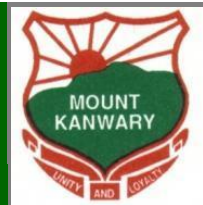


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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

‘Let’s join
together today
to create a
Fabulous
tomorrow’
www.thefabuloustimes.com

Welcome to Week 4! And a less stressed Mrs. Crowfoot and Mrs. Jones! As you know, last Thursday we undertook a school wide audit. The audit looked at the schools effectiveness around finances, WHS, assets and child protection. This was a huge undertaking for the school and staff and in particular Mrs. Jones. The audit findings for the most part very positive – but it did identify some areas that we need to improve in, including:

- Parents and community volunteers completing a working with children’s check Appendix 5 and /or 11. Many of you would have the RMS issued WWCC however the Department also requires either an Appendix 5 or 11 to be completed along with 100 points of proof of identity.
- SMS Messaging for all absences beyond 10a.m. parents must provide an explanation to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence – this can be in writing, person or via phone.
- Attendance concerns will be discussed weekly at staff meetings and any child whose absences are below the expected state average will be contacted by the classroom teacher or principal to discuss ways in which your child’s attendance can be supported to improve.

Of course, as with any change to operating systems, there will be support to allow parents

and students to adjust. We hope you will work with us through this process.

Congratulations to our State Relay Team Toby, Milli, Charlie and Harry. Despite not progressing through to the finals the team actually achieved a personal best time! The children have been spending many lunchtimes practicing and preparing and it has paid off. Thanks must go to Mrs. Davis for her support with team training and organisation as well as to Andrew Laverick and our parents. Without your support parents, these children would not be kicking goals and achieving amazing results.



Due to Kindergarten Orientation and Year 2 transition – library will be moved to Wednesday for Weeks 4, 5 and 6. Library borrowing will cease in Week 8 so that Mrs. Oates can commence stocktake. All books must be returned before the 5th December, 2018.

Our school is often commended for its beautiful and inviting grounds. Now that the warmer weather is upon us teachers are taking advantage of our lush outdoor area’s and taking the learning outside. So don’t be surprised the next time you drive by, to spot students sitting under a tree looking soaking up the glorious surrounding and throwing quality learning in on top! (Even the magpie’s sometimes like to join in!)



The wattles are busy using dice to develop their automaticity in recalling facts to 12.

Wattles Excursion

Our Wattles are off to Hunter Valley Zoo on Tuesday 20 November. We will be travelling by coach to Cessnock and the cost will be \$34.00. This includes bus and zoo entry. Wattles parents are able to join us on the coach for a great day. Parents will need to pay the cost of \$26 for zoo entry.

Community Open Forum

Don't forget to come along to the Open Forum meeting this Thursday 8th November from 3.30p.m.

Director for Educational Leadership – John Millburn will be hosting the session to unpack the recent survey results in preparation for our 2019 and beyond planning.

Pizza will follow and snacks will be available to purchase from the 'Super Six Store'. There will also be lucky door prizes and a raffle on the night. I look forward to seeing you all.

Cyber Awareness

Apps to Help Keep Track of What Your Kids Are Doing Online

Though open communication is best, these tools can help parents who want a little extra control.



As kids become more independent, we want to foster their sense of responsibility and give them room to prove themselves. But it can be difficult to navigate this natural separation, especially when kids are doing who-knows-what on their devices. There are constant questions: Where are they? Who's contacting them? What are they doing online? Since tweens and teens are often tight-lipped about their lives, it can be tricky to get clear answers.

Though direct communication is always best, and the conversations around online safety and digital citizenship should start long before a kid becomes a teen, there are occasions when parents feel it's necessary to monitor what kids are doing on their devices. Maybe they've broken your trust or you're worried about their safety. Whatever the case, there are tools to track what your kid is up to. Be aware that spying on your kid can backfire and that kids can find a way around just about any type of tracking. But if you're at the end of your rope or just need extra help managing your kid's digital life, then one of these tools might work for you. To get more information, check out our advice about cell phone issues, including basic parental controls, and less invasive (and expensive) ways to limit access to content.

Bark: Similar to VISR (see below), kids and parents need to work together to hook up accounts to the service. It also analyzes all device activity and alerts parents when a problem is found. If they get an alert, parents will see the content in question and get suggestions on how to handle it (\$9/month US\$).

