

MT KEMBLA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term Four, Week Six

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18 November 2019

Coming Events		
Assembly – Awards Only	Thursday 21 November	15. Thinking interdependently Work together! Being able to work in and learn from others in reciprocal situations. Team work.
Crazy Hair & Sock Day	Thursday 28 November	
Kindergarten Orientation – RESCHEDULED DATE	Tuesday 3 December	
P & C Meeting	Wednesday 4 December	
Year 6 Outing to Jamberoo	Tuesday 10 December	
Presentation Day	Thursday 12 December – 9:30am	
Year 6 Farewell night	Monday 16 December	

<u>Bushfires</u>

Firstly, thank you to everybody in the community for your understanding through our temporary cessation of operations as a result of the catastrophic fire danger last Tuesday. I was very thankful that the community was not affected by fire and that everybody remains safe.

My special thanks goes to the two Mrs Summerfield's in the office. On Monday, they were able to create and distribute notes to families quickly so everybody knew what was going on Monday afternoon. Further, they were able to keep everybody up to date with the situation on the Skoolbag app and school webpage. In addition to this, they swiftly amended arrangements for Kindergarten orientation, including making individual contact with our new families to advise them of the situation. We are fortunate to have these amazing ladies working for our community.

Also, special thanks to Emma lvic for quickly advising the community what was happening on Facebook. Notice from the Department of Education about operations for Wednesday was constantly changing and I appreciate that Emma was able to quickly add advice to Facebook to keep everybody informed about coming back to school on Wednesday.

I feel very privileged to work with our special community.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our second Kindergarten Orientation is now scheduled for Tuesday 3 December 9:30am – 11:30am.

Habits of Mind – Thinking Interdependently

This fortnight we are focusing on Thinking Interdependently.

Two quotes resonate with me:

"Take care of each other. Share your energies with the group. No one must feel alone, cut off, for that is when you do not make it." - Willi Unsoeld, (Renowned mountain climber)

"Every person you meet – and everything you do in life – is an opportunity to learn something." - Tom Clancy, Author

One of the critical skills of the 21st Century is collaboration. Working and learning interdependently requires everybody to participate as part of the group. Also, by having the mindset that we can learn something from everybody we meet, we open ourselves to learning, even when we don't think there is anything to learn.

The following information is from https://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/Page/2155:

What is it? - Working cooperatively and collaboratively. Working effectively in teams.

Sounds like - "What's your idea?" "How can we solve this problem together?" "By working together we can create a better solution."

Looks like - Group work, team work. Effectively working together, listening and responding.

Feels like - A sense of accomplishment with others. Success. Trusting others to help.

When we think interdependently, we are showing that we can work with and learn from others. Humans are social and realise that we are more powerful intellectually or physically when we work in teams. Problem solving can be very complex and working together provides opportunities to consider a range of alternatives towards a solutions.

Working in groups requires the ability to justify ideas and to test the feasibility of solution strategies on others. Through this interaction the group and the individual continue to grow. Listening, consensus seeking, giving up an idea to work with someone else's, empathy, compassion, group leadership, knowing how to support group efforts, altruism – all are behaviors of cooperative human beings.

This clip demonstrates some language that children use when they understand thinking and learning interdependently. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftXOZ05SGiM</u>

In every classroom at Mount Kembla Public School, teachers are setting opportunities for students to think and learn interdependently. With our focus for this fortnight, we seek for students to be able to talk about how they work interdependently to solve problems inside and outside the school.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Maria MacDonald

Principal

From the Office...

Student Health Care Plans



We are currently reviewing our student medical records. It is essential that our office has a copy of your child's most up to date Action Plan. Additionally, if your child is on any medication that we may not be aware of (this includes medication administered regularly at home) please contact the office and we will send the required paperwork home with your child to be completed and returned.

School Fees

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees. The year is quickly coming to an end and there are a small number of families who still have fees outstanding. Please finalise payments ASAP. You can pay by cash or cheque at the office or through Parent Online Payment on our school website. Thank you.

Enrolments for 2020

If you have a child ready to start school next year, or know of someone else who does, please direct them to our office so we can fill in the required enrolment forms ready for 2020. Similarly, if you will be leaving our school (apart from our Yr 6 students!) also let us know so we can adjust our expected student numbers. There is plenty of space for new families so spread the word!

5/6 Guessing Competition

Year 5/6 will be doing a 'guess how many lollies in the jar' challenge to raise money for the Year 6 class of 2019. Each guess will cost 50c. You can make your guesses before school and during recess and lunch time. The competition will run up until Friday 22 November (Week 6). Take a good look as to how many lollies you think there might be and get your guesses in early as there can only be one name per number!! Good Luck!!!

Have Your Say on Before and After School Care

The NSW Government is committed to providing before and after school care to all students of public primary schools in New South Wales. As part of the reform,

<u>a parent web form</u> has been established by Service NSW that will enable parents to tell the department about their specific care needs and to stay up to date with any new developments.

The information provided by parents will help the Department of Education to understand your needs, give them insights into where there are gaps in service delivery and help to ensure the extra places are delivered where they are required.

Have you say today at <u>https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc</u>.

