### Coming Events - Term 2

#### WEEK 5

**Monday, 26 May**
2<sup>nd</sup> Camp payment due  
Camp Quality Puppet Show K-6  
NO CANTEEN  
Primary Cola Assembly 1:40pm

**Tuesday, 27 May**
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
Whole School Assembly 1:50pm  
  • Keira 4 Assembly Item

**Wednesday, 28 May**
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am

**Thursday, 29 May**
CANTEEN - RED MEAL DEAL (TBA)

**Friday, 30 May**
No Newsletter  
Athletics permission and money due

#### WEEK 6

**Monday, 2 June**
NO CANTEEN

**Tuesday, 3 June**
9:00am Athletics Carnival at Beaton Park (includes any Year 2 children turning 8 this year)  
12:00pm K-2 Junior Novelty Carnival at school  
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
NO ASSEMBLY

**Wednesday, 4 June**
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am

**Thursday, 5 June**
Money due for Uni English/Maths Comp Newsletter

**Friday, 6 June**

#### WEEK 7

**Monday, 9 June**
Queen’s Birthday

**Tuesday, 10 June**
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
Whole School Assembly 1:50pm  
  • Assembly Item Keira 3/Ousley 2

**Wednesday, 11 June**
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
6:30pm Fundraising Meeting  
7:00pm P&C Meeting

**Thursday, 12 June**
No newsletter

**Friday, 13 June**
No newsletter

#### WEEK 8

**Monday, 16 June**
NO CANTEEN

**Tuesday, 17 June**
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
NO ASSEMBLY

**Wednesday, 18 June**
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am

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**Thursday, 19 June**

**Friday, 20 June**

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### PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME: ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our school Athletics Carnival is being held on the Tuesday, 3 June, 2014 at Beaton Park. Year 2 (children turning 8 this year) to Year 6 children will travel by bus, departing the school at 9:00am and arriving back at school by 2:45pm. Children are requested to wear an appropriate coloured T-shirt and their sports shorts to represent their house:

- WARATAH – RED
- GUM – GREEN
- WATTLE – YELLOW

As Beaton Park is a very open and windy area, it can be extremely cold, so children are encouraged to be prepared for all weather conditions, and they must also wear their school hat.

We look forward once again to a very successful day and appreciate all of the assistance provided by our staff and parent helpers.

A reminder, if you can help at the carnival please see Mr Davies.

### JUNIOR NOVELTY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our K-2 Novelty Athletics Carnival will take place on Tuesday, 3 June at school. Students will be participating in running races and rotate around modified athletics events.

The K-2 teachers aim to get underway straight after lunch (12:00noon), beginning with the rotations around the ‘field’ events. This will be followed by our normal recess break, then our sprint races at approximately 2:00pm.

Students should wear full sports uniform and bring along an extra drink.

**NB:** Students in Year 2, who turn 8 this year, participate in the Athletics Carnival at Beaton Park on the same day.
REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action.

While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

CAMP QUALITY PUPPET SHOW
Next Monday, 26th May 2014, Mount St Thomas Public School will be hosting an anti-bullying puppet show run by Camp Quality. The performance focuses on how we are all different and the types of changes that adults, young people and children with cancer, go through. This event complements the ‘Biggest Afternoon Tea’ held today at recess, in aid of raising funds for cancer research.

Please be aware that, as we are the first school in the Illawarra to host such an event, 98, WIN TV and the Illawarra Mercury will be present at the performance.

Many thanks to Mrs Kelly Judd for organising this performance.

NAPLAN TESTING
NAPLAN tests were completed last week by almost all students in Years 3 and 5. Our participation rate is extremely high, which assists us to use it as a diagnostic test for literacy, numeracy and writing. I was very impressed by the positive way our students completed the tests. They were punctual, prepared and ready to do their best.

The Department of Education and Communities has a very sophisticated software package that we use to analyse the results and link learning and teaching programs and practices, to student achievement.

By combining this information with a range of other diagnostic and assessment processes in the classroom, teachers develop a very good understanding of your child’s progress and learning needs.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOL – ENGLISH & MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
All children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, wishing to participate in the English and Mathematics competitions in 2014 must return their completed permission note and entry fee(s) to the school office by Friday, 6 June, 2014.

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

STAFF CAR PARK
Parents are reminded that the car park behind the Administration building is for staff parking only. The car park is very small and is not an appropriate place to be dropping off children.

This car park can be very busy and is not safe for picking up or dropping off children. It is only to be used by staff and for deliveries.

FAREWELL MISS BONNER
Miss Genevieve Bonner, who currently teaches Ousley 1 children, has received notification of her first permanent teaching appointment to Ulladulla Public School. She will commence this position on Monday 2 June.

Miss Bonner has been a valued casual teacher at Mount St Thomas Public School and we wish her all the best on her first permanent teaching placement.

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Helen Bush, will be teaching Ousley 1 children for the remainder of the year.

“MADDIE’S MATES” FUNDRAISER
Over the next three weeks Ivy, Alexandra, Natalia and Emma will be running a raffle at Mount St Thomas Public School to help Ivy’s cousin Maddie, who has Cerebral Palsy.

The students have organised 6 fabulous prizes for their raffle, as well as some extras.

The raffle tickets will go on sale next Wednesday and the prizes will be drawn on Monday 16 June.

Ivy and her friends; Alexandra, Natalia and Emma should be commended for organising this fundraiser, writing their message, sourcing the prizes, liaising with their teachers and myself and running the raffle.

Please read their letter (in this newsletter) that explains Maddie’s disabilities and their reasons for wanting to help her.

Their compassion to support a child in such great need is a great example of our school values in action. Well done girls!
NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Today was the National Walk to School Day and I would like to commend all the mums, dads and other family members who walked with their children to school.

