



Mount Nelson Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Term 1

- **Thursday 14 February**
Canteen orders due by 9.30am
- **Friday, 15 February**
First Canteen Day for 2019
- **Tuesday, 26 February**
School Athletics Carnival
- **Tue. 26 – Thur. 28 February**
Parent Information Sessions
- **Friday, 1 March**
Grade 4-5s to Molesworth
- **Tuesday, 5 March**
Launching into Learning starts 9am
Grade 5-6 to Molesworth
- **Wednesday, 6 March**
School Photos
- **Thursday, 7 March**
Celebration Assembly 2.15 pm
- **Monday, 11 March**
Public Holiday
- **Friday, 15 March**
Interschool Athletics Carnival



Principal's Highlights

Welcome back to another exciting year at our beautiful school. It is so fantastic to see our children enthusiastic and ready to learn.

This is a very special school and it takes amazing people to make it that way so I would like to say thank you to you as parents, to our staff and to our wonderful, talented group of students.

This year we are celebrating student voice and sharing our front page today is Ted with his thoughts on our start to the year.

Peter Walker

School Executive - Student Voice

Welcome back to another year at Mount Nelson Primary school. We have a few new students this year and we were really excited about hearing their stories and just meeting them in general. The classes have started off by getting to know each other deeper than just knowing what they like to do in their free time. I hope everybody has had a really positive start to the year.

Ted Lawrence



First day of school for Kinder Echidnas.

When we draw we do thought experiments.

We can use drawing:

- to build our creative thinking 'muscles'
- to build our idea generating 'muscles'
- to sketch our ideas
- to plan things (before using expensive materials)
- to solve practical problems
- to express our thoughts and feelings
- to develop our imaginations and explore ideas that don't exist yet
- to plan a vegetable garden, house, or anything we want to make
- to help us visualise a process and work out the steps
- to think through narrative ideas
- to plan stories before we write them
- to help us come up with ideas for poetry and other types of writing
- to sketch out our memories (instead of, or as well as photos)
- to design houses and buildings
- to design bridges and any engineering projects
- to design machinery, jewellery, clothes and other things
- to design robots
- to invent something
- to think scientific ideas through

Like writing, drawing is a valuable form of record taking.

Just like learning to play an instrument, learning to draw takes a lot of time and effort, but everybody can learn to draw if they work at it.

Andrea Potter, Art Teacher

Investigating patterns in Prep-I



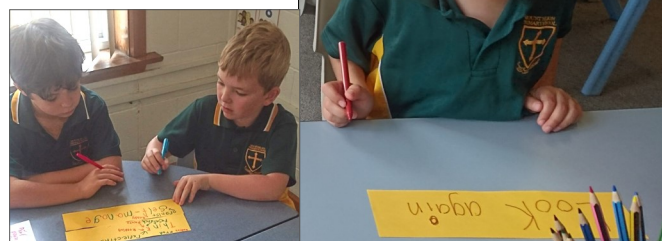
Enjoying the Ice Cream Parlour and other great activities in Prep



2-3C Thinking about Learning Assets



In 2-3C we have been thinking about the learning assets and what behaviours can be matched with these.



Parent Information Sessions for Prep-Grade 6 Parents

These will be held in classrooms next week.

All parents are encouraged to attend

Session Times

Tuesday, 19 February

3.15 pm	4-5D	Janelle Doyle
	4-5H	Ann Hortle
3.40 pm	2-3C	Margaret Crosswell
	2-3H	Jacki Healey

Wednesday, 20 February

3.15 pm	Prep	Miena Gillie-Terry
	Prep-1	Kerrie Morris
3.40 pm	Grade 1	Eve Winter
	Grade 2	Sarah Anderson

Thursday, 21 February

3.15 pm	Grade 5-6	Rachel Viney & Catherine Grace (for all Grade 5-6 Parents)
3.45 pm	Grade 6	Camp Meeting (for Grade 6 parents only)

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will be Open on **Thursday mornings 8.45am to 9.05am** or via appointment with one of our coordinators.

