## Coming Events - Term 4

### Term 4

#### Week 1

**Monday, 6 October**  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Tuesday, 7 October**  
Welcome Back! All students return.  
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
No Assembly

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

**Thursday, 9 October**  
No Newsletter  
Stage 2 Excursion- 7:30am start

#### Week 2

**Monday, 13 October**  
Final Camp Payment  
NO CANTEEN

**Tuesday, 14 October**  
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
No Assembly

**Wednesday, 15 October**  
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
8:00-9:00am – BAND  
Life Education begins

**Thursday, 16 October**  
Life Education

**Friday, 17 October**  
Kindergarten Orientation 1  
• (Please note: Change of Date)  
Newsletter  
Life Education

#### Week 3

**Monday, 20 October**  
NO CANTEEN  
COLA Assembly Years 3-6  
Life Education

**Tuesday, 21 October**  
NO CANTEEN  
Life Education  
Student Banking  
Whole School Assembly 1:50pm  
Keira 2 Item

**Wednesday, 22 October**  
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
8:00-9:00am – BAND

**Thursday, 23 October**  
Kindergarten Orientation 2

**Friday, 24 October**  
No Newsletter

#### Week 4

**Monday, 27 October**  
Final Camp Payment  
NO CANTEEN

**Tuesday, 28 October**  
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
No Assembly

**Wednesday, 29 October**  
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
8:00-9:00am – BAND

**Thursday, 30 October**  
Kindergarten Orientation 3

**Friday, 31 October**  
Newsletter

#### Week 5

**Monday, 3 November**  
NO CANTEEN  
COLA Assembly Years 3-6

**Tuesday, 4 November**  
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
Whole School Special Assembly 1:50pm  
School Service, Flags, Electricians and Chess Awards. Nebo 1 Item

**Wednesday, 5 November**  
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
8:00-9:00am – BAND

**Thursday, 6 November**  
No Newsletter  
5:30pm Smart Start BBQ

#### Week 6

**Monday, 10 November**  
NO CANTEEN

**Tuesday, 11 November**  
Public Speaking Finals  
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
No Assembly

**Wednesday, 12 November**  
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
8:00-9:00am – BAND  
6:30pm Fundraising Meeting  
7:00pm P&C Meeting

**Thursday, 13 November**  
No Newsletter

**Friday, 14 November**  
Newsletter

#### Week 7

**Stage 3 Camp**

**Monday, 17 November**  
NO CANTEEN  
COLA Assembly Years 3-4  
Stage 3 leave for Camp at 8:00am

**Tuesday, 18 November**  
Student Banking  
NO CANTEEN  
No Assembly

**Wednesday, 19 November**  
Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am  
Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am  
8:00-9:00am – BAND

**Thursday, 20 November**  
No Newsletter  
Stage 3 return from Camp app. 4:30pm

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**RESPECT**  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
**SAFETY**
PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME:
P&C ASSOCIATION SPRING BALL 2014

Congratulations to P&C President Shellie, Vice President Danyelle and the P&C Fundraising Committee for their hard work and determination to organise the first Mount St Thomas PS P&C Association Spring Ball at the Chifley Hotel, last Friday.

Thanks to all the members of the fundraising team who collected a large number of sponsors to donate raffle and auction items.

Many thanks to the Chifley for their spectacular venue, high quality of food, service and atmosphere. Special thanks also to our very talented parents Kachina and Mark and their band “Sounds of KoKo” – for the excellent entertainment.

Special mention and thanks must be made to:  
Arena Av; Belle Property Wollongong; Bellissimo Pizza; Bunnings Warrawong; Carol Oliver; Cath Andrews Holistic Health Advice; Chifley Hotel; Cool Candles; Dean Young; Entertainment NSW; Figtree Cellars; Footloose Rockers; Gold Canyon Candles; Hairlicious; Hungtime; Hospital Hill Pharmacy; Ipazzi Restaurant; Illawarra Hotel; It’s a Touch Sharp; Jamberoo Action Park; Lagoon & Seacilife Restaurants; Kachina Lewis; Kmart Figtree; Making Faces; McKeon Swim School; Mount Kembla Village Hotel; Nutrimetics; Oh Darling Beauty; Outback Steakhouse; Re-Kreate; Sound of KoKo; South Coast Gymnastics Academy; Speedminton Australia; Sybaris Beauty; Toby Parker Watts; Tony’s Chicken Shop; Warren Keelan Photography and the Wellness Centre for their kind donations to the raffle and auction. Congratulations to all the people who won a raffle item or auction item.

The P&C was able to raise around $6500, which is an enormous achievement for one event!

