The Dunkley Herald

Term 2 Week 1
May 3 2019

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Our school is supporting the 'Adopt A Farmer' initiative to be held across the nation on Wednesday May 8.
To assist in reaching the ambitious goal of raising $800,000 nationally, we will be participating in an out of uniform day on Wednesday May 8 for a gold coin donation – ALL funds raised will go to farmers.
So, on Wednesday May 8, come to school dressed out of uniform in a way that shows your support for our farmers!

Additional Lunch time activities

To assist in helping your child be prepared for our additional lunch time activities, please see below for extra activities that are scheduled across the week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Netball Open Classroom	Open Classroom	K – 2 Dance Guitar 3 - 6	Rugby League Enviro Club	3 – 6 Dance Open Classroom

Opportunity Class 2020

Any student who is in Year 4 this year has the opportunity to apply for a position in an Opportunity Class in 2020. Please follow the links below for further information. All applications must be completed online. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require assistance to complete an application. Applications for placement in a Year 5 opportunity class in 2020 open on **Tuesday 30 April 2019** and close on **Friday 17 May 2019** and parents must apply online at: https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5

Library times

Some changes have been necessary in regard to library times across the week. Please see below Term 2 Library times:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Year 2	Year 2/3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Kindergarten	K6 MC Year 1

NAPLAN

This year our school is participating in NAPLAN online. NAPLAN online features tailored testing. There is more detailed information in regard to tailored testing later in this edition of the Dunkley Herald.

Kirstie Yeo
Principal

You are invited to our

Mother's Day Morning Tea

Friday 10 May, 2019

9—11am—Classroom visits

11—11:30am—Morning Tea (Hall)

To assist with catering, please RSVP via the link in this newsletter or via Facebook

Morning Tea is provided for a gold coin donation

We look forward to sharing a morning tea with you!

RSVP at https://forms.gle/XdE3oaBHZCZTMw4P9

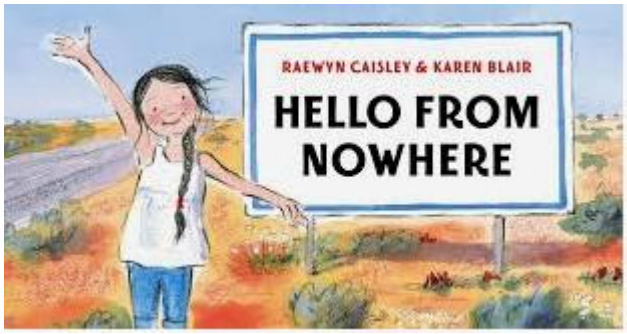
School Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10
		ZONE CROSS COUNTRY	Applications for TSP – HSHS due 'Adopt a Farmer' day!	Mother's Day Stall Assembly – Athletics Ribbons	Mother's Day morning tea & open classrooms 9am – 11:30am
3	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17
	Stewart House Day	NAPLAN online P&C Meeting – 6pm in the Library	NAPLAN online	NAPLAN online	NAPLAN online
4	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24
	NAPLAN online	NAPLAN online	NAPLAN online National Simultaneous Story time – Alpacas with Maracas	NAPLAN online GRIP Leadership **NO Assembly**	NAPLAN online
5	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31
	Year 3-6 Start Smart Workshop			Junior Kookaburras commences Library 9 -11am	Hunter PSSA Cross Country (tbc)
6	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7
		K – 3 Hunter Valley Zoo Excursion	Year 4 Reptile Park Excursion	Junior Kookaburras Assembly – Year 6	
7	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
	PUBLIC HOLIDAY			Junior Kookaburras	
8	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
				Junior Kookaburras Assembly – Year 2	
9	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
				Junior Kookaburras Awabakal EEC NAIDOC Excursion – K – 6	
10	June	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
		A Matter of Seconds – for Kindergarten, Year 3 & 6		Assembly – Artist of the Term	

Year 1 2019 Fun!

Year 1 and Mrs Grenell have had a wonderful time so far this year. Term 1 held a lot of exciting events for us to enjoy! We have been studying rich texts and writing creatively. We all really enjoyed the fantastic picture book 'Hello From Nowhere' by Raewyn Caisley. This book inspired us to create some amazing imaginative texts and artworks.

Here are some samples of our letters to Eve:



Dear Eve,

Hello from Blakely at Mount Hutton. If you have a sleepover at my house we can go to my school and swim in my pool. We can go and watch a movie. You can meet my friends. We can jump on my amazing, pink trampoline. I hope we can be friends. We can do cool amazing tricks and maybe go to a theme park. What do you really want to do? We can prank my mum.

From Blakely

Dear Eve,

I hope that you can come over to my place one day. We can go to tennis and my school and you can meet my amazing friends and have a yummy barbeque at my house. I hope that you could come one day again.

From Shantarah

Have a look at our wonderful artwork display:

Dear Eve,

Hello from Mount Hutton. You and I could go to the amazing beaches. We would have to get two towels. We can go to my tiny school and meet my best friends. We can eat yummy pizza and we could go to the ice skating. We have to get warm gloves and we can have ice cream there. I wish you could visit me.

From Cobie

More Fun in Year 1!

There was a lot of excitement in the Year 1 room in preparation for our exciting Easter Hat Parade! Everyone did an amazing job making very creative Easter hats.

Our class was very excited to come back to school after the holidays to see that our new engine room table had arrived. We think we are better readers at our new table!

We are learning to play and work cooperatively with others in PD/Health.

We learnt about Anzac Day and commemorated our ANZACs by making poppies.

ANZAC DAY POPPIES

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Junior Kookaburras

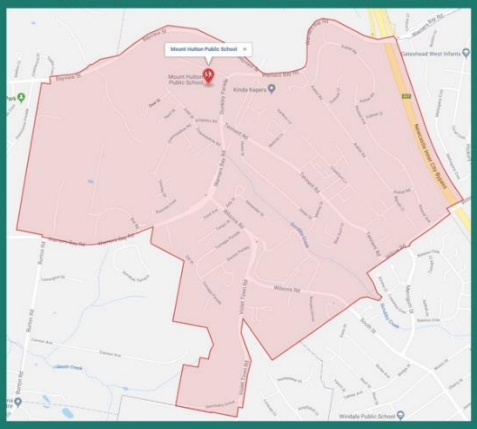
Our Junior Kookaburra School Readiness Program aims to support:

- the oral language development of your child through a focus on speaking, listening and communication skills
- your child's social and emotional development through a focus on interaction with adults and peers
- your child in the aquisition of early literacy and numeracy behaviours
- a smooth and effective transition to "Big School"

Is your child starting school in 2020?

Our free Junior Kookaburra Program runs every Thursday in the school library from 9am - 11am starting May 30 until November 14 inclusive. Register your interest now by contacting the school office or registering online through Facebook.

Mount Hutton PS Zoned Area



Find us on:

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Mount Hutton
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Email: mthutton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Click to register now! https://forms.gle/y27yN1BxB8mTyVgS7

Started Wednesday May 1

Finishes Tuesday June 25

Collection box for stickers is up in the office.

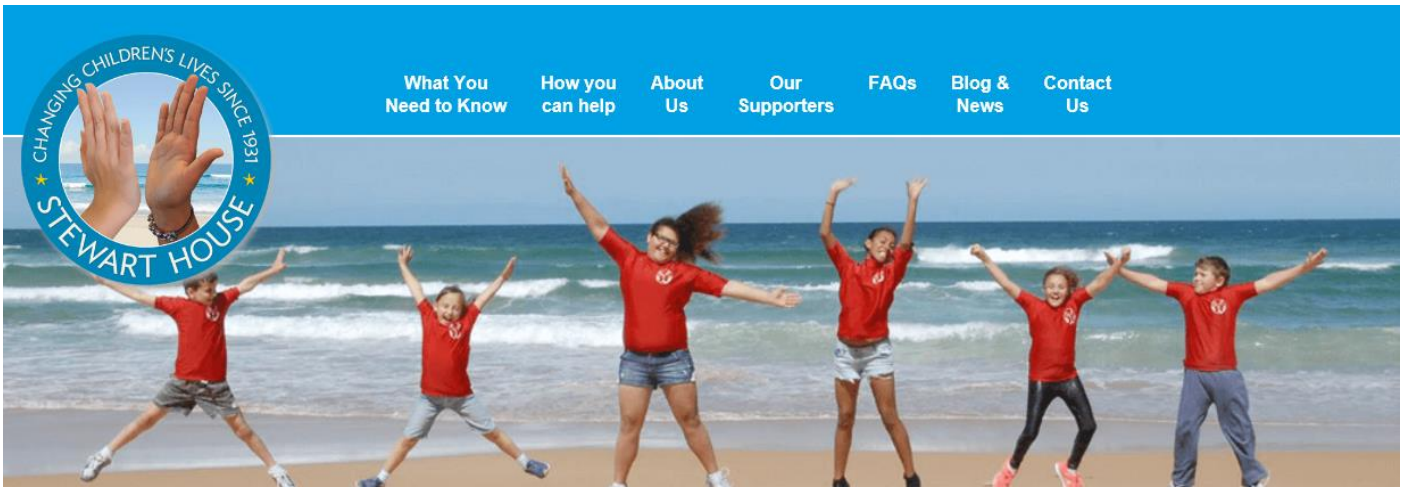
Thank you for your help!

Mount Hutton Public School is holding a $2.00 out of uniform day on Monday, 13 May, in order to show our support for Stewart House.

Your child's $2.00 donation will automatically put you in the drawer for a chance to win a $4000 holiday to a destination of your choice. All entry forms will be completed by class teachers.

Over the past two years, Mount Hutton Public School has had three children attend Stewart House. Every year, 1700 public school children attend Stewart House next to Curl Curl Beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a child's 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self – esteem and improve their overall wellbeing. This experience provides children with a much needed break from their current circumstance. Find out more by visiting:

https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/



NAPLAN Online features tailored testing

From 14 May to 24 May, our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. The information brochure for parents and carers addresses common questions about NAPLAN Online testing.

One of the main features of the NAPLAN Online format is that it is a tailored (or adaptive) test. The tailored test provides a more precise assessment of your child's performance in the areas of reading, language conventions (grammar, spelling and punctuation) and numeracy by adapting to responses.

As your child progresses through the test, questions may be easier or more difficult, to better assess his or her ability. Your child should not be concerned if he or she finds the questions more difficult than expected – the pathway may be more challenging.

Many of the same questions appear in both paper and online tests, but not every student doing the online test will be answering the same questions in the same order.

Your child's NAPLAN results and scores are based on the number **and** complexity of questions he or she has answered correctly.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher or the principal.

For more information, please click on the links below to access specific detail:

- learn how to support your child during NAPLAN
- read more information for parents and carers
- view types of questions on the public demonstration site
- access translations of the parent information brochure
- watch a video that explains the NAPLAN Online tailored test
- download the frequently asked questions on tailored testing

Get to know…

Tegan Betts, P&C Vice President

What class are your kids in?
Jonah is in Kindergarten and Abbie is in Year 2

Why did you join the P&C Association?
I wanted to support the school and the kids and give back using my skills and experience. With two kids now at school I felt it was a good time to help out and volunteer my time.

How many years have you been a part of the P&C?
I came along to meetings last year but this is my first year as a member.

What is the best part of working in the P&C?
Being able to support to the school that gives so much to my kids. I also wanted to show my kids that you can make a difference by being involved and volunteering your time. I enjoy meeting parents as well as interacting with the teachers and Principal on a more meaningful level. I have also enjoyed the friendships I have made so far.

Fiona Lacey, P&C President

What class are your kids in?
Kaiden is in Year 2

Why did you join the P&C Association?
Decided it's my time to help out. I have had children at the school since 2001 and I have two more children to come through yet, so I'm here for the long haul.

How many years have you been a part of the P&C?
2 and a ½ years

What is the best part of working in the P&C?
So many things…the friendships you make, the satisfaction of raising money that goes straight back to help the children, having more of an understanding about how schools are run and really getting to know the teachers and Principal on a different level. I absolutely love MHPS.

NEXT P&C MEETING: Tuesday, May 14, 6pm in the Library