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| **WEEK 10**           |
| **Welcome Back!**     |
| Monday, 8 December    | NO CANTEEN |
| Tuesday, 9 December   | NO CANTEEN |
| Wednesday, 10 Dec     | 8:00-9:00am – BAND |
| Thursday, 11 Dec      | Year 6 Dinner |
| Friday, 12 December   | Yr 6 Graduation in Library and BBQ |

| **WEEK 11**           |
| **Week 1**            |
| Monday, 15 December   | NO CANTEEN |
| Tuesday, 16 December  | Student Banking |
| Wednesday, 17 Dec     | Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am |
| Thursday, 18 Dec      | STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY |
| Friday, 19 December   | STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY |

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| **Week 2**            |
| Monday, 2 February    | NO CANTEEN |
| Tuesday, 3 February   | Student Banking |
| Wednesday, 4 Feb      | Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am |
| Thursday, 5 February  | CANTEEN |
| Friday, 6 February    | First Newsletter |

| **Week 3**            |
| Monday, 9 February    | NO CANTEEN |
| Tuesday, 10 February  | Student Banking |
| Wednesday, 11 Feb     | Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am |
| Thursday, 12 February | 8 year olds & Primary Swimming Carnival |
| Friday, 13 February   | No Newsletter |

| **Week 4**            |
| Monday, 16 February   | NO CANTEEN |
| Tuesday, 17 February  | Student Banking |
| Wednesday, 18 Feb     | Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am |
| Thursday, 19 February | CANTEEN |
| Friday, 20 February   | CANTEEN |

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**RESPECT  RESPONSIBILITY  SAFETY**
PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME:
CAPTAINS’ SPEECHES
Congratulations to all the Year 5 students who participated in the Captains’ Speeches today.

All the Year 5 students presented articulate and well-crafted speeches and put forward convincing reasons for gaining their peers’ votes. All students Years 2 – 6 were able to vote in a Secret Ballot to elect our new school leaders.

The successful candidates will be announced at the Presentation Assembly on Thursday, 4 December 2014.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
A reminder that this special assembly, will take place on Thursday, 4 December 2014, from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Please note that ALL students must wear their full summer uniform and Year 6 students are NOT to wear their Year 6 T-shirt.

Parents are most welcome to attend to celebrate our children’s successes. The new 2015 School Captains will also be announced at this ceremony.

2014 P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Each family should have received a book of Christmas Raffle tickets. Please remember that all the money and tickets MUST be returned to the school office on or before Friday, 5 December.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 10 December.

HAVE YOU GOT THE SKOOLBAG APP?
Skoolbag is a school Mobile App that communicates directly with iPhone and Android devices.

It provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications.

To download the app, simply search for Mount St Thomas Public School in your App/Play Store.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS
Just a reminder that Kindergarten enrolments are still be taken for in area students for 2015. If you or anyone you know is intending to apply for Kindergarten in 2015, please do it, as soon as possible to avoid a last minute rush.
Application forms are available from the office.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE ON HOLIDAYS IN THE FIRST 3 WEEKS OF TERM 1, 2015?
Schools are required to submit enrolment numbers in Week 3 of Term 1. If you anticipate being away during the first three weeks of Term 1, please write the school a letter stating that your child / children will be returning before the conclusion of Term 1 2015.

This advice will help us in the allocation of teachers to our school.

CHANGES IN CONTACT DETAILS
It is very important that if your address, home phone, work phone or mobile phone numbers change, you let the school office staff know, as soon as possible, so we can update our contact records.

In the event of an emergency, incorrect contact details can cause a great deal of anguish and concern.

Have a great week.

Christine Schuebli
PRINCIPAL
CANTEEN NEWS:

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**CANTEEN CLOSED:** Every Monday & Tuesday

**TRADING HOURS:** 8:30am to 2:00pm
    
    **Wednesday to Friday**

**NEW MENU ITEMS:**
Chicken Salsa or Coleslaw burgers - $3.50
Meatball Subs - $2.50

**RECESS ORDERS:**
Fun bun tea cake and any drink - $3.00

**PLEASE NOTE:**
The Canteen will be CLOSED ALL DAY on Wednesday, 10 December due to all classes holding their end of year class parties.

