**Coming Events - Term 1**

**Week 11**

**Monday, 8 April**  
Library classes – Drum 1, N 1, N 4 & O 2  
1:30pm EdYouopia Parent Workshops for Stage 2 & 3 parents ONLY  
K-2 Cross Country–11:50am -1:00pm – Sports Uniform to be worn.

**Tuesday, 9 April**  
Student Banking  
Whole School Assembly 1:50pm  
Library classes – Kembla 1, Nebo 2, Keira 1, Keira 3 and Ousley 1

**Wednesday, 10 April**  
Sport In Schools Money /Note due today  
Primary Cross Country 9:30-11am  
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
Library classes – K 2, K 4 & Kembla 2

**Thursday, 11 April**  
Library classes – Nebo 3

**Friday, 12 April**  
Last day of Term 1. No Newsletter.  
Anzac Day Service 10:15am

**Term 2 - Week 1**

**Monday, 29 April**  
Staff Development Day 1 – PUPIL FREE

**Tuesday, 30 April**  
Staff Development Day 2 – PUPIL FREE

**Wednesday, 1 May**  
Children return to school  
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am

**Thursday, 2 May**  
K-6 Sport in Schools - Sports Uniform

**Friday, 3 May**

**Week 2**

**Monday, 6 May**  
No Assembly

**Tuesday, 7 May**

**Wednesday, 8 May**  
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
Last day for Mothers’ Day orders  
Mothers’ Day Wrapping 6:00pm  
P&C Meeting 7:30pm

**Thursday, 9 May**  
Mothers’ Day Stall  
K-6 Sport in Schools - Sports Uniform  
ANZAC Service at Cenotaph - Captains

**Friday, 10 May**  
District Cross Country  
English & Maths Comp. money due  
Stewart House clothing collection day

**Week 3**

**Monday, 13 May**  
Student Banking

**Tuesday, 14 May**  
1:50pm Whole School Assembly  
9:00am NAPLAN - Language  
Conventions and Writing

**Wednesday, 15 May**  
9:00am NAPLAN- Reading  
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am

**Thursday, 16 May**  
9:00am NAPLAN - Numeracy  
K-6 Sport in Schools – Sports Uniform

**Friday, 17 May**

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**PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME**

Dear Parents,

**ADDITIONAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY AT THE BEGINNING OF TERM 2 2013**

Don’t forget there are 2 Staff Development Days at the beginning of Term 2, one on Monday 29th April and the second on Tuesday 30th April.

All students will return from their Autumn Holidays on **Wednesday 1st May 2013**.

The professional learning sessions on the staff development days include:

- **Every Student, Every School** - Mandatory training on meeting the needs of students with disability.
- **Teaching for the New Curriculum** – Module 2 Implementation of new NSW Syllabuses
- Feedback as Assessment- John Hattie’s current research:
  - Teacher/student feedback/ Learning Intentions and Success Criteria
  - Feedback Research at Mount St Thomas PS
- Stage based KLA and Assessment Planning
- Numeracy Action Research Project Planning

**CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVALS**

The Primary Cross Country has been postponed to next Wednesday, 10 April 2013, from 9:30 – 11:00am approx. All students 8 years and over will participate (this includes all students turning 8 this year from Year 2).

The **K-2 Cross Country** will be held next Monday, 8 April 2013 from 11:50am – 1:00pm. All students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate.

Please send the children in their sports uniform and make sure all children have plenty of water, a hat and sunscreen.

**ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY**

The annual Anzac Commemorative School Assembly will be held on Friday 12th April, at 10:15am in the School Hall. All parents are welcome to attend.
MOTHERS’ DAY STALL – TERM 2
Mothers’ Day is just around the corner, so the P&C has been very busy organising and buying beautiful presents. The stall will be held on Thursday 9th May in Week 2 Term 2.

The P&C have included in this issue, the Mothers’ Day Stall note. Please send in your child (children)'s gift orders and money by Wednesday 8 May, to ensure they can buy some beautiful gifts for their mums and grandmothers.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOL – ENGLISH & MATHEMATIC’S COMPETITION
Any Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 students wishing to participate must return their completed permission note and entry fee(s) to the school office by Friday, 10 May, 2013.

TEST DATES: English – 31 July, 2013
Maths – 13 August, 2013

SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA (SISA)
As you are aware, next term all students K-6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Sport In Schools Australia Program, as part of the fitness component of our PD/H/PE Program.

