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Term Two, Week Ten

Coming Events...

P&C Meeting @ MK Hotel	Wednesday 3 July – 7pm
Assembly – Awards Only	Thursday 4 July
Last day of Term 2	Friday 5 July
First day of Term 3	Tuesday 23 July



With Thanks

As I write my last Newsletter for Mt Kembla I am a little overwhelmed with the beautiful messages and thoughts that have been sent my way. I have so enjoyed my time in our very special little school and will always remember the last ten years with a smile and warm heart. Thank you for taking me in as part of your gorgeous community and making my job such a pleasure. If I am to leave you with any lasting impression, let it be this....Please remember to let your children practice having 'the little wheels fall off' to best equip them for the ups and downs that they will no doubt face in the real world. It is too easy for us to want to smooth the way for them, but all skills need practice...including dealing with 'non-perfect' days and situations. Take care everyone.

Last P&C Meeting

WEDNESDAY will be my last P&C meeting as principal of Mt Kembla PS. We are going to hold this meeting at the Mt Kembla Hotel so please drop in to say hello, or goodbye as the case is. I am planning to be there earlier for dinner so feel free to join me.

New Principal

Unfortunately I am unable to share with you who the new principal of our school will be. Should this be announced prior to Friday I will send out a Skoolbag notification to inform our community.

Have a good day!

Raelene Redfern
Principal



Principal's Afternoon Tea – 'Sparkly Fancy Sh'mancy'

My last Principal's Afternoon Tea was lovely and I got to enjoy some excited and very well mannered company! Thanks to my special guests for coming to share this afternoon tea with me, and thank you to both Mrs Summerfield and Mrs S for their expert serving skills!



SHOALHAVEN ZOO EXCURSION

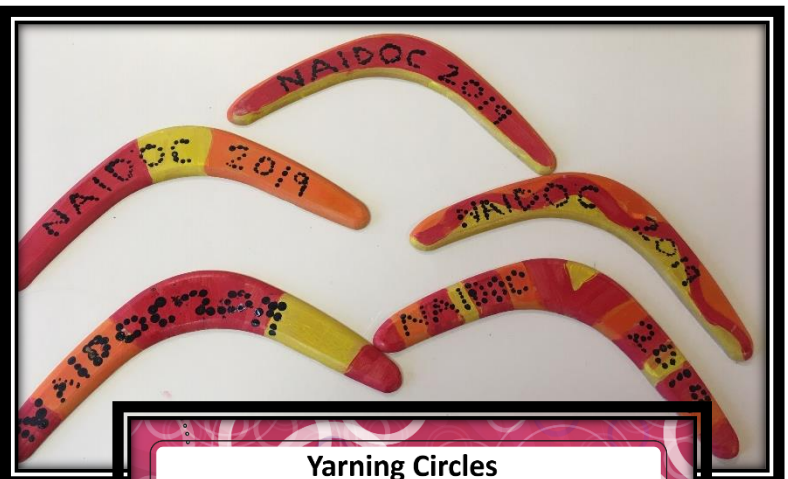
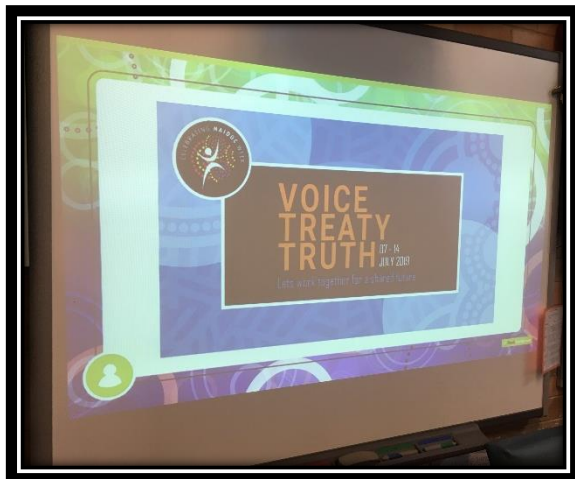
Last week, our students and staff enjoyed our whole school excursion to the Shoalhaven Zoo. We learnt about the habitats and features of a variety of Australian animals including emus, wombats, dingoes and koalas and even got to pat and feed many of the creatures. It was an absolutely fantastic day.