Circle Home and Go: This app manages the Circle with Disney device, which pairs with your home Wi-Fi and controls all Wi-Fi-enabled devices. Can create time limits on specific apps, filter content, set bedtimes, and restrict internet access for the whole house or for individuals. Circle Go will let parents filter, limit, and track on networks outside the home Wi-Fi (the [Circle device](#) is \$99, the Circle Home app is free, and the Circle Go service is \$4.99/month for up to 10 devices \$US).

Limitly: If screen time and specific app use is your concern, this system might work for you. It lets you track your kid's app use and limit time using the device or certain apps (free, Android-only).

Pocket Guardian: Parents get alerts when sexting, bullying, or explicit images are detected on your kid's device, though you won't see the actual content or who it's from. Instead, the alert can

prompt a conversation, and the app offers resources to help (\$9.99–\$12.99/month \$US).

Trackidz: With this program, you don't see specific content from your kid's device, but you can track app installations and use, block browsers and apps, manage time in apps and on the device, block out device-free time, grant bonus time, track location, get an alert when your kid's phone is turned off, and see your kid's contacts. It also claims to detect cyberbullying by tracking when your kid's device use drops dramatically, which can indicate avoidance. Setting up a geo-fence lets parents track a kid's location and alerts them when a kid has gone outside the boundaries, and a kid can tap the power button to send an emergency message to parents (currently free, but will be \$6.99 \$US).

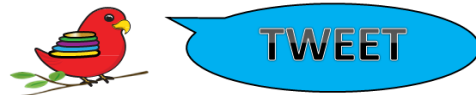
VISR: For this one to work, a parent needs the kid's usernames and passwords, so be aware that it's easy for kids to set up dummy accounts. Once enabled, the tool analyzes posts and emails for bullying, profanity, nudity, violence, drugs, and late-night use and sends parents alerts when

anything iffy is detected (currently free, but will be \$5/month \$US).

URGENT! We Need Your Pictures!

Year 6 parents I urgently need a picture of your child from either preschool or Kindergarten. You can scan and email or simply drop a picture in and I will scan and return – Thankyou

TWEET AWARDS



Congratulations to Ezekiel for achieving his 'Purple feather'.

Congratulations to Brodie, Chloe for achieving their 'Green feather'.

Well done!

Term 4 Events	Date	Details
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Swim School – all students	18.10.18	▪ Leisure centre – Raymond Terrace – till end of term
Kindergarten /Yr 2 Orientation And Transition	8.11.18	▪ Session 1 9.30a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
Remembrance Day Service	9.11.18	▪ 10.30 a.m Undercover Area
Wattles Excursion	20.11.18	▪ Hunter Valley Zoo - Cessnock
School Disco	22.11.18	▪ School disco - P&C event
Student Leadership Speeches	23.11.18	▪ Time TBA
Year 6 Transition to High School day	05.12.18	▪ Maitland High School 2019 Yr7 Orientation Day (TBC)
Presentation Day	6.12.18	▪ Seaham Public School Hall 5.30 -7.30p.m.
Year 6 Farewell Dinner	12.12.18	▪ Woodfire Pizza Morpeth
Last Day Term 4- Students	19.12.18	▪ Last day of Term 4 for students
Last Day Term 4- Staff	20.12.18	▪ Last day of Term 4 for staff
School CLOSED	21.12.18	▪ No staff onsite



Mount Kanwary Uniform order form

Contact: Kristen Garth Ph: 0432183368

Name		Phone number							
Summer	Price	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Total \$
Girls bottle green skorts	\$20								
Girls School summer tunic	\$40								
Boys Grey shorts	\$14								
Everyday polo white	\$23								
Sport Polo Red	\$23								
Unisex Green Taslon sport shorts	\$12								
New Hats One size/ logo embroidered	\$15	Small	only						
School Hats wide brim + logo iron on	\$12	S/M							
Winter									
Girls long bottle green pants	\$19								
Grey Boys long grey pants	\$17								
Fleecy zip bottle green jacket + logo	\$23								
Sports Jacket Microfibre	\$35								
Sport Trackpants Microfibre red/white	\$28								
SportTrackpants Mfibre bottle green/zip	\$21	Sz 10	12	only					
Headbands 2 pack	\$2.00								
Library Bag	\$5.50								
Chair Bags	\$8.00								
Waterproof excursion bag	\$6.00								
Scrunchies 2 pack	\$2.00								
School iron or sew on patches	\$4.00								
School Metal Badges available from the office.									
Date:		Total \$							
Payments to be made in full before receiving uniforms									
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