**FOR SALE - FREE RANGE EGGS**
Now available at the Canteen - Free Range Eggs $5.00 per dozen. Each box (15 dozen) that is sold; a $5.00 donation will be given to the P&C Association.

Due to food ALLERGIES, it’s a MUST that only parents pick them up from the canteen.

Cheers,
_Gail – Canteen Supervisor_

P&C NEWS:

**UNIFORM SHOP**
The school uniform shop is open every:

**WEDNESDAY** - 8:30am – 9:15am

New lunch wallets available
    **NOW at the uniform shop.**
Lunch Order Wallet - $8.00 each
All-round insulated lunch wallets for everyday - $12.00.
All colours currently available.
Please see flyer in the newsletter

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

**Christmas Raffle**
Raffle Tickets have been sent home to every student’s family.

Please remember to put your child’s name on each ticket stub, this makes it more exciting for the children if they sell a winning ticket, sometimes you may sell to a friend, but the children don’t know their surnames.

If you do not wish to purchase any tickets or cannot sell the whole book, please return either the raffle ticket book or unsold tickets to the office ASAP.

We have 4 major prizes, as well as 32+ additional prizes to be won.

1st PRIZE: BMX Bike and Helmet (Valued at over $300)
2nd PRIZE: $300 Woolworths Gift Card
3rd PRIZE: $100 Woolworths Gift Card
4th PRIZE: $100 Woolworths Gift Card

The book has 10 tickets and will be sold for $1.00 each. Please try to sell, as many as you can to your family and friends.

Money and Tickets MUST be returned to the school office on or before Friday 5th December 2014. (All unsold tickets need to be returned also.)

HOW TO RAISE AN AGENDA ITEM AT A P&C MEETING
If you have an item that you would like to raise with the P&C at a meeting, then use the following procedure:

1. Put the item or concern in writing along with your name and contact details.
2. Leave at the front office with Denise. Similarly, you can email the written agenda item to mstpca@gmail.com.
   
The written agenda item must be in **1 week** prior to the next P&C meeting.

Please note: Contact the P&C committee on the email above if you would like to discuss the agenda item or any other P&C matter.

Kind Regards
P&C Executive

FUNDRAISING MEETING
9:00am
3 December, 2014
All welcome to attend meeting.
The Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 10th December 2014 at 9:00am.

There are plenty more books available from the school office, if you would like to pick up extra ones to sell.

Thanks for supporting our school.

Kobe
Fundraising Coordinator/Treasurer

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**Monster Christmas Raffle Prize List**

5th – Entertainment Book & NRMA Bear
6th – Entertainment Book & Bottle of wine
7th – Party Lite Candle Pack
8th – Party Lite Candle Pack
9th – South Coast Gymnastics Academy - Kidz Break Voucher
10th – South Coast Gymnastics Academy - Kidz Break Voucher
11th – $50 Sharpening Voucher
12th – $50 Sharpening Voucher
13th – Nature Direct Cleaning Pack
14th – Picnic Basket/Flask/Wine
15th – Picnic Basket/Flask/Wine
16th – Bling Pack
17th – Photo frame Pack
18th – Gardenia Jasmine Beauty Pack
19th – Teddy Bear W/ photo frame
20th – Teddy Bear w/ Pamper pack
21st – Ladies Pack
22nd – Teddy w/ Dads photo frame
23rd – Cheese Board w/ wine
24th – Cheese Board w/ wine
25th – Retro Vase
26th – Wooden Photo Tray
27th – Metal Garden Arch & $20 sharpening voucher
28th – Candle Pack
29th – Transformer T-Shirt
30th – Transformer T-Shirt
31st – Cookware Set
32nd – Bike Helmet

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**ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE:**

**School Gardening Group**

Our wonderful garden group have had another busy year, and have already clocked up over 1000 volunteer hours so far in 2014. A huge thank you to Keith, Shelli, Kath, Belinda, Nihini, Vicki and Mike for your work and enthusiasm. Mike comes in 3 days a week as well as in the school holidays, and is responsible for those wonderful above ground class gardens.

Mike was recently announced as a grand finalist in the NSW Premiers COTA Grand Friends 2014 Awards for his work and dedication to our school. A framed award was presented to Mike at the Helpers Morning Tea at school last Tuesday. Congratulations Mike!!