NAIDOC Week 2019

The students and staff at Mount Kembla PS will be celebrating NAIDOC week throughout this last week of term as it runs during the school holidays from July 7th to 14th. We started today by learning a little bit about what NAIDOC week is, why we celebrate it and the theme for 2019 which is 'Voice, Treaty, Truth'.

Each class learnt about yarning circles and began by sharing their ideas around what it means to speak and listen from the heart. We now all have a class 'talking piece' which we can use throughout the year when we host yarning circles to talk about a range of topics and ideas.



Yarning Circles

A yarning circle is the practice of speaking and listening from the heart. The use of a 'talking piece' help to make it clear who is talking and who are listening. The student who holds the 'talking piece' speaks spontaneously from his/her own experience, is concise and to the point while the others listen with an open heart, without judgement or preconceived ideas.*

Let's have a yarn about what it means to listen and be heard.

1. Sit in a circle
2. Introduce group
3. Introduce focus question
4. Share ideas and thoughts
5. Reflection

Implementing yarning circles in your classroom



P & C News

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3 July at 7pm at Mt Kembla Pub

Canteen News

Who has watched the ABC's War on Waste? It's estimated that Aussies throw away one billion single use coffee cups every year! With the introduction of 'Hot Chocolate' at recess for the remainder of Term 2 and all of Term 3 we have decided to do our bit for the environment. We are encouraging the students to bring their own cup (*not breakable*) each week and pay \$1 instead of \$1.20 with a disposable cup. Let's get them thinking about good habits now!

HOT CHOCOLATE \$1.20
OR
BYO cup and pay \$1.00



New Look for Toilets *EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST*

We are considering painting the toilets with bright colours and inspirations quotes BUT we need a team to execute the project with a working bee over a few weekends. Do you have artistic flair and would like to be involved? Can you help? Please let one of our executive team know.

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Loose Parts Play Space

We are working on the introduction of a loose parts play space in the school playground.

Our children spend over 6 hrs each week in our school playground. It is a place for physical movement and imagination, a release from the more structured environment of the class room.

We are lucky at our school to have a generous amount of outdoor play areas and natural surfaces. In introducing loose parts play, we are looking to give those kids who are less sports focused some other opportunities for imaginative play.

'Loose parts' theory is about remembering that the best play comes from things that allow children to play in many different ways and on many different levels. Environments that include 'loose parts' are infinitely more stimulating and engaging than static ones. The play environment needs to promote and support imaginative play through the provision of 'loose parts' in a way that doesn't direct play and play opportunities but allows children to develop their own ideas and explore their world.

Children's minds are engaged, and their imagination is sparked, when they are provided with play opportunities that are not prescriptive. Loose parts are everyday items and objects that allow children to build, create and imagine as they see fit. It suits all developmental stages, all ages and all genders. Communication, collaboration and team work are all encouraged. It can teach conflict resolution, negotiation and compromise and be the mental stimulation and release that ADHD and ASD kids need during the break from more structured learning.

The planning is well underway, we have had some amazing donations from Col Western Sheds, The Hardware Man Unanderra, Bunnings Wollongong, Reece Plumbing Unanderra and Bunnings Warrawong. We have also been stockpiling loose parts from various sources in readiness for the launch.

THE LAUNCH – Reverse Garbage

We are looking to launch the space in the first few weeks of Term 3, (date to be confirmed) which will allow us to set up the space during the school break.

A play-based educator from **Reverse Garbage** in Marrickville will attend our school and will host a session with our teachers to explore how educators can implement and manage a loose parts play pod in their playground. It will cover research, safety, management and student involvement. The session can also include ideas for incorporating loose parts into curriculum programs.

The educator would also run a session with a student leader group in how they can help manage the space and take ownership of the program and will also stay and help to facilitate the first lunch time play session.

