# Coming Events - Term 2

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| Tuesday, 10 May | No Gymsport  
Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN - Language Conventions and Writing  
Assembly changed to Thursdays for Term 2 only |
| Wednesday, 11 May | Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN - Reading |
| Thursday, 12 May | 1:50pm Whole School Assembly Band  
*Kembla 2 Assembly Item Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN – Numeracy  
Uniform Shop-Open Thursdays from 8:30-9:30am |
| Friday, 13 May | 1:40pm COLA Assembly  
Student Banking  
No Newsletter |

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| Tuesday, 17 May | Gymsport  
Band |
| Wednesday, 18 May | Enviro Working Bee 9:00-11:00am  
District Cross Country |
| Thursday, 19 May | Uniform Shop-Open Thursdays from 8:30-9:30am  
No Assembly |
| Friday, 20 May | Student Banking  
Newsletter |

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| Tuesday, 24 May | Gymsport  
Band  
Assembly changed to Thursday for Term 2 only |
| Wednesday, 25 May | 1:50pm Whole School Assembly – Assembly Item Nebo 4  
Uniform Shop-Open Thursdays from 8:30-9:30am |
| Thursday, 26 May | 1:40pm COLA Assembly  
Student Banking  
No Newsletter |

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| Tuesday, 7 June | Gymsport  
Assembly changed to Thursday for Term 2 only |
| Wednesday, 8 June | 1:50pm Whole School Assembly – Assembly Item Keira 3 and 4  
Uniform Shop-Open Thursdays from 8:30-9:30am |
| Thursday, 9 June | Student Banking  
No Newsletter  
1:40pm COLA Assembly |

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| Tuesday, 21 June | Gymsport  
Assembly changed to Thursday for Term 2 only  
Band |
| Wednesday, 22 June | 1:50pm Whole School Assembly – Assembly Item Keira 2  
Uniform Shop-Open Thursdays from 8:30-9:30am |
| Thursday, 23 June | **********P&C TRIVIA NIGHT **********  
Book your table early!!!  
Student Banking  
Newsletter |
**BRINGING FOOD TO SCHOOL:** Please 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.

*All Nuts Include* – Cashews, Walnuts, Pecans, Almonds, Hazelnuts, Brazil, Peanuts, Macadamia, Pistachio, Pinenuts and Sesame Seeds.

**The number of students with Anaphylaxis in each class, is always listed in every edition of the school newsletter.**

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**

Last week, our school captains and vice captains conducted an ANZAC Day Assembly in remembrance of those who fought for our freedom. It was wonderful to hear guest speaker, Mr Doug Johnston’s presentation that highlighted the horrors of war, but praised the amazing spirit of the ANZACS.

It was a privilege to have Mr Doug Johnston attend our ANZAC Assembly- we all gained some insight into the bravery of the many men and women that have fought for our country and other countries in the past, and continue to do so today.

Thank you to Mrs Bush and Mrs Webster and our school captains and vice captains for organising such a moving ANZAC Day assembly.

Our school captains Sam and Violet, and vice-captain Stella also attended the combined schools’ ANZAC Service at the Wollongong Cenotaph last week, where they laid our flowers in remembrance.

Stella also presented an excellent speech on “What ANZAC Day means to me”, and a number of members of the public commented on how well she spoke. Congratulations!

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**PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME:**

**WELCOME BACK**

The first two weeks of term have flown by so quickly and the rest of the term is going to continue to be very busy with many activities and events planned including; School Photos, Drumming Workshops, Gymnastics, District Athletics Carnival and the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students in Years 3 and 5, just to name a few.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to Gymnastics being on a Tuesday, the Whole School Assembly will be changed to Thursdays for Term 2 ONLY.

We look forward to your involvement in all of your children’s school activities.

**MANAGING ANAPHYLAXIS IN OUR SCHOOL**

We currently have **11 students** in our school with severe food allergies (anaphylaxis) to combinations of all types of nuts, eggs and dairy.

It is imperative that the whole school community is aware that food should **not be shared** with other children under any circumstances at school, on an excursion, or school organised activities such as athletics carnivals, swimming carnivals or sporting events.

In order to minimise risk in our school, we request that parents **not send** peanut butter or nutella on sandwiches or **any nut products** to school or excursions, in your child’s lunch box.

Please remind your children and extended family members not to share food with other children.
MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Many thanks to Kobe for all her efforts to organise the recent Mother’s Day Stall Fundraiser, and special thanks to Belinda and Shellie, for their support in helping with the organisation of this event.

Thank you to the band of mums and dads who gave up their morning to help organise the "hundreds" of gifts for the Mother’s Day Stall and help with the selling of the gifts; every offer of assistance helps enormously.

The students were delighted with the great selection of gifts to choose from. I’m sure all our mothers, carers and grandmothers will be very pleased and touched by the beautiful gifts they will receive on Sunday.

NAPLAN TESTING

The National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 will be held at our school from 12 – 14 May 2015. The assessment tests will commence at 9:00am on these days, so it is essential that students are at school prior to this time.

It is a great idea for all students to have a good sleep the night before each test.

ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

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

The students enjoyed participating in all the athletics events and showed excellent manners and sportsmanship throughout the carnival.

Many thanks to Mr Davies for his meticulous organisation of this event. The smooth running of the event was due to the exceptional work of our committed staff and a band of hardworking parents that helped with all the events. The kids had a great day competing with each other and having fun.

Successful days such as this, are always 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.

“OPPORTUNITY CLASS" FOR 2017

A note has been given to all Year 4 students regarding application options for the Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2017. Online applications must be completed by Friday 15th May.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOL – ENGLISH & MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

A note went home recently to all children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 regarding participating in the English and Mathematics competitions in 2016.

TEST DATES: English – 2 August, 2016
Maths – 16 August, 2016

Any students wishing to participate must return their completed permission note and entry fee (s) to the school office by Friday 3 June, 2016.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photographs will be taken on Tuesday, 31 May, 2016. Notes and photo orders were sent home recently. Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope; however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Please enclose correct money, as no change is given. Cheques or money order is accepted, made payable to MSP Photography. On line payment can be made to the photographer, please follow instructions.

FULL WINTER UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN, including blouses and tights for girls, and buttoned long sleeve shirts and long grey trousers for boys.

PLEASE NOTE:

FAMILY and WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request. A separate order form has been sent home with the photo envelope.

NO ONLINE PAYMENT MADE TO THE SCHOOL

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.

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

RESPECT  RESPONSIBILITY  SAFETY
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.

Have a great week.

Regards,
Christine Schnebli
PRINCIPAL

REMINDER FROM NEWSLETTER DATED 8.4.16

CANTEEN CLOSED
Mrs Gail Lenard is unable to continue this voluntary service each Wednesday to open the canteen, so the canteen will now be closed until further notice.

The P&C are looking at the results of a recent Canteen Survey, to look at future solutions. Gail has always been a great supporter of our students and school, and we greatly value her support and commitment.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE:
Wednesday 11 May, 2016

FUNDRAISING MEETING: 6.30pm
P&C MEETING: 7.00pm
In the staff room - all welcome.

Please note: if you would like to raise an agenda item at a P&C meeting then you will need to put the agenda item or concern in writing along with your name and contact details one week prior to the meeting at which you wish to raise the issue. Leave this at the office with Denise or Nadine or similarly email the agenda item to mstpca@gmail.com.

Any fundraising activities and important P&C notifications will be sent through the Skoolbag app to coincide with the relevant activities.

This will be used in conjunction with the newsletter and take-home notes.

TRIVIA NIGHT
Come along and join in our Mountso School Winter Warmers Musical Trivia Night on Friday, 3 June in the School Hall commencing at 7.00pm SHARP. Everyone is welcome. (Strictly Adults ONLY, no children).

Please complete the booking form and return it to the school office with cash or a cheque made payable to Mount St Thomas P&C Association. Online payment can be made directly to the P&C using the instructions on the form. Please DO NOT directly pay into the School Account. You will find a flyer and booking form in this newsletter

Danyelle - on behalf of the P&C Committee

SPORTS NEWS:
CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS
The Cross Country awards will be given presented at the whole school assembly on Thursday 12th May.

HOT SHOTS TENNIS
Mount St Thomas Students recently participated in the Hot Shots Tennis Program. The program is being funded under a Federal Government Sporting Schools Grant. As part of this Tennis Partnership the school received $1,500 worth of free tennis equipment. Three coaches from Collegians Tennis Club are providing coaching on tennis and the use of the equipment.

All students are now able to receive a free t shirt “IF” their parents fill in and sign and return the registration form to the school office.

P&C NEWS:
SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
is open on:

THURSDAYS
8:30am – 9:30am
GYMSPORT
This term, all students K-6 are participating in the Gym Sport gymnastics program. The cost of the program is $20 per child, $10 for the third child and the fourth child is free. The program will run over seven weeks and has been subsidised by a Sporting Schools Grant and Premier’s Sports money. (The program would normally cost $35 per child). Please return notes and money as soon as possible.

PREMIER’S SPORTS CHALLENGE
Our school has registered to participate in the 2016 NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge. Over a ten week period, during Term 2 (26 April – 1 July), our whole school will be monitoring physical activity.

The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport, games and physical activity and to have more students, more active, more often! Physical activity is valued for its physical, social and emotional benefits. It also helps young people to develop communication skills, confidence and resilience while having fun with family and friends.

Parents can help by signing the log book, to verify how much physical activity their child / children are doing outside of school hours.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Last Monday, 2 May students 8yrs – 12 yrs 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.

A big thank to all the teachers, parents and relatives who supported the students. 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.

SPORT TEAM SELECTIONS
Congratulations to the following students:
• Will who was selected in the district rugby league team; and
• Mia and Austin who were selected in the Northern Zone Hockey teams.

SPORTS ROUNDUP
Congratulations to the following students on their sports achievements:
• Dannika who competed at the NSW State Swimming Championships and placed 10th and 11th in her events;
• Mia on her selection into the South Coast Girls Hockey Team; and
• William on his selection into the South Coast Open Rugby League Team.

