



# MT KEMBLA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Term Four, Week Eight**

**2 December 2019**

## Coming Events...

<b>Kindergarten Orientation – RESCHEDULED DATE</b>	Tuesday 3 December
<b>P &amp; C Meeting – Mt Kembla Hotel</b>	Wednesday 4 December
<b>Book club – Issue 8 DUE</b>	Tuesday 3 December
<b>Assembly – Awards RESCHEDULED DATE</b>	Thursday 5 December
<b>Year 6 Outing to Jamberoo</b>	Tuesday 10 December
<b>Presentation Day</b>	Thursday 12 December – 9:30am
<b>Year 6 Farewell night</b>	Monday 16 December



*You are invited*

to

*Presentation Day 2019*

Our Presentation Day assembly will be held on Thursday 12 December,  
starting at 9:30am, under the COLA.

Parents are more than welcome to attend. Should your child be receiving an  
award you will be notified prior to the day.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Celebrating creative and critical thinking.

Last Friday, I had the privilege of watching our students from 2/3 Rosellas, 4/5 Kangaroos and 5/6 Magpies apply their programming and robotics skills with chariot races under the COLA. I was impressed by how the students discussed problems, made creative suggestions to their chariot designs, critically decided on the best alterations for their chariots, and retested their vehicles. During the races, students worked with their teams to keep the chariots on the track and cheered their team-mates on, whilst showing great sportsmanship to the other teams. My thanks to all the staff for making this wonderful learning possible and congratulations to all the students who showed their ingenuity and collaboration. Truly impressive! We have included some photos further on in our newsletter.

### Final P&C Meeting

To finish the year off our last P&C meeting will be held this Wednesday, 4 November, at the Mt Kembla Hotel. This will be a lovely opportunity to celebrate community achievements at the school this year. I hope to see you there.

### Coming and Going

We are in the process of finalising our student numbers for next year and start the task of forming our classes. If you know of anyone who is interested in having their child attend our school please direct them to the office. Similarly, should you be an existing family that is moving from our area also please let us know so we have an accurate idea of how many students we will have in each grade next year. Thank you for your assistance.

### Library Books.

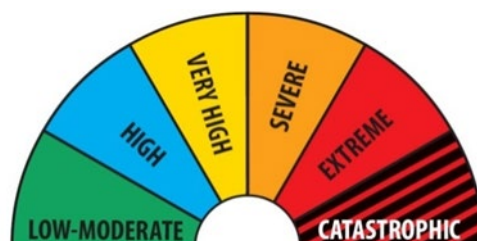
Could all library books and home readers now be returned to the library or the classroom as we are attempting to carry out a stocktake on the schools literacy items. This stocktake then allows us to order in new materials for the students to read and not double up on titles and authors. Students have been given slips of paper from the library with the author, title and the cost of replacing the book. Please just have a quick look around the house to see if there are any Mount Kembla books. If you cannot find the book we do ask that you either buy the same book and bring it to the library or pay the cost to replace it to the office. Thank you.

### Bushfire Reminder

Bushfires continue to burn across the state, and thankfully we have been immune so far this season. As a reminder, should a bushfire occur during the school day that is of concern to our proximity, we will be evacuated to Figtree High School. Parents will be notified via our Skoolbag app and local radio. If there is a **catastrophic** fire danger rating given our school is non-operational. This gets announced at 4:30pm most days (for the following day) and is available on the Rural Fire Services website, found at:

<http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fdr-and-tobans>

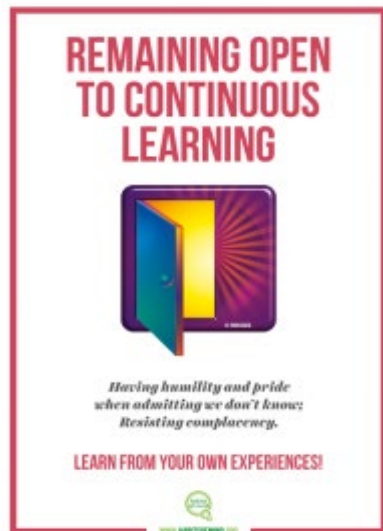
We are Area 5 on the map. Again we will try and share this information via Skoolbag, our school Website and local radio stations. This also means staff are not allowed on site, so please don't call the school for further information, rather check the site above to see if the rating is in place.



## Habits of Mind

The following information comes from: **HABITS OF MIND, Arthur L. Costa, Ed. D., Professor Emeritus, California State University, Sacramento**

Insanity is continuing to do the same thing over and over and expecting different results.  
- Albert Einstein



Intelligent people are in a continuous learning mode. Their confidence, in combination with their inquisitiveness, allows them to constantly search for new and better ways. People with this Habit of Mind are always striving for improvement, always growing, always learning, always modifying and improving themselves. They seize problems, situations, tensions, conflicts and circumstances as valuable opportunities to learn.

Remaining open to continuous learning:

**What is it?** Being eager to learn what you don't know.

**Sounds like:** "I wonder .....?", "I don't know..... Can you help me?" "I didn't think of ..... that way. Can you share more?"

