



Term 4 Issue 4 16 December 2015

Mount Nelson Primary School Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Term 4

- **Thursday, 17 December**
Grade 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30 pm
Term 4 Ends for students

2016

Term 1

- **Tuesday, 2 February**
Uniform Shop Open 9 am-1 pm
- **Wednesday, 3 February**
Term 1 Begins for students
First day for Kinder Echidnas
- **Thursday, 4 and Friday, 5 February**
First days for Kinder Wallabies
- **Monday, 8 February**
Regatta Day, Public Holiday
- **Wednesday, 24 February**
School Photos
- **Wednesday, 4 March**
School Athletics Carnival



Principal's Highlight

Whole school activities such as our Mountain Walk and Final Celebration Assembly bring our school together with common experiences and challenges. It is our job as a school and yours as parents to challenge these wonderful children to realise how good they can be. From Prep students, walking slowly and carefully across the rocks of Mt Wellington to Grade 2 students performing their beautifully emotional "*It's a Wonderful World*," we all have learnt a little more about ourselves.

Congratulations to our staff, parents and students on a fantastic year at Mount Nelson Primary School.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the retirement of one of our most special staff members. After 13 years with us Rob Prince our cleaner, gardener, green keeper, prop builder, general handy man, holder of a wealth of school history knowledge and all-round nice guy is leaving us. It is sad to think of our school without his cheerful smile. Enjoy your retirement Rob and we hope you will help us with props for next year's musical.

Peter Walker



Mount Nelson Walk and BBQ



We all enjoyed our school bushwalk on Mount Wellington on Friday, 4 December
Thank you to Mrs Winter and Mrs Viney for organising this fabulous day for us.

*On Friday Mt Nelson Primary School went to Mount Wellington. We went on a bus to the Springs. We had morning tea at the Springs. Then we started the walk. Some parts were quite risky. There were lots of beautiful sounds, plants and trees. My ears were drumming and my legs and heart were thumping like elephants running. We had a sausage sizzle. I had three. It was a wonderful walk. It was the best day ever.
Jerico Grade 1-2*

*On Friday at school we went walking to Mount Wellington. I had a yummy morning tea. We went walking up the mountain which was really big, so big that you couldn't see the top of it. We went on the path of rocks, big and small. After what felt like a long time we got back to the Springs and had sausages for lunch. After that we went in the bus with the preps and went back to school. When I got home I was so tired from my really, really long day on Mount Wellington at School.
Oli Grade 1-2*

*On Friday we went to Mount Wellington. We went through the bushes and I saw lots of signs and we went on the top of a rocky hill. There were lots of rocks that wobbled. I thought I was going to fall but I didn't and there was lots of wild life there. I picked up a pretty beetle on the way. My feet were tired and sore after the walk and I was tired too. At the end of the day I finally had a sausage. The best part of the day was walking in the bush with my best friends.
Will Grade 1-2*

Teaspoons of Change



We had the great opportunity to listen to d'Arcy Lunn who spoke to us about how small changes in what we do can make a great difference to our world. Thankyou to d'Arcy for helping us to understand how we can make a difference.



Champions Swimming Carnival



Congratulations to our students who competed in the Champions swimming carnival. All students competed really well and many qualified for finals. Special congratulations to Tashi who came 3rd in the 25m Backstroke Final, Christian who came 3rd in the 50m Freestyle Final and Jack who came 2nd in the 25m Freestyle Final.



Zoodoo Visit

Thankyou to Boodz in Grade 4-5 who organised for Josh from Zoodoo to visit our school with two extremely cute, baby Tasmanian Devils. Josh told us all about Tassie Devils and explained



what we can all do to help protect them. Did you know that each Tassie Devil has it's own unique white markings similar to our unique finger prints?

Final Celebration Assembly

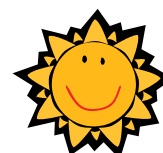


Thank you to all those who came to our Final Celebration Assembly last week. I think everyone would agree it was a fantastic celebration of our school year.

Prep History Expo



Everyone in Prep this year had a turn to share their history with the class. Last week we held a 'History Expo' to show the rest of the school our histories and to thank our parents for their help.





