**Coming Events - Term 3**

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| Monday, 28 July | NO CANTEEN  
COLA Assembly Years 3-6  
Classroom Visits 10:00-11:00am  
Picnic Lunch 11:00-11:40am |
| Tuesday, 29 July | Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
9:00am University English Competition  
Whole School Assembly 1:45pm  
* Drummond 1 - Assembly Item |
| Wednesday, 30 July | Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:15-6:15pm |
| Thursday, 31 July | CANTEEN RED DAY  
S.S. Dance – Illawarra Sports Stadium |
| Friday, 1 August | Pie Orders/ Money Returned  
No Newsletter  
Jeans for Jeans Day – gold coin donation  
NAPLAN trials Years 3 and 5 |

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| Monday, 4 August | SS Choir Practice  
NO CANTEEN  
No COLA Assembly |
| Tuesday, 5 August | Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
No Assembly |
| Wednesday, 6 August | Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am |
| Thursday, 7 August | District Athletics |
| Friday, 8 August | District Athletics  
Newsletter |

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| Monday, 11 August | NO CANTEEN  
COLA Assembly Years 3-6 |
| Tuesday, 12 August | Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
9:00am University Maths Competition  
Southern Illawarra Music Festival  
Whole School Assembly 1:45pm |
| Wednesday, 13 August | Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
6:30pm Fundraising Meeting  
7:00pm P&C Meeting |
| Thursday, 14 August | No Newsletter |
| Friday, 15 August | No Newsletter |

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| Monday, 18 August | NO CANTEEN  
No COLA Assembly  
BOOK WEEK |

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**PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME:**

**WELCOME TO EDUCATION WEEK 2014**

Monday 28 July – Friday 1 August

Public Schools NSW – *Celebrating the 60th Education Week*

We have a number of events to celebrate Education Week, next week.

**Monday, 28 July**
- **10:00-11:00am** - Classroom Visits
  All parents, carers, family and friends are most welcome to visit their child/ren’s classrooms to view their child’s / children’s work.

- **11:00-11:40am** – Family Picnic Lunch- Join us for a picnic lunch; so bring along your lunch, a blanket and / or picnic chairs to enjoy lunch with your children. (Please note: the canteen is closed, but the Coffee Man will be here at 11:00am). Hope you can come along.

**Tuesday, 29 July**
- **9:00am** University NSW English Test.
- **1:45pm** - Whole School Assembly.
  All family and friends are welcome to attend our assembly. Drummond 1 will be doing a class item.

**Wednesday, 30 July**
- **Parent/ Teacher/ Student Evening Interview Session**
  All pre-booked interviews will take place in the School Hall between 3:15pm and 6:15pm.
INTERVIEW EVENING
Parents will have received the Semester 1 student report last term. All reports included an "Interview Time Request Note", which gives all parents the opportunity to pre-book a 3-way interview on Wednesday 30 July, between 3:15 and 6:15pm.
Please return the note with your preferred times as soon as possible, so your child/ren’s teacher(s) can send you an Interview Confirmation Slip.

Please make arrangements with your child/ren’s teacher(s) if none of these times are suitable for you.

WOLLONGONG CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC – BAND PROGRAM IS HERE!
Mount St Thomas Public School, in conjunction with the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music, has begun the Year 3-6 Band Program this week. Thirty students in Years 3-6 have purchased their instruments and participated in their first lesson last Wednesday.

Wollongong Conservatorium of Music teachers, David and Mark are very pleased with the students’ enthusiasm to learn.

Our band members will participate in a weekly music lesson each Wednesday morning from 8.00am to 9.00am. Congratulations to our new School Band members, we look forward to hearing and seeing you all in the future.

Many thanks to all the parents who are supporting their children to participate in this program, and Mrs Kelly Judd who has liaised with the Conservatorium teachers and managed the implementation of the Band Program in our school.

NSW UNI ENGLISH COMPETITION
The University of NSW English Competition has been scheduled for, Tuesday, 29 July, 2014, Week 3 Term 3. Children should arrive at school in plenty of time to begin the test at 9:00am.

