



Mount Lewis Infants School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 2

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CALENDAR - TERM 1 2020		NOTES AND MONEY DUE
Date	Time & Event	All students- School Contribution Fee Scripture Permission Note-14/2/20
Fri 7/2	P&C Mini Canteen for recess	
Wed 12/2	4:45-5:30pm Meet the Teacher	
Wed 12/2	Scripture Begins	
Fri 21/2	9:10am P&C AGM & Meeting	

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Parents and Carers,

I'd like to welcome everyone to Mount Lewis Infants School for 2020. We have had a very smooth and positive start to the school year. To our new families, I hope your time with us is very exciting and fulfilling for both you and your children. Congratulations to the staff and families for preparing the children so well that they have had such a positive start to school. Also thank you to the P&C team for preparing the welcome packages for the new families to Kindergarten. The photos show how comfortable and happy everyone is. Please continue to come to the school and engage with your children. This



positive home-school relationship will encourage learning and assist in a better transition to school.

As you all know over the Summer there have been many sad, difficult and sometimes heartbreaking events. The fires have caused loss on many levels and have affected families in lots of ways; the Corona Virus has caused a lot of uncertainty and concern in the community; and the many accidents, especially the one on the weekend that affected families with the unnecessary loss of their children. I am grateful that our school community is safe and have returned to us and I hope that we all remember what is important and how we should treasure every day with our families and live our lives in a positive manner.

At the end of this Newsletter you will find official correspondence from the DoE regarding the Corona Virus situation. So far Mount Lewis is not affected in any way. However, it is important to stay vigilant to how you and your children are feeling and follow up with medical advice if you have

concerns. Call me any time to discuss your concerns and to check in with me regarding latest information. I will be open and honest with you as I receive information.

If you have the Skoolbag App on your mobile you will receive the Newsletter as soon as I publish it every 2 weeks.

Below is a table that outlines the classes and their teachers for 2020.

TEACHERS AND CLASSES		
Class	Teacher	Support Staff
K Green	Mrs Elwing	Mrs Milic - Instructional Leader
K Pink	Miss Gaida	Mrs Smithwick - EALD
K Yellow	Mrs Hormoz	Mrs Dalamagas - EALD
K Blue	Mrs Thompson	Ms Mokacher - EALD
1 Emerald	Mrs McIntosh	Mrs Bryant - LaST
1 Coral	Miss Sinemoglou	Mr Sedra - Community Language
1 White	Mrs Phan	Miss Gaunder - Library
1/2 Aqua	Miss Ferguson	Miss Muscat - Literacy Support
2 Silver	Mrs Browne	Miss Kamaz - RFF
SAM (Office)	Mrs Conte	
SAO (Office)	Mrs Markland	Emma Smith - Counsellor

Staff News: I'd like to introduce and welcome, Mrs Elwing to Mount Lewis. Mrs Elwing was appointed to our school late last year and teaching Kindergarten . Mrs Elwing is an experienced Early Childhood teacher who is excited to be placed in our school. Please make her welcome.

Ms Kingston is with us for a few weeks until the DoE find her a fulltime placement. We are grateful for the additional support that Ms Kingston can offer to us at this busy time of year.

School Contributions: Your child will receive a note asking for an amount of \$80. This amount is for the **year** and will cover all resources your child will use in class to enrich their learning.

The money will provide all books, textbooks, pencils, paints etc and access to Reading Eggs, a literacy based program. MLIS provides new, fresh and engaging resources for students, including an abundant supply of home readers as well as guided readers.



Meet the Teacher Afternoon: Today you will receive an invitation to a meeting we have every year. It's the first official contact you have with your child's teacher so we really hope you come along on **Wednesday afternoon 12 February**.

If possible, get young children minded at home for the short time you are at the school. This is a time for listening and understanding the expectations of your teacher and how you can assist and support at home.



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:

CONFIDENCE
 At MLIS we show confidence through:

- working with others
- trying our best
- sharing our understanding



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.

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~Office News ~

School Uniforms for sale from 8:30-3pm (no Eftpos available after 3pm)

Please label all items.

If your child has been given spare clothes, can you please wash and return them to the office.

P&C NEWS

The first P&C meeting for the year is on **Friday 21 February at 9:10am** in the library. It will also be the AGM.

All parents/carers welcome to this meeting and we hope to have your support throughout the year. The P&C Committee from 2019 will be returning to finish their term and declare all positions open for 2020. We need a core Committee to have an active P&C. Please consider how you can work with the other interested parents so we can continue this valuable team.



Thank you to the P&C for organising the care packages for the new Kinder families. Your support is appreciated by all.

Mini Canteen Information:

On Friday's of an even week, (wks 2, 4, 6, 8 10), the P&C plus other helpers, run a mini canteen for the students. The items that are for sale will be advertised here. 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. Kindergarten families may prefer to wait until next time when children are more settled.



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 this Friday:

Watermelon \$1

Muffins \$1

Ice blocks \$1

Popcorn \$1



Update advice for Parents – 2 February 2020

Current advice from the Australian Government Department of Health for parents in regards to the Novel Coronavirus is:

- Any student and staff arriving in Australia *from 1 February 2020* who has been in mainland China or transited through mainland China (not just Hubei province) is excluded from school and child care services for a period of 14 days from the date they left mainland China as the Novel Coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks.
- Any confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return
- Close contact of a confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.
- Any student and staff arriving *before 1 February* our previous advice remains that students and staff who were in Hubei province are excluded from school or child care services for 14 days, and those who were in the rest of China are requested not to attend school or child care services for a period of 14 days after leaving China.
- More information can be found at [NSW Health](#).

Students who returned to Australia from mainland China more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school.

The Ministry of Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. Advice about not attending school would be provided to these close contacts by the Ministry of Health.

There has been a small number of confirmed cases of novel coronavirus in NSW.

Consistent with current guidelines, staff and students who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice if any child becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the Ministry of Health as appropriate.

The Department of Education will continue to work with the Ministry of Health to monitor and respond to the unfolding international novel coronavirus situation.