NSW Department of Education

Before and After School Care Have your say

The NSW Government is committed to increasing the provision of before and after school care.

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Online feedback closes December 2019



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It's that wonderful time of the year when Bunnings Warrawong will have their Christmas Family Night. WHEN: Thursday 5th December 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

We will be having a Jumping Castle, lots of Kids DIY craft, DJ, Photo Booth, SES and much more.

Light refreshments and best of all.... Santa well be there!

Come and join us for a night of festivities and fun.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL







Individual or Tag teams



aquathon.com.au

Event Website:

Link to http://www.aquathon.com.au

Event Fan Page: https://www.facebook.com/AustraliaDayAquathon/

Australia Day is a fun day at Wollongong Harbour and it all kicks off with the huge all age fun of the Australia Day Aquathon and Funrun-walk.

The Kids Aquathon distance is just for kids 6-12 years, and is all about participation.

The 140m swim (7-9 years) or 200m swim (10-12 years) is held in the safe confines of the Wollongong Harbour, with lifesavers galore and parents can even accompany their child (if you can swim of course). The run for both ages is 2km along the coastal blue mile.

Kids receive a finisher medals and with everyone cheering on, they will feel like superstars!

Longer distances for older children and adults, along with the popular 4km Warrigal Funrun and walk the whole family can do.

Sunday 26 January 2020. Info: http://aquathon.com.au



Disabled Surfers South Coast

Presents

Thirroul Beach 'Smiles on Dials Day'

Saturday 7th December 2019 Meet at Thirroul Beach, Just south of the pool



Check-in no later than 9.30am - Group-care facility participants limit of 6 per facility

A fun day surfing experience for any person with a disability, no matter how challenging, with complete water supervision.

Registration for Participants is \$10 and all **participants** receive a bag of goodies, Thanks to the local participating surf shops and businesses.

Free registration for Volunteer Helpers and for giving up your time you will receive **FREE** Sausage Sizzle on the day.

check out the video on Face Book!

<u>https://www.facebook.com/disabledsurfersassociationsouthcoast</u> Or for more information and who to contact view <u>disabledsurfers.org/nsw/south-coast-branch</u> or <u>www.disabledsurfers.org</u>



See you there putting "Smiles on dials"







The Flame Tree Project

Illawarra in Song

2020 PROGRAM AUDITIONS Students in Years 3-8

The Flame Tree Project is a unique, high quality choral program for talented young singers in the Illawarra coordinated by local volunteers. Workshops run over 2 weekends at the **Wollongong Conservatorium of Music**.

Successful applicants will be immersed in high-quality vocal workshops, working alongside a professional composer, choreographer and musicians as we develop original songs reflecting the Illawarra.

In 2020, we are delighted to share the story of **'OOLA BOOLA WOO' – THE DREAMING STORY OF FIVE ISLANDS**. Four outstanding Australian composers have been commissioned to produce 7 original compositions.

The cost of this unique program is \$135. The Flame Tree Project is a registered provider of the NSW Government's 'Creative Kids Program' and a \$100 voucher can be claimed against this cost. We also have subsidised places available courtesy of the generous support the **IMB Community Foundation**.

AUDITIONS COMMENCE:	Thursday 7 November 2019 (no prepared pieces are necessary)
WORKSHOP DATES:	Sat/Sun 22 & 23 Feb and Sat/Sun 21 & 22 March 2020
PERFORMANCE:	22 March 2020

2020 program Application Forms can be found on our Facebook page. For further information please email stevew@flametreeproject.com or phone 0437 885731.









FLAME TREE COMMUNITY PARTNERS:



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ILLAWARRA JUNIOR VOCAL ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS FOR 2020 (Years 3-6)

The Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble is an exciting opportunity for Public School students in Years 3 – 6 to excel in vocal performance in an extra-curricular setting.

Students (Years 3-6) will be selected by audition. Successful students will represent the Illawarra with a variety of performances throughout the school year. In 2019, students performed at Southern Stars, Spring Into Corrimal, The Festival of Choral Music at the Opera House and The Kiama Festival of Choirs. They have had the opportunity to work with industry leaders in choral singing and composition.

The Ensemble is co-ordinated by Sonia Milgate (Pleasant Heights Public School), Lynda Murphy (Corrimal East Public School), Alison Charlton (Stanwell Park Public School) and Bede Darcey (Principal of Corrimal East Public School).

Rehearsals take place on a weekly basis during school term at *Corrimal East Public School Hall* on Thursday afternoons from 4:00pm – 5:00pm. The participation cost for students selected in the *Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble* is \$30 per term.

Audition Process:

Download the audition piece from the link below and upload a YouTube audition video. Fill in the required paperwork using Google Forms. All submissions will receive an email stating that their application has been received after the due date. Successful students will be offered a position by **Friday 29 November, 2019** and must commit to their position by **Friday 6 December, 2019**

https://tinyurl.com/IJVE2020auditions

Audition documents can be downloaded from the following link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/111RU6XQHi_pl887gLNxrNj3VxpeyxbOC?usp=sharing

Expressions Of Interest are due by Monday 18 November, 2019

For further information, please contact Sonia Milgate on sonia.milgate@det.nsw.edu.au

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