



MOUNT TERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Growing Strong Reaching Far

Principal: Mr David O'Connor
Deputy Principal: Mr Steve Hailstone

TERM 1 WEEK 2

Term 1 2025	
Week 3	
Tuesday 11 th February	*Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival – Albion Park Pool
Wednesday 12 th February	*Kindergarten School Photos
Thursday 13 th February	*Kindergarten parent information session - 8:15am
Week 4	
Monday 17 th February	Yr 4 Meet the Teacher – 8:15am
Tuesday 18 th February	*Yr 6 Meet the teacher - 8:00am
Wednesday 19 th February	*Tongarra District Swimming Carnival
Thursday 20 th February	*Yr 5 Meet the Teacher - 8:00am
Friday 21 st February	*Yr 2 Meet the Teacher – 8:00am
Week 5	
Tuesday 25 th February	*Yr 1 Meet the Teacher – 8am *Albion park High School Expo 2025 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our wonderful students and families. I hope you had a fabulous break over the holidays and lots of quality time with your beautiful children.

It was so good yesterday to see our students return with big smiles and excitement for the year ahead. Reconnecting with old friends and making new ones is always a feature of the new school year. We saw lots of that yesterday and we look forward to all the great things that lie ahead here for the year ahead.

Special welcome to our new students Isabella, Yara, Thaer, Zara, Zali, Ava, Elenor and Bryson. Of course, yesterday we also welcomed all our new Kindergarten students. What a special day it was for them! It's always wonderful to be part of such an important milestone in any child's life and it was great to see them enjoying their very first day of school. You may have seen the WIN TV News segment last night featuring some of our lovely Kindergarten students. First day of school and already famous!

A reminder that Kindergarten students finish a little earlier at 2:30pm for the first two weeks while they are settling in. Thank you for assisting with that earlier pick-up time. Of course, if this creates any problems for families, please just let us know and we can make arrangements for them to be supervised by one of the Kindergarten teachers until the regular school finish time.

Uniform

A big shout out to our fabulous P&C Uniform Shop volunteers who have been very busy filling uniform orders over the past couple of weeks. Please see the P&C Facebook page for Uniform Shop opening times and a reminder that uniforms can always be purchased online, packaged up and ready for collection from the office.

The start of the new year is always a good time to reinforce the importance of wearing the full school uniform every day. Please help us by ensuring that your children are wearing the correct uniform which is an expectation here at Mount Terry. If you are experiencing financial difficulties and you need some assistance, please contact me

through the office and we'll do what we can to support you.

Sports House Captains

Today, Yrs 3-6 held elections for House Captains and Vice Captains in preparation for the upcoming year in school sport. Congratulations to all those students who have been elected. We know you will do a great job in leading your house groups during carnivals, and also with general school sports related duties.

School Swimming Carnival

We are really looking forward to the School Swimming Carnival next Tuesday 11 February at Albion Park Pool for all students in Yrs 3-6 plus any interested students in Yr 2 who turn 8 this year. All the information you need, along with permission note and payment instructions, can be found on School Bytes. Please ensure that you finalise your permission and payment by this Monday 10 Feb. Please also note that private transport is required for this event. Thank you to Mr Fownes and his team of helpers who always do such a great job of organising our school carnivals.

New Classes for 2025

It was so good to be able to move all students to their new classes for 2025 on the very first day of school. We acknowledge that sometimes this can be a challenging time for students as they adjust to a new teacher and different classmates. Please know that teachers go through a very comprehensive process when forming new classes and as you can imagine, this is a detailed and complex task, especially in such a big school.

We always reinforce the message to students that while they may not always be in a class with the same friends, or a class with their preferred teacher, they will be ok and will soon adjust. Please support your children and the school by supporting resilience and reassuring your children that they will be ok.

If your child takes longer than usual to adjust to the new year, please make a time to talk with your child's teacher and we will do what we can to support you and your child through that adjustment.

Class Information Sessions

At the start of each year, we hold class information sessions for every class, where parents and carers can come and visit their child's new classroom, meet the teacher(s) and find out more about how the class will operate throughout the year. Please check the schedule below to find out what day and time your child's class information session will be held. Please note that these are general information sessions so if you would like to discuss specific matters in relation to your child, we ask that you make a separate meeting time with the class teacher.

Classes	Date	Time	Venue
Kindergarten	Thurs 13 February	8:15am	classrooms
Yr 1	Tue 25 February	8:00am	classrooms
Yr 2	Fri 21 February	8:00am	classroom
Yr 3	Mon 24 February	8:15am	classrooms
Yr 4	Mon 17 February	8:15am	classrooms
Yr 5	Thurs 20 February	8:00am	classrooms
Yr 6	Tue 18 February	8:00am	classrooms
Supported Learning Classes (SLC's)	Thurs 27 February	8:00am	classrooms

Pick-Up & Drop-Off

Just a friendly reminder to be safe and follow the road and parking signs during drop-off and pick-up times. This is so important for student safety and we ask for your support in being positive role models for our students. Schools are always incredibly busy places during drop-off and pick-up times and safety is always a big priority, especially during those times.

Please ensure that you and your children use the pedestrian crossing if crossing the road at Ashburton Drive or Terry St. Also please be mindful that parking officers and police regularly patrol the streets around our school and issue fines where people are doing the wrong thing in relation to parking and driving offences.

