



MOUNT TERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Growing Strong Reaching Far

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

TERM 1 WEEK 6

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| Term 1 2025 | |
| Week 7 | NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5 |
| Monday 10 th March | *Regional Swimming Carnival |
| Week 8 | Harmony Week NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5 |
| Thursday 20 th March | *National Close the Gap Day *Tongarra Netball Trials |
| Friday 21 st March | *Nowra Zone Rugby League Trials |
| Week 9 | |
| Thursday 27 th March | *Tongarra Rugby League Legends Gala Day – Croome Road Albion Park |
| Week 10 | |
| Monday 31 st March | *Boys Cricket PSSA knockout vs Minnamurra P.S - Myimbarr |
| Wednesday 2 nd April | *South Coast Soccer Trials - Girls |
| Thursday 3 rd April | *Girls Cricket PSSA Knockout vs Woonona P.S |
| Friday 4 th April | *South Coast Rugby League Trials |

Clean Up Australia Day

Thank you to all our wonderful students and staff who rallied together last Friday to clean up our school environment as part of the Clean Up Australia event for schools. Special thanks to Mrs Allman who is always so focussed on our commitment to maintaining and improving our school environment.

CoS Aboriginal Cultural Immersion Day

Our Indigenous students had a great day at the Cultural Immersion Day held at Blackbutt Reserve on Tuesday. There was lots of learning and fun had throughout the day which included yarning from local Aunties, a smoking ceremony and cultural games, dances and activities. Special thanks to Ms Wright and Mr Fisher who took our students along and led some of the activities.

Yr 6 High School Gala Day

Yr 6 had a great day at Albion Park HS on Wednesday with games and activities, as well as an opportunity to explore options for Park Performers and the ABC class. This day was just one of the many transition to high school experiences that our students have in preparation for next year. We are so lucky to work closely with such a wonderful local high school, who are deeply committed to supporting students as they make their big transition from primary to high school.

GRIP Leadership Conference

Our eight School Leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference yesterday at the University of Wollongong, learning

lots about leadership and how they might apply that learning through their important role here at school in 2025. Many thanks to Mrs Piana for providing our leaders with this great opportunity.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5 begins next Wednesday 12 March. During the NAPLAN assessment period, please make sure your child gets a good sleep and eats a healthy breakfast each day so they are able to perform at their best during the assessments. Please don't stress about these assessments, as we don't want our students worrying about them. They really don't need to. The purpose of NAPLAN is to provide a snapshot of your child's performance but more importantly, to provide the school with an overview of how our students are performing in general, and what areas of student learning we need to focus on improving. If parents are able to supply their child with plug in earphones for these assessments (not Bluetooth ones because they won't work in this situation), that would be really helpful. The school will provide earphones for those who don't have them. If you have any questions or concerns about NAPLAN, please contact the school and someone will get back to you.

NAPLAN Timetable for Yrs 3 & 5

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| Wednesday 12 March | Writing |
| Thursday 13 March | Reading |
| Friday 14 March | Conventions of Language |
| Monday 17 March | Numeracy |
| Tuesday 18 – Friday 21 March | Catch-Up Tests |

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations and good luck to Ivy B, Olivia B, Hazel O, Ella D, Chloe S, Rya H and Sienna F who will be representing the Tongarra District at the South Coast Swimming Carnival on Monday 10 March at Dapto Swimming Pool.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that Breakfast Club will be operating again this year each Thursday morning before school. Breakfast Club kicked off yesterday and it's a great opportunity for our children to have some toast and fruit to start the day well. Breakfast Club operates from the canteen each Thursday morning and is completely free. Many thanks to Miss Cassoli for coordinating this great program at our school.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 17 March from 6:30pm in the staffroom. All interested parents and carers are welcome to attend. This will also be the AGM where a new executive will be elected for the next 12 months. Please consider coming along – it would be great to see lots of new and returning faces.

AECG Meeting

The next AECG Meeting will be held at Warilla High School on Thursday 20 March from 4pm. All interested parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

Girls Cricket Program

A reminder that 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 this 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.

Our Staff Are Learners Too

Tue 25 February: Mrs Cartwright & Mr Fisher attended a workshop about integrating Aboriginal perspectives into Science lessons.
Thurs 6 March: Yr 5 teachers participated in learning about the new curriculum and how to implement it through a Curriculum and Collaboration Day.
Fri 7 March: Yr 2 teachers participated in learning about the new curriculum and how to implement it through a Curriculum and Collaboration Day.

David O'Connor
Principal

ACE AWARDS

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| 3R | Arianna G & Axel A | 5B | Knox S & Gavin T |
| 3B | Valerie C & Jaxon L | 5C | Kailah L-S & Kainan A |
| 3H | Zara M & Sadie N | 5H | Ivy P & Lachlan S |
| K-6C | Landyn P | K-6H | Isaiah B |
| K-6S | Toby B | 6W | Luka E & Emma D |
| 4B | Yara A | 6F | Cambria C & Charlie W |
| 4M | Cyrus W | 6P | Braith D & Addison D-K |
| 4W | Luke D & Lorelai P | K-6H | Miah P |

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| KW | Oliver S & Macie D | 1J | Jack F & Zahli M |
| KI | Kenzie B & Bentley H | 1L | Everly L & Koby B |
| KF | Aria B & Fred C | 2Z | Indie-Rae D & Rylen P |
| KC | Jax S & Gabrielle H | 2H | Aubrey B & Quinton S |
| 1C | Diezel M & Jericho Y | 2C | Hunter W & Penny S |
| 1D | Hamish B & Xander P | 2K | Kai T & Samayah T |



Exciting Opportunity – Free Swimming Lessons with Northern Stars!

School Aged 5-12yrs - High School 12-18yrs - Adults

Northern Stars is thrilled to announce a new initiative, proudly funded by the NSW Government, to provide free swimming lessons to participants! This fantastic program will run for 10 weeks during the school term, helping participants build essential water safety and swimming skills.

Target participants are those from indigenous communities, school aged or adults who are not currently enrolled in lessons.

Lessons will be held in either our Russell Vale or Dapto locations.

As part of the program, each participant will receive a swim cap and goggles. Additionally, we may be able to assist with transport costs if these costs are a barrier to attending.

Nominations are open now and will close on 29th March. The program will commence on Monday, 28th April.

We encourage all interested participants to take advantage of this amazing opportunity. For more information please contact either centre;

Russell Vale info@northernstars.com.au
42858700

Dapto dapto@northernstars.com.au
42615826

To nominate a participant please complete the below form and return via email

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| Your Name | <hr/> | |
| Name of Participant | <hr/> | |
| Participants Age | <hr/> | |
| Non English speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Indegenous background? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Your Relationship to Participant | <hr/> | |
| Your Contact Number | <hr/> | |
| If participant is under 18 years; | <hr/> | |
| Parents Name | <hr/> | |
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| Swimming Ability | <hr/> | |
| Swim Centre Wanting to Attend | <input type="checkbox"/> Russell Vale | <input type="checkbox"/> Dapto |