P&C FEDERATION ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED- ELECTION ANNOUNCED
On Monday 14 July, the Administrator of the P&C Federation sent notice of the 2014 election of councillors and delegates to all P&C Associations. All P&C associations are urged to consider nominating a councillor and/or two delegates for the election. The election is being conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission. Nominations are open from 28 July until noon 29 August, 2014.

The Election Notice has been attached to this edition of the newsletter for your information. Please contact Shellie Eastley, P&C President at mstpca@gmail.com, if you would like more information.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Good luck to our students who will be competing at the District Athletics being held at Beaton Park on both Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 August, 2014.

I’m sure the children will perform at their best and enjoy the experience. We look forward to hearing of their results.

NAPLAN NATIONAL TRIAL
Mount St Thomas Public School has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in a trial for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) on Friday 1 August, 2014. The purpose of the trial is to evaluate test items which are under consideration for inclusion in future tests. Schools selected for this study are expected to participate.

The trial will be conducted in all States and Territories, and will involve classes in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Students at Mount St Thomas PS in Year 3 and Year 5 classes will complete two tests. Each test will take about one hour to administer. Officers from the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) will administer the trial.

Mr Peter Davies will supervise the Year 3 students and Mrs Gillis will supervise the Year 5 students, during this trial.

P&C ‘CONISTON BAKERY’ PIE DRIVE
Don’t forget to ask family and friends to order a pie or two and support our fundraising initiative and sample the handmade pies from our local baker at Coniston Bakery.
Pie orders need to be returned to the school office by next Friday, 1 August. The delivery date for the pies is Monday 11 August in the Hall between 2:45 – 3:30pm on that day.

Have a great week.

Christine Schnebli
PRINCIPAL

SPORTS NEWS:

Athletics
Athletics Carnival ribbons and trophies will be presented to the children at next Tuesday’s Assembly.

Ribbons are awarded to 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} places in the finals for the 100 metres (8,9,10,11 and 12/13 years), 200 metres, 800 metres, high jump, long jump, shot put and discus (*Junior 11 years and 12/13 years)
*Juniors are 8, 9 and 10 years. Juniors often think they have missed out on a ribbon when they place in a heat or don’t realise that the 8, 9 and 10 years all compete against each other in everything except the 100 metres.

This is the same at school, district, area and state PSSA levels.

District Athletics
The District Athletics will be held on the 7\textsuperscript{th} and 8\textsuperscript{th} August. Notes were sent home with the children attending the District Athletics.

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

NSW PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Your child has begun reading for the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge in his/her Library lesson. A half-completed reading log has been sent home with your child and they will be required to complete the rest of the challenge at home. The book list appears on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website:
(or just Google Premier’s 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 Premier’s 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 1\textsuperscript{st} September 2014. Ongoing reading is encouraged. Books read from 1\textsuperscript{st} September 2014 can count towards the 2015 Challenge. The completed log needs to be returned to Mrs Skarpona before 30\textsuperscript{th} 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.

BOOK WEEK
Book Week will be celebrated this term in Week 6. As part of the special Book Week activities, Kinder to Year 2 have been invited to visit Wollongong City Library.

Years 3-6 will celebrate Book Week by producing Book Trailers of the short-listed books and sharing these online with other schools. Book Week provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of reading and to celebrate books and Australian authors and illustrators. This year the Mount St Thomas PS Book Week program will include lots of activities relating to reading the Book Week books and the theme “Connect to Reading”.

We will also run our annual colouring-in competition and have a Book Fair in the Library. The Book Fair is planned for Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} August and parents, carers and grandparents will be invited to attend this event. Please put this date in your calendar with more information to come soon.

Mrs Skarpona – Librarian

JEANS FOR GENES DAY FRIDAY 1 AUGUST
The SRC will be encouraging everyone to support Jeans for Genes Day Friday 1 August. It is a national day when people wear their jeans to raise much-needed funds for research into birth defects and diseases such as cancer, epilepsy, and a range of genetic disorders.