- Our garden group meets every Wednesday from 9:00am to 11:00am. Please come and join us. You will be most welcome!

**Jamie’s Garden Books**

Woolworths Wollongong kindly gave us 25,000 Jamie Oliver stickers and 300 books. The stickers have now been separated and sorted into sets of 128 stickers. A big thank you to our volunteers who helped with this massive task.

Books and stickers are now ready to be distributed to families at our school. The books are excellent, full of environmental, gardening and nutritional information fitting in well with the schools above ground class gardens which are going so well. The books and stickers will make an excellent school holiday activity for the family.

If your family would like a free book and set of 128 stickers please fill in the form and return to school.

**Rosemarie Bowden - Coordinator**

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**JAMIE’S GARDEN BOOKS**

Our family would like a Jamie Oliver Book and set of stickers.

**CHILD’S NAME:**

**CLASS:**

Thank you,

**SIGNED:**
SPARE STICKERS
We also have spare stickers from the following series:–
1) “Jamie’s Garden”;
2) Original green set “Aussie Animals”;
3) Red set “Aussie Baby Animals”; and
4) Current series “Super Animals”.

We have limited numbers of the above, so if you have just a few missing we may be able to help you.

*Please write series wanted as above and missing sticker numbers on the front of an envelope with your child’s name and class. We will put the stickers in the envelope if available.

USED STAMPS
We also collect used postage stamps for the Church Missions. Please save stamps from your mail and Christmas Cards. There is a stamp container to put them in on the table near the office.

LEAVERS IN 2014
As all families would be aware, applications for Kindergarten to Year 6 enrolment in 2015 are now being taken. In 4 weeks’ time the decision will be made as to how many of the non-local applications can be accepted.

To do this as accurately as possible, we need to determine how many Year 6 students will be leaving, as well as how many other families will be leaving the school and NOT RETURNING IN 2015.

Please help clarify next year’s numbers! If you know or expect you will be leaving our school before the commencement of the 2015 school year, except for the current Year 6 going to High School, please complete and return the form below, as soon as possible.

We would be very grateful of your prompt advice, so we can more accurately estimate our enrolments for 2015.

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 2015??
[Please complete and return to the school office]

If you expect your child will not be attending our school in 2015 (except Year 6), please complete the form below and return as soon as possible.

CHILD’S NAME:_______________________ CLASS:____________
REASON:________________________________________________

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CHILD’S NAME:_______________________ CLASS:____________
REASON:________________________________________________

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*All Nuts include
• Cashews
• Walnuts
• Pecans
• Almonds
• Hazelnuts,
• Brazil
• Peanuts
• Macadamia
• Pistachio
• Pine nuts
• Sesame Seeds.

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

WORK WANTED

Lawn Mowing
Greenkeeper, Qualified 25 years.
Experience and knowledge of lawn mowing, edging, lawn spraying, grass selection, maintenance and long term management.
Cheap rates.

Call Marty on 0400 041 865

BASKETBALL ILLAWARRA

"A Sport for Everyone"
Address: Beaton Park Stadium 'The Snakepit' Foley's Rd Gwynneville
Phone: 42259999  Fax: 42263596
We held our first trial for U12 girls last Saturday and we are low in numbers for girls born 2004 and 2005. Our next trial will be this Saturday 29th November 2014 from 12:30 to 2pm at the Snakepit. If you could encourage girls to come along it is a great way to learn new skills and make new friends. If you have any enquiries please feel free to contact me or basketball Illawarra on the number below.

Troy Genner
U12 Girls Head Coach – Illawarra Basketball
Mb: 0407 722 947

Swimming Program 2015 – Port Kembla Youth Project

Not-for-profit community organisation providing quality lessons at a reduced price for families for over 30 years. All classes are run by Austswim qualified instructors in an indoor heated pool in North Wollongong. Class sizes remain small for optimal development. The swim program is supported by the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Classes are run on a Monday afternoon and include: Water Confidence for babies, Learn to swim all levels, Stroke Correction and Squad. Please phone 42 76 1229 on Monday or Thursday to enrol for term 1 or email pkyp@bigpond.net.au