



Mount Lewis Infants School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 6

2 March 2021

CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS		NOTES AND MONEY DUE		
Date	Time & Event	Note	Cost	Due
17.3.21	School Photos	School Photos	Various	17.3.21
18.3.21	Harmony Day	School Contribution and Textbook Fees (OVERDUE)	\$80.00	19.2.21

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Term 1 Week 6 newsletter.

Student Representative Council

Congratulations to our newly elected 2021 SRC. These students are deserving of these roles and have been voted in by their peers due to their leadership.



Class	Student Representative Council	
1 White	Houzayfa C	Jizelle A
1 Emerald	Zahra A	Taim K
2 Silver	Ieasha R	Issa A
2 Lime	Mohammed A	Kinza I
2 Aqua	Mohammad N	Aminah C

Congratulations to Our New P&C Committee

Our recent P&C meeting saw many new faces, which was lovely. This was also our AGM meeting where our new committee was elected. Congratulations to our new committee who have already proved to be extremely eager in always seeking the best opportunities for our students. I am sure you will all play a vital role in ensuring our community is engaged and supporting the students of Mount Lewis Infants through your many fundraisers throughout the year.

REMINDER: School Contribution and Textbook Fees

Just a reminder that our School Contribution and Textbook Fees were due by 19.2.21. Thank you to all the parents and carers who paid so promptly. Classes have commenced using these textbooks as part of their daily lessons. The students are thoroughly enjoying using these in class each day. Please be aware we will not be photocopying pages for your child to use as this breaches the copyright rules.

Reminder letters have been sent home in week 5. Please ensure to pay for your child's textbooks to avoid them missing valuable learning in the classroom. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any concerns or questions you may have.

Attendance – Partial Absences

I would like to acknowledge all the students who are at school on time each day. Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Additionally, being at school on time sets up great habits and establishes routines. Just a reminder that school starts at 9am each day and finishes at 2:45pm.

We will be closing the Lowry Street gate (gate D) each morning at 9am when the bell rings as teachers are to be with their class and commence learning for the day promptly. The Noble Ave gate (gate B) will be closed at 9:05am, however any child who arrives after 9am will be considered a late arrival and marked as late. Names will be collected at the gate by Mrs Milic and I and marked as a late arrival. Once the gates are closed all students will need to enter through gate A on Noble Ave with their parent/carer and proceed to the front office for a late note. No student should be entering without a parent/carer after 9am.

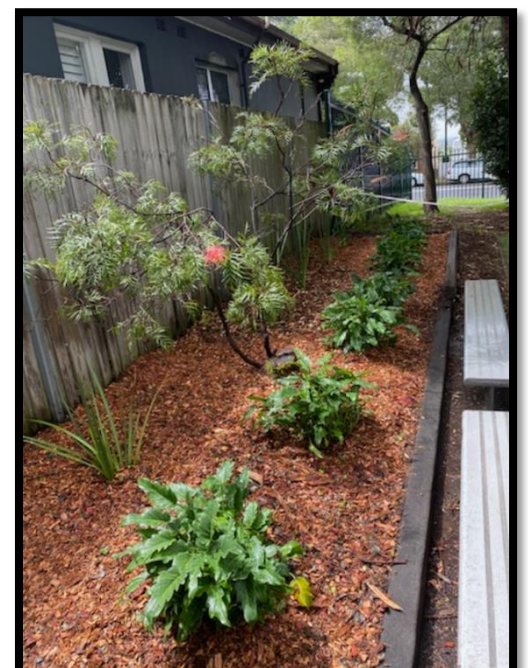
Our Wonderful Wall of Learning

In our school office area, we have been showcasing the wonderful work of many of our students. Every fortnight a student work sample is selected from each class to be displayed in the office. This highlights the magnificent work happening each day in the school. Below are the work samples from weeks 4 - 5 and 6 - 7.



Our School Gardens

Mr Stivala our GA has been working extra hard making sure our gardens are looking beautiful by replanting some lovely plants and watering the gardens each week. Below are some photos of the progress so far.



School Photos

Our School Photos day will be held on **Wednesday 17 March (week 8)**. Photo envelopes are coming home this week. Please find your child's individualised envelope from the company in your child's bag.

Please ensure to send the correct money prior, on the day of the photos or pay online. Providing the correct amount is essential as change will not be given on the day. Remember to seal your child's envelope to avoid loss.

Each pack varies in price and starts from \$38 for a basic pack to \$50 for the premium pack. Prices are available on the envelope.

Family photos are available for siblings. Please ask the school office for the special sibling envelope.

Each child must be in full school uniform on this day, which includes black school shoes.

PRE-PAY ENVELOPE

More products and options available - **Order Online!**
www.msp.com.au

Premium Pack
Group Photograph + 2x 10" x 8" + 1x 5" x 7" Black and White Portrait + 1x 5" x 7" + 4x 5" x 3.5" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (Print quality)

Classic Pack
Group Photograph + 1x 10" x 8" + 1x 5" x 7" + 2x 5" x 3.5" + 3x 3.5" x 2.5" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (Print quality)

Value Pack
Group Photograph + 3x 5" x 7" + 2x 5" x 3.5" + 3x 3.5" x 2.5" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (Not print quality)

Essential Pack
Group Photograph + 4x 5" x 7" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (Not print quality)

Basic Pack
Group Photograph + 1x 5" x 7" + 2x 5" x 3.5" + 3x 3.5" x 2.5" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (Not print quality)

Gift Pack*
All 12 items
*Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.
3 x Photo Bookmarks 8" x 2" + 3x 2" x 1.4" + 1 x Door Hanger 10" x 4" + 1 x Photo Calendar 5" x 7" + 4 x Photo Gift Tags 3.4" x 2.5"

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CAPTURING SCHOOL MOMENTS

I believe I have the best job and am one lucky principal. Each day I am extremely fortunate to see the magnificent learning taking place daily in and outside the classroom. Following on the next few pages are some of the wonderful things happening at Mount Lewis Infants School.

