

MOUNT NELSON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mount Nelson Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Term 2

- **Monday, 10 June**
Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- **Tuesday, 11 June**
Interscholar Cross Country
- **Thursday, 13 June**
School Association Meeting 7.00 pm
- **Friday, 14 June**
School Disco
- **Monday, 17 June**
Gr 2-3s to Monster Bird Workshop
- **Wednesday, 26 June**
Celebration Assembly 2.15 pm
- **Friday, 5 July**
Term 2 Ends

Term 3

- **Monday, 22 July**
Term 3 Begins
- **Tuesday, 23 July**
Swimming and Water Safety Program begins for Gr 3-5
- **Saturday, 27 July**
Quiz and Curry Night

School Musical Week

Monday 1 - Thursday 4 July

Evening Performances on

Wednesday, 3 and
Thursday, 4 July

Principal's Highlights

Term 2 has so far been a very big term of rich learning experiences. As I walk through the classrooms each day I see students actively involved in wondering, questioning, investigating, clarifying, making connections and sharing their ideas through Inquiry Based Learning. In Grade 2-3 our students are "Tuning In" to our whole school inquiry by considering "How can caring about people and places bring about change?" Students are excitedly bringing along items for a class exhibition, showing what "Belonging" means to them. So far we've seen a beach in a bottle, favourite toys and photos of friends and family. Our Prep students are engaged in exploring, testing and evaluating as they seek to find out "Why do some things float or sink?" In Grade 1 Winter students are sorting out their discoveries from their investigations at the Channel Museum into categories such as technology, games and sports, and the nature of work, as they enhance their understanding of family life in the past. In Grade 5-6 students are explaining and reflecting on their thinking about groups that have led to changes in society, then demonstrating what they have learned. Inquiry Learning enables our children to become thinkers and problem solvers, not just memorizers of facts. I encourage you to have a look around our classrooms and spend some time talking to your child about their classroom inquiry.

Catherine Grace, Acting Principal



Inquiry Day in Prep

School Executive - Student Voice

MS Fundraiser

We would like to thank parents and students for supporting World MS Day. Multiple sclerosis is a condition of the central nervous system which interferes with nerve impulses within the brain, spinal cord and optic nerves. MS has various symptoms. We hope everyone enjoyed their hot chocolates last Thursday. The amount we raised was \$382. Thank you very much for supporting our fundraiser. The money will be donated to research into Multiple Sclerosis at Menzies Institute for Medical Research in Hobart. I would also like to thank Hill Street Grocer for supporting our World Multiple Sclerosis Day by giving us \$50 to spend on our milk last Thursday. Please shop at Hill Street Grocer!

Cross Country

Last week we had our School Cross Country. Everyone tried their best and crossed the finish line. Congratulations to those students who are going to represent our school at the Interschool Cross Country next Tuesday. Well done everybody!

Harry, Grade 5-6, School Executive



What have our students been up to? Netball News



On Monday evening our Mount Nelson Kookaburras played in the Kingborough Netball Association Grade 5-6 Netball Grand Final. Unfortunately they were beaten by the Southern Christian College Warriors but everyone played a fantastic game. Congratulations for making it to the Grand Final girls! On Monday, 8 April both the Grade 3-4 and Grade 5-6 Netball Teams wore black arm bands and dedicated their games to their much loved coach Sheeza.



Grade 6 students encouraging and helping our younger students
at our school Cross Country.

Levies Payments

**These are now
overdue**

**Please contact Michelle
at the School office
to arrange payment.**

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Pink & Black Disco

Friday, 14 June 2019

Kinder – Grade 2 4 pm – 5.30 pm

Grade 3 – Grade 6 5 pm – 6.30 pm

in the School Hall



Dress up in something Pink or Black and come and have a dance at the school disco!!

\$5.00 per person, which includes entry and unlimited drinks (fruit punch and water).

The canteen will be open all night selling hot food and snacks so bring along a few dollars for a night of fun and help raise money for the Grade 6 Sydney/Canberra trip!

There will be a strict sign in and out process and students will not be allowed to leave the hall until a parent/carer is there to pick them up so please arrive promptly to collect your children.

For any parents/carers of Kinder – Grade 2 students who would like to stay close by, there will be an adults lounge set up where you can enjoy a snack and chat.

