



Mount Lewis Infants School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 2

20 October 2020

MINI CALENDAR - TERM 4 2020		NOTES
Date	Time & Event	
Thur 22/10	Book Character Parade-Dress Up Day!	*T4 is Summer Uniform *Don't forget to visit the 'virtual book fair' with your children.
Fri 23/10	Mini Canteen	
Mon 26/10	If all goes well, Veggie Garden Landscaping Begins	*Yr2 Tee Shirt Orders & Money:
Fri 30/10	World Teachers' Day	Due TODAY-Tuesday 20/10
Thur 5/11	Kinder 2021 Orientation-'Drop in & Collect'	

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 4 sees us preparing for assessment and reporting; working hard on developing the new school plan for the next 4 years; continuing excellent and engaging teaching and learning programs; starting work on the Veggie Garden area; preparing Yr2 to transition to their new schools for Yr3 and welcoming our 2021 Kinder students to MLIS.....just to name a few things! As you will of seen from the calendar there are certainly many more events coming up and all in the space of 9 weeks! At this stage we can't plan to have the community on site for any event. But if anything changes, I will let you know.

This term the teachers hope to deliver the last of the planned outcomes for this year and look forward to following up with the data figures to see where students are at. This will in turn inform their reporting to you at the end of the term.

The major professional learning we are having as a staff is to develop the 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP). We will seek your input and opinions for this plan through a number of surveys that will be sent to you through SeeSaw. It is very important that we get your feedback and input so we know we are working together to deliver programs that you value and support. Look out for the survey link coming your way soon!If you don't have Seesaw and Skoolbag on you mobile, please come to the office and ask us to help you. It is very, very important that you receive and share information with us, easily and reliably. Enjoy the term and remember to take time to praise your children, share things with them and just enjoy their company.

(Mrs Rieger, Principal).



Staff News:

*Congratulations go to Miss Sinemoglou, who got married at the end of the holidays and is now Mrs Bozinovski! Best wishes to the happy couple.



*Mrs Dalamagas had her baby boy at the end of last term. He is healthy and has already brought much happiness to the Dalamagas family.



*New Crossing Supervisor. Last week our new Crossing Supervisor started. His name is Mr Zeidan Fouad. Please make him welcome as he settles into our school community.

~BOOK WEEK~ Book Character Parade on Thursday!

19 to 25 October 2020



Good news – Mount Lewis Infants School are still celebrating Book Week with a book fair but this year we will be holding it online starting Monday 19 October till Sunday 25 October, 2020. Simply click on this [link](#) and you will be directed to our school's fair page.

The site can then be accessed and browsed from home with all orders then entered online.

You can choose from all the books on the site with your purchases being delivered to your front door. Postage is \$6.50, but orders over \$40 qualify for free delivery

As well as books, there are a variety of craft and activity kits (usually on display at the Fair)

Our Library will receive commission for our sales which we will take in the form of new books for our Library so don't forget to nominate our school when you buy.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to own new books and for our Library to put more books on the shelves for our school to enjoy.

On behalf of our students, we thank you for your support. It is much appreciated



Water bottles are now **essential** as the bubblers are not in use. With the weather warming up, it's necessary for **ALL** students to bring a water bottle to school.

Please **label** all items as children do leave things behind after play times.



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 PBL week's school value is: *Honesty*


HONESTY

At MLIS we show honesty by:

- telling the truth
- taking responsibility for our actions
- playing fair



Congratulations to the students who received awards this week.

BRONZE		SILVER	GOLD	MEDALLION
Ilyas KP	Aminah 1W		Sandy 1E	Mohammad 1E
Zakaria KG	Lamees KY		Aiza 2S	
Ameena KG			Manissa 1E	
Sebastian KY				
Omar KB				
Olivia KY				



P&C NEWS

Mini Canteen News:

Class teachers will be running the mini canteen. In order to adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines, we won't be having P&C members in selling food items, instead each class will have a tub of items and the class teacher will sell them to the students.

Go through the menu with your children and select 1 or 2 items they may want to buy for recess. **ONLY SEND** the coins they need to buy their food. For example, \$1 or \$2 in a snaplock bag or small purse/wallet with your child's name. *No change* should have to be given.

Mini Canteen Menu for Friday 23/10/20:

Fruit Cups \$1

Noodle Snacks \$1

Muffin Bars \$1

Student Wellbeing at MLIS

Student wellbeing has been a focus at Mount Lewis Infants School for the last 3 years as part of our School Plan. Over the years, we have been implementing programs such as the 'Worry Woos' and the 'Bounce Back' program. Students have been learning to identify different emotions and develop a range of skills and strategies to help them deal with situations as they arise.

Worry Woo Program

The Worry Woo program helps to introduce social and emotional learning through the use of stories and puppets. Students are encouraged to share their 'worries' and feelings with the puppets. The program also teaches students how to build empathy, create positive emotional understanding, improve emotional intelligence and helps to build a healthy social environment.



Bounce Back Program

This program is a whole school Social and Emotional Learning program that teaches students coping skills to boost their sense of wellbeing and act resiliently when faced with challenges in life. This term we will be learning different ways we can 'Bounce Back' when we are faced with sad, unhappy or worrying times in our life.

Some of the units in the program include: Core values, Social values, People bouncing back, Courage, Looking on the bright side, Emotions, Relationships, Humour, Success.

BOUNCE!

When you feel unhappy, you can **BOUNCE** back again and feel better.



Bad feelings always go away again.

Other people can help you feel better if you talk to them.

Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.

Nobody is perfect – not you and not others.

Concentrate on the things that are still good when things go wrong.

Everybody has unhappy times sometimes, not just you.

.....REMINDER re COVID-19 Procedures.....

1. If you enter the school foyer/office, you must fill out the form and sanitise your hands, even if it is only a brief visit
2. Only enter the school through gate A, near the park and go straight to the office. Remember, do not go to your child's classroom
3. If your child is unwell; has a sore throat
runny nose
fever
cough

or any other flu like symptoms, please keep them home and go to the Dr. Your child will need a COVID test or a medical certificate clearing them to return to school. You must show us the negative result or the medical certificate in the morning.