These funds will help us to purchase resources to support the implementation of the new NSW Science Syllabus in 2015.

Many thanks to the ninety parents, family, friends and staff, who attended our Spring Ball and supported this very enjoyable and successful community event.

We had a ball!

FIGTREE COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS
ENRICHMENT CLASS - GRADUATION

Congratulations to our three Year 5 students Caitlyn, Finlay, and Imogen who have been attending the Figtree COS Enrichment Class each Wednesday throughout Terms 2 and 3. Last Wednesday night, I had the pleasure to attend their Graduation Ceremony and watch the students demonstrate their newly honed skills in drama, debating and music.

All three students represented our school with excellent manners and displayed our values at all times. We are very proud of their academic and personal efforts.

Our school is in the beginning stages of implementing a new communication app called, Skoolbag.

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.

School newsletters, school notices and alerts are communicated directly to parent’s smartphone through the Skoolbag school Mobile App.

At first we will be adding the newsletter and attachments and as time goes on, we will have the facility to send reminders, permission notes and other useful features.

Please be patient with us in this period of transition. The school newsletter and all content will still be available on the school website.

To download the app, simply search for Mount St Thomas Public School in your app/play store. A brochure to explain how to install Skoolbag on your phone is included in this edition of the newsletter.

Soon the app will be added to the school website, so those without access to a smart device can view the app content.

OPERATION ART 2014

Congratulations to the following four students whose artworks have been selected for exhibition for OPERATION ART 2014. The students’ names are:

- Harmony
- Elke
- Chloe
- Demi
I would like to acknowledge the students’ outstanding artwork and the teachers’ support for this annual art competition. The artworks will be professionally framed and hung at The Amory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from the 6 September, 2014 - 26 October 2014.

The Artworks will be considered for selection for a variety of categories including, selection for Regional Hospitals and photographed for the Teachers’ Resource CD. Well done to our four winners!

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOUISE GARIN - STATE CHAMPION

Last week, Louise (Nebo 4) competed in the Australian All Star Cheer Federation State Championships.

Louise was entered in 7 divisions. She won 1st Place in Jazz Duo Dance. Louise’s Under 12 Years Jazz Dance Team came 1st and her Under 12 Years Lyrical Dance Team came 3rd. All Louise’s other teams finished top 5 in all divisions they entered. Louise and her teams will now proceed to the National Championships in November.

What an outstanding result for a very talented athlete. We wish Louise and her team mates all the best at the Nationals!

CONGRATULATIONS IVY

Year 6 student, Ivy was recently successful in her application to attend the 2014 South Coast Music Camp. Ivy is a very talented classical guitarist and was offered this opportunity to further her musical expertise, meet new friends and network with some fabulous musicians and teachers from across the area.

The camp was held this week, at The Tops Conference Centre and Ivy had the chance to perform with other students (Year 6 through to Year 10), who are also talented in their chosen instruments.

We are very proud of Ivy’s achievement and her proud representation of Mount St Thomas PS at this very prestigious regional event.

Well Done Ivy!

SUMMER UNIFORM

A reminder to all families that, as of the beginning of Term 4, children are to wear summer uniform. If by chance your child has outgrown their uniform from last season, the school Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am.

The Summer uniform is as follows:

**Girls Summer Uniform**
- blue/maroon checked dress
- short blue socks
- blue or maroon hair ribbon/scrunchies
- black leather school shoes
- maroon school hat

**Summer Sport**
- school polo shirt
- maroon culottes
- maroon skungies
- short white socks
- sports shoes or joggers
- maroon school hat

**Boys Summer Uniform**
- sky blue short sleeve button through shirt
- grey shorts
- grey socks
- black leather school shoes
- maroon school hat

A reminder that black bike pants or tights are not part of our summer uniform and should not be worn underneath girls’ tunics.

To support our School’s commitment to the Sunsafe Policy, a school hat is available, as part of school uniform. The school hat is always available for purchase from the uniform shop and the front office at a cost of $17. Children must wear a school hat when playing, as a protection from the sun’s harmful rays. Children without a hat are asked to choose a shady area to play in.

All children participating in sports and PE activities at school and away from school are required to wear the school hat.

**CLASS GARDENS**

Many thanks to; Michael Blake, Rosemarie Bowden, Keith Howsen and all our community gardeners, for building and preparing 13 separate gardens beds for each class.

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.
Thanks also to Paul who organised for the generous donation of 2 tonnes of soil from *Dapto Sands and Super Soils*, needed for the preparation of these gardens.

