year 6 have travelled to Canberra with some of our partner small schools, however when contacting them this week, I was advised that many of them are not taking students to Canberra this year and are running excursions or camps within their own school. I have made contact with Seaham Public School principal regarding their stage 3 Canberra excursion to see if they have any vacancies our students may be able to take up. I am still waiting for some advice around this. In the event they are unable to attend we are endeavoring to offer all students a suitable replacement excursion that fits in with our units of study this year. I will keep you updated.

Students in years 4 through to 6 will be receiving a note home today regarding the upcoming Tell Them From Me survey. Students are invited to complete a survey regarding their school experiences and this is an excellent way for us a school to take a peek at school satisfaction from the children's point of view. And let's face it! They are the ones we should be listening to!

If you do not wish for your child to participate please complete the withdrawal intention on the note and return to the school office.

Thank you to those parents who have assisted us in returning the student information/permission, medical and private motor vehicles information. This information is required as per the Departments policies.

We have been advised that we are required to issue a note regarding any unexplained absences if a student/parent has not offered one within a 21 day time period after the absence has occurred. It is therefore **important** that if for any reason your child is absent, arrives late or departs early that they obtain an **early/late leavers slip** from the office and/ or a note explaining any absences.

We appreciate your support with this.

Enjoy the weekend and welcome to Autumn!

Michelle Crowfoot

## Change of Dates

- Please be advised that the dates set down for the school cross country has now changed. Students will now participate in this on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 on the school grounds.
- Small Schools athletics carnival is to be held at the Vi Barnett Sporting fields in Raymond Terrace on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. More details to follow.

## Thomas Family Travels Update

I received an email from Milli Thomas and family this week – I have shared this below. I wonder if I need to take a little road trip to visit Milli and just check she is doing her work properly!!

*Hello Mrs Crowfoot & everyone at Mt Kanwary. Our holiday around Australia is going very well & we are into our 8th week. At the moment we are at Rainbow*

*Beach. We are staying in a holiday house as we weren't sure if Cyclone Oma was going to get close to us, but we were glad that we only got strong winds. We have had lots of stops, so far at Coffs Harbour, Urunga, Yamba, Gold Coast (had a day at Movie World & went on all the rides!) , Moreton Island (which is cane toad free!), Mooloolaba & Rainbow Beach. We are going to Angus Water tomorrow which is near Bundaberg& then at the end of March we will start travelling to Northern Territory which will be lots & lots of hours in the car! We have been swimming nearly every day & having lots of fun, but I still have to do schoolwork :( I hope that you are all going well & I do miss you all. From Milli & the Thomas family xx*



Parents and carers are invited to come along a share a craft afternoon with their child on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 2.30 – 3.30

Parents/ Carers and children will be teaming up to put together their own unique Easter Hat for the Easter Hat parade on the following Friday (12/4/19)

We would also like to ask families if they could begin sending in donations of craft supplies you may have that the children can use on the afternoon.

Maybe some of our parents might like to make their very own Easter Bonnet for the parade!! I'm definitely in – what about you!! Lol

### Look What's Coming!



**Come and join us Thursday  
7/3/19 from 9.30 – 10.00a.m and  
share a space and a book with  
your child. Miss Molly Dog will also  
be joining us for a story or two.**

### Library News

Book Club order forms went home this week. Closing date for all orders is Friday 22 March. Orders can be placed online at [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or at the school office.

### Library News

Reminder that student banking is every Tuesday. Please send your bank book to the office before Tuesday mornings.

Information packs are available from the office.

### Community News

This week Mrs Davis and myself met with Kristy Ratcliffe – Education Coordinator from Hunter Water.

Hunter water has invited students in stages 2 and 3 to participate in the [Hunter Water Learning with Schools program](#).

The Hunter Water Education Team would like to challenge students at Mount Kanwarly Public School to tackle the real world problem of water scarcity and come up with solutions to help our community save water through inquiry based learning. Our goal is to engage in a collaborative learning journey where we support learnings in curiosity, creativity and innovation.

The program will commence during Term 2 and stretch across Term 3 and will include visiting experts, an excursions and an opportunity for students to participate in a showcase event to present their solution.

Given our current water shortage situation – this will be an invaluable opportunity for students and the community.

Who knows – you may even be able to get the kids to limit those showers to under 5 minutes!!







**National  
Online  
Safety**

## 7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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**Which apps/games are you using at the moment?**

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

**Which websites do you enjoy using and why?**

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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PLAY AGAIN?  
YES NO

**How does this game/app work?  
Can I play?**



SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

**Do you have any online friends?**

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD. FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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**Do you know where to go for help?**

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.

**Do you know what your personal information is?**



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**Do you know your limits?**

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

