



Mount Lewis Infants School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 6

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CALENDAR - TERM 1 2018		NOTES AND MONEY DUE
Date	Time & Event	All students- Textbook & Fees All students, Permission to publish note URGENT
Fri 9/3	P&C Mini Canteen - Recess	
Wed 21/3	Harmony Day	
Wed 28/3	School Photos	
Thur 29/3	Easter Hat Parade & Raffle	

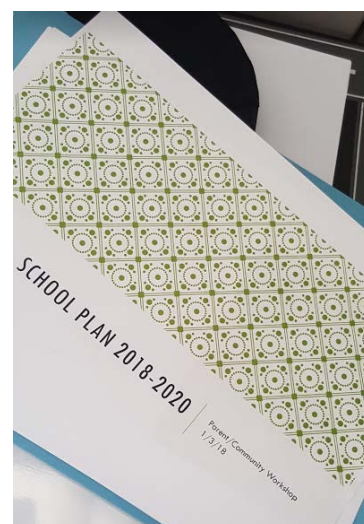
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Parents and Carers,

As many of you know we have been discussing the introduction of an 'Student Representative Council', or SRC for short, since last year. As one of our new directions in the next School Plan, leadership for staff and students is a priority. An SRC is an excellent way to involve students in decision making and provides the opportunity for the development of leadership skills. Below is a definition of SRC as found in the dictionary- *The Student Representative Council (SRC) is made up of a group of students who want to help other students by presenting ideas which are of benefit to all students, to the School Council. The SRC also informs its peers of any important information which affects the student body.*

Another purpose of the SRC is to teach students how the school works, how decisions are made and how to achieve changes. Being on the SRC teaches skills which you can use in later life. I'd like to thank Miss Gaida who has taken on the role of organising the SRC for our school. She has planned some wonderful training for the group of students who have been voted in by their peers. Mrs Thompson will also be part of the SRC team. I look forward to working with the SRC, Miss Gaida & Mrs Thompson. Look for a photo of the SRC when we receive the badges we've ordered.

A message from Miss Gaida-'Congratulations to our Student Representative Council members for 2018. The aim of the SRC is to provide an opportunity for students to play an active role in the decision making process of the school. Our representatives were elected by their peers and will receive their official badges soon. We are looking forward to working with these students to improve our school environment.'



SRC for 2018: Congratulations....

1 Aqua - Zahra & Moustafa
1 Blue - Amenah & Ali
2 Lavender-Najah & Sulayman

1 Ruby -Zaynab & Abdulhamid
1/2 Emerald -Lara & Khaled



School Photos Information:

Photo day is on Wednesday 28 March.

Today your child has received the envelope sent to us by the photographers. It is important you fill it out, follow the instructions for payment-BEFORE the day-and return it to school. Please do not lose the envelope. Each child has their own. SUMMER UNIFORM to be worn on the day.

Family Photos-if you want your children to have a photo with their brother/sister, a separate envelope needs to be collected from the office.

Toys at School:

Parents/carers, it is very important that you know what toys your children are bringing to school. It has been noticed that some children are bringing toys in and are either asking other children to trade their toys or they are swapping things for other things they prefer. NO TRADING/SWAPPING is to take place at school. Expensive toys/games are not encouraged at school either. Please talk to your children about these matters.

Asking for donations for our RAFFLE:



WHAT: Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

WHEN: Thursday 29 March

TIME: 2-2:45pm

WHERE: COLA Area

All parents and family members are warmly invited to attend this end of term event at Mount Lewis Infants School.

To help the school raise some funds, we will also be running a Raffle that will be drawn at the end of the hat parade.



In order to create some fabulous prizes, we are kindly asking for donations of chocolates, baskets, trays etc to help make this event a success.

Please send all donations to the Office if you are able to help. All shapes and sizes will be happily received as we will make prizes up from the collection.

(Students will receive a proper invitation next week. This is just so we can start the donations going. Last year we had a wonderful response from the community and we were able to raffle about 23 prizes).