This week all classes have been allocated a garden bed and all 13 classes have worked with the community gardeners, under the supervision of their teachers, to sow the vegetable seeds and prepare the garden beds.

All the students are very excited at the thought of continuing to care for their class gardens and grow their own vegetables.

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS IN TERM 4**

Schools have the opportunity to have 2 additional school development days at the end of Term 4.

This means that the last day of school for children is **Wednesday, 17 December 2014**.

All teachers are required to attend on Thursday, 18 and Friday, 19 December, 2014.

**2015 RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES**

Next year, Term 1 commences on:

- **TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY, 2015** (for staff only)
- **WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY, 2015** (for Years 1 – 6)
- **MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 2015** (new Kinders)

The following dates may also be of assistance:

- **TERM 1 HOLIDAYS: Fri 3 APRIL – Mon 20 APRIL, 2015**
- **PUPIL FREE DAY: Mon 20 APRIL, 2015**
- **STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 2: Tue 21 APRIL 2015**

**END OF TERM 3**

Term 3 finishes today, 19 September. Teachers and students return to school on Tuesday, 7 October 2014. Many thanks to all of the parents and community members who have supported our school in so many ways during this term.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday with your children.

Have a great week.

*Christine Schnebli*

**PRINCIPAL**

**PUBLIC SPEAKING 2014**

Our annual Public Speaking Competition will get underway early in Term 4. The topics this year are:

- Kinder - When I Grow Up
- Stage 1 - Talk Me Into It
- Stage 2 - People Changing the World
- Stage 3 - An Issue that Concerns Me

Our Public Speaking Final will be held on Tuesday, 11 November in the school hall, (times will be advertised early next term).

Further information and guidelines will be sent home later this term.

**GRANDPARENTS’ DAY**

Save the date! Next term, we will celebrate Grandparent's Day on Friday, 24 October. Grandparents are invited to come along and share a book, a memory or a game with students in their classrooms. They’ll also be treated to some beautiful songs and stories at a special K-2 Assembly and morning tea. Further details will be sent home early next term.

Special request - if possible, please send in a digital photo of your child/ren with their grandparents. They can be emailed to the school to the attention of Karen Brown or brought in on USB.

We are looking forward to another exceptional day! *Karen Brown- Assistant Principal*

**LIFE EDUCATION**

All classes will be involved in the Life Education Program early next term, the cost is $5.00. A note was sent home last week, and there is also a note in this week’s newsletter. Life Education will start in Week 2, Term 4.

If you haven’t already completed the permission note please do so, and send it back to the school office along with payment of $5.00. *Peter Davies – Assistant Principal*

**CANTEEN NEWS:**

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**CANTEEN CLOSED:** Every Monday & Tuesday

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

**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*
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

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

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

P&C NEWS:

UNIFORM SHOP
The school uniform shop is open every:

WEDNESDAY - 8:30am – 9:15am

Wednesday 8 October 2014

1. FUNDRAISING MEETING 6.30PM
2. P&C MEETING 7.00PM

All welcome to attend one or both meetings.
ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS:
Our Wednesday working bee volunteers have been working very hard this year and our beautiful environment is a testament to their hard work. Thank you to all of our wonderful workers, the gardens are looking great.

Mike Blake, one of our volunteer garden helpers, has been busy potting lots of healthy plants and they are available for sale at only $2.00 or $1.00 each.

Money raised from the sale of the plants will go towards further improving our school environment.

Thank you Rosemary Bowden

COMMUNITY NEWS:

September school holiday soccer skills development
23rd, 24th & 25th September

- Improve soccer skills
- Regular program 3 hours per day over 3 days - $100
- Mighty mites program for under 7’s 1.5 hours per day over 3 days - $60

Locations - Wollongong & Shellharbour
See website for more details

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: ____________________________________________

________________________________________________________________

CHILD’S NAME: ___________________ CLASS: ___________

REASON: ____________________________________________

WOLLONGONG CITY JUNIOR SURF CLUB REGISTRATION

Come and be part of your local junior surf club. Develop your child’s surf confidence, knowledge and ability. As well as have fun and meet new people.

Boys and girls aged from 5 to 13 (age at 1st October, 2014) are eligible to join.

The nippers season runs from mid October through to March. Attend the Registration Days at the Wollongong City Beach Clubhouse (lower level, City Beach function centre) on:

Sunday September 28, 2014 – 10am-1pm

We urge you to join early in the season as essential water safety training is undertaken during the first few weeks. New child members must provide a photocopy of their birth certificate to be kept for club records.

More details can be found on our website at: www.wollongongcityslsc.com.au/juniors
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.

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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.