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What's Happening At Our School

TERM 1 WEEK 2

Thursday 6 th February	Senior Band commences – 7:45am
Friday 7 th February	Sport House Meetings

TERM 1 WEEK 3

Monday 10 th February	Junior Band commences – 7:45am Class Information Night K-2 (6:30pm), 3-6 (7:15pm)
Tuesday 11 th February	P&C Meeting (8pm)
Wednesday 12 th February	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 13 th February	Badge Assembly – 9:15am

TERM 1 WEEK 4

Thursday 20 th February	Sport in Schools program
Friday 21 st February	District Swimming Carnival Scripture starts Infants Assembly - 2pm P&C Welcome BBQ – 5pm

TERM 1 WEEK 5

Thursday 27 th February	Sport in Schools program
Friday 28 th February	Primary Assembly – 2pm

TERM 1 WEEK 6

Tuesday 3 rd March	Yr 6 Grip Leadership Conference
Friday 6 th March	Sport in Schools program

TERM 1 WEEK 7

Tuesday 10 th March	P&C Meeting & AGM – 8pm
Thursday 12 th March	Sport in Schools program
Friday 13 th March	Infants Assembly - 2pm

TERM 1 WEEK 8

Tuesday 17 th March	Year 6 Cake Day fundraiser
Thursday 19 th March	Sport in Schools program
Friday 20 th March	Bullying – No Way! Day Primary Assembly – 2pm

TERM 1 WEEK 9

Monday 23 rd March	School Photos
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TERM 1 WEEK 10

Friday 3 rd April	Captains' Assembly – 1:45pm
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TERM 1 WEEK 11

Wednesday 8 th April	Anzac Day Service
Thursday 9 th April	Pedlars' Parade
Friday 10 th April	Good Friday

Welcome back to our returning students and our new families for 2020. A special welcome to Kinder students and their families who officially started yesterday. It is a delight to have you join our school community.

As you know Term 1 is always a very busy time of the year. This year our first term is 11 weeks with Easter in the school holidays. We've had a great start in terms of wearing uniforms and hats and hopefully this will continue throughout the year.

A special mention around road safety. Please set the right example for our students and use the pedestrian crossing if you need to cross the road and also only use the pedestrian entry gates when entering and exiting the school. The staff car park areas are not to be used to enter or exit the school.

Finally, I am looking forward to the Relieving Principal position for this term and continuing on the good work that Mr Giles has done over his many years of service to this community.

Mr Simone

Congratulations to:

- Our Kindergarten for a fantastic start to the year and to their Year 6 buddies for their efforts in helping them settle into school life.
- Our 2020 sport house captains:
 - Kookaburra – Paris T. and Niamh G.
 - Platypus – Gabrielle H. and Jaedyn S.J.
 - Echidna – Scott W. and Kayla W.

School Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 12th February. House meetings will be held this Friday to discuss the carnival and notes were sent home last week. Payment & permission notes must be received by tomorrow, Wednesday 6th to confirm buses.

The carnival is open to all students who are 8 years or older in 2020 and who can swim 50m. If there are any questions please contact the school.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C meeting for 2020 will be held in the library on Tuesday 11th February at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Induction (Badge) Ceremony

On Thursday 13th February at 9:15am, we will be holding the 2020 Induction Ceremony for newly appointed School Captains, Vice-Captains, Sport House Captains, Library Monitors and School Services. A note will go home to these students this week.

Class Information Night

Parents are welcome to attend an information evening with their child's teacher. Teachers will be discussing stage and class academic programs, homework, sports, creative arts and personal development / health agendas. This is a wonderful opportunity to familiarise yourself with the program your child's teacher has planned for the year.

All sessions will take place in your child's classroom. The parent information evening will take place on **Monday 10th February**.

KB, KS, 1E, 1/2S and 2B will be 6:30pm – 7:15pm.

3/4V, 3/4S, 5M and 6S will be 7:15pm – 8:00pm.

Parents who are unable to make these times should talk to their class teacher for an alternate time if needed.

Student Workbooks

A SkoolBag message regarding student workbooks was sent home last week.

Students will need their workbooks in class from next week so prompt payment would be appreciated.

If payment is an issue for some families please contact the office who will be happy to assist in organising a payment plan.

Hat Count Class Competition Has Started

The class hat count competition started this week. Each morning at assembly there is a count of how many students in each class are wearing our green school hat.

At the end of each term the class with the least number of hats missing win themselves a BBQ lunch. The school's green hats are the only ones that count towards the competition.

