



MOUNT TERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Growing Strong Reaching Far

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

TERM 2 WEEK 2

Term 2	
Week 2	
Friday 9 th May	*Tongarra District Cross Country
Week 3	*Disability Recognition Week *National Road Safety Week
Friday 16 th May	*National Walk safely to School Day *P&C Mother's Day Picnic 1:25pm – 2:00pm
Week 4	*Book Fair
Wednesday 21 st May	*National Simultaneous Storytime
Week 5	*Book Fair *National Reconciliation Week
Monday 26 th May	*National Sorry Day
Wednesday 28 th May	*P&C Hawaiian Themed Disco
Thursday 29 th May	*SLC Boccia Competition
Friday 30 th May	*Year 5 Excursion to Albion Park HS

Welcome Back!

It was great to see everyone back bright, happy and healthy after the Easter holiday break. I hope everyone enjoyed the extra time with your children over the holidays. We've had a great start to the term and we look forward to another term of learning and growth at Mount Terry.

Cross Country Carnival

Our students did a great job at the School Cross Country Carnival in the last week of Term 1. Good luck to all those students who are representing the school at the District Carnival at Willandra today. Special thanks to Mr Fownes and his group of willing helpers who always organise wonderful sports carnivals.

Easter Hat Parade

I couldn't be at school for the Easter Hat Parade this year but all the reports, as well as the photos I've seen, suggest it was a great morning and loads of fun! Thank you to all the families who really got into the spirit of the hat parade and put so much effort into the bright and colourful creations. Well done to the whole K-2 team for running such a successful event. Thank you also to the many parents and carers who supported the Easter Raffle, which was drawn at the conclusion of the parade. Well done all!

ANZAC Day

Thank you to the students who represented our school at the ANZAC Day dawn service in the holidays. Special thanks to Mrs Hill and Ms Carberry who also attended with our School Leaders for the early morning event.

Our own school ANZAC Day commemorative service was held last

Wednesday and our School Leaders did a wonderful job leading the special assembly. ANZAC Day is always an important time in the annual school calendar and that was certainly the case again this year.

Mother's Day

I hope all the mothers and grandmothers in the school have a wonderful day on Sunday for Mother's Day. I'm sure the gifts purchased from the Mother's Day stall will bring lots of smiles and warmth to the day. Don't forget the special P&C Mother's Day picnic which will be held during Break 2 on Friday 16 May. More information and order forms for grazing boxes can be found on the P&C Facebook page. Thank you to all the wonderful P&C volunteers who have helped to make both of these events possible. Your time, efforts and energy are greatly appreciated.

Basketball Clinic

The Illawarra Hawkes ran a special basketball clinic for our Yr 5 students on Monday this week. It was so great to have the national basketball champions back at our school promoting basketball skill development. Yr 6 get their turn on Monday 19 May.

Ian Luscombe visit

This week, behaviour specialist Ian Luscombe returned to our school to see how we are going with the implementation of our revised practices and procedures for managing non-compliant behaviour. Ian was super impressed with the way we have adopted the new practices, how they are being implemented and the impact it is having right across the school. Several parents took advantage of the opportunity to hear from Ian himself about these strategies and ask questions at the seminar we held in the library on Tuesday afternoon. We look forward to sharing some data with you all soon to show the impact this work is having across our school community.

Sports Ready

The Sports Ready program kicked off on Monday and continues each Monday during terms 2 & 3 for all the students in our Supported Learning Classrooms (SLC's). The children really enjoy these sessions that are focused on fun and skill development.

Boys Soccer & Basketball

Congratulations to the Boys Soccer Team who defeated Shell Cove in the state knockout on Tuesday. Our coach, Mr Robbo and I were both so proud of their fabulous efforts and the spirit in which they played the game. Well done boys and best of luck in the next round! The Boys Basketball team played in their first round of the state knockout yesterday and also played really well, only to be defeated by Minnamurra PS. Many thanks to Mr Wall for coaching our team and providing the boys with this opportunity to represent Mount Terry. Good luck to the girls team who get their turn next Wednesday 14 May against Tullimbar PS.

Dragons Best You Can Be Visit

The St George Illawarra Dragons will be at the school again next Wednesday for their Stage 3 Best You Can Be visit. It's always great to have the Dragons visit the school and I guess if you can't have the Eels, the Dragons are a close second.

National Simultaneous Storytime Event

Our wonderful teacher/librarian, Mrs Passmore has once again organised this special event for our school community and we invite all parents and carers to come along and celebrate books and literature on Wednesday 21 May from 10:15am in the main COLA. Bring a picnic blanket and some food to share with your children, along with your favourite book to read with them, after the whole school book reading. More information is detailed later in the newsletter and on School Bytes. There will also be a Book Fair that week so parents and carers can buy some new books for home and help support the school library along the way.

We Have a Published Author Amongst Us!

Congratulations to Matilda Gregory who has published her very own book 'My Dog Thinks He's a Fish'. I've read it and I know that any dog owner or dog lover will resonate with this fabulous story. You can get your very own copy for home if you like because the book is available for purchase from Amazon. Congratulations Matilda – what an achievement!