On the first Friday in August workplaces and schools become a sea of denim in a united stance against childhood disease. Every dollar raised on the day helps scientists at Children’s Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.

Please come to school in your Jeans and bring along a gold coin donation.

Kelly Judd - Coordinator
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.

CANTEEN NEWS

SUSHI ROLLS on WEDNESDAY
Sushi and Rice Paper Roll orders for Wednesday can to be pre-ordered on Tuesday.
Please hand pre-orders into the office by 3:00pm each Tuesday.

RED DAY MEAL DEAL
On Thursday, 31 July the canteen will be holding a RED DAY MEAL DEAL. An order form is in this newsletter.

No other lunch orders will be taken.

Cheers,
Gail- Canteen Supervisor

P&C NEWS:

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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!
For all members of the Mount St Thomas Public School P&C Association

If you are a current financial member of the P&C Association and a parent or carer of children currently enrolled at Mount St Thomas Public School then you are eligible to vote in the upcoming P&C Federation election.

More importantly, you are also eligible to be nominated as a councillor or delegate of the P&C Federation, NSW.

If you are interested in being nominated for the position of councillor or delegate of the P&C Federation or would like more information then please contact me on 0409 319 566 or via email mstpca@gmail.com asap.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The P&C Federation (NSW) will be having an election to decide the new leadership of the Association. Please note the attached Election Notice and Nomination Form. If you would like to know more about this please contact me on 0409 319 566 or via mstpca@gmail.com.

**SPRING BALL 2014 IMPORTANT INFORMATION**
Don’t forget to hand in your booking form and payment to the front office for the Spring Ball 2014. For the event to go ahead we need to make a deposit to the Chifley by Friday 15th August….so organise your friends and family and get your payment/booking form into the office asap! A booking form is in this newsletter.

Please feel free to contact Danyelle (0424 893 003) or Shellie (0409 319 566) or email the P&C via mstpca@gmail.com if you would like to discuss seating arrangements or any other concerns you may have regarding the ball.

Unsure of who to sit with?...Just indicate on your booking form, your child’s class and we can try to place you with other parents in the same class/year.

Regards
Shellie, P&C President

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
Friday, 25 July 2014  

**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 Blaney  
*On behalf of the Fundraising Committee*

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**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, number of Loom Bands required and correct money to the school office.

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

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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.

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**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

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**Wednesday 13th August 2014**

1. **FUNDRAISING MEETING**  
   **6.30PM**

2. **P&C MEETING**  
   **7.00PM**

All welcome to attend one or both meetings.
COMMUNITY NEWS:

FOSTER KIDS NEED MORE PEOPLE
Information Session - 5pm to 6pm Thursday, 31 July.

Come along to our FREE foster care information at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, Princes Highway, Dapto. Great kids come from good families.

Short term and long term foster carer needed. Please Help.

To reserve your place call 1300 130 585.

BE PREPARED TO BELIEVE IN SOUTHERN STARS 2014
With the recent media launch of Southern Stars for 2014 we are happy to announce the theme for this year’s show is #webelieve2014.

The show’s theme is about a child’s journey through to adulthood – believing in magic and fantasy in the early years, believing in themselves, and through education, believing in a better world.

The show is divided into three segments and each investigates a different aspect of believing, starting with childhood then working through the turbulent teenage years to adulthood.

Again almost 2,800 students will take part in the show which will be full of music, dancing, colour and emotion.

Community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success and future and with that in mind we encourage everyone to support Southern Stars by going to see one of the shows.

It doesn’t matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy arena style show which provides great entertainment for people of all ages.

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday August 29 and Saturday August 30 - make sure you are one of them!

Get together a group of friends, or your family, and make sure you get to the show.

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster priced as follows: Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140.

Outreach Course Semester 2 2014
Dapto Campus

Want to find employment in the Community Sector? Not sure what training to do? Why not come and do the following course at Dapto TAFE:

10697 Skills for Work and Training
Introduction to the Community Sector
Monday and Thursday 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

This course is fee exempt but there is a $25 student contribution fee

For further information please contact Kathy Finigan Outreach Coordinator on 42218939