Principal’s Report
Thank you to everyone who came to our open classroom information sessions and community BBQ last Wednesday. We were delighted with the number of parents who came to touch base with their children’s teachers in preparation for the 2015 year. We were also pleased to welcome a number of new families to our school.

My apologies to our P&C for the confusion over the date for the AGM. The P&C did meet last Wednesday night (3rd Wednesday of the month), however the AGM will now be held on the 18 March at 6.45pm. We would love to welcome some additional parents to our P&C this year to support a range of exciting fund raisers and events planned to benefit our kids.

University Of NSW Academic Competitions are once again available for students in years 2 to 6 to participate in. These competitions in Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics take place from late May until mid August. Unfortunately, due to changes in cost structures beyond our control, there will be a minimum requirement of three students per exam to make them viable to run. Notes will be sent home for children in years 2 to 6 shortly.

Speaking of Feedback!
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

The survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is for Years 4 to 6 only and is voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with today’s newsletter. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by this Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

PBL focus for this fortnight…..
Dunkley says
“I keep my hands and feet to myself”

PBL award recipients for weeks 3 & 4 were presented to students who have demonstrated excellence in our three core areas of “Safety, Respect and Learning”. The following students received awards this fortnight

K/1M: Amariah B, Lily W, Sienna M & Ciara B.
1/2P: Zoe O, Isabella O’B, Toby R-L & Angel J.
2/3M: Kirsty B, Connor O’N, Saxon B & Braedan D.
3/4B: Imogen B, Will S, Huntley N, Sierra O’M & Lucy D.
5/6P: Bella-Hope M-A, Kian N, Noah Q, Liam F, Liam S & Dempsey S.

Congratulations to Finn Oakley Maclean
Finn has been selected to play for Australia in the under 11 Futsal team which tours Hawaii in November. Finn was selected after recently competing at the National Championships in Windsor for Northern NSW Country. Good luck Finn.

A Cuppa and a Chat
Once a month, following on from our PBL award assembly at 9am, I will be hosting a free morning tea in the library for parents, grandparents and carers. No strings attached! Just an opportunity to welcome our community into the school, hear any ideas & feedback you may have and answer any questions you have about our school and programs we run. Our first morning tea will be on Monday 9 March. I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great week.
Steve Gately - Principal
Canteen Roster – Week 6 Term 1

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School Assembly

There will be no Friday school Assembly this week.

This year, school assemblies will be held every second week (even weeks). The next school assembly will be on Friday 12 March at 11.40 am. PBL awards will be handed out on Monday mornings at 9am in the hall.

At the next formal school assembly on Friday 12 March there will be Leaders inducted and a class item presented by KT.

Hunter Sports High School Targeted Sports Program Application (TSP)

Application forms for TSP sports for Hunter Sports High for Year 6’s moving onto high school in 2016 are available at the school office and on the Hunter Sports High School's Webpage (www.huntersports.com.au). Also available is the trial dates for each sport. Application forms are due to the High School along with copies of previous two school reports and copy of applicants birth certificate no later than one week prior to the trial dates. Trials commence the week of Monday 11 May 2015.

Year 6 Farewell

All year 6 parents are invited to attend a Year 6 Farewell meeting on Friday 6 March at 3pm in the 5/6P classroom. Please come along and get involved in your child’s farewell.

Clean up Australia Day – Friday 27 February

This Friday 27 February Mount Hutton students will be participating in the school Clean Up Australia Day. If students have gloves at home they are welcome to bring those along as well as a plastic bag.

Canteen Roster – Week 7 Term 1

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Urgent Reminders

- School Photos are on Thursday 12 March, envelopes were sent home today.
- Uniform Shop will be open on Thursdays from 2.30pm to 3pm.
- Contact Card, Medical Excursion Note, General Permission to Publish and Asthma Action Plan need to be returned to the office now.

*** Important Reminder ***

As promised last year, 2015 will be a “NO SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS” year for all MHPS families! We hope this will go a little way towards supporting parents who may be doing it tough.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be taken on Thursday 12 March. Photo envelopes were sent home with every child today.

Envelopes need to be returned, completed and with the correct amount for full payment sealed inside by Thursday 12 March to the office.

This year you are able to pay online and our online order code is 151662.

Family envelopes are available at the office.