



MOUNT TERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Growing Strong Reaching Far

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

TERM 3 WEEK 4

Term 3	
Week 4	National Science Week Bully No Way -National Week of Action
Friday 15 th August	*PSSA Boys Australian Football Knockout Competition *Talk About It program – Yr 6 Students
Week 5	Book Week
Thursday 21 st August	*Boys Soccer Knockout vs Bowral
Friday 22 nd August	*Year 6 Fun Day
Week 6	
Monday 25 th August	*Senior Boys and Girls Softball - Kiama
Wednesday 27 th August	*Southern Stars – Rehearsal *AFL Skills Clinic – Yrs 3-6
Thursday 28 th August	*Southern Stars - Rehearsal *NSW Futsal Championships - Windsor
Friday 29 th August	*Southern Stars – Performance & Excursion *P&C Fathers Day Stall
Week 7	Literacy & Numeracy Week
Wednesday 3 rd September	*AUSKICK After School Program
Friday 5 th September	*South Coast Athletics Carnival *P&C Father's Day Picnic
Week 8	History Week National Child Protection Week
Wednesday 10 th September	*AUSKICK After School Program
Thursday 11 th September	*R U OK? Day *School Smash Cricket Gala Day – Kiama Sporting Complex Yr 5 & 6

South Coast Champions!

Huge congratulations to our senior rugby league team who competed at the South Coast Classic Shield finals day in Ulladulla yesterday. After winning 16-10 in their first game against Corrimal East PS, they then defeated Gerringong PS 26-0 in the semi-final. They then moved on to the grand final, defeating Wollondilly PS 30-0. That now makes Mount Terry South Coast champions! Well done to our whole team, and of course none of this would have been possible without our magnificent coach, Mr Fownes. Next stop is Goulburn where they play in the Southern NSW finals.



School Photos

Our school photos were all taken last week. Photos will be distributed to families as soon as we receive them from MSP Photography.

University of Wollongong Interns

This week we welcomed six interns from the University of Wollongong who are completing their final 6-week placement before becoming fully qualified graduate teachers. Our interns will be working in KW, KF, 6W, 4W, 6P and 2C. Please join me in welcoming them to our school.

Principal for a Day

On Wednesday this week, as part of our Education Week celebrations, Charlie Wilson and Armani Gauci took the role of Principal for a Day and Deputy Principal for a Day. Mr Hailstone and I stepped out of our usual roles and handed the reins to these two very capable Yr 6 students. They were very busy all day doing administrative tasks, calling parents, visiting classrooms and solving problems. Well done to Charlie and Armani on a great day!

Book Week Parade and Open Classrooms

Thank you to the many parents, carers, family and friends who came to the school yesterday to join in our Book Week Parade and Open Classroom events to celebrate Book Week, Science Week and Education Week. There was a great buzz around the school yesterday and lots of fun had by all. Special thanks to Ms Passmore for all her organisation and also to all our fabulous teachers for preparing the science lessons during the open classroom time. A great celebration of public education and our wonderful school.

P&C

Thank you to all those families who supported the Pie Drive fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed your pies last weekend!

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 8 September from 6:30pm in the staffroom. All parents, carers and interested community members are welcome to attend.

More Sports News

Congratulations to all our boys soccer team who have won through to the next round of the state knockout after a 3-0 victory over Shellharbour PS. They now play Bowral PS next week. Good luck boys!

Last week we had a visit from the Sydney Thunder who ran some cricket clinics for our Stage 2 and 3 students. It's always great to have the opportunity to meet elite sportspeople and have fun learning new skills. Many thanks to Mrs Cartwright for coordinating the visit.

Congratulations to all the students who represented the school at the District Athletics Carnival last Friday. Best of luck to Callie Jones, Amelia Stone, Samuel Talevski, Archer Carradus, Indi Finch, Christian Wicks, Skyla White and Knox Stevenson who have all made it through to the South Coast carnival. One particular result deserves special mention; Knox Stevenson won his shot put event, breaking the District record, that has been held since 1987, by over a meter. Awesome achievement Knox!



Our AFL team plays the next round of the state knockout today and we wish them well in this big game. Many thanks to Mr Bailey for coaching our AFL team this year. Still on AFL, next Wednesday our Yrs 3-6 students will be involved in a free AFL promotions day here at school, where students will get a taste of AFL through a 30 minute skills clinic.

On Thursday 28 August, Mr Robbo will be taking a team to the NSW Futsal Championships in Windsor. Last year, our team did extremely well and we wish our 2025 team all the best as they participate in this great event.

Yr 6 Fun Day

Our Yr 6 students are super excited about putting on the Fun Day for all our students next Friday 22 August. Yr 6 have been carefully planning and preparing the fun stalls and games that will be on offer on the day. All money raised goes towards subsidising the end of year activities for our Yr 6 students. Thank you in advance for supporting the Fun Day by providing your child with some money to join in on the fun.

Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day Stall will be happening on Friday 29 August. We realise that many students will be involved in Southern Stars that day but provisions will be made for those students to purchase Father's Day gifts the following week. Many thanks to all our wonderful P&C volunteers who help to make this possible.