**Looks like:** being curious and seeking answers

**Feels like:** If I don't know or understand, I can always find out.

Enjoy the 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.

### Wollongong City Centre Christmas Colouring Competition

To those students that entered the Christmas colouring competition, the Christmas signs displaying the amazing "Christmas Tree" designs have been installed in Crown Street Mall. Make sure you go check them out!

YOU SCREAM, I SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

Year Six is holding an Ice Cream Stall Fundraiser!

Lunch time on **FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH** (Week 9)

Prices are as follows:

**\$1.50** for one scoop of vanilla ice cream with one add-on in a cone or cup.

**\$0.50** each for extra add-ons

**\$0.50** per extra scoop of ice cream.

Add-ons will include flavoured syrups and various candy toppings.

*Zooper Doopers will be available for students with allergies (\$1 each)*



## Scholastic Book Club 2020

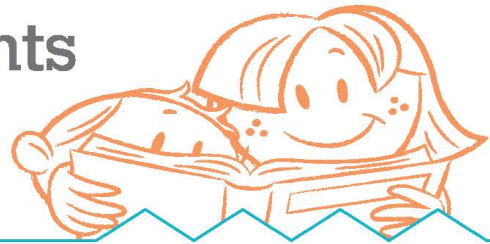
From 2020 all Book Club Orders must be submitted online. There will be no cash or forms taken at the school office. Below are the instructions for the LOOP platform for parents to process their book club purchases. Ordered books will be returned to the school and distributed to the students by the office staff.

Introducing

 SCHOLASTIC

# Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

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AS AN APP!



**LOOP** is Scholastic Book Clubs **L**inked **O**nline  
**O**rdering & **P**ayment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, **LOOP** makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!





## Crazy Hair and Sock Day

Well done to all of the children, and staff, who got involved in Mt Kembla's Crazy Hair and Sock Day on Thursday. We saw wigs, mohawks, spikes, glitter, ribbon and bows! Some students even got creative with crazy props. Everyone looked FANTASTIC!

Congratulations to the SRC for organising a successful Crazy Hair and Sock Day. Thank you to everyone who donated. Our wonderful school community raised much needed funds for the Bush Fire Relief Fund. The SRC are proud to announce that our little school raised \$200. Thank you for all of your support!

The 2019 SRC Team and Miss Leussink





## ROBOTICS

The Robotics program wrapped up with a Sphero Chariot Race on Friday afternoon. Students used their creative and critical thinking skills to design and make a chariot from recycled materials. They then raced their Sphero Chariots around the course, with the winners from each class competing in the grand final. Congratulations to Aiden, Morrissey and Micah L on your nailbiting win.

*Mrs Rice*





## 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, [a parent web form](#) 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 your say today at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc>.

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.

Have your say at

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc>

Online feedback closes December 2019



## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



**MOUNT ST THOMAS PRESCHOOL** is now taking enrolments for 2020!

At Mount St Thomas Preschool we provide a nurturing and home like environment to help make children's first transition to a school setting a positive experience.

Learning is fun at Mount St Thomas Preschool

We help each child reach their full potential by planning experiences that are challenging, interesting and fun!!

For enquires please call 42 295 114 or visit [www.mountstthomaspreschool.com.au](http://www.mountstthomaspreschool.com.au)

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It's that wonderful time of the year when Bunnings Warrawong will have their Christmas Family Night.

**WHEN: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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**



# KIDS AQUA

**WOLLONGONG HARBOUR**

**Sun 26 January 2020**

Individual or Tag teams



**Finishers medals**

AGE	
u10s:	140m + 2km
10-12s:	200m + 2km

[aquathon.com.au](http://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>



# Summer Writing Club For Kids

**35 BOREDOM BUSTING** creative  
writing challenges over summer!



- Beat boredom and become a better writer
- Sign up anytime
- 1st challenge available from December 16th
- New challenges unlocked daily
- Access challenges online anywhere, anytime
- Improve creative writing skills while having FUN
- Awesome Christmas Gift idea
- Sign up at [www.juniorwritersclub.com.au](http://www.juniorwritersclub.com.au)
- Use Codeword **SUMMER19** to claim your discount

[www.juniorwritersclub.com.au](http://www.juniorwritersclub.com.au)





## **KIDS FISHING WORKSHOP**

Kids fishing workshop for **8-14 yr** olds run by NSW Fisheries at **Windang** on **22nd January**. The workshops run for 4 hours, including lessons on casting, knot tying, tackle and rules before 90 minutes fishing. Kids get to take home a quality rod and reel, all for \$40. Bookings are essential, contact Stephen on: [stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au) or 0438245190.



## ***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!**

<https://www.facebook.com/disabledsurfersassociationsouthcoast>

Or for more information and who to contact view

[disabledsurfers.org/nsw/south-coast-branch](http://disabledsurfers.org/nsw/south-coast-branch) or [www.disabledsurfers.org](http://www.disabledsurfers.org)



**See you there putting  
"Smiles on dials"**





**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](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](mailto:sonia.milgate@det.nsw.edu.au)

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