It was great to see so many children receiving their Walk to School Day sticker. Every little bit of exercise counts!

‘BIGGEST AFTERNOON TEA’

Many thanks to all the students, teachers, staff and parents, who brought along a gold coin donation to participate in the “Biggest Afternoon Tea” fundraising initiative.

All the money raised in this initiative will go to support the Cancer Council.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Parents will receive the Semester One student report at the end of Week 9, Term 2.

All reports will include an “Interview Request Note”. In Week 3, Term 3 teachers will be available to hold pre-booked interviews on Wednesday 30 July between 3.15 and 6.15pm (other times will be available for any parent unable to attend at this time).

If you have any concerns with your child’s progress, it is possible to make an appointment with your child’s teacher at any time throughout the year.

Have a great week.

Christine Schnebli
Principal

OPERATION ART NEWS

Every school in New South Wales is invited to participate in Operation Art 2014, an initiative of The Children’s Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education and Communities.

The Operation Art Competition provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales. Every year Mount St Thomas PS selects 4 children’s work to enter the Operation Art Competition in Sydney. To choose our 4 pieces of art to represent Mount St Thomas Public School, we select some works from each class across the school and then vote for the winners.

These are the children whose works were exhibited in our school hall:


The four children whose works were voted to represent our school in the Operation Art Competition are:

Demi, Ousley 2; Chloe, Ousley 2; Elke, Kembla 1 and Harmony, Nebo 1.

SPORTS NEWS:

Premier Sporting Challenge

On Monday, 12 May, 9 senior students enjoyed a glorious day at Figtree High School participating in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. Ben, Reuben, Kaide, Joshua, Brody, Ivy, Zoe, Salina and Jade were given the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork and sports skills through activities like dance, netball, touch and cricket.

The students displayed great enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour throughout the day.

Mrs Jones - SUPERVISING TEACHER

Athletics Carnival

A reminder that the School Athletics Carnival is being held on the 3 June. Please return your child’s permission note and money to the school office by Friday, 30 May 2014.

Central Wollongong PSSA 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
NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME
On Wednesday 21st May 2014 the children of Mount St Thomas participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. This initiative was introduced to promote reading for enjoyment. Last year there were over 430,000 participants registered for this event. This year the featured story was "Too Many Elephants in this House", a book written by Ursula Dubasarsky which was nominated for a Children's Book Council Award in 2013.

If you would like more information about the event please click on this link https://www.alia.org.au/nss

Mrs Skarpona - LIBRARIAN

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FOR 2015
Enrolments are now being taken for children in Kindergarten next year. Any child is eligible to apply for enrolment if they turn 5 before 1 August, 2015. However, I strongly suggest that if your child turns 5 during the months of April to June, 2015 that you consider enrolling your child in the following year – 2016.
I would be very happy to discuss this with individual families who are in this situation.

- Closing date for enrolments is Friday 5 September, 2014.

All families residing in our local area are requested to produce 3 pieces of documentation proving their residential address. This documentation is required when the application is lodged.

For parents who live outside our local area or who would find it a little difficult to provide evidence, they are advised to submit non-local application forms prior to the closing date. Once the closing date has passed it is too late to make changes or submit late non-local applications.
If you or anyone you know is intending to apply for Kindergarten enrolment in 2015, please do it, as soon as possible to avoid a last minute rush or the possibility of forgetting.
Application forms are available from the school office.

Following is a list of addresses, which constitute a LOCAL ENROLMENT. This information is also available on our website.

MOUNT ST THOMAS PUBLIC SCHOOL
LOCAL AREA FEEDER STREETS
BYARONG AVENUE
DRUMMOND STREET
EDNEY LANE
GLADSTONE AVENUE – 143 and above
248 and above
GRASMERE STREET
HEASLIP STREET – 69 and above
60 and above
HILL STREET
HICKMAN STREET
HOLMDEN STREET
IRIS AVENUE
KIRALA AVENUE
KIRRANG AVENUE
MASTERS ROAD
McARTHUR PARADE
MARCEAU STREET
MILNE CRESCENT
MORAN PARADE
MOUNT STREET
OCEAN STREET – 29 and above
24 and above
PHILLIPS CRESCENT
PRESTON STREET
PRINCES HIGHWAY [eastern side between The Avenue and intersection of Freeway & Highway at West Wollongong]
PROSPECT STREET
ROBERTSON STREET - (Nos.67,68,88.90)
ROBWALD AVENUE
SEDDON STREET
ST JOHN'S AVENUE – 58 and above
35 and above
TARONGA AVENUE
TELEVISION AVENUE
THE AVENUE
TOORACK AVENUE
VALE STREET
WALDRON STREET
WALTERS STREET
WONSON AVENUE
**CANTEEN NEWS**

**PRE-ORDER SUSHI ROLLS on TUESDAY**
Sushi and Rice Paper Roll orders for Wednesday need to be **pre-ordered** on Tuesday.

Please hand pre-orders into the office by 3:00pm each Tuesday.

Please note, Rice Paper Rolls will now come as one only, not in packs of 2 or 4.

Cheers,

*Gail– Canteen Supervisor*

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**P&C NEWS:**

The school uniform shop is open every:

**WEDNESDAY** - 8:30am – 9:15am

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**FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS 2014 DON’T FORGET**

The P & C Association would appreciate parents paying their Voluntary Family Contributions of:

- $30 per single child and
- $10 for each additional child.

The P&C has decided **not** to increase this amount at this point in time. Help us provide your school with much needed resources that will enhance your child’s learning opportunities.

By working together we can **really** make a difference.

Many thanks for your support.

*Shellie*
Mount St Thomas PS P&C Association President

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**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*

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**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**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 on 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!

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

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