



MOUNT TERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Growing Strong Reaching Far

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

TERM 1 WEEK 4

Term 1 2025	
Week 5	
Monday 24 th February	Year 3 Meet the Teacher – 8.15am
Tuesday 25 th February	*Yr 1 Meet the Teacher – 8:00am *Tongarra Zone Basketball – 9:00am – 12:00pm Nowra *Albion park High School Expo 2025 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Thursday 27 th February	*Supported Learning Classes Meet the Teacher – 8:00am
Friday 28 th February	*Clean Up Australia Day for Schools
Week 6	
Tuesday 4 th March	*Community of Schools Cultural Immersion Day – Blackbutt Reserve
Wednesday 5 th March	*Yr 6 Albion Park High Park Performers Excursion
Thursday 6 th March	*GRIP Leadership Conference
Friday 7 th March	*Girls Cricket Program – 3:00 – 4:00pm
Week 7	
Monday 10 th March	*Regional Swimming Carnival

Swimming Carnival

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who came to the School Swimming Carnival last week. Congratulations to our school representatives who competed at the District Carnival yesterday at Albion Park. They did a wonderful job and represented our school with distinction. Special thanks to Mr Fownes who once again, did a fantastic job coordinating our swimming carnival and district team. Best of luck to all the students who have been selected to go to the Regional Carnival on March 10.

One Agency Sponsorship

A big shout out to the team at One Agency Albion Park who have generously offered to sponsor our school's Gold and Platinum Award rewards program. As you know, when students reach Gold and Platinum levels of our PBL rewards program, they get the privilege of some special rewards and activities. The Sponsorship from One Agency will help us to take that to a new level which is very exciting. Thank you!

SRC Representatives

Congratulations to all the students who have been elected as SRC representatives for 2025. Those students will receive their badge at the Monday morning assembly in Wk 6, Monday 3 March. We welcome all these students to the Student Representative Council, and we know that they'll do a great job representing the student body to help make our school an even better place to learn, play and grow.

Dragons Blitz

It was great to see the St George Illawarra Dragons come out on Monday and visit the school once again as part of the Dragons Blitz. Our Yr 4 students had a great time doing some skills and drills with some of the Dragons first graders as well as a couple of local up and coming players. The Dragons are great supporters of schools and they do some really good work in our community.

Our Focus on Positive Behaviour and Managing Non-Compliance

You would have seen a School Bytes message detailing our focus this year on promoting positive behaviours and how we manage student non-compliance. We have been working with behaviour expert, Ian Luscombe from BehaveAbility, to develop and implement a school-wide consistent approach to acknowledging positive behaviour and addressing non-compliance when and where it occurs.

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us on Monday night for the session with Ian Luscombe on how parents can use these strategies at home. We hope you found this worthwhile. We'll look to repeat this in Term 2 when Ian will be back to see how we are going with the implementation of our new strategies.

If you have any questions about what we are doing in this space, please contact your child's teacher, Mr Hailstone or myself and we can answer any questions you might have. We are really confident that this will be a great thing for our school and help to further improve what is already a great school.

Class Information Sessions

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have attended the class information sessions over the past week. These conclude next week with the final few grade groups. As always, if you would like to make an appointment for a deeper discussion with your child's teacher, you can do this by either contacting the teacher directly, or by leaving a message with the office so the teacher can get back to you and make an appointment.

Aboriginal Education

This year we are working to build on what we've done previously in the area of Aboriginal education and we're exploring new ways of engaging our Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students with cultural awareness and learning about Aboriginal culture and history. As you know, last year each grade had fortnightly sessions with Gumaraa for one term. This year, we will continue to provide our students with similar opportunities, however the fortnightly sessions with Gumaraa won't be going ahead. Our long-standing relationship with Gumaraa will continue but in a different way to recent years. Our commitment to Aboriginal Education remains an absolute priority at Mount Terry. Our Aboriginal Education Officer, Rob Fisher, will continue the great work he has been doing for many years now and the Aboriginal Education Team, led by Mrs Wright, will continue to ensure that Aboriginal Education is prioritised at our school.

CoS Aboriginal Cultural Immersion Day

On Tuesday 4 March, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are invited to attend a special Community of Schools Cultural Immersion Day at Blackbutt Reserve. This will be a great opportunity to connect with students from other schools and have a day of fun, culture and learning from Elders.

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 should have been returned to school by today and students should not be riding bikes from the beginning of next week unless they have had their bike note signed by me. 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 are always available from the office at any time throughout the year.

Clean-Up Australia Day for Schools

Next Friday 28 February is Clean-Up Australia Day for Schools. Mrs Allman has coordinated our school's contribution to this, and the students will be going out during the day with their class to clean up an allocated space within the school. If students can come to school that day with a pair of gloves for this activity, that would be great. We will have spares for those who don't have any.

Year 6 High School Gala Day

On Wednesday 5 March, Yr 6 will be heading to Albion Park High School for a day of fun activities as part of the transition to high school process. Visiting the high school on multiple occasions helps to prepare our children for what to expect when they do make the big move to high school next year. On this day, there will also be assessments done for the Park Performers and the high performing and gifted programs at APHS. There is no cost involved and nothing students or parents need to do in preparation for this, apart from signing permission to attend through the School Bytes app. This day is for all Yr 6 students, regardless of what high school they'll be attending next year.

GRIP Leadership Conference

Our School Leaders will be heading to the University of Wollongong with Mr Watt on Thursday 6 March for the GRIP Leadership Conference. Our School Leaders will experience a day of learning about leadership and the best and most effective ways to carry out their important role this year. We look forward to them coming back, even better armed to provide great student leadership for our whole school community.

Girls Cricket Program

Girls at our school have a fantastic opportunity to be involved in a completely free cricket skills program on Friday afternoons from 3-4pm for 4 weeks from Friday 7 March. Many thanks to Mrs Cartwright for coordinating this opportunity for our girls. More information and a permission note can be found on School Bytes. Please contact Mrs Cartwright if you have any questions.

David O'Connor
Principal

Naplan 2025

This term, your child will undertake the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN provides schools with valuable information about your child's/children's learning progress in literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN is one way we assess student learning in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

While there is no need to make a big deal of NAPLAN because we don't want students to be anxious about it, we do want them to do their best in the assessment, so the school and parents/carers get good accurate information about each student. Teachers will ensure students are ready for NAPLAN and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Students will become familiar with the types of questions in the tests and the online testing platform. The best thing parents and carers can do is to make sure the children get a good sleep each night, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time each day. The NAPLAN 2025 test window will take place from Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March. If you have any questions about your child's participation in NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher or myself.

Donna Anderson
Assistant Principal

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





WE NEED YOU

Are you turning 12, 13, 14 or 15 this year and want to
play netball!
Come and join the team!



Kayla 0450 078 232



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Disabled Surfers Association South Coast Volunteers Needed

Port Kembla 'Smiles on Dials' Surf Day

Saturday 8th March 2025



Check-in no later than 9.00am - (Earlier if you can) All sign ins done on the promenade Between Pool and Beach

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.
Walk up Registrations accepted for volunteers on the day if unable to pre register.

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"

We're hiring School Crossing Supervisors



Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.



Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.



Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.

Permanent part-time roles available
Shellharbour Public School – 97997

Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- 10 hours each fortnight.
- Shifts are 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm.
- Work Monday to Friday during school terms.

Apply today

Applications close Wednesday 5th March 2025

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 97997** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

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