Jana Walker	0458 561 705
Ruth Wilson	0400 147 311

Qkr orders can be placed and paid for at any time.

You might notice that there has been a small price rise on a couple of our uniform items. While we try to keep uniforms as affordable as possible and operate the shop on a no profit basis, these increases have come direct from our supplier and are unavoidable.

We happily accept good condition pre-loved Mount Nelson Primary School uniform items. These are then resold with all proceeds going back into the school.

Currently we are looking for donations of plastic shopping bags, suitable for packing the orders into.

School Athletics Carnival Tuesday, 26 February 2019



This will be held at the
Mount Nelson Sports Ground
533 Nelson Road

due to works on our school oval.

Students will walk from school at 9.30 am

Races Start at 10.30 am

Parent Help would be greatly appreciated. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help. Helpers will need to have a current Working With Vulnerable People Card.

Canteen News

Canteen day is Friday
(Starting this week)

Orders should be placed on Qkr by
9.00 am on Thursday mornings

We need some more volunteers to keep our canteen operating. Shifts are 10.00 am - 1.00 pm on Fridays. Volunteers need to have a current Working With Vulnerable People Card. We are open to menu suggestions or anyone happy to contribute snack items.

Please contact Janelle if you can help.

Ph: 0423256406

email janelle.Bayes@utas.edu.au



Qkr (pronounced 'quicker') is a phone App used in our school for quick hassle-free payments for such things as Canteen and School Uniforms. A sheet of set-up Instructions is available at the school office if needed.

School Volunteers Reminder Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) Registration Required

All volunteers and helpers working within our school are reminded that they **must have a current WWVP card**. To register go to the Department of Justice Website and follow the instructions. Remember to select DoE and Mount Nelson Primary School. You will need to sign in at the office and show your card when helping at school or joining a school excursion. The registration approval process can take several weeks so new parents to the school are encouraged to start their application ASAP. If you already have a card please check that it is still current. Registrations require renewal every 3 years.

School Levies

Thank you to those families who have already paid their 2019 Levies. Your prompt action is very much appreciated. Please contact the school office if you did not receive an invoice in the mail from the Department of Education. If you are experiencing any difficulties with payment please contact Michelle Hickey, our School Business Manager, to discuss your individual case.

Payment methods are:

- BPay (School Invoices)
- Service Tasmania Shops (School Invoices)
- Eftpos or Cash at the school office
- Credit Card (over the phone 6223 2879)
- Cheque payable to Mount Nelson Primary School.

Student Validation Forms Special Data Collection Forms Computer Use Agreements

These were issued to students last week and to Kinder Wombats yesterday. Thank you to everyone who has returned these promptly.

Please ensure all remaining forms are returned to school this week along with current Medical Action Plans, Medications and Medication Authorities where required.

All validation forms must be signed and returned to school even if there are no changes to be made.
Thank you

School Banking Day is Friday

Please direct any enquiries to
Amanda Ph: 0447 350 712 or Grace Ph: 0472 742 860

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 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.

Access to the school during school hours

All parents and visitors entering the school between 9.15 am and 2.45 pm are asked to do so via the main entrance, off the car park and to sign in at the office.

Thank you

Duty of Care, School Hours

A reminder to Parents and Carers that our teaching staff have duty of care from 8.30 am until 3.00 pm. Children should not arrive before 8.30 am and should be collected promptly at 3.00 pm

Before and After School Care

Both are provided by

Lady Gowrie Child Care Services

in our School Hall

Before School Care is available from 7.30 to 8.30 am on school days.

After School Care is from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm each school day.

Ph: 6230 6864 or go to

www.gowrie-tas.com.au for details, registration and bookings.

Forms are also available at the school office.

School Hall Hire

The School Hall is available for hire for children's parties

for families of current students.

The cost is \$25 per hour.

Please contact Michelle at the school office to arrange bookings. Ph: 6223 2879