Reminders: Hot Shot Tennis and Gym Sport notes are due. Cross Country notes, for students selected to represent the school, are due.

CENTRAL WOLLONGONG 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

Many thanks for your support
Peter Davis – COORDINATOR

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS:
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Welcome back to 2016 and another busy year in our beautiful school environment. 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: ________________
COMMUNITY NEWS:

Fun Languages
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REMINDER
Spanish and German classes will resume (numbers pending) as of Monday 2nd May. Classes run Monday mornings from 8:00-8:45am in Nebo 2 & Nebo 3

Ph. 0433 513 006
Section 1.01 nicole.weber@lcfclu bs.com.au

IMPORTANT
Managing ANAPHYLAXIS in our School - 2016

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In order to minimise the risk in our school, I am requesting that parents not send peanut butter or nutella 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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**Many thanks for your support to ensure the safety of our students.**
Merit Certificates, Super Mountso, Cross Country Awards and K-Year 2 Bronze Awards will be presented at the School Assembly on Thursday, 12 May, 2016 commencing at 1:50pm.

MERIT CERTIFICATE:
KEIRA 1: Alex, Leon, Darcy
KEIRA 2: Oliver, Shye, Sophia
KEIRA 3: Joshua, Maya, Matilda
KEIRA 4: Joely, Annabelle, James
OUSLEY 1: Flynn, Makalita, Travis
OUSLEY 2: Daniel, Miles, Lincoln
DRUMMOND 1: Geordie, Amelia, Chloe
NEBO 1: William, Destiny, Sienna
NEBO 2: Lachlan, Archer, Andrea
NEBO 3: Rose-Ana, Jonathon, Nikkita
NEBO 4: Charlotte, Oskar, Jamison
KEMBLA 1: Jasmyne, Jake, Joshua
KEMBLA 2: Samson, Mia, Grace

KINDERGARTEN - YEAR 2 BRONZE AWARDS:
These awards will be presented at the Thursday assembly (12 May) commencing at 1:50pm.

BRONZE:
KEIRA 4: Carter
OUSLEY 2: Lawson

YEAR 3 - YEAR 6 BRONZE and SILVER AWARDS:
These awards will be presented at the Friday (13 May) informal assembly in the COLA area commencing at 1:40pm.

BRONZE:
DRUMMOND 1: Bayden
NEBO 1: Tyrson, Dean
NEBO 2: Archer, Demi, Lilli, Noah, Alex, Pachu’a, Joel, Phoebe
NEBO 3: Jonathon Turner, Joseph Corbett,
NEBO 4: Tobias, Jasper, Jagbir, Sam
KEMBLA 2: Gay Leh

SILVER:
KEMBLA 1: Lily
KEMBLA 2: Georgie
PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS
To welcome the cooler months join us for a fun-filled...

WINTER WARMERS
TRIVIA NIGHT
With a Musical Twist!

Friday 3rd June 2016
School Hall • 6.30pm for 7pm sharp start

Questions for all Ages!

$15 pp
(payable to office by Monday the 30th of May)

Strictly Adults Only!

Hosted by Kim
from Destination
Dance floor

DRESS: Winter Warmies
BYO: Nibbles & Drinks
Alcohol Permitted

• RAFFLE TICKETS •
Sold on the Night
Tables of 8 or single seats available.

Book now to avoid missing out!
See booking form attached.

FOR MORE INFO: Shellie: 0409319566 • Danyelle: 0424893003
MOUNTSO SCHOOL
WINTER WARMERS
MUSICAL TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday 3rd June 2016
School Hall - 6.30pm for 7pm sharp start

BOOKING FORM

Please complete the form below and return to the school office with your cash payment by Monday the 30th of May. Book early to avoid missing out!

Number of Tickets ........ (Max 8 per table)

Names of People Attending

1 .................................................. 5 ..........................................................
2 .................................................. 6 ..........................................................
3 .................................................. 7 ..........................................................
4 .................................................. 8 ..........................................................

Name of Person Booking ..............................................................

Contact Number ..............................................................

Payment can be made with Cash/Cheque made payable to:
Mount St Thomas P&C Association;
or online via Direct Debit using the following:

Acc Name: Mount St Thomas P&C General Account
BSB: 062-644
Acc: 1012 5737
Ref: TN(your surname)

Payment made by:
☐ Cash/Cheque (to the Office)
☐ Direct Debit (Ref. No. .................................)

* All booking forms need to be returned to the School Office with your cash/cheque or Direct Debit reference no.

FOR MORE INFO: Shellie: 0409319566 • Danyelle: 0424893003
Key points to remember around schools

1 In and out of the car

To comply with national child restraint laws, your child should be restrained in the car as follows:

0 – 6 months
Approved rearward-facing child car seat

6 months – 4 years
Approved rearward-facing or forward-facing child car seat

4 – 7+ years
Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.

A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.

Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.

Assist your young child to buckle up – always check the buckle and make sure the belt is not twisted.

Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the ‘safety door’. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.

Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.

When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

A child that is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.

NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to danger.
ARE YOU CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT TO DO?

Email info@twelve.com.au for a Fact Sheet

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30 JUNE 2016

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FIGTREE HEIGHTS OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS