Coming Events - Term 1

**Week 9**

**Monday, 24 March**
2:00pm Yrs K-2 Fun Run  
1:40pm Years 3-6 Assembly – Primary COLA  
NO CANTEEN

**Tuesday, 25 March**
Student Banking  
Whole School Assembly 1:50pm  
NO CANTEEN

**Wednesday, 26 March**
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
Author Visit Workshop K-6

**Thursday, 27 March**
9:00am Years 3-6 Cross Country + 8 year olds

**Friday, 28 March**

**Sunday 30 March**
Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

**Week 10**

**Monday, 31 March**
NO CANTEEN  
1:40pm Years 3-6 Assembly – Primary COLA  
New Date: Premier’s Sporting Challenge-5/6

**Tuesday, 1 April**
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
Whole School Assembly 1:50pm  
(2 consecutive weeks is correct )

**Wednesday, 2 April**
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am

**Thursday, 3 April**

**Friday, 4 April**
Easter Raffle tickets due back today  
PSSA Gala Day: Cricket & Dragon Tag

**Week 11**

**Monday, 7 April**
NO CANTEEN  
Primary Enrichment Groups TBA

**Tuesday, 8 April**
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
No Assembly  
Infants Enrichment Groups TBA

**Wednesday, 9 April**
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
Easter Egg Muffin Day – Bring an Egg(s)  
Easter Egg Wrapping – 9am staffroom  
Fundraising Meeting 6:30pm

**P&C Meeting 7:00pm in the staffroom**

**Thursday, 10 April**
Easter Raffle Draw  
RSPCA Student Fundraiser Raffle Draw  
12:00pm K-2 - Easter Hat Parade

**Friday, 11 April**
Last Day of Term 1

**TERM 2**

**Week 1**

**Monday, 28 April**
Staff Development Day  
Pupil Free day

**Tuesday, 29 April**
All students return  
Student Banking  
NO ASSEMBLY  
NO CANTEEN

**Wednesday, 30 April**
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am

**Thursday, 1 May**
District Cross Country

**Friday, 2 May**
10:20am ANZAC Day Assembly

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Many thanks to all families, who came along to the P&C’s Family Fun Night on Friday, 7 March. A fun and relaxing evening was had by all the children, parents and staff.

Special thanks to: Shellie, Danyelle, Kobe, Deanne, Cindy and Michelle for organising this wonderful event, to the many parents who assisted on the night, to Gail, our canteen operator and all the teachers, children, parents, families and friends who made this event such a warm and friendly community experience.

Many thanks to the Outback Steakhouse Restaurant for donating all the meat for our BBQ, this generous donation was greatly appreciated by the whole school community.

**MONSTER EASTER RAFFLE**

As you are aware, our P&C Fundraising Committee are currently running their 2014 Monster Easter Raffle and have sent home raffle ticket books last Monday.

In order to spread the winning tickets evenly across students K-6, each students’ sold raffle tickets, will be...
placed in a class box and each CLASS will have prizes
drawn from their own sold raffle tickets.
Please check with your child that they have not left their
tickets in their school bags. Extra books for each class
are available from the office. **ALL** tickets and monies
are due back on or before Friday, 4 April. The raffle will
be drawn on Thursday, 10 April 2014.

Many thanks for your support to sell these tickets.

**EASTER ACTIVITIES**

Our Easter Egg Mufti Day will be held on
Wednesday, 9 April. In return for the privilege
of wearing mufti clothes, we request that the
students bring in some **Easter eggs** which will be used
as prizes in our Monster Easter Raffle.

All the eggs will be beautifully wrapped into Easter Raffle
prizes by parents at our Easter Egg Wrapping Morning
9:00am on Wednesday, 9 April in the staffroom.

All are welcome to help with the wrapping of the eggs, if
you have some time to give.

**INFANTS EASTER HAT PARADE**

An Easter Hat Parade will be coming up on
Thursday, 10 April, at 12:00 - 1:00pm,
so start getting creative and making
those hats!!

**FAREWELL MR DREW**

Last week, our school farewelled Mr Graeme Drew after
32 years teaching at Mount St Thomas and a teaching
career spanning 38 years in total.

