**Coming Events - Term 2**

**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 | 8:20am meet at school- Rugby League Knockout– Teams from Stages 2& 3.  
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  
COLA Assembly Years 3-6 |
| Tuesday, 17 June | Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
Whole School Assembly 1:50pm  
Assembly Item Nebo 2  
(2 consecutive weeks is correct)  
PURPLE MUFTI DAY - Gold coin donation for Better Buddy Program – Please wear something purple. |
| Wednesday, 18 June | Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am |
| Thursday, 19 June | No newsletter  
Friday, 20 June | Newsletter |

**WEEK 9**

| Monday, 23 June | COLA Assembly Years 3-6  
K-2 Calmsley Hill Excursion |
| Tuesday, 24 June | Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
No ASSEMBLY |
| Wednesday, 25 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, 26 June | No newsletter  
Friday, 27 June | Last day of Term 2  
Reports Go Home today  
Have a safe and happy holiday break!! |

**TERM 3**

| Monday, 14 July | Pupil Free Day |
| Tuesday, 15 July | All students return to school today  
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
NO ASSEMBLY |
| Wednesday, 16 July | Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9 - 11:00am |
| Thursday, 17 July | No Newsletter  
Friday, 18 July | No Newsletter |

**WEEK 2**

| Monday, 21 July | NO CANTEEN |
| Tuesday, 22 July | Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
NO ASSEMBLY |
| Wednesday, 23 July | Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9 - 11:00am |
| Thursday, 24 July | No newsletter  
Friday, 25 July | Newsletter |

**Principal’s Welcome:**

**Athletics Carnivals**

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our annual Mount St Thomas Athletics carnival, held at Beaton Park last Tuesday. The weather was kind to us and the day was a huge success! We will be able to finalise the district representatives for all events very soon.

Many thanks to Mr Davies for organising the day, all the staff who helped run the events and all the parents that helped with many of the activities. The students enjoyed participating in all the athletics events and showed excellent manners and sportsmanship throughout the carnival.

Our K-2 Junior Athletics carnival was also held last Tuesday and again, the children enjoyed the ‘field’ events and the sprint races. Many thanks to Mrs Brown for organising the carnival, and all the teachers and parents who helped with the smooth running of the activities.

Successful days such as this, are always successful due to the hard work and dedication behind the scenes of so many people, and we are very lucky to have so many willing hands in our school community.
**ASSEMBLY CHANGE**

Please note, there will be a change in the scheduling of assemblies this term. We will hold COLA assemblies on Monday 16 June and Monday 23 June, and a whole school assembly on Tuesday 17 June to accommodate other timetabling changes. There will be no assembly on Tuesday 24 June in Week 9.

**REPORTING TO PARENTS**

Parents will receive their child’s Semester 1 student report at the end of Week 9, Term 2. All reports will include a “Parent Interview Request Note”.

On Wednesday 30 July between 3.15 and 6.15pm, we will hold a Parent / Teacher / Child Interview evening in the hall, where teachers will be available to conduct pre-booked interviews (other times can be negotiated with teachers for any parents unable to attend at this time).

Please remember, if you have any concerns with your child’s progress, at any time throughout the year, you should make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss these concerns.

**REPORTING CHANGES**

Our Semester 1, 2014 reporting template for students K-6 has been changed slightly to reflect changes in the new NSW English and Mathematics Syllabuses.

Up until last year, reporting on English and Mathematics had to show achievement information for each of the strands or areas of learning.

The new NSW English and Mathematics syllabuses are not structured around these same strands, so schools have been advised to report using a comment on overall student achievement in English and Mathematics.

In years 1-6 teachers must also include an overall grade, based on the A-E scale or equivalent word descriptions.

**FORGET ME NOT DOOR HANGER COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Caitlyn Todoroska from Kembla 2, who recently entered the Wollongong City Council, ‘Forget Me Not Door Hanger’ school competition and won first prize in the Primary category of this competition.

Caitlyn has won:
- $500 for the school to put towards a waste wise initiative of our choice; and
- a Pizza Party for her class to enjoy.

Caitlyn will be awarded a Certificate by Fiona Netting, Wollongong City Council Promotions Co-ordinator, at our Whole School Assembly next Tuesday, 10 June at 2:30pm. Well done Caitlyn.

**SOUTH COAST AREA X-COUNTRY**

Congratulations to Brooke who came 13th and Tobias who came 9th in the recent South Coast X-Country finals. Both students represented their school and district with pride and ran extremely well. Well done Brooke and Tobias.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Special mention must be made of Maddison, of Nebo 2, who recently performed in the Illawarra Region Eisteddfod - Speech and Drama Competition, where she achieved outstanding results:

1st Place: 8/u & 10/u Non Humorous Prose- Restricted
2nd Place: 10/u & 12/u Verse Solo - Restricted
2nd Place: 10/u Comedy prose - Open/Restricted.

Congratulations on your excellent results in these very difficult performance categories.

**ROAD RULES**

We are always concerned about road safety around our school. Here is some information to remind us of the road rules around our school.

**PARKING** – in both Taronga Avenue and St Johns Avenue, parking and “drop offs” and “pick-ups” can only occur outside the NO STOPPING and BUS ZONE areas. Neighbours have requested that parents not park in their driveways when delivering children.