We hope that you are all as excited as we are to see this play space introduced into our school.





SOUTHERN STARS COMES ALIVE IN 2018 – Tickets on sale!

Last week Southern Stars 2019 **COME ALIVE** was officially launched at the BlueScope Visitors Centre in Wollongong, where Executive Producer, Paul Roger, announced the theme, and that tickets were officially on sale to the public.

There were some fantastic performances from our featured artists offering a sneak peek of some of the great items from this year's show. Our 4 Tenors in particular really made an impact, bringing the audience to tears – it was incredible!

The show once again will have something for everyone. The theme and show segments are all based around how students come alive when they perform.

It's the biggest show in the history of Southern Stars with over 3,000 students from over 100 schools in the Illawarra and around NSW. The students will take part in a world-class two hour arena style variety show that will feature pop, country, rock, and opera.

COME ALIVE includes two circus troupes, audience favourites - the NSW Public School Millennial Marching Band, a 600 strong choir, rock band, our Aboriginal dance ensemble, massive student orchestra, the Black Swans with an original item based on stories of the Illawarra, 2000 dancers, amazingly talented featured artists, the signing choir and disABILITY students fully integrated with our drama students and vocalists, and much more.

As in past years, community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success, and the easiest way of showing your support is by attending one of the four blockbuster shows.

It doesn't matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy spectacle which provides great entertainment for people of all ages. The talent, energy and enthusiasm of our students, is something not to be missed. Anyone who has attended a show says so!

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 23 (10am and 7.30pm) and Saturday August 24 (2pm and 7.30pm) - make sure you are one of them!

Please note that tickets should be purchased **only** through the official ticket booking site of Ticketmaster. <http://ticketmaster.com.au>

You can stay informed about what's coming up in the show, by visiting the Southern Stars Social Media pages - Facebook **Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular** and Instagram **@southernstarsarespectacular**.



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

CELEBRATES

50

YEARS

OPEN DAY

Saturday September 7 10:00am - 2:00pm

- Games2U
- Drama Performances
- Musical Performances
- Science Experiments
- Historical Displays
- Art Exhibition
- Oral History
- School Tours
- Food Trucks
- Indigenous Games
- Lawn Games
- Planting of the Fig

DINNER

Wests Illawarra 6.30pm - 11.30pm

- MC - Paul Scully
- Entertainment - Emily Markham

On the day, there will be an opportunity to purchase a commemorative brick that will be fashioned into a path at Figtree High School

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WEEK 2 – JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

15th July - 19th July 2019, 9am-3pm each day

Join us as we take your child on an action-packed intergalactic journey from the Earth to the Moon and beyond. Learn all about space travel, our Solar System and the technology that helps keep our astronauts afloat....literally!



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School Holiday Fun

Kids Farm Tours at Warrawong

Experience a real farm
Touch, feel and see the animals and
plants

Tours available: 9-18 July



More info or Book online at green-connect.com.au



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School Holiday Fun

Kids Art Workshops at Bellambi

Have fun with our NEW op shop art
workshops. Use your imagination to
create with reused and collected
materials

Workshops available: 10-18 July



More info or Book online at green-connect.com.au



CHIPPERS FINISHING SCHOOL

*** Goals win games! ***



IMPACT GARAGE DOORS

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

Monday 8th- Tuesday 9th - Shellharbour

Thursday 11th- Friday 12th - Huskisson

Tuesday 16th-Thursday 18th - Bellambi

www.chippersfinishingschool.com.au/register

**5-16 years (Boys and Girls)
All levels of abilities welcome)**



SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Football clinics

JULY 2019

School Holiday Clinics provide players (aged 5-12 years) and goalkeepers (aged 10-15 years) with the opportunity to be coached by some of our leading coaches.

You will spend the mornings with members of FSC's coaching staff working on your football skills and having a lot of fun!