AECG Meeting

The next AECG Meeting will be held on Thursday 15 May at Mt Warrigal PS from 4pm. All interested parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 19 May from 6:30pm in the staffroom. All interested parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Our Staff Are Learners Too

Mon 28 – Tue 29 April: All staff completed professional learning around High Potential and Gifted Education. They also spent time preparing lessons and learning content for the term ahead.

Thurs 1 May: RFF teachers participated in learning about the new curriculum and how to implement it through a Curriculum and Collaboration Day.

Fri 2 May: Yr 1 teachers participated in learning about the new curriculum and how to implement it through a Curriculum and Collaboration Day.

Tue 6 – Wed 7 May: Miss Cassolli and Miss Weston took part in an early career teachers conference in Goulburn.

Tue 6 May: Mrs Hill and Mrs Anderson participated in the first of a series of afternoon workshops on catering for students with additional learning needs.

Thurs 8 May: Yr 5 teachers participated in learning about the new curriculum and how to implement it through a Curriculum and Collaboration Day.

Fri 9 May: 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

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term 2! As I wandered around the school this week, I could see many happy students reconnecting with their friends and classrooms filled with students, ready to engage and learn. Staff at MTPS are committed to fostering growth and opportunity, and we are here to work with you to support your child to reach their full potential but consistent school attendance is crucial.

Consistently going to school has countless benefits – from learning, to creating social connections and improving wellbeing through access to support and quality education.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, I'd like to remind our school community that we are here to work with you to support your child to thrive. We know that families experience a variety of challenging circumstances, and we are committed to working with you to address any barriers to regular attendance.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school, like when they are unwell. Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible, and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or to me directly. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [NSW Department of Education website](#).

Thank you for being a part of our school community and for partnering with us to ensure students access the endless benefits of regular school attendance.

Kind regards

Mr Steven Hailstone
Deputy Principal

In Week 11 of Term 1, our two AFL teams participated in the AFL Paul Kelly Cup, showcasing their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship.

The Boys team demonstrated incredible teamwork throughout the day. With a series of impressive plays and strategic moves, they secured several victories in their matches.

The Girls team also had a fantastic day, showing great resilience in every match. Despite facing tough competition, they fought hard and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

Both teams exhibited a strong commitment to fair play, respect for opponents and the joy of participating in sport. Teachers and parents were proud of the effort and dedication shown by all players.

Despite not progressing to the South Coast Regional Final, we congratulate both teams for their participation and commend their efforts on the field. This event was a wonderful opportunity for our students to build friendships, enhance their skills and enjoy the game of AFL.

A big thanks to the families who supported our teams throughout the day. Your encouragement and enthusiasm make a significant difference! And a special mention to Dave Fanning and the Albion Park Crows AFL Club who kindly donated new jerseys for both teams and assisted with a coaching clinic prior to the day.

Mr Ryan Bailey
Classroom Teacher



Friday Morning Reading with Mr Hailstone

Do you have a pre-schooler at home who loves hearing a story? Do you have a little person starting school next year or the following year? Do they enjoy hearing a story?

If this sounds like your family, then please come and join me, every Monday morning straight after the Monday assembly near the main office. We will find a shady spot, spread out a picnic blanket and read a story for enjoyment. This won't take long and it doesn't matter if your pre-schooler sits for a little while, sits with you or sits on the picnic blanket.

I'm looking forward to having a picnic blanket full of smiling pre-schoolers every Monday morning.

Regards,

Mr Steven Hailstone

Deputy Principal



National Simultaneous Storytime and the Scholastic Book Fair

It's on again! National Simultaneous Storytime and the Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Mount Terry this term.

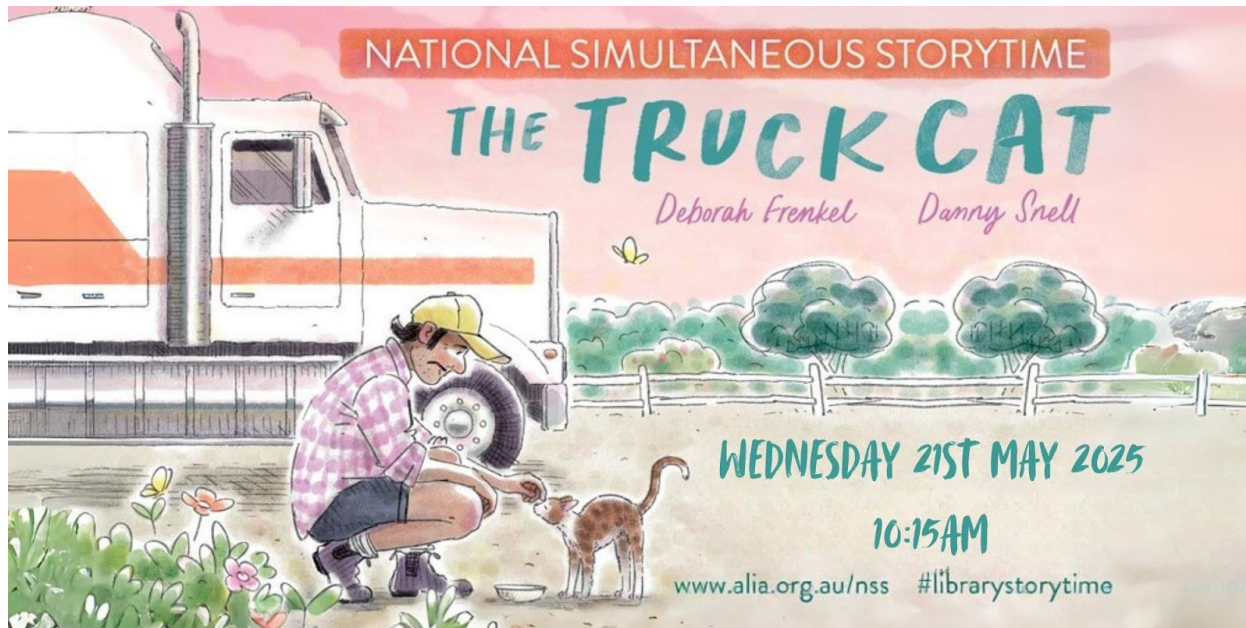
National Simultaneous Storytime is held every year by the Australian Library and Information Association and aims to have over two million children reading the same book at the same time across libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around Australia and New Zealand.