We wish Mr Drew all the best, as he sets forth on the
next phase of his life.

I know that Mr Drew will enjoy looking back on his
rewarding career with pride and I hope that he will take
his memories of Mount St Thomas with him in his heart,
and know that we are wishing him and his family every
success and happiness in this new chapter.

Mrs Amanda Dubowski will continue to teach RFF
Science, possibly until the end of Term 1 or as advised
by staffing.

**TREE REMOVAL**

The large rubber tree situated on Taronga Avenue fence
line near Ousley 2 was removed last week, as a result of
a report that a low 3m limb had fallen in the garden and
grazed a community gardener’s leg.

After consultation with an arborist, it was decided to
remove the tree, as a safety precaution.

**ILLEGAL PARKING IN TARONGA AVENUE**

We are again having problems with parents
parking illegally in Taronga Avenue. This
is causing unnecessary risk to all of our
children by obscuring clear vision to the
pedestrian crossing and reducing the stopping time for
passing traffic.

On behalf of all the students, staff and by far the majority
of parents, I request that these drivers please abide by
the rules by parking in the appropriate areas – it will be
too late for regrets once an accident has occurred.

Here is some information to remind us of the road
rules around our school.

**PARKING** – in both Taronga Avenue and St Johns
Avenue, parking “drop offs” and “pick ups” can only
occur outside the **NO STOPPING** and **BUS ZONE**
areas.

The NO PARKING signs mean that you may **not stop
for longer than 2 minutes** to drop off or pick up
passengers or goods and you must remain within 3
metres of your vehicle.

**NB:** Please read attached Wollongong City Council
Fines Notice for further information.

**SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS** – unlike other
pedestrian crossings, cars must remain stationary from
the time the child is about to step onto the crossing, until
they completely cross the road and step onto the kerb.
Only 2 pedestrian crossings exist, one in Taronga
Avenue and the other near the Northern single gate in St
Johns Avenue.

Cars are not permitted to park on or across the
school pedestrian crossings in Taronga Avenue or
St John’s Avenue.

**HUMPS** – the humps in Heaslip Street and near the
school driveway gate in St Johns Avenue are **NOT**
pedestrian crossings. Students should not be crossing
here and cars should proceed as normal.

**SCHOOL CAR PARK** – for safety reasons, access to
the car park is for staff and deliveries **ONLY**. Students
are **never** to be picked up or dropped off on school
grounds (irrespective of the weather).

Please note: **Wollongong Police have been informed
of these issues and will be visiting our school from
time to time.**
AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOL – ENGLISH & MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
A note went home last Monday to all children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 regarding participating in the English and Mathematics competitions in 2014.

TEST DATES:
- English – 29 July, 2014
- Maths – 12 August, 2014

Any students wishing to participate must return their completed permission note and entry fee (s) to the school office by Friday, 6 June, 2014.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS IN TERM 2 & 3
A reminder to parents that the school P & C Association requests the WINTER UNIFORM is worn in Terms 2 & 3. Even if the weather is still mild at the beginning of next term, the long sleeve blouses and shirts worn with the tunic or long trousers still allows the children to be cool enough before the cold weather sets in. During the first 2 weeks of Term 2 children may wear either summer or winter uniforms to accommodate the changing weather.

The Winter Uniform is as follows:

**GIRLS:**
- Grey / maroon check winter tunic
- Long sleeve sky blue blouse or sky blue skivvy
- Grey ribbed tights or short blue socks
- School sloppy joe or zip jacket
- **Black leather school shoes**

**BOYS:**
- Grey long trousers [double knee]
- Long / short sleeve button through sky blue shirt
- Maroon sloppy joe or zip jacket
- Grey socks
- **Black leather school shoes**

**WINTER SPORT – GIRLS & BOYS**
- School polo shirt
- School sloppy joe or zip jacket
- Maroon track pants
- White socks
- Sport shoes or joggers

**PLEASE NOTE:** All children must have a school hat.

**DOGS PROHIBITED IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**
Parents and community members need to be mindful when they are walking their dogs not to enter our school grounds, as this could impose an on the spot fine for having your dog in a prohibited place.

In the past we have had a Council Officer patrolling our school giving warnings to dog owners. He may return and fine owners of dogs not under effective control and / or in a prohibited place.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions, such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing. Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

RSPCA FUNDRAISER
Over the next three weeks four girls from Year 6 - Annabelle, Bonnie, Hannah and Grania will be running a fundraiser for the RSPCA, which is a community based charity that works to prevent animal cruelty and has been running since 1871.

The girls will hold a raffle starting on Monday 24 March and finish on Thursday 10 April. Raffle tickets will be sold in the morning and at lunch.

Raffle tickets are 50c each or $2 for 5 tickets. The lucky winners will be drawn on **Thursday, 10 April**.

The 3 prizes are:
- **1st prize**: 2 x 1 hour Hang Time vouchers
- **2nd prize**: A lolly basket
- **3rd prize**: A plush toy

*The girls really need your support, so NO animals suffer.*

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER
Hannah, Annabelle, Grania and Bonnie should be commended for initiating this fundraiser, writing their message, sourcing the prizes, liaising with their teachers and myself, and running the raffle. Their passion to support unfortunate animals is worthy of praise and a great example of our value of “Responsibility”.

Have a great week.

*Christine Schneebli*
Principal
THANK YOU
OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE
RESTAURANT

Address: 228 Princes Hwy, Fairy Meadow NSW 2519
Phone: 4227 2577

Many thanks
for donating all the meat for our
Family Fun Night.

ISER JUNIOR BAND PROGRAM

Students from Years 4-10 in Public Schools in the Illawarra and South East Region of NSW who have been learning an instrument for a minimum of 2 years are invited to apply to be part of the Junior Band Program.

The program begins with a 3 day/2 night residential camp at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre from Sunday 25 May to Tuesday 27 May.

Organisers are looking for students who play one or more of the following instruments and can read music at least to a grade 2 level. Guitarists MUST be able to read music, either "tab" or notes and know some basic chords and progressions.

- String Instruments
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Baritone
- French Horn
- Keyboard
- Guitar-Electric/Acoustic
- Bass Guitar
- Percussionists and Drummers.

If you are interested in your child applying to be part of the Junior Band Program, please collect an application form from our school office, next week.

Completed applications must be posted directly to Helensburgh PS by Friday 9 May, 2014.

LIBRARY NEWS

Don’t forget we have an Author Visit from Nette Hilton, next Wednesday 26 March, 2014.

Nette Hilton has a background in teaching and has published a number of books, two of which have been winners of Book of the Year by The Children’s Book Council of Australia. Nette Hilton will use her books, experience and knowledge of writing to run age appropriate workshops which will enhance students’ appreciation and understanding of narrative and imaginative texts.

All classes K-6 will be involved in these sessions.

Priscilla Skarpona - Librarian

IMPORTANT
Managing ANAPHYLAXIS in our School

We currently have 7 students in our school with severe food allergies (anaphylaxis) to combinations of all types of nuts, eggs, dairy and seafood.

In order to minimise the risk in our school, we request 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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- Cashews
- Walnuts
- Pecans
- Almonds
- Hazelnuts,
- Brazil
- Peanuts
- Macadamia
- Pistachio
- Pinenuts
- Sesame Seeds.

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students are expected to wear full school uniform everyday. If for some good reason they are unable to do so, parents are required to send a note to explain why they are out of uniform.

PLEASE NOTE: the girls should not be wearing nail polish or jewellery to school. Girls are allowed to wear a flat ring, sleepers or studs only.

Peter Davies – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
SPORTS NEWS:

COMING EVENTS:
- Primary Cross Country, Thursday 27 March.
- K-2 Fun Run will be held on Monday, 24 March, 2014.
- District Cross Country, Thursday, 1 May at Kembla Joggers.
- Premier’s Sporting Challenge new date is Monday, 31 March, 2014.
- PSSA Gala Day, Friday 4 April.

PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY
Next Thursday, 27 March our primary students and any Year 2 students who have turned 8 this year will be eligible to compete in our school Cross Country carnival. Students will need to wear their sports uniform and may wear a house coloured t-shirt.