WEEK 1 (8 - 11 JULY)

Thirroul (Thomas Gibson Park) 9am-12pm
Albion Park (Terry Reserve) 9am-12pm
Balgownie* (Judy Masters Oval) 9am-12pm

*Includes Goalkeeping Clinic

WEEK 2 (15 - 18 JULY)

Helensburgh (Rex Jackson Oval) 9am-12pm
Unanderra (Unanderra Oval) 9am-12pm
Gerrigong (Gerry Emery Reserve) 9am-12pm

FUTSAL CLINIC (15 - 17 JULY)

Fraternity Club Futsal Courts (9.30am - 11.30am)
\$70.00

\$95
FROM
PER PERSON

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HAVE FUN. MAKE FRIENDS. LEARN NEW SKILLS.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

8-22 JULY 2019
Open from 8am to 6pm



HIGHLIGHT
STEELWORKS & HARBOUR TOUR



Bring every day:
HAT + DRINK + LUNCH
Excursion days:
ENCLOSED SHOES

MON 8 July

LASER TAG REVOLUTION

Bring it on! We're going to Revolution Laser Tag. Get ready to take each other on in a battle to save the world!

COST: \$20.40 TO \$106
TIME: 9AM TO 2PM

TUES 9 July

ONESIE PARTY

Get your onesie on and join the party! We'll play party games, watch a movie and have some hot chocolate all whilst chilling out in our onesies.

COST: \$12.75 TO \$66
EXTRA: COME IN YOUR ONESIE

WED 10 July

STEELWORKS & HARBOUR TOUR

Today we'll be going on a guided tour of the Steelworks, Port Kembla's inner and outer harbour as well as Hill 60.

COST: \$16.60 TO \$86
TIME: 8:45AM TO 2PM
EXTRA: ENCLOSED SHOES

THURS 11 July

STENCIL SPRAY ART

Take home your own canvas spray art. We're going to create our very own canvas artwork using everyday items such as stencils and spray paint.

COST: \$14.65 TO \$76
EXTRA: CLOTHES FOR MESSY PLAY

FRI 12 July

NAIDOC CELEBRATION

Today we'll explore Aboriginal culture. We'll listen to dreamtime stories and weave paper baskets. We'll have damper a sausage sandwiches for lunch.

COST: \$13.70 TO \$71
EXTRA: LUNCH PROVIDED

MON 15 July

PUTT PUTT GOLF AND DRIVING RANGE

Get ready to practice your Golf swing. We're going to tee off and practice our driving skills before playing a game of putt putt. Bring it!

COST: \$18.50 TO \$96
TIME: 9AM TO 4PM

TUES 16 July

HARRY POTTER DAY

Bring your Hogwarts house robe and come join us for a magical day of wand making, Quidditch and Harry Potter movies.

COST: \$14.65 TO \$76
EXTRA: COSTUME

WED 17 July

STRONG KIDS

Join us for a fun day of strength based exercises with Strong Kids. We will focus on building muscle and joint strength with accredited physiologists there to help us have fun.

COST: \$18.50 TO \$96

THURS 18 July

JUNK CRAFT DAY

Bring your imagination and any junk from around that house and get ready to craft some art from household materials. What will you create?

COST: \$12.75 TO \$66

FRI 19 July

THE SURFER AND THE MERMAID

We are going to the theatre to watch a play about a young surfer captured by a mermaid and led to the depths of the ocean to meet her friends the whales.

COST: \$18.50 TO \$96
TIME: 9AM TO 1PM
CANCELLATION FEE: \$20 (CCS NOT APPLICABLE)

Mon 22 July

WOLLONGONG LOOKOUT CRAWL

Join us for a scenic day trip to some of Wollongong's best lookouts. We'll visit Bald Hill, Mt Keira, Bulli Lookout and the Gateway Centre.

COST: \$14.65 TO \$76
TIME: 9AM TO 3PM
EXTRA: ENCLOSED SHOES

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Visit bigfatmile.com.au/funclub to enrol



ENROL NOW!

Families need to complete a Child Care Subsidy assessment (online at myGov/Centrelink), including confirming the name of your child care provider – otherwise full fees will be charged.

