Principal’s Report

I am really pleased to report that despite the poor weather conditions over the past month, students have been coping well with limited access to play areas at both recess and lunch. In preparation for the “big handball competition” students are playing cooperatively and developing great hand–eye coordination. I am also impressed that almost all students are consistently wearing full school uniform to school each day. Wearing our school colours with pride says a lot about who we are as a community and I am very pleased with the effort of 99% of our students in this regard. One thing I am not pleased with, however, is the behaviour of a small number of our students who use public transport to come to school. Unsafe and disrespectful behaviour to and from school also reflects on us as a school and is not acceptable. If your child uses the bus to come to school, please reinforce our message that this service is only available to students who do the right thing and can be withdrawn in the event of continued, inappropriate behaviour.

On behalf of the P&C and our school community, I would like to thank Larissa Street and Mount Hutton OOSH for their generous donation of $1500 to support teaching and learning programs at MHPS. The team at Mount Hutton OOSH work closely in partnership with our school and provide a quality before and after hours care, as well as vacation care to children in our local area. Thanks Larissa and team!

This week we welcomed a new member to our team at MHPS. Qualified Speech Therapist Meg Osborne will be working predominately with our K-2 team each Monday supporting programs which improve language skills. The development of expressive and receptive language is a critical part of a child’s early schooling and Meg’s role will further support the great work being done in our K-2 team through the Early Action for Success initiative to improve outcomes for all students.

Did you know that this week is SASS recognition week? School Ancillary Support Staff including our amazingly talented team of Mrs Mullen, Mrs Hedley, Mrs Donoghoe, Mrs Lovekin, Mrs Milne, Mrs Paige, Mrs Svensek, and Mr Peter do a fantastic job everyday. Next time you’re in the office and you say “Hi”, don’t forget to give them a smile and say thanks for doing a top job (mostly behind the scenes) in looking after our kids!

Congratulations Shultz Girls! Well done to Dempsey and Eliza on their amazing efforts at the Hunter Region Rhythmic Gymnastics finals. Dempsey took out first place in the Level 3 competition whilst 7 year old Eliza placed second overall in the U/12 section against much, much older girls. Great work girls!

Finally, to all of the dad’s, grandad’s and significant males, “Happy Father’s Day” for next Sunday. If you get a chance to call in to the school on Friday morning I would love to catch up for a chat over an egg n’ bacon roll and a cuppa.

Steve Gately - Principal
### Important Dates to Remember

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### School Assembly

The regular school assembly will take place on Friday at 11.40am. This week’s assembly item will be presented by 2H.

### Mount Hutton Art Gallery

Mount Hutton Public School will be showcasing some of our talented student’s art work at a display to be held later this term. Check the Newsletter for more details over the coming weeks.

### School Disco

Where: School Hall  
When: Thursday 18 September  
Time: K-2 - 6 to 7:15  
       3-6 - 7:15 to 8:30pm  
Price: $5 - Includes a drink and a packet of chips.  

Please remember that all students need to be collected on time and from inside the hall.

### Reminders

- Father’s Day breakfast this Friday 5 September from 7.30am.
- The next School Disco is on Thursday 18 September.
- School contributions are due, $20 per child, can be paid at the office.
- Myuna Bay Senior Camp excursion will be in Term 4, the cost will be $255. A non refundable deposit of $25 is due by Friday 29 August. Parents can make payments now at the office.
- Uniform Shop will be open next Thursday 11 September from 2.15pm till 2.45pm.

### P&C News

**Father’s Day**  
This year we will be having a Father’s Day breakfast and raffle. The breakfast will be on this Friday 5 September from 7.30am till 8.45am.  
There will be no pre ordering just pay on the day. There will be bacon and egg rolls, tea, coffee and orange juice. So dads, grandads, uncles and friends come along and enjoy breakfast with your children to celebrate your special day. We are also having a Father’s Day raffle (tickets went home last week). Tickets are $1 each. Prizes are;  
1st Go Kart Tickets  
2nd Electric Plane  
3rd Coffee Machine  
4th $50 Meal Voucher (Lake Macquarie Tavern)  
The raffle will be drawn at the Father’s Day breakfast. All tickets and money need to be returned to the school office by Thursday 4 September.

### App of the Week

Tellagami is a terrific app to use to make stories. You can generate a gami (character) and personalise the gami with your own photos and voice. Students can use this app to make movies, read a story or anything using their imagination!