Staffing News

This week we welcomed a new staff member to the Mount Terry team. Mrs Jayde Emmett has joined the Intervention Team and will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays with small groups. We wish Ms Nash well as she begins her maternity leave next week, leading up to the arrival of her second baby.

Our school Business Manager, Mrs Kriss, will be taking some leave for the remainder of this term. Mrs McIlquham and Mrs McKenna will be stepping up into the admin manager role during that time.

Our Staff Are Learners Too

Thurs 7 August: SLC teachers participated in learning about the new curriculum and how to implement it through a Curriculum and Collaboration Day.

Fri 8 August: Yr 1 teachers participated in learning about the new curriculum and how to implement it through a Curriculum and Collaboration Day.

Thurs 14 August: Our Learning & Support and RFF teachers participated in learning about the new curriculum and how to implement it through a Curriculum and Collaboration Day.

Thurs 14 August: Ms Brooks attended a Road Safety workshop to support the teaching and learning of road safety in schools.

Fri 15 August: Yr 3&4 teachers participated in learning about the new curriculum and how to implement it through a Curriculum and Collaboration Day.

Hi everyone,

What a terrific week it has been and yesterday was a terrific day to come together as a school community and celebrate Education Week. As we continue our work with your child, I want to take a moment to share why regular and consistent school attendance is so important for your child's success and happiness at school.

Every day your child comes to school, they are building not just knowledge but also friendships, confidence, and important life skills. When children attend school regularly, they don't miss out on important lessons and exciting activities, and opportunities to grow both academically and socially.

We understand that sometimes life gets busy and things come up, but making school attendance a priority helps children develop a great routine and a love of learning. Consistent attendance also means your child can keep up with their classmates and feel more confident in the classroom.

Here are a few tips to help make school attendance a smooth and positive experience:

- Establish a regular bedtime and morning routine to ensure your child is well rested and ready for the day.
- Talk about the fun and interesting things happening at school to build excitement.
- Let your child know how much you value their learning and effort.

Remember, everyday counts! Together, we can support our children to be the best they can be by making school attendance a top priority.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We're excited to see all the amazing things our students will achieve this year!

Mr Hailstone

Deputy Principal



We're thrilled to announce that the Mount Terry boys' soccer team has done it again! In a fantastic display of teamwork and skill, the boys secured a comfortable yet hard-fought 3-0 victory against a strong Shellharbour Public School team during Round 5 of the NSW PSSA School Knockout Competition.

This impressive win marks a significant milestone for Mount Terry, as it is the furthest any soccer team from our school has ever progressed in this competition. The boys have shown great determination and sportsmanship throughout the tournament!

Next up, they will face Bowral Public School in the quarter-finals of the South Coast region at a date to be announced.

Congratulations to the team, and best of luck in the next match! Go, Mount Terry!

Mr Robbo

Classroom Teacher



ACE AWARDS

Week 3

3R	Elodie H & KJ F	K/6S	Noah F
3B	Brinley H & Xavier C	5C	Jasper M & Maycie D
3H	Sophie M & Mia G	5B	Gemma P & Zane V
K/6H	Landyn P	5H	Mya P & Noah T
K/6S	Olivia J	6W	Armani G & Isabelle C
4B	Marko K & Paige D	6F	Amelia B & Samuel T
4M	Scarlett J	6P	Chloe D & Joshua C
4W	Marlee R, Lachlan C & Zach S	K/6H	Braxton C

Week 4

KC	Rylee H & Alyra S	1J	Ever J & William S
KW	Carter B & Toby G	1L	Kacen R & Harry F
KI	Jackson D & Lucy R	2C	Emmett S & Sonny O’B
KF	Huxton W & Cora B	2Z	Paige B, Lucas C & Harper G
K/6C	Brianna J	2K	Airlie D & Shai N
1C	Hudson D, Rubi H & Scarlett H	2H	Quincy B, Katja S & Willow P
1D	Owen P-B & Frankie T		

Small Steps Childhood Anxiety Seminar



Are you noticing your child experiencing anxiety?

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District in partnership with Wayahead are offering two free seminars for parents and carers of primary school aged children.

- ✓ Learn about childhood anxiety and how it affects children.
- ✓ Understand the anxiety cycle and why it can become a problem.
- ✓ Discover practical strategies to support your child through anxiety.
- ✓ Explore how taking small steps can help children build confidence and manage their anxiety. Learn how to guide them through the process.

Choose the time that suits you:

Day seminar:



When:

Wednesday 17 September 2025



Time:

12:00pm - 1:30pm



Where:

Online



[Register now](#)

Evening seminar:



When:

Wednesday 17 September 2025



Time:

6:00pm - 7:30pm



Where:

Online



[Register now](#)

NB: This seminar will not be recorded.

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

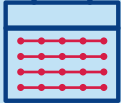
Days missed = years lost

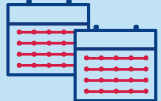
A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

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



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