Hot food & snacks available to purchase on the night

Nachos \$2.50

Party Pie \$1.50

Sausage Roll \$1.50

Hot Dog \$2.50

Chicken Nuggets \$2.50

Ice Cream Cone \$2.00

Lolly Bag \$2.00

Fairy Floss \$2.00



Tickets available on qkr! or at the door on the night



Masquerade Musical Tickets

Our school musical "Masquerade" will be performed on the evenings of Wednesday, 3 July and Thursday, 4 July in our school hall. **Tickets will be available on Qkr ONLY from Tuesday, 11 June** (following the long weekend). Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. All tickets are general admission with no numbered seats.

TSO Concerts

Over the past three weeks our school has been fortunate to be involved in some wonderful music experiences.

On Wednesday, 22 May children from Prep to Grade 4 had an informal concert and "Q and A" session with TSO trumpet player David Khafagi. David welcomed the students with a trumpet fanfare and then



proceeded to explain the skills and technique needed to play a trumpet. David taught the students how to buzz their lips "a bit like blowing a raspberry" to make the correct sound. The next piece "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" he played only on his mouthpiece. The children found this very interesting and amusing! David continued by showing and playing five different types of trumpets he uses in orchestral playing. The high pitched piccolo trumpet was played next with a very impressive rendition of "The Prince of Denmark's March" by Handel. David continued by answering many questions the children had pre written in music class about playing the trumpet and working in a symphony orchestra. The questions were well thought out and quite diverse, such as "How do you feel when you play an orchestra concert in front of a big audience?", "Do you have a favourite place or venue to play concerts in?" and "How long does the orchestra practise for on the day of the concert?". The session finished with David playing a horse "whinny" sound effect to many giggles and the fast and exciting melody from the Finale of the William Tell Overture.

Maximus Musicus Visits the Orchestra

On Thursday, 23 May children in Grades 1-2 travelled to the TSO concert hall to watch and listen to the education concert called "Maximus Musicus Visits the Orchestra". This concert was based around a story about a little mouse called Maximus who wanted to escape very cold and unpleasant weather in Iceland and wandered into the local concert hall. Here Maximus happened upon many orchestral instruments warming up and then playing a concert. The story was written to educate primary school children in Iceland about the instruments of the orchestra and the families they belong to. These are the Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion families. The music chosen to weave in and out of the storyline featured individual instruments and the orchestral families playing together. Three of the pieces used in the concert were "Fanfare for a City" by contemporary Tasmanian composer Maria Grenfell, excerpts from "Symphony no 5" by Beethoven and "Bolero" by Ravel. The students were already quite familiar with "Bolero" as this had been a learning focus in class music prior to the concert.



TSO Kindy Classes

Today our Kinder and Prep students had their turn of TSO fun. The kinders and preps attended the annual "Kindy Classics" concert with the TSO in the TSO rehearsal studio. This concert consisted of a few short orchestral favourites as well as some singalong songs for the children to join in singing with.

Suzi Gillespie



Eco-Friendly Dishcloths available for purchase on Qkr

These handmade dishcloths are great for washing dishes. They rinse clean very well. They can be thrown in the washing machine or dryer and are compostable when worn out. **Cost: \$15 each.** The entire purchase price will go towards fundraising for the Great 6 Sydney/Canberra trip.



Reporting Absences, Late Arrivals and Early Departures

Parents and carers are reminded that they must contact the school if their child is to be away from school for any reason. Contact may be made by phone: 6223 2879, sending an SMS: 0457 989 509 or email:

mount.nelson.primary@education.tas.gov.au

Please give the reason for the absence when leaving a message.

A medical certificate is required if a child is absent due to illness for 5 days or more.

To ensure we have an accurate record of student attendance we ask that any student arriving at school later than 9.15 am or leaving for any reason during the school day be signed in or out at the school office.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Fridays
9.00 to 10.30 am
In the Hall
During Term Time



Launching into Learning
for 0-4 year olds
and their parents
9.00 - 10.30 am
in our Kindergarten Classroom
During Term Time

Main Car Park Pick Up and Drop Offs

The School Association would like to thank Ruth from 'Signage By Ruth' for our 'PICK UP - DROP OFF ONLY' sign for the laneway in the front carpark. Please keep this laneway clear (NO PARKING) during pick up and drop off time so that traffic can keep moving. The PICK UP / DROP OFF lane is for collecting students who are ready and waiting for you. If they are not out of class yet please move on and find a parking spot.

Thank you

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