Indonesian News

Indonesian Language Competition 2015

Well done to our students who participated in the Indonesian Language Competition at UTAS earlier this term. Mount Nelson Primary was ably represented by Kieran, Jack, Sophie, Helen, Hanna-Jane, Maddy, Ava, Zoe, Thomas, and Jordan in the Year 3/4 section and Emmeline, Luca, Imogen, Bridie, Gabby, Ryna, Brodie, Milly, Christian and Daniel in the Year 5/6 section. They competed in two tasks against 100 participants from 6 schools. The listening task involved answering questions after hearing an Indonesian conversation. The speaking task involved reciting an Indonesian poem. Students were selected based on their Indonesian aptitude and their demonstrated commitment to learning the poem. Terima Kasih (thankyou) to Bu Magill and Bu Janelle for transporting participants to the competition via the metro buses.



Asia Institute Tasmania Student Awards 2015

Every year the AIT awards students in Tasmania who promote Asia in their schools or is an outstanding student in an Asian language.

This year Ryna was one of the 12 worthy winners of this award, with nominations received from schools all over Tasmania.

She was able attend a luncheon hosted by the AIT with some of the other winners.

Bu Ingrid (Indonesian Teacher)



Netball Wrap Up

Well done to all players ! The grade 3/4 team (Kookaburras) spent most the year learning the basics of the game, and sharpening their ball skills in preparation for their first game, planned for early 2016.

Meanwhile, the grade 5/6 team (Swift Parrots) won every game of the season and were grand finalists in the Kingston roster. They were beaten by Blackmans Bay in



the final but put up a courageous battle against a strong team of all grade 6 students. We look forward to having both teams playing in

competitive rosters early in the new year. Our new uniforms are in the final stages of design and should be ready by the start of the first game.

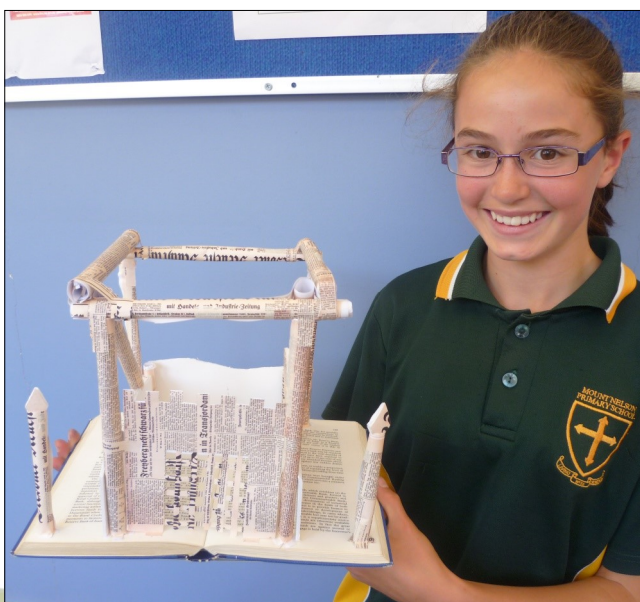
Special thanks to our three amazing coaches, Nicole Smith, Sarah Till and Sheeza Hawwa for volunteering their time and expertise.

New players are always welcome (both girls and boys). It's been wonderful to watch the squad grow and see the kids having so much fun.

We look forward to netball at Mount Nelson in 2016.

Art News

In Visual Art we have been making artist's book/sculptures. We have imagined that the image in the book has 'come to life' popping up like a hologram, suspended over the book. It has been exciting to see a vast array of unique artworks, including giant ice creams, milk shakes and chocolate biscuits, campfire scenes, factories and castles. I am sure you will all agree that Nina's book is amazing!



Mt Nelson Primary School 2016 Calendar

\$10.00 each



For those who have not yet purchased a school calendar **these are now available at the school office** and as always they look fabulous.

The Calendar features gorgeous art work by all of our students and includes important school dates such as school holidays, sporting events and public holidays. There is also space to write your own notes. These calendars make great Christmas gifts for family and friends.

