



MT KEMBLA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term Four, Week Nine

9 December 2019

Coming Events...

Year 6 Outing to Jamberoo	Tuesday 10 December
Presentation Day	Thursday 12 December – 9:30am
Scripture Assembly	Thursday 12 December - 11:30am - 12:30pm
Year 6 Ice cream stall	Friday 13 December
Year 6 Farewell night	Monday 16 December
Talent Quest	Tuesday 17 December
Last day of term for students	Wednesday 18 December
Staff return 2020	Tuesday 28 January
First day of term 2020 - Years 1-6	Wednesday 29 January

*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!



Dear Parent Helpers,

THANK YOU

*for all of your help at our school
throughout the year.*



*We would like to invite you to attend
our "Thank You" afternoon tea,
on Tuesday 17 December
1:15pm - 2:15pm.*

Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Friday. Although it is a lot of work, necessarily completed over many late nights, I always viewed writing report comments as a great privilege. To be able to guide, observe and then reflect on student growth and achievement is a responsibility unique to the teaching role. We have kept every report our children received as they made their way through the school system and I encourage you to do the same. They make for interesting reading in later years.

For now, reports are a great opportunity to celebrate your child's great learning in 2019 and discuss learning goals for 2020.

Disco

Our COLA came alive on Friday night with the school disco. It was lovely to see students dressed in their finery and dancing gear to have fun under the disco lights. We were all impressed with their participation and behaviour on the night. My thanks to all the teachers for supervising the fun and a special thank you to Sam from Dance2Bfit for her excellent DJ skills. We have included some photos further on in the newsletter.

Congratulations Sofia and Zahli

Congratulations to Sofia Akpinar and Zahli Ritchie who auditioned and have been selected in the Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble for 2020. They will have weekly rehearsals in preparation for a range of vocal performances during 2020. Students in the 2019 ensemble performed at Southern Stars, Spring in Corrimal, The Festival of Choral Music at the Opera House and the Kiama Festival of Choirs. Enjoy your wonderful opportunity girls.

Reading over Christmas

There are lots of important messages around Christmas time and here is another one

Research is clear that children who don't read during the summer holidays can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect.

As a child's first and most important teachers, parents have a major role to play in motivating children to read. Over the coming holidays please take time to consider some of the following ideas about how to make reading a fun part of your child's Christmas holiday and help them maintain their level of achievement and not fall behind next year:

- **Visit the library** - If your child doesn't have a library card, summer is a great time to sign up for one. In addition to a wide selection of books to borrow, many libraries have fun, child-friendly summer reading programs.
 - **Lead by example** - Read the newspaper at breakfast, pick up a magazine at the doctor's office, and stuff a paperback in your beach bag. If kids see the adults around them reading often, they will understand that literature can be a fun and important part of their summer days. Talk it up. Help kids find time to read. During the school year, children have busy schedules and often have required reading for classes. Summer is a time when children can read what, when, and how they please. Don't set daily minute requirements or determine the number of pages they should read. Instead, make sure they pick up books for fun and help find ways for them to choose to read.
 - **Relax the rules for summer** - You may even want to make bedtime a little bit later if you find that your child can't put down a book. Talking with your kids about what you have read also lets them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you - soon they might start doing the same.
 - **Use books to break the boredom** - Without the regular school regimen, adults and kids need more activities to fill the hours. Books that teach kids how to make or do something are a great way to get kids reading and keep them occupied. Don't forget to take your kids' favourite reading series along on long road trips.
 - **Read aloud with kids** - Take your children to see a local storyteller or be one yourself. The summer months leave extra time for enthusiastic 'read-alouds' with children, no matter what their age. Don't forget to improvise different voices or wear a silly hat to make the story that much more interesting!
- Over to you**

Sydney Girls High School Performance

On Wednesday, we will welcome the school band from Sydney Girls High School. The concert promises to be a fun, interactive performance with opportunities to sing along, use body percussion and maybe even conduct the band. Please advise your child's teacher if you don't want your child to see the concert. The performance is free.

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.

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

AVAILABLE AS AN APP!



LOOP is Scholastic Book Clubs **Linked Online** Ordering & **Payment** 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 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!



School Dance Party



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



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>

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



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
- Use Codeword **SUMMER19** to claim your discount

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 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 or www.disabledsurfers.org



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





Come & try FootGolf School holiday fun

FootGolf is ideal for all ages and played just like golf, but with a football being kicked over 9 holes. It's loads of fun and is ideal for a casual game, social, school groups, kids parties and team building activities.

- Bookings recommended ph: (02) 4283 5322
- Ages 5+

- Enclosed footwear (strictly no football boots) and t-shirts essential
- Bring your own ball or book ours

Cost

Adult: \$14 • Under 16: \$9.50

Pre-booked groups (10+): \$7.50 ea

Times

Monday to Thursday, 3-6pm

Sundays 12 noon - 6pm



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Club House (02) 4285 1286
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