Assembly Dates

Friday 21 st February	Infants Assembly (2pm)
Friday 28 th February	Primary Assembly (2pm)
Friday 13 th March	Infants Assembly (2pm)
Friday 20 th March	Primary Assembly (2pm)
Friday 3 rd April	Captains' Assembly (1:45)

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Please join us for a fun night where the Mt Riverview Public School P&C says thank you for supporting all our fundraising efforts over the past year and welcome to all the new families joining our school. It is a great way to catch up with friends and to meet new ones from Kindergarten to Year 6. We look forward seeing all our Mt Riverview Public School students, parents and siblings. Bring a picnic blanket or some chairs to sit on. A Sausage sizzle will be provided free of charge. Bring a plate to share for dessert.

Date: Friday 21st February 2020

Time: 5pm – 7:30pm

Where: School COLA

Library News

Welcome back to Library lessons this week. Please bring along your Library bag so that borrowing can start. Once again, this year all students will be participating in the Premier's Reading challenge so borrowing for Term 1 will be focused on getting the 20 books read for Years 3-6 and 30 books for K-2.

This year all entries will be done online with instructions as to how to complete the entry given once the site opens in early March. Students in Years 3-6 do their own entries in lessons.

Each child can borrow 3 books each week during lessons but if they miss their lesson day, borrowing can be done before school or in the first half of lunch Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please remember that because of different things happening in our school Library lesson times change. I try to tell students in advance of the changes but sometimes this is not possible.

There are many exciting events happening in the Library in 2020 so get reading and be involved!

Mrs Turner

Band News

This week we are organising the commencement of our band program including tuition lessons. Existing and prospective band members were given a note last week to inform them of their band days.

If there are any questions regarding the program please contact the school.

Mr Simone

School Canteen

The canteen will be *open on Wednesday 12th February for Infants only as this is the school swimming carnival day.*

If you are interested in volunteering in the canteen during the term please contact the office to put your name down.

See attached information for more details about the school canteen.

School Uniform

We are a very lucky school in that nearly all children are dressed in the correct uniform every day of the school year. Whilst on excursions or camps we are always complemented on how smart our students look.

For 2020 the P&C have outsourced the school uniform shop to **LW Reid** who have set up an online store for parents to purchase uniforms.

<http://www.madeforschool.com.au/store/mount-riverview-public-school>

Orders placed before 1pm AEST will ship on the same day and will be sent via tracked Australia Post right to you. Tunics will be added to the range shortly and a Skoolbag message will go out once they are available for purchase.

PBL News

Our school Warin token will be handed to children who are seen to be following our school rules of being safe, respectful and a learner.

They will be collected in the classroom and placed in a class Warin box. For every 5 Warins collected, a Mt Riv sticker will be given to the student that can then be placed on their Mt Riv chart.

We will continue to draw 2 Warins from each class box on a Monday morning assembly. These students will receive a Mt Riv sticker.

Mrs Sowter



Scripture and Ethics Classes

Scripture (SRE) classes will commence on Friday 21st February.

Here at Mount Riverview the following options are available:

- Catholic SRE
- Protestant / Anglican SRE
- Ethics
- Non-scripture

Students will continue in the group they were attending in 2019. If families wish to change SRE options a note needs to be sent to school advising which group they are withdrawing from and the group they wish to start attending.

If you are unsure of the scripture group you may have selected in the past, or have questions regarding the SRE/Ethics program, please contact the office.

Mount Riverview Play Group

The playgroup will be **commencing this year on Wednesday 5th February** in the school hall. It has been established for parents, grandparents and caregivers of children aged 0 – school age in an effort to help the transition to school become a little smoother by helping children become familiar with our school environment.

School Entry and Exits

For safety reasons we ask that all students (and visitors to the school) enter and exit the school using one of the three pedestrian gates. There are two on Rusden Road and one on Blackbutt Circuit. Entering and exiting the school via one of the carparks is not a safe practice as we have delivery vehicles using all three driveway entrances at various times each day.

Residents in Students Lane have also requested that people who park in the lane in the morning or afternoons please not park across driveways as residents use the lane to access their properties.

Finally, when crossing Rusden Road outside of the school please use the pedestrian crossing thereby setting a good example for all of our students.

School Banking

School banking, for new and existing accounts, will begin on **Wednesday 5th February**. The mums who coordinate the program will be set up in their regular place under the COLA.

School Rules

At this time of the year it is a good opportunity to remind everyone of our school rules. The three rules are:

- ✓ Be safe
- ✓ Be Respectful
- ✓ Be a Learner

These rules are encouraged in both the classroom and playground environments.