Riding Bikes and Scooters to School

We love to see students riding bikes and scooters and encourage this as a healthy way to go to and from school. Each year we remind students about the importance of safety when riding bikes and scooters. This includes riding carefully on the correct side of the road or pathway and always wearing a helmet. All students who wish to ride a bike to school must complete a bike note and have it signed by parents and myself following a bike inspection to ensure safety compliance. All bike notes must be returned to school by the end of Wk 4. Students will not be permitted to continue riding their bike to or from school if they have not returned their note by then. Students will receive one warning for incorrect or unsafe riding behaviour. The second instance will result in a 4-week ban. A third instance will result in a ban for the remainder of the year. Warnings and bans will be communicated with parents via School Bytes. Bike notes will be available from the office throughout the year.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C Meeting for the year will be held on Monday 17 February at 6:30pm in the staffroom in the main admin building. We would love to see some new faces at this meeting so please consider coming along. P&C Meetings are a great opportunity for parents to find out about what's happening at our school and contribute to our future directions and fundraising efforts.

Staff are Learners Too

During the School Development days before students returned to school, our staff were involved in a variety of professional learning activities including the areas of Spelling and managing student behaviour. We also spent time as a staff planning and preparing for the year ahead. These were very productive days and helped us to prepare well for the start of the new school year.

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE



IMPORTANT SIGNS AROUND SCHOOLS



NO PARKING

You can stop in a No Parking zone for a maximum of 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times.



NO STOPPING

Don't stop on length of road where there is a No Stopping sign. (Exemptions for medical emergencies, vehicle breakdown and road obstructions ahead).



BUS ZONE

Don't stop or park in a Bus Zone unless you're driving a public bus.



THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN DEPENDS ON US

Traffic rules and parking restrictions are in place to improve everyone's safety.

Fines current as of 1 July 2024. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.



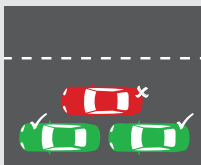
Parking in a way that blocks buses and crossings or obscures sight lines is illegal, and puts children and motorists at risk.

CHILDREN CROSSING

CHILDREN'S CROSSING

Don't stop within 20m before the crossing and 10m after the crossing.

Penalty from
\$544
+ 2 Demerit Points



DOUBLE PARKING

Don't stop on a road between the road centre and another vehicle parked at the side of the road to wait, pick up or drop off passengers.

Penalty from
\$410
+ 2 Demerit Points



SPEEDING

Don't exceed 40km/h during the designated school zone hours.

Penalty from
\$238
+ 2 Demerit Points

THINK AHEAD - BE PATIENT

Follow the traffic rules within school zones. The cost of taking your children to school depends entirely on you.

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TUESDAY - FEB 25TH

3:30 - 4:00pm

Year 7 Meet the Teacher

4:00 - 5:30pm

Everyone Welcome!

ALBION PARK HIGH SCHOOL EXPO 2025



THINGS TO SEE!

EXPO 2025

We invite all Year 7 parents to join us for our "Meet the Teachers" event in the Shade Area from 3:30 to 4:00 PM! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child's teachers!

Entertainment

Music and Dance performances in the Quad at 4:45pm

For Parents

Child Studies Crèche in the Passive Area to look after your little ones!

Parent information with the Principal and Year Advisor for 2025 in the Library at 4:00pm & 5:00pm

In the Quad

- Aboriginal Education
- Wellbeing Team
- Office staff
- P&C Team
- Sausage sizzle
- Fairy floss & snow cones

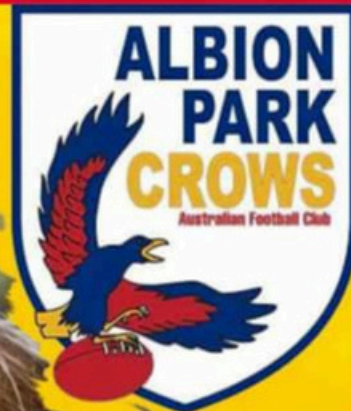
In Faculties

- Varied classroom activities around the school





PLAY



**come
find your
awesome**

REGISTER NOW FOR \$70

GAME DAYS SUNDAY

BOYS AND GIRLS 5-7



SCAN HERE FOR AUSKICK



SCAN HERE FOR U9S-U17S



COME & TRY AFL

for children turning 5 to 11

SUNDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

10:00am to 12:00pm

Albion Oval

1 Ash Ave, Albion Park Rail NSW 2527





Disabled Surfers Association South Coast Volunteers Needed

Gerroa 'Smiles on Dials' Surf Day

Sunday 23rd February 2025

Northern End of Seven Mile Beach



Check-in no later than 9.00am - (Earlier if you can) All sign ins done at the beach entry Not Emery park as previous events

This is your chance to VOLUNTEER and assist our Surfers to enjoy a Fun, Safe, Surfing Experience. All run by the local Disabled Surfers Association with the help of many other community members. DSA Surfing events cater for any person with a disability, no matter how challenging. Rash vests also provided for the day's activities.

Various jobs available on the day both In and Out of the water. Just ask at the sign in tent on arrival.

Registration for Volunteers is **FREE**, BBQ lunch Provided as well as a whole lot of FUN.

All thanks to our local participating businesses.

Free registration @ HUMANITIX.com.au or go to the below web pages for more details.

For more information and who to contact view
disabledsurfers.org/nsw/south-coast-branch or www.disabledsurfers.org



See you there putting "Smiles on dials"

Dear Parents and Carers of Catholic children in Year 6,
This is just a reminder that a discernment meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on
Wednesday, 26th February at 7:00pm at St Paul's Church.
It is important that at least one parent attend this meeting prior to the commencement of the
Sacramental Program. If you are unable to attend this meeting, alternative arrangements will need
to be made to speak with Father Leo.
Therese McQuade
Sacramental Coordinator

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