*Fee range indicates the out-of-pocket expenses which vary according to CCS. For your individual fee please contact your fee manager.

MERRIGONG CREATIVITY CAMP

Fill the July school holidays with creative exploration at Merrigong Creativity Camp.

This five day workshop is designed to activate kids' imaginations and build self confidence in a fun, educational environment where campers can develop ongoing relationships with like-minded children.

For ages 5 - 13, children will be placed into groups based on age and confidence.

15 - 19 JULY
WOLLONGONG TOWN HALL
9am - 3pm (incl. lunch break)
5 Day Camp: \$290 per child*

20% discount for additional sibling. Cost includes a ticket to see *The Surfer and the Mermaid* with the group.



As a registered provider for the Creative Kids program, you can redeem your voucher with us and let your child develop new skills. For more information on how to redeem your voucher for Creativity Camps, please contact our Box Office on 4224 5999 or email boxoffice@merrigong.com.au



A Merrigong Theatre Company and Bleach Festival production

The Surfer and the Mermaid
BY TIM BAKER. IMAGES BY TED GRAMBEAU

THE FEEL-GOOD STAGE ADAPTATION OF TIM BAKER'S GORGEOUS CHILDREN'S BOOK

Follow the tale of a young surfer on a magical underwater journey. Captured by a mermaid, the boy is led to the depths of the ocean to meet her marine friends - the whales.

Written by renowned Australian surf writer Tim Baker, and featuring stunning images by Ted Grambeau, this fun, elevating show will inspire young audiences to see themselves as empowered advocates for marine conservation. Kids of all ages will recognise how their actions impact the ocean, and what they can do to inspire change in others.

Cast & Creative Team
Director Leland Kean
Video Media Designer Mic Gruchy
Set and Costume Designer Katja Handt
Cast Adam Booth and Lucy Heffernan

18 - 20 JULY
Thu 10am, Fri 10am & 12.30am, Sat 12.30pm
BRUCE GORDON THEATRE
All tickets \$28*
Approx. 1 hr. (no interval)
Recommended for ages 4 - 12.
Relaxed Performance Sat 20 Jul, 10am



Showcase Entertainment presents

THE CAT IN THE HAT
BY DR. SEUSS

Young and old alike are sure to be left in raptures by this zany and imaginative stage show that brings Dr. Seuss's story *The Cat in the Hat* to life.

MON 15 JULY
10am, 12.30pm & 3pm
IMB THEATRE
Tickets \$22 - \$29.99*
Approx. 50 mins (no interval)
Recommended for ages 3+

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

JULY 2019

MON 8 JULY

Parkour: 930am - 12:30pm \$35 / Archery: 1 - 2:30pm - \$10
Junior Boxing: 4 - 5pm - \$10

TUES 9 JULY

Parkour: 930am - 12:30pm - \$35 / Archery: 1 - 2:30pm - \$10

WED 10 JULY

Cheeky Monkeys Promo Day!
Kinder: 9:30 - 10:15am - \$10
Junior Gym: 10:30 - 11:45am - \$10

Creative Beauty Masterclass: 10:30am - 2pm - \$35
Junior Boxing: 4 - 5pm - \$10

SAT 13 JULY

Try a Trade day - Sydney Trains: 9am - 1pm
FREE! Book via eventbrite.com

MON 15 JULY

Parkour: 9:30am - 12:30pm - \$35
Archery & Archery Tag: 1pm - 3:45pm - \$35
Junior Boxing: 4 - 5pm - \$10

TUES 16 JULY

Parkour: 9:30am - 12:30pm - \$35
Archery, Oztag & Indoor Hockey: 1 - 4pm - \$35

WED 17 JULY

Creative Beauty Masterclass: 10:30 - 2pm - \$35
Junior Boxing: 4 - 5pm - \$10

Program is designed for children aged 5-12 years old.

Please pack a hat, recess and lunch for your child.

Kinder Gym ages 1-3 & 2.5 - 8 years can bring a friend free.

Participants must be PCYC members - \$10 per child, per year.



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