Financial Assistance Is Available

Throughout the year we have several extra-curricula activities that are held approximately at the same time and have a similar cost each year. Examples include camps, overnight excursions, text books, gymnastics program, swim school, etc.

For various reasons this may become an issue for families within our school. There are however a couple of ways to tackle this issue and to help lessen the burden many of our families feel, especially if they have more than one child at school.

The most popular option used in 2019, was to work out a payment plan with Mr Giles, spread across the desired number of weeks, covering all associated costs within that time frame. This option is becoming more popular because it spreads the costs out over easy fortnightly payments rather than having a few major costs at different points of the year.

If this sounds like something you would like to look into, or if parents require any assistance with school related expenses, please contact Mr Simone or your child's class teacher. All enquiries are confidential.

Absent From School?

If your child is away from school a note explaining the reason of the absence is required to be sent to school within 7 days of them returning to school. If an absence remains unexplained after this period then a letter will be sent home asking for an explanation of the absence.

There is a feature available within our SkoolBag app which allows parents to send the absent note straight away. If you would like to be shown how this works please visit the office for a "test drive".

Changes have been made to the way extended family trips or holidays taken during the school term are recorded. A certificate of exemption is no longer issued for such trips and the days will be counted as absences. Obviously, special circumstances do arise from time to time and will be looked at when they occur.

If a student has high absenteeism during the school year a referral will be made to the Home School Liaison Officer.

If there are any questions regarding school attendance please contact Mr Simone.

Family Contact Details

At the beginning of each year we ask families to ensure that their contact details are accurate, which include email address and mobile numbers. Thank you to those families who have already updated their details.

Accurate information is extremely important in the event that we have to contact you regarding your child or in the event that we have to declare a catastrophic fire warning during bushfire season.

Updates can be completed via our Skoolbag app or by contacting the office.



KS on their first day of school.

UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY

Great Western Highway, Werrington North
(Building AO)

Public Astronomy Night

Saturday 16 February (8pm – 10pm)

**“Is anybody out there?” The search for
extraterrestrial intelligence: A how to guide.**

Dr Ain De Horta

If you've ever wondered if there are other intelligent beings in the universe that are looking out from their home planet wondering the same, then this is the presentation for you. We will look at how we are currently searching for evidence of other intelligent beings in the universe and how we might search in the future.

The night will include a multimedia presentation, a 3D astronomy movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

**Cost: \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession &
\$50 family (2 adults + 2 children)**
Children under 3 years of age free

Bookings are essential

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatory/penrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

Enquiries:

Phone: (02) 4736 0135
(Mon, Wed or Thurs)

or email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au

School Security, You Can Help

If parents or community members observe any destructive or suspicious behaviour in the school grounds please ring the School Security phone number listed below. All reports are treated discreetly; names do not have to be left with the operator.

School Security - 1300 880 021

School Voluntary Contributions

Each year the school asks families to consider paying the voluntary contribution if they are in a position to do so. Money raised with the voluntary contributions is used to help provide additional funding for programs that the school runs. Voluntary contributions for 2019 are \$49 per student or \$80 per family.

Anaphylaxis – a shared responsibility

Being the start of a new school year it is just the right time to remind everyone about anaphylaxis and what we can do as a school community for the families that have to deal with this.

We now have several students at our school who have varying degrees of allergic reaction to nuts and mango in particular. Currently, our student reactions can range from mild allergies to severe reactions which can quickly become life threatening.

For this reason we ask (as much as possible) that nuts are not brought to school, which includes peanut butter, nut spreads (nutella), and nut bars.

Obviously, being able to do this is sometimes difficult or at times simply forgotten. With this in mind we implement hygiene procedures at school to try and eliminate as much as possible the likelihood of an allergic reaction occurring.

The procedures taught to students at school are:

- a) washing hands before and after eating;**
- b) washing hands at the end of each play period;**
- c) using the sanitising spray which are being installed in classrooms upon entering and leaving the room.**

The inconvenience to some children is recognised and their cooperation appreciated, but the consequences to children with anaphylaxis are extremely serious.

All members of our school community are asked to be aware of the dangers of even the slightest contact with nuts for these children.

To help minimise the risk, simply washing hands and cleaning teeth before coming to school would really help.

If there are any questions please contact the office.

School Volunteers

At Mount Riverview we are very fortunate in the number of volunteer parents, grandparents and community members who volunteer their time to help the students at school in a variety of ways.

Anyone who is thinking of helping out at school will need to have completed a “working with children