As part of this, we invite all members of the Mount Terry community to join us as we listen to *The Truck Cat* by Deborah Frenkel followed by a picnic with your children to share their favourite book from our library. Please join us at 10:15am on Wednesday 21st May to participate in National Simultaneous Storytime before our picnic begins.

Book Fair is also returning to Mount Terry and will be open for sales immediately after National Simultaneous Storytime, and each day before and after school from 21 - 27 May. Every dollar spent with Book Fair helps to raise funds to make our library and school an even more amazing place to be.

We hope to see you there!

Mrs Passmore & Mrs Hellmund



ACE AWARDS

Term 1 Week 10

KW	Isabelle O & Harrison F	1J	Bryson B & Cadence C
KI	Alira B & Logan H	1L	Archer H & Sophie S
KF	Jack N & Lacey D	2H	Georgia B & Jaxsyn S
KC	Indie C & Jensen McD	2C	Dylan B & Madi C
1C	Abigail W & Jordy G	2Z	Campbell A-W & Kallie I
1D	Jude M & Harper W	2K	Bentley C & Wendy C

Term 1 Week 11

3R	Harlow O & Emmy C	5C	Tomi L & Ava A
3B	Lyla L & Wren M	5B	Isla R & Austin H
3H	Bailee P & Harper P	5H	Millie W & Hazel O’K
K/6H	Landyn P	6W	Eli N & Lacey D
K/6S	Olivia J	6F	Summer T & Archie R
4B	Scarlett B & Koah F	6P	Jacob C & Strummer S
4M	Lara S & Sonny W	K/6H	Braxton C
4W	Paige G & Willow J		

Term 2 Week 2

KW	Wyntah M & Amelia C	1J	Memphis M-L & Leeroy T
KI	Sean B & Grace S	1L	John P & Logan P
KF	Quinn D & Mason McC	2H	Zarli P & Harlow N
KC	Ace H & Carter B	2C	Amelia B & Holly D
1C	Billy M & Christian H	2Z	Hunter J & Maycee S
1D	Hallie W & Logan W	2K	Callie J & Chelsea F

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

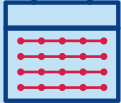
Days missed = years lost

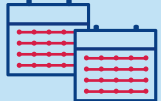
A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed



SOUTHLAKE ILLAWARRA BMX CLUB

BMX is for all ages from 2year+

It is a great family sport that everyone can enjoy.

**It is an all-year round sport with Racing on Friday nights in Summer,
and Sunday middays in Winter.**

Where are we?

**Southlake Illawarra BMX Club is located in
Croome Road Sporting Complex in Albion Park.**
(Just north of the Athletics Track)

What do you need?

1) An Active Auscycle Licence

(see below for a free 4 week free trial membership)

2) A Bike, Full Face Helmet, Gloves & Long Clothing

(The club has all of these to loan for beginners)



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Membership Trial**



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Sign up for **BMX Coaching****



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Why Choose Karate?

- Build strength, flexibility and focus
- Boost self-esteem and confidence
- Meet new friends and join a supportive community

What You'll Get:

- 2 weeks of unlimited karate classes
- Expert instruction from certified instructors
- A Complimentary Uniform (rrp \$70)

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- ✓ Trial Starts from 1st booked class
- ✓ Trial must be activated within 2 weeks of purchase





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There are over 600 muscles in the human body & you will use every one of them during an average karate class.



Karate is an excellent way to improve strength and fitness with many students reporting significant weight loss.



Karate kicking engages all muscle groups in the upper and lower abdominal areas & strengthens the lower back.



Enhanced flexibility from karate training can greatly increase posture & vitality.



Children who train in karate are much less likely to be bullied as they develop greater self-confidence & respect.



Children's school work & class behaviour can be greatly improved through karate's disciplined training environment.



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STARTED**

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