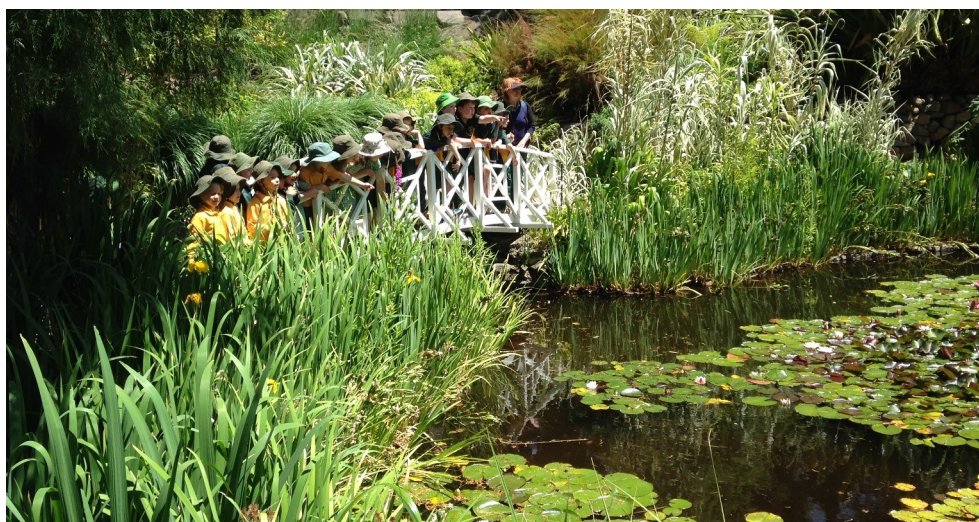
A very big thankyou to Beverley Waldie for all the work she has put in over many years to produce such a fantastic school calendar. Thank you also to our Art Teacher Andrea Potter.

Lost Property

We have a large number of unnamed items in our lost property collection in the main corridor. Please check this week whether anything belongs to your child. Any unclaimed items left at the end of this week will be disposed of. Uniform items will be donated to the uniform shop. Please ensure all clothing items, drink bottles and lunch containers sent to school are named so they can easily be returned if mislaid. Thank you

Theatre in the Gardens—Pinocchio

Our annual trip to the Botanical Gardens was again a highlight with the Pinocchio story arousing a great deal of interest in this generation.



Wildlife Rescue Pouches Can you Help?

Mrs Thomas is collecting **old flannelette pillow cases, polar fleeces, beanies and woollen jumpers** to make into wildlife rescue pouches. If you have any of these items to donate, please send them to the Grade 5-6 classroom. Thank you



Prep Carol Singers

In the office we were delighted by a visit from these prep students who sang 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas' to us. Word is Prep students have been popping up and singing all around our school this week.





Lady Gowrie Vacation Care

Places are filling up fast for the summer vacation care program. If you or your child are interested in our vacation care service, contact Lady Gowrie Tasmania, 6230 6864 or email oshc@gowrie-tas.com.au

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal 2015

Thank you

to all those who
contributed



We collected a large number of items which were gratefully accepted by representatives from the Salvation Army at our morning Assembly on Monday.



2016

School starts on Wednesday, 3 February 2016

Uniform Shop

Open on Tuesday, 2 February 2016
9.00 am to 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Levies Payment

Invoices will be sent out in January and should be paid before the first day of school.

Classes for 2016

Kinder Echidnas	Mrs Anderson
Kinder Wallabies	Mrs Jones
Prep	Mrs Musgrove & Mrs Magill
Grade 1	Mrs Winter
Grade 2	Mrs Burnett
Grade 3-4 H	Mrs Healey
Grade 3-4 V	Mrs Viney & Mrs Chiu
Grade 5	Mr Thorne
Grade 6	Mrs Neilson

School Photo Day

Wednesday 24 February 2016

Please note this is not a Kinder Echidna day but we would encourage parents to bring children in to have their photo taken on this day. Times will be advised.

School Holiday and Community Notice Board

- **Yogalates and Circuit training classes with Sveva** in School Hall. Info: svevafalletto.com or contact 0427 237 045
- **Saver Plus**, Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs. Contact Nicole Ph 6223 7264 / 0448 428 043 for more information.
- **Eastside Activity Centre Holiday Fun Sessions.**
- Ph: 6247 7399
- **Clarence United FC**, Football Fun For All, School Holiday Program
- **Christmas at St Clements Anglican Church Kingston**
- **Christmas at Wellspring Anglican Church Sandy Bay**
- **WeetBix SurfGroms Summer Holiday Programs**
Ph: 0419 324 921. Book at SURFGROMS.com
- **Total Tennis Tuition, Children's Holiday Tennis Clinic** at Uni and Rosny. Email: grant@totaltennis.com.au

Office closure for holidays

Please note our office will be closed from Friday 18 December and will re open on Monday 18 January.

Kinder Days for 2016

Our Kindergarten will operate on a 5 day fortnight in 2016.

There are 2 Kindergarten Groups.

Echidnas

The Echidna group will attend on Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays.

The first school day for the Echidna group will be Wednesday, 3 February.

Wallabies

The Wallaby group will attend on Thursdays, Fridays and alternate Wednesdays.

The first school day for the Wallaby group will be either Thursday, 4 or Friday, 5 February.

Both groups will have staggered start times. Individual starting times and a list of days your child will attend for the first few weeks of term will be sent to parents today.



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