The program uses a wide range of stimulating equipment, which changes each week over the 10 week program, to develop the student’s fundamental movement skills and sporting skills. This improves their confidence and ability to participate in a wide range of sporting activities.

The permission note and money is due by next Wednesday 10th April 2013.

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL
As part of the NSW Department of Education and Communities’ School Attendance Policy, any student who will be absent from school for a period greater than 15 school days, must apply for a Certificate of Exemption from attendance at school.

This could include reasons such as family emergency, student’s health or family holidays.

If you become aware that this could affect your child, please ask at the front office for this form. In cases that involve applications for exemption due to health reasons, a medical certificate must be issued for the dates of the exemption.

If the application involves a family holiday, please ensure that you allow plenty of time prior to leaving on your holiday for the forms to be approved. Don't leave it until the last minute.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact myself or the ladies in the front office.

END OF TERM 1
We have had a very busy and eventful term and I would like to thank all the students for their great efforts in the classroom, in sport, in the arts and in the many ways they demonstrate their values to be great school citizens. I would also like to thank our teachers for their amazing efforts to provide a wonderful learning environment for all our students, and the school office staff, general assistant and Gail, our new Canteen Operator, for supporting us all, in so many ways with a ready and willing smile.

Many thanks must go to all the parents, the wider community members and the P&C who have supported our school so generously, in so many ways throughout this term.

Mount St Thomas is a fantastic school and a great place to work, learn, play and have fun. I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Christine Schnebli
PRINCIPAL

P&C NEWS:

SOUTH COAST ENTERTAINMENT BOOK!!
We are excited to be selling the NEW South Coast Entertainment book again! Not only is it filled with $15,000 worth of fabulous discounts and vouchers from businesses all up and down the coast, but with each book sold $11.00 goes towards fundraising for Mount St Thomas Public School.

Books are available now available from the school office.

Call Cindy 0407297081 for more information.

Cindy
On behalf of the Fundraising Committee
STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL
Collection day is 10 May, 2013

A Stewart House Clothing Appeal bag was sent home with your child today. Please make time to clean out all those unwanted old clothes, fill the Stewart House bag and return it to the school office by Thursday 9 May, 2013. The clothing bags will be collected from school the next day, Friday 10 May, 2013.

Thank you

IMPORTANT

Managing ANAPHYLAXIS in our School
We currently have 8 students in our school with severe food allergies (anaphylaxis) to all types of nuts and/ or eggs.

In order to minimise the risk in our school, I am requesting that parents not send peanut butter on sandwiches or any nut products to school in your child’s lunch box, especially if a class member is Anaphylactic, in early primary years.

Please check below to see if there is an anaphylactic child in your child’s class.

Bringing Food to School: Also check with your child’s teacher if you are bringing in a Birthday Cake or other food, as steps must be taken to ensure that the anaphylactic child is not exposed to an allergen via this food source.

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*All Nuts include – Cashews, Walnuts, Pecans, Almonds, Hazelnuts, Brazil, Peanuts, Macadamia, Pistachio, Pinenuts and Sesame Seeds.

Many thanks for your support to ensure the safety of our students.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Hairlicious
Learn how to Braid!
Why not come along to our “learn how to braid class” at Hairlicious.

It’s held at the salon on Friday 5th April and Friday 12th April, 7pm-8pm. Within the hour we will provide you with step by step techniques to perfecting the classic braid and the fish tail braid.

Classes are $40 per person which include the hour class, nibbles and drinks and goodie bag to take home. Bring along a friend or your child with you, so that you can practise the braiding techniques on their hair.

Spots are limited. For any questions or to book please contact Sarah at the salon on 42275779.
Shop 1 /103 St Johns Avenue, Mangerton

Figtree Heights OOSH
After School
Care 3pm – 6pm
Vacation Care 8am – 6pm

Figtree Heights Public School Hall
St George Avenue, FIGTREE NSW 2525

• Phone: (02) 4227 2515  • Fax: (02) 4226 5061
• Email: centre@fhoosh.net
• ABN: 55 782 160 086

Do you need someone qualified and caring to care for your children in the local community?

Then come in and visit our wonderful out of school hours care service!

We offer care for children 5-12yrs of age and comply with Education and Care National Services Regulations

We are a not for profit community owned business run and operated by Figtree Heights Public School P & C!

Every child can shine
Kumon’s maths and English programmes work to support your child in building confidence while developing a thorough skill set to foster a love of learning for life. Contact your local Kumon Centre to find out more today.

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