



# Mount Lewis Infants School Newsletter

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**Term 4 Week 4**

**3 November 2020**

MINI CALENDAR - TERM 4 2020		NOTES
Date	Time & Event	*T4 is Summer Uniform
Wed 4/11	P&C Crazy Hair Day-gold coin donation please	
Thur 5/11	Kinder 2021 Orientation-'Drop in & Collect'	
Fri 6/11	Mini Canteen	Fri 13/11 Noodle Day by P&C
Tue 10/11	Last Day for P&C Noddle Orders	
Wed 11/11	Remembrance Day	

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents/Carers,

Book week was celebrated in great style. Every year I'm amazed at how much effort everyone puts into being creative and thoughtful. The students were so happy not only during the parade but throughout the day. Thank you for supporting the event, parents/carers, I hope you enjoyed the photos that were shared on Seesaw. I also want to thank those families who went to the virtual 'Book Fair' and ordered books on line. I hope the books selected will provide quality time for you and your children to read together or just talk over what is in the books.



I really appreciated the number of responses that were completed via survey monkey in relation to school priorities. I will form the next survey based on your feedback. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, it is vital that we know your expectations so we can inform our new Strategic Improvement Plan.

Last Friday was World Teachers' Day. It was such a nice day for the teachers to hear positive things about their work but also to have a chance to

reflect on what an important and critical job teaching is. Thank you to the families who acknowledged this special occasion. Teachers love nothing better than a word of appreciation and thanks.

The garden work started last week and is progressing gradually. The weather is slowing things down but now that we have made a start, it'll be moving along. Hopefully by the next newsletter I can add some photos of the progress.

At the end of the newsletter, I have included some snips from the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) about school attendance. Parents/carers, it is so very important to bring your children to school every day and on time. The affects of lateness and high absence have a big impact on your child in many ways. Please read the articles carefully. I'll add a few more in the next newsletter.

(Mrs Rieger, Principal).

~Some more photos from Book Week Parade-Miss Gaunder did a great job hosting & organising~



## Staff News:

I have been the Principal of this school for almost 6 years. This time has been the most rewarding and exciting period of my career. At the same time, it has also been a hugely busy period not only at work but also for my family. I am going to be taking a year's leave in 2021. There will be a Relieving Principal appointed in my position while I'm away. I will be returning, refreshed and ready to start again in 2022. I'm looking forward to the break, some travel as well as spending lots of time with my family but look forward to keeping in touch with my MLIS staff and returning to my much-loved school.



## Kindergarten Orientation, COVID Style!

This Thursday is the first of our Kindergarten 2021 Orientation visits for new students and families. Despite the restrictions, I believe we have planned a very welcoming and fun visit to our school. Mrs Thompson, Mrs Hormoz, Miss Gaida and Mrs Elwing have been working hard to make this quick session feel special and be informative. If you have a child coming to us next year or you know someone who has enrolled with MLIS, please tell them how excited we are to see everyone again. Mrs Conte & Mrs Markland have put together the packages that we will be giving out as families register and the P&C have treat bags prepared for the children. The MLIS spirit always comes through as we all work as a team to create the best atmosphere possible. See you on Thursday, between 9:30-10:30am or 12-1pm. Please look at your invitation that was mailed out for your session. See you in a few days-even if it's raining, we'll still set up under the COLA!

**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: Courtesy**


**COURTESY**

At MLIS we show courtesy through:

- waiting patiently
- using good manners
- following instructions



**Congratulations to the students who received awards this week.**

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	MEDALLION
Rouya 1E Aneesa KB Hamza KB Eli KP	Mohammad F 2S Yusuf KG Yusuf G KP	Aisha 2S Nour 2S Kassem 1C	Sultan 2S Omar 2S 



## 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 6/11/20:

Chocolate Pudding \$1

Rice Wheels \$1

Cake Bars \$1

**Did you know that if students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed an entire year of education?**

If you are experiencing difficulties with getting your kids to school, please let us know. You can speak to your child's classroom teacher, an executive member, or even the front office staff about how we may assist you. Our aim is to fix attendance issues as soon as they arise.



Please read the following information about lateness and absence. Children need to be at school on time, it sets up life long good habits, it also is less stressful on the whole family not to RUSH all the time. Less stress leads to less frustration and less anger. Consider your wellbeing, it's important.

### Why is arriving at school on time important?

Arriving at school on time:

- Ensures that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert.
- Helps your child to learn the important of punctuality and routine.
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school the same way as other forms or absence.

## Getting your child to school: Problems/Solutions

- **Won't get out of bed/Have a set time to be out of bed**
  - **Won't go to bed/Have a set bedtime**
  - **Can't find their clothes, books, homework, school bag/Have uniform and school bag ready the night before**
  - **School lunches are not ready/Make lunches the night before**
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- **Slow to eat breakfast/have a set time for starting and ending breakfast. A routine is important.**
  - **Homework not done/Set time for daily homework activities and check that it is done**
  - **Watching television late at night or when they should be getting ready for school/Turn the television on for a set time and only if appropriate**
  - **Test or presentations at school/Provide lots of positive encouragement**
  - **Birthdays/Be firm, a birthday is not a holiday**
  - **Screaming and not letting go/Time arrival at school to coincide with bell time and leave quickly, happily and confidently. You may say something like "I'll see you this afternoon" to reassure them. If arranged with the teacher beforehand, place your child's hand into that of the teacher and then leave.**
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~A few more fun photos...the staff at MLIS always get involved & enthuse students to participate and enjoy the experience-thank you staff xxx~