PROGRAM: (Starting as close as we can to (9:00am)
12/13 years girls
12/13 years boys
11 years girls
11 years boys
10 years girls
10 years boys
8/9 years girls
8/9 years boys
6 laps / 3 kilometres
4 laps / 2 kilometres

The first seven finishers will then be eligible to compete at the District Cross Country carnival.

All parents, family and friends are welcome to attend the carnival and support our runners.

Please let Mr Davies know if you are available to help on the day, it would be very much appreciated.

DISTRICT TRIALS:
Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in being selected in District sports teams.

SWIMMING: Abbey, Jack, Sam, Alex, Gabriel, Dannika and Bryce.

SOCCER: Luke and Zoe

BASKETBALL: Jade, Wil Callum and Elsie

TENNIS: Reuben

RUGBY LEAGUE: Tyrone, Clarence, Callum, Max, Wil, Brody and Oukey

PSSA GALA DAY
Central District PSSA will be holding a Sports Gala Day on Friday, 4 April, 2014.

Stage 3 Students will be doing Dragon Tag at Sid Parrish Park.
Stage 2 Students will be doing Cricket at Figtree Oval.

Would parents of primary students please send back their permission notes ASAP, so that we can finalise our team numbers for the Gala Day draw.

CENTRAL WOLLONONG PSSA CONTACT DETAILS
For information and cancellation updates on PSSA events, parents & caregivers are advised to check the Central Wollongong PSSA website at http://centralwollongong.wordpress.com

Peter Davies – Sports Coordinator

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS:
Weekly Gardening Group
We are continuing our weekly Wednesday Gardening Group to maintain and improve our grounds. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us, especially our new Kindy families.

WHEN: Every Wednesday 9:00am – 11:00am.

WHO: Parents, grandparents, friends, relatives, neighbours, etc. Anyone with a spare hour or two!
Come and help make our school even more beautiful for our students and the community, join a friendly group and meet great people! There will be regular reports and updates in the school newsletter.

Last year’s wonderful group put in a massive 729 volunteer hours in our school environment. A fantastic achievement. Come and join us, you will be most welcome.

Please fill in the interest form below and return to the office. For more information ring me on 42297010.

See you there!
Rosemarie Bowden – Garden Coordinator

Dear Mrs Bowden

I am interested in helping with the Wednesday environmental group at school.

NAME: ____________________________
CONTACT No.: _______________________
CHILD: ________________ CLASS: __________

Please fill in the interest form below and return to the office. For more information ring me on 42297010.

See you there!
Rosemarie Bowden – Garden Coordinator
PLANTS AND VEGIES FOR SALE

Lovely fresh plants and vegies from our school garden are available to buy from the office. All proceeds will be used to support our gardening initiatives.

Currently we have:

*Mixed plants - $2.00 each
*Strawberry & Rosemary plants – only $1.00 each
*Frangipanni plants – only $2.00, $3.00 & $4.00 each

P&C NEWS:

UNIFORM SHOP
The school uniform shop is open every:
WEDNESDAY: 8:30am – 9:15am

FUNDRAISING MEETING
Please come along to our next Fundraising Meeting on Wednesday 9 April at 6:30pm.

Followed by our P&C Meeting at 7:00pm in the staffroom.
Come along, everyone is welcome!

P & C SUBSCRIPTIONS
To update your financial membership with the P&C, a subscription of $1.00 per parent is now being taken at the office.

I have enclosed $1.00 for P&C membership.

Signed: ............................................................

Date: ............................................................

MOUNT ST THOMAS P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH, 2014

Present: Sam, Carol, Danyelle, Diane, Rosemarie, Keith, Cindy, Deanne, Christine, Shellie, Michelle

Apologies: Kobe, Jo, Michael

Meeting Opened: 7.20 pm

Minutes of Previous P&C meeting:

Moved: Keith Seconded: Diane

P&C President’s report:

1. Welcome Mrs Christine Schnebli, P&C executive and members (especially our new members) and interested community members that have come to the meeting tonight. It is lovely to see new faces and I hope I get a chance to speak with you all personally at some point.

