



# Mount Lewis Infants School Newsletter

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**Term 1 Week 8**

**19 March 2019**

## CALENDAR - TERM 1 2019

Date	Time & Event
Thur 21/3	1:45pm Harmony Day Activities
Wed 27/3	School Photos
Thur 4/4	Interview Bookings Close
Fri 5/4	P&C Sausage Sizzle
Wk 11	Parent/Teacher Interviews

## NOTES AND MONEY DUE

School Photos next week Wednesday 27/3/19. Full summer uniform, (optional to purchase).

Book Club Orders - Due by Thursday 21/3/19

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I'd like to highlight 'Play' and its importance in the development of young children. In Australia, formal schooling begins for a child usually the year they turn 5 or 6 years old. Many students have attended an Early Childhood setting prior to starting school. Pre-School, Family Day Care, Long Day Care Centres are all places our students have gone to. Others have been at home with parents or grandparents. In these settings, children are encouraged to keep busy by exploring, playing and taking part in a variety of activities in preparation for school.

Kindergarten can be a very stressful time for some children and their families. The school setting is very strict with regards to starting and finishing times, lunch routines, reading and writing, maths work, developing independence, taking care of belongings, speaking in front of an audience etc. Teachers try very hard to tailor learning and routines to suit the students. A very important part of the way young children learn is through play. During this time, teachers put out activities and offer a variety of choices to develop fine motor skills, creativity, cooperation, friendships,





imagination, to name a few things. We want to encourage families to spend quality time with children just doing simple things like playing inside and/or outside with them. Talking and encouraging your child to interact with you for a sustained time can have very positive effects on their development and their confidence.



We have been looking at recent studies and publications discussing the importance of play and the benefits of letting children have time to explore and have down time and I would like to share with you one of these author's so you can do your own reading. The quote is by, Pasi Sahlberg (Professor of Education Policy) and his latest book, 'Let the Children Play', will be out in June this year.

“Despite universal research evidence and expert advise about the benefits of play to kids’ development, health and learning, children today play less than before.”

- *Let the Children Play*, 2019



### School Photos on the Wednesday 27 March.

Please find the envelope from the company in your child's bag. Take care not to lose it as it is made for your child. Money needs to be exact as they don't give change on the day. Best idea is to pay online. The envelope comes back to school, sealed. Family photos are available. Please ask the office for the special envelope. **\*FULL SUMMER UNIFORM TO BE WORN ON PHOTO DAY\***



### ~After School Pick Up~

This note is to let you know that students **will not be released** from school unless they have someone to collect them within the school grounds.

This is for the safety of your children and for us to be carrying out our duty of care.

If you need to discuss this important message, please make a time to see me.



## Gardening News: Wonderful helpers in our garden! Thank you.



Year 2 have been working hard in the garden. Over the last few weeks we have been busy planting lettuce, spinach, kale, tomatoes, snow peas, beans and parsley. We are now getting eggplants, capsicum and our strawberries are finally beginning to appear!

## 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:**


**FAIRNESS**

At MLIS we show fairness through:

- taking turns
- sharing
- listening to others



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 on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>.**

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	MEDALLION
Giselle 1C		Moustapha 2L	



## P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting is in Term 2 **Friday 10 May at 2pm** in the library.

### Mini Canteen Information:

On Friday's of an even week, the P&C plus other helpers, run a mini canteen for the students. Please discuss the menu with your child and if you want them to buy something for recess you can send **\$1 or \$2** in an envelope or snaplock bag (see photo) on the day.

We only want children to buy 1 or 2 items as they only have 20 min to buy and eat. Canteen is optional, you do not have to send money.



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.

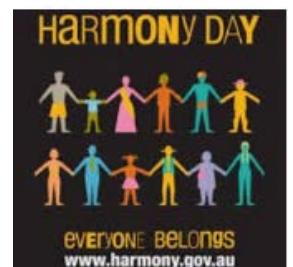
**Canteen Items for Sale Friday: Please send correct money so students do not get disappointed.**

Rice Wheels \$1	Fruits \$1
Fairy Bread \$1	Juice \$1



**Harmony Day** will be celebrated at Mount Lewis Infants on Thursday. This year the event is very timely as we all unite in the spirit of the day. With the recent sad events of last Friday, it is important that as a community, we reinforce our respect for each other, our tolerance for differences, our cooperation and our unity.

Mount Lewis Infants School is proud to provide a safe and supportive environment for students, staff and the community. Wellbeing and the care of our students is always our priority. Come along and celebrate Harmony Day with us on Thursday. Everyone belongs, differences are accepted and peace is appreciated.



As per the invitation, students can wear a national costume, a splash of orange such as ribbons, socks, wristbands or an orange tee shirt. Please do not go to any expense. Whatever you have will be fine. Sports shorts/uniform can be worn to make things more comfortable for the children. Hope to see you on Thursday afternoon.

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly.

Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on: 9790 4650

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

MAKE A BOOKING

enter the code **6cqz5**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

**Bookings will close by Thursday 4 April 2019 at 4pm**

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

\*Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings

\*OR return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

# Help Needed!

## Can you spare 1 or 2 hours while your child is at school?

We are asking for some very kind, helpful parents to assist with delivering pamphlets advertising our school in the local neighbourhood. This just means putting pamphlets in the letterboxes on your local street.

Please see Mrs Conte, Mrs Markland or Miss Ferguson for further information and to collect some pamphlets.

Please support our school. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Miss Ferguson

Rel. Assistant Principal



## MOUNT LEWIS INFANTS SCHOOL



Do you have a child  
ready to start  
Kindergarten in 2020?



Enrolments at Mount Lewis Infants School  
are now open for children in  
Kindergarten to Year 2 in 2020.

Please call 9790 4650  
or come and visit our school at  
28B Noble Avenue Greenacre

We look forward to meeting you!