Mrs Jenny Vajdevski
Relieving Principal



Learning In and Out of the Classrooms



Safe



Respectful



Learners



News from Our Garden

Our vegetables are beginning to grow. The students are doing a great job keeping our garden watered and weeded.

Our Year 2 students have been busy picking olives!

Over the last two weeks, the students have been learning about how olives are prepared for eating. First, they have to be washed, cracked and soaked in brine for several weeks before we can add flavours. We have found some delicious recipes from different countries around the world. We can not wait to taste our own home-made olives ourselves.



Office News

School Uniforms

All school uniform items are sold at the school office from 8:30am - 3pm. Please note there is no Eftpos available after 3pm.

Please ensure your children are in the correct uniform. All students are expected to wear their school uniform each day. These are as follows:

- Boys: lemon polo with school logo (not gold), grey shorts, grey socks and yellow school hat.
- Girls: dress with lemon collar, white socks and yellow school hat.
- Sports Uniform: lemon polo with school logo (not gold), grey microfibre shorts and white socks.

Please remember to label all items to avoid loss. If your child has been given spare clothes, please wash and return them to the office.

Student Absences

Please ensure you have contacted the school office to explain your child's non attendance on the day. Our office staff are making contact each day with any student who is absent from school. Please ensure to return the phone call if you receive a missed call or voicemail.

Additionally, a negative COVID test or a medical certificate is required if your child is absent from school.

Keeping Informed on Skoolbag

Remember to keep up to date with all things happening at Mount Lewis Infants we ask that parents and carers download the Skoolbag app.

P & C News

New P&C Committee 2021

Congratulations and welcome to the new P&C committee for 2021. We look forward to working altogether to make 2021 a positive year!

P&C Elected Position	P&C Elected Committee Members
President	Saja Najjarin
Vice President	Mirna Ali
Co Vice President	Soha Derbas
Treasurer	Reema El Sayed
Secretary	Mary Ellaz
Vice Secretary	May Yacoub





Mini Canteen

We are extremely excited to welcome back our mini canteen. Our mini canteen dates are every Friday in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

Our first mini canteen will start this **Friday 5 March** during recess time. Products range from 50c to \$2. We encourage that your child brings enough money to purchase no more than two items. Please make sure to send your child's money labelled in a small glad bag.



Each fortnight we will trial new and exciting products to ensure the students are enjoying their purchases. This week our menu includes:

Items for Sale	Cost of items	What does this item look like?
Chocolate milk poppa	\$1.50	
Mini rice wheels snacks	\$1.00	
Jelly cups	\$1.00	
Apples	50 cents	

PBL News & Our School Value Focus

Stay connected and up to date with all the latest information by clicking on [here](#).

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>

Each newsletter we share the value that we are focusing on in the classroom and in the playground. We would love for you to continue this conversation with your child at home.

Our School Value for Week 6 and 7 is: Honesty

HONESTY

At MLIS we show honesty by:

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



Our PBL Award System











Our staff are always looking for students who are following the PBL values and school expectations each and every day at Mount Lewis Infants.

We are always handing out 'Louies' in class. These are needed to collect a White award and move through our system of Bronze, Silver, Gold and Medallion levels.

Students can use 'Louies' from the previous year, as well as awards received throughout Years K-2.

If you have any questions around our award system please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school office and we will endeavour to answer any questions you may have.



Merit System (Merit system allows students to accrue awards over a 3 year period)	
Number of awards required	Award level achieved
 5 x 'Louies' (3 'Louies' are handed out in each class daily)	White award (Certificate) 
 5 x white awards (25 'Louies' required)	Bronze Level (Certificate) 
 10 x white awards (50 'Louies' required)	Silver Level (Certificate) 
 15 x white awards (75 'Louies' required)	Gold Level (Certificate & PBL Badge) 
 20 x white awards (100 'Louies' required)	Medallion Level (Medallion) 

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.

Due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to have parents and carers onsite for this assembly. To ensure you do not miss out on this special moment we take a photo of the group and publish this in the Newsletter the following week.

Any questions please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	MEDALLION
Manissa T	Amirah K	Mohammed A Hadi E Diala S Houzayfa C	

Road Safety

Just a reminder to all our families that the safety of our students around the school is paramount.

Please be extremely careful when dropping off and picking up children each day. Remember to park in the allocated areas and observe all signage at all times to keep everyone safe. Parking inspectors often patrol the area and will issue fines accordingly.

'Driving Offences in School Zones' will provide parents and carers with the demerit points and fines that apply to not following the signage around our school.

Please ensure to choose safety over convenience.

DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES

Disobey 'No Parking' Sign

Fine = \$194
& Lose 2 Points

'KISS & DROP' ZONE
ONLY stop to drop off or pick up
Stay within **3 meters** of your car
Stay less than **2 minutes**

8 AM - 9:30 AM
2:30 PM - 4 PM
SCHOOL DAYS

Section 168 Road Rules 2014

Disobey 'No Stopping' Sign

Fine = \$349
& Lose 2 Points

DO NOT STOP for ANY reason

Section 167 Road Rules 2014

Child or Passenger Not Restrained

Fine = \$349
& Lose 3 Points

Sections 265, 266, 267 Road Rules 2014

Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law

Fine = \$464
& Lose 5 Points

Section 300 Road Rules 2014

For more information see: Road Rules 2014 <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/index.html>
*Fines are current as of July 2020. Fine amounts change regularly. For up-to-date fine amounts see: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/index.html>