2. I’d like to open with a mention about the FAMILY FUN NIGHT. What a great night – I was blown away by the turn out, the mood of the crowd and the fantastic support given by our volunteers and to top it off we had enough food!

   Our profit for the night was $460 – which was phenomenal considering that this was from drink sales only! The gardening group fared well with the sale of their plants. And we also had 6 new members sign up on the night.

   The most fantastic result, however, was that the kids had fun. Kim, the disco queen, just kept the fun rolling and Ito the balloon man was a gem.

3. I have had positive feedback regarding the Communication Box. Most of the feedback I have received has been from emails, but the presence of the box is the important point – I think it lets the community know we are listening.

4. ‘Why join the P&C’ Brochures have arrived – consider where they would be best placed or given out.

5. The Annual Conference for the P&C Federation is coming up in July. I consider this to be an important event for our P&C this year. Some of us
are very new to our roles and I think this will give us a chance to learn more and network with other P&C Associations. We can take 3 delegates – so please consider this.

6. **Australian Charities Commission** – the P&C Federation strongly suggests that we comply with the commission. We are obligated to fill out an Annual Statement every year. Last years was not completed and we have been given a grace period till the 30th March 2014 to complete. Are you all ok for me to complete the statement and have our details registered?

7. **Student Injury Insurance Renewal (2014-2015)** - needs to be completed by 11th April 2014. This covers children at school for 2014-2015. I am looking into whether we have had this in the past and/or if we need to complete this now! However, if it is necessary, I will make sure it is completed.

Lastly, thank you for your patience – I am learning as I go. If you think of ways to improve the way I am communicating information or how we can best run this show then please email me or chat with me.

**Shellie**

Refer to the P&C folder for further details (Shellie)

Moved: Cindy Seconded: Michelle

**Business arising from Previous Minutes:**

The Principal's Report to be added to the newsletter prior to the meeting (Di) Positive debate regarding this issue. At present will keep as is, with Christine to summarise her report as needed.

Moved: Keith Seconded: Deanne

**Correspondence In/Out:**

School Global Funding Report for our school P&C Federation brochures 'why join the P&C’ e-Bulletin from the P&C Federation:
- Student injury insurance renewal (2014-2015)

Parents and Citizens Journal:
Introducing the ACNC (Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission) Charity Portal (Michelle)

**Principal’s Report:**

1. **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**
   - Special thanks to our new P&C Executive and Fundraising Committee members; Shellie, Danyelle, Kobe, Deanne, Cindy and Michelle for organising this great event and the large number of parents who assisted on the night.
   - Many thanks to Outback Steakhouse Restaurant who donated all the meat and Woolworths and Coles for donating the bread and sauces.

2. **BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER**
   - Thanks to Deanne for preparing our forthcoming Bunning’s BBQ Fundraiser on Sunday 30 March. We hope many parents will offer to help on the day and contribute to another successful fundraiser.

3. **FAREWELL MR DREW**
   - Today we farewelled Mr Graeme Drew after 32 years teaching at Mount St Thomas and a wonderful teaching career spanning 38 years in total.
   - We wish Mr Drew all the best as he sets forth on the next phase of his life with Mrs Drew.

4. **LIBRARY NEWS**
   - Author Visit from Nette Hilton, on Wednesday 26 March, 2014.
   - All classes K-6 will be involved in these sessions at no cost to parents.

5. **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**
   - We would like to use 2013 4Voluntary Contributions to help buy new Library Resources to implement the new syllabuses
   - Still at $30 a child and $10 for every other child in a family. Review in 2014.
   - $1370 so far
   - Send invoices in Term 2.

6. **FIGTREE COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT CLASS**
   - Applications are now being put forward for Year 5 students from all of the Figtree Community of Primary Schools to attend the Figtree COS Academic Enrichment Class.
   - This class will run for one day per week for 15 weeks at Figtree HS- in Terms 2 and 3.

7. **NEW OPTICAL FIBRE Wiring**
   - Optical Fibre wiring upgrade- being installed now across the whole school.