PBL NEWS & THIS WEEK'S SCHOOL VALUE

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is our school program that aims to help in creating safe, effective teaching and learning environments. For more

information on PBL go to <http://www.pbl.schools.nsw.edu.au/about-pbl/>



This week's school value is:


COURTESY

At MLIS we show courtesy through:

- waiting patiently
- using good manners
- following instructions

In every Newsletter, the table below will have the names of the children receiving PBL awards. If you see your child's name in the table, you will know that they will be presented with that award at the following Monday's assembly. We take a photo of the group and it will be published in the Newsletter the following week. Parents/Carers are welcome to the assembly.

The following awards will be given out on **Monday 12 March** at the morning assembly.

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	MEDALLION
	Lara 1/2E Rihana 1R	Leila 1/2E Fatima 2L	



Congratulations to the award winners from week 5, well done.

CLASS NEWS ~1R~

Every fortnight there will be a feature class in this section. The photos and the information will match the foyer display.

1 Ruby has been studying minibeasts in Science this term. We have used this for inspiration in art and maths.

We have created a dragonfly artwork using watercolours and oil pastels, and a bee hive using bubble wrap as a print! We also use our lady bugs to write some addition number sentences.

We love looking for minibeasts in the playground at lunch and recess.

Thank you 1R for sharing your minibeasts. I especially like seeing how you have used the theme in many different ways.



Harmony Day: This year when we celebrate Harmony Day at MLIS, we will be asking for a gold coin donation to support the 'Steven Walter Foundation'-this foundation is in memory of a young boy, Steven. His parents want him remembered and raise funds for children with cancer & associated research. So on the 28/3/18, wear a splash of **orange** & bring in a coin!



P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be on **Friday 16 March at 9:15am** in the library.

Message from P&C: Mini canteen at MLIS this Friday 9/3/18.

We will sell the food listed below at RECESS. Please discuss the options with your child during the week and give them the correct money in a small purse/wallet or snaplock bag, clearly marked with their name.

Parent help will be appreciated. Please see a P&C member if you are able to come to school on Friday to help prepare and sell the food.



Reminder: Only send money the day the mini canteen is on. Children should only have enough money to buy one or two things at the most.

~Food for sale this week~

Donuts \$1

Popcorn \$1

Fruit \$1

Ice Blocks \$1



Photos of a very successful mini canteen. Lots of parent helpers and lots of happy children. Even the pre-schoolers have fun and make new friends.

Don't forget to save your Coles dockets for us! Support MLIS by bringing in the special tokens, we do the rest. Thank you to those who have already brought them in.



I have included a couple of helpful reminders about how our PBL system works. Please look it over and ask a teacher for more clarification if you feel you need to.

'Louie' Award System

- Our school merit system is a **3 year progressive system** that allows students to accrue their awards throughout their time at MLIS.
- Students will be recognised for their positive behaviours with daily class awards called 'Louies'.
- Each teacher will have three 'Louies' to hand out every day.
- Students will receive 'Louies' if they have demonstrated exemplar positive behaviours that reflect our school rules. Teachers can make reference to the common language on the expectations matrix when considering the behaviour of the student that is being rewarded.
- Students must accrue **five 'Louies'** to be eligible for a **white award**.
















5 white awards = **Bronze certificate** (25 'Louies' required)

10 white awards = **Silver certificate** (50 'Louies' required)

15 white awards = **Gold certificate** (75 'Louies' required)

20 white awards = **School medallion** (100 'Louies' required)



Proposed Merit System (Proposed merit system allows students to accrue awards over a 3 year period)	
Number of awards required	Award level achieved
 <p>5 x 'Louies' (Daily class awards)</p> 	 <p>White award</p>
 <p>5 x white awards (25 'Louies' required)</p> 	 <p>Bronze Level</p>
 <p>10 x white awards (50 'Louies' required)</p> 	 <p>Silver Level</p>
 <p>15 x white awards (75 'Louies' required)</p> 	 <p>Gold Level</p>
 <p>20 x white awards (100 'Louies' required)</p> 	 <p>Medallion Level</p>