Principal’s Report

**MHPS Listed in ‘Top 50’ Most Improved Schools**

I am thrilled to report that Mount Hutton PS was featured in both the Newcastle Morning Herald and on ABC radio last week as being in the top 50 out of 3315 Schools in NSW in terms of improved NAPLAN reading results. Indeed, we featured as one of only four schools in the Hunter Region to receive this accolade. Our 2014 NAPLAN writing results also showed growth of almost 2.5 times State average. This is quite an achievement for our students and a strong indication that we are, as a school community, on the right track.

**Congratulations to our new school leaders**

Last Friday morning we inducted our new School Representative Council as our leaders for Semester 1. A large contingent of family and friends attended the induction ceremony and proudly pinned the SRC badges on our students. One of the first opportunities for our SRC to show their leadership skills will come on Wednesday 1 April when they represent MHPS at the Royal Easter Show. Further leadership opportunities will be available for all students in Semester 2.

Here is a full list of our student leaders

**School Captains:** Cayleb L & Alana G  
**School Vice Captains:** Riley T & Lakota O’N  
**Ministers:** Ivy H, Maggie G, Kian N, Kye L, Liam S & Noah Q  
**House Captains:** Webster O’M, Brittany N, Finn O McL, Tyreece C, Felicity S, Chelsie O, Dylan B & Monique W  
**House Vice Captains:** Bella M-A, Zoran J, Kiara P, Chloe M, Robert F, Adam L & Jasmine F

**PBL focus for this fortnight…..**

Dunkley says  
**“I am a responsible reporter”**

PBL award recipients for weeks 5 & 6 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:

- **KT:** Sebastian D, Zac N, Anika S & Xanda H  
- **K/1M:** Holly P, Lachlan S, Bailey F & Jack H  
- **1/2P:** Saige H, Travis S, Braedy F & Kayden N  
- **2/3M:** Christian F, Jasmin H, Petar J & Carissa W  
- **3/4B:** Gabby M, Tyrah C, Nikeasha F, Aidan H & Riley H  
- **4/5B:** Riley W, Marli S, Toby S, Kayleb M, Donte J & Evie E  
- **5/6P:** Cayleb L, Maggie G, Ivy H, Alyssa D & Finn O McL  
- **K/6G:** Robert F.

**P&C AGM**

The P&C AGM will be held next Wednesday 18 March at 6.45pm in the Library. Roles and responsibilities of the P&C are attached. All parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

**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.

**Trial dates are as follows:**

**Monday 11 May**  
AFL, Athletics, Basketball, Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Rugby League

**Wednesday 13 May**  
Baseball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby Union, Swimming, Touch Football

**Steve Gately - Principal**
“The Dunkley Herald”

Important Dates to Remember

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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 20 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 20 March a class item will be presented by 4/5B.

Upcoming Excursion

The junior classes KT, K/1M, 1/2P, 2/3M and K/6G are having a petting farm come visit them at school on Tuesday 24 March. Students will participate in an hour session where they will experience hands on learning encounters that will supplement their classroom based learning in Science and Technology. A permission note regarding cost will go home with students today.

Star Struck 2015: A-Maze-Ing!

Congratulations to all the hard working dancers who helped put together our audition video for Star Struck 2015. We have been successful in gaining a position in this year’s production!

Star Struck is a performing arts extravaganza presented by the Hunter area of NSW Department of Education and Communities. Performances will be held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre on the 12 and 13 June.

This year, due to number restrictions, we are only taking those Year 5 and Year 6 students who have expressed an interest and participated in rehearsals (Year 4 students will have another chance to participate when they are in Year 6). A full outline of commitment details and costs will be provided to participating students soon.

Congratulations again and I look forward to seeing your stunning performances!

Mrs Hamilton

Canteen News

To assist the volunteers in the canteen, can all lunch and recess orders please be written on paper bags.

Thank you.

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Urgent Reminders

- School Photos will be taken tomorrow Thursday 12 March. Photo envelopes need to be returned with the correct money to the office tomorrow morning by 9am.

- The 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!

Newcastle School Portraits

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be taken tomorrow Thursday 12 March. Photo envelopes have already been sent home with every child.

Envelopes need to be returned, completed and with the correct amount for full payment sealed inside by 9am tomorrow morning 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.

Please note that the canteen is CLOSED on WEDNESDAYS

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Mount Hutton Public School
P & C Committee Roles & Responsibilities

President
• Chair monthly meetings
• Lead discussions and priorities for funds raised by the P&C
• Organise volunteers
• Maintain and oversee role of the business of the Canteen and Uniform committee
• Organise functions (eg. delegating and gaining help from other parents for school and community activities)
• Make yourself known to parents and be aware of the needs and interests of parents

Vice President
• Assist President in all of the above and as directed
• Chair meetings in the absence of the President

Secretary
• Take down the minutes at each monthly meeting
• Type, copy and promptly distribute minutes to Executive committee members
• Make available a copy of the minutes to the office
• Prepare agenda for meetings

Treasurer
• Count and bank all money that comes in from raffles, drives etc
• Pay accounts as needed
• Keep records of all monies received
• Present monthly financial report at each P&C meeting detailing income, expenditure and balance.
• Maintain financial records within the requirements of the Federation of P&C Association
• Oversee financial records of the Canteen & Uniform Committees
• Arrange for the books to be audited annually
• Prepare and present report for the AGM
Canteen Convener
- Co-Ordinate the everyday running of canteen, including managing stock
- Recruit and organise parent volunteers (and roster) to work in canteen
- Report regularly to the Principal (at sub-committee meetings) and to the P&C parent body
- Attend monthly P&C meetings
- Encourage parents to volunteer their time to help, and to work with the Principal to ensure that all parent volunteers are aware of the importance of providing a service that meets the school's expectations of student welfare and financial management
- Work with the school to ensure the organisation makes a positive contribution to student learning in the Key Learning Area of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education – in particular NUTRITION

Canteen Treasurer
- Maintain financial records of the canteen
- Present monthly financial reports at each P&C meeting, detailing income, expenditure and balance
- Assisting canteen convener when required (special functions & absences)
- Maintain profitability of canteen (update price list, discussing menu choices with Convener etc)
- Prepare and present financial report at AGM

Uniform Convener
- Co-Ordinate ordering, receiving and stock take of all uniform items
- Organise volunteers (parents/family etc) and roster, for operation of uniform shop
- Attend sub committee meetings and monthly P&C meetings
- Support and work with Uniform Treasurer (as a team)
- Encourage parents to volunteer their time to help, and to work with the principal to ensure that all parent volunteers are aware of the importance of providing a service that meets the school's expectations of student welfare and financial management

Uniform Treasurer
- Maintain financial records of uniform shop
- Present monthly financial reports at each P&C meeting, detailing income, expenditure and balance
- Organise uniform pool clothing (labelling, reimbursement etc)
- Work in uniform shop when possible