8. **TREE REMOVAL**
   - The large rubber tree situated on Taronga Avenue fence line near Ousley 2 was removed this week, as a result of a community gardener’s report that a 3m limb fell and grazed his leg whilst pruning it. After consultation with an arborist, it was decided to remove the tree as a safety precaution.
Term 1

Friday, 21 March 2014

Refer to the P&C folder for further details (Christine Schnebli)

Moved: Deanne
Seconded: Diane

Treasurer’s Report:
Refer to the P&C folder for further details (Nicole)

Moved: Diane Seconded: Carol

Uniform Shop Report:
Refer to the P&C folder for further details (Nicole)

Moved: Diane Seconded: Carol

Fundraising Treasurer’s Report:
Refer to the P&C folder for further details (Kobe)  Kobe was not present.

Moved: Michelle Seconded: Sam

Agenda Items:
The school volunteer Gardening Group to receive school shirts to wear whilst working in the school grounds (Keith)

Moved: Carol Seconded: Deanne

The children who represent the school at sports carnivals have a suitable t-shirt to wear (Deanne)

Moved: Nicole Ewels Seconded: Keith Howson

Purchase of a notebook (or similar device) for the P&C committee to use (Danyelle)

Moved: Keith Howson Seconded: Nicole Ewels

General Business:
Develop awareness in regards to the timing of event notices and the newsletter distribution.

Next meeting Agenda Items:
Consider invoicing for Voluntary Contribution Fees

Next meeting:
Wednesday 9th April 2014
- Fundraising 6.30pm
- P&C meeting 7.30pm

Meeting Closed: 8.30 pm

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Want some fun in the afternoon?

Fernhill Guides

have limited vacancies available for girls 7-10yrs between 4-5:30pm.
and 10-14yrs between 5:30-7:30
At Fernhill Guide Hall 2 Douglas Rd
Fernhill

If you wish to attend please book your place by ringing ‘Wattle’ on 42837297 or 0437230751

...A great place to have fun with friends...
CUBS/ SCOUTS

1st Mt St Thomas Scouts are currently welcoming boys and girls as Cub and Scout members to the Group.

**CUB SCOUTS** - ages 7 ½ to 11 years

**SCOUTS** – ages 11 to 15 years

Cubs and Scouts have a lot of fun doing a lot of exciting things! There are games to play, codes and skills to learn, places to see and new friends to meet. Cubs and Scouts all help each other and try to help other people too.

WHERE: 120 Ocean Street, Mount St Thomas

WHEN: Cubs - Each Mon during Term, 6 – 7.30pm

Scouts – Each Tuesday during Term. 7:00 – 9:00pm

For more information see https://mtstthomasscouts.wordpress.com/ or call James Dellow on 0414 233711.

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Figtree Heights OOSH News!

We are happy to announce that we have been awarded the rating of “Meeting the National Quality Standard” with a separate rating of “Exceeding the National Quality Standard” in the area of Staffing, as a result of our detailed assessment by the Department of Education and Communities (DEC). This rating is exceptionally high under this new framework especially for first time services going through this process and we are all extremely proud of our hard work and the service we provide.

As of January 2013, our service was required to operate under the National Regulations and Law for children’s services. This transition involved a lot of extensive work from our volunteer committee family members, staff members, children and families attending our service. This included:

- Amending all of our policies and procedures
- Submitting a detailed Quality Improvement Plan spanning at least 3 yrs.
- A personal visit from 2 Assessment Compliance Officers from DEC who came and assessed our service in great detail covering all aspects of our centre.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our schools currently registered with our service, Figtree Public School, Mt ST Thomas Public School, Nareena Hills Public School, Lindsay Park Public School and Figtree Heights Public School. Thank you to all teachers, children and especially families who support our service and are involved in the continued operations of service we provide.

If any families are in any need of after school care or holiday care, we offer a high quality service with exceptional caring staff that will guarantee your child a wonderful experience in our service. Please feel welcome to come and see us any time!

Thank you

From the Team at Figtree Heights OOSH

**Figtree Heights Out Of School Hours Care**

**Figtree Heights Public School**

St George Av Figtree 2525

PH: 42272515

Email: centre@fhoosh.net