**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 when picking up or dropping off students.

**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 here.
MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL
Most children at some stage will develop an illness where medication is required. When the child recovers to the stage where he/she is well enough to attend school and the course of medication has not been completed, the school can provide assistance in administering medication for a short period of time.
Departmental policy states that a written request and instructions for administering accompany the medication and an indemnity form also needs to be signed at the office.
All medications are to be directed straight to the office where they are retained in a secure area and the ancillary staff will oversee administration of the medication to the child.
Under NO circumstances is medication to be left in the child's bag or classroom where other children may have access. Your cooperation is much appreciated and hopefully medication brought to school will be kept to a minimum.

Have a great week.

Christine Schnebli
PRINCIPAL

SPORTS NEWS:
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Last Tuesday, all 8yrs – 12 yrs students competed in the annual Mount St Thomas Athletics carnival. It was pleasing to see so many students participate and have a go at the athletics events. There were some great individual and team achievements made by our young athletics.

A big thank you to all the teachers, parents and relatives who supported the students on the day. Without your help, we couldn't have had such a successful carnival. Thank you also to all the students for their beautiful behaviour and efforts on the day.

NSW PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to the following children who participated in Sport's Leadership Program at Figtree High School: Kaide, Joshua, Brody, Zoe, Sailina, Reuben, Ben, Ivy, Jade.

These certificates will be given out at the Whole School Assembly on Tuesday, 10th June.

SOUTH COAST RUGBY UNION TEAM
Congratulations to Hamish on his selection on the South Coast Rugby Union Team. Well done Hamish!!!

Peter Davies – SPORTS COORDINATOR

BETTER BUDDY PROGRAM
Tuesday, 17 June will be our Buddy Day at Mount St Thomas Public School. It will be a PURPLE Mufti Day where you have the chance to dress up in purple clothes or wear something purple on your clothes.
Mount St Thomas Public School has been associated with the Better Buddy Program now for several years. Each year we raise money to support the program in spreading the anti-bullying message throughout Australia.

Please give a gold coin donation to show your support.

Jacquie Webster – Better Buddy Coordinator

NSW PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
Your child has begun reading for the 2014 Premiers Reading Challenge in his/her Library lesson. A half-completed reading log will be sent home with your child next term and they will be required to complete the rest of the challenge at home. The book list appears on the Premiers Reading Challenge website:

(or just Google Premiers Reading Challenge 2014)

The booklists cater for 4 levels - Kindergarten - Year 2, Years 3/4, Years 5/6, Years 7-9. Your child may have some Premiers Reading Challenge books at home, but you will also find them at your school library and local library. Remember-your child can read books at or above their stage level.

Please read the following rules carefully:
The Challenge runs until 1st September 2014. Ongoing reading is encouraged. Books read from 1st September 2014 can count towards the 2015 Challenge. The completed log needs to be returned to Mrs Skarpona before 30th August 2014. Again, your child has already started the challenge. Next term you will receive a letter to explain how many more books need to be read to complete the challenge.

At the end of the 2014 school year, if your child successfully completes the challenge, they will receive a certificate at a special assembly. If your child completes the challenge for 4 years in a row, they will receive a gold certificate.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to support the Challenge to promote the development of literacy skills and a love of reading in their children.

For more information, please see Mrs Skarpona in the library.

Mrs Skarpona – Librarian
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.

Cheers,
Gail Lenard – Canteen Supervisor

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS - 2015

Applications for enrolment are now being taken for children to start Kindergarten in 2015.

Both LOCAL and NON-LOCAL applications are very welcome.

Local applications require 3 pieces of documentation proving residential address.

The closing date for all applications is Friday, 5 September, 2014

If you, or anyone you know is intending to apply for Kindergarten enrolment in 2015, please do so, as soon as possible.

P&C NEWS:

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

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

LOOM BANDS
STILL AVAILABLE

100% silicone 300 bands - $1.50
600 bands (non silicone) - $1.50
Or 4 packs $5.00

Lots of colours still available

To order please send an envelope marked with your child’s name, class, Loom Bands order required and correct money to the school office.

Thank you,
Deanne
On behalf of the P&C Association

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 Eastley
Mount St Thomas PS P&C Association President
COMMUNITY NEWS:

HOCKEY NSW

Hockey NSW is back on the road with our 2014 Stick 2 Hockey U12 Development Clinics.

Sessions will be run by a current NSW State Coach and Regional Coaching Co-ordinator.

The clinics are open to players of all levels born between 2002 and 2004. We’ll provide the hockey stick if you’re just starting out or for more experienced players, we’ll make sure we put you through to advance to the next level.

COST: $53 per player (includes 4% transaction fee). Every participant leaves with a Hockey NSW Player Pack which includes a drink bottle and bag.

HOW TO REGISTER: www.hockeynsw.com.au
   Contact: Gina Rees Phone: 9764 1911

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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.

- Kembla 1 Year 5 Nuts*, salmon, tuna and shellfish
- Nebo 2 Year 4 All nuts* including Sesame Seeds
- Keira 2 Year 2 Eggs
- Ousley 1 Year 1 Tree nuts
- Ousley 1 Year 1 Tree nuts
- Ousley 2 Year 1 All nuts*
- Ousley 1 Year 1 Dairy, Eggs

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

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

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July school holiday soccer clinic
1st, 2nd, 3rd July

- Have fun whilst learning soccer skills, development and team work.
- New mighty miles program for under 7’s 1.5 hours per day over 3 days - $60
- Regular program 3 hours per day over 3 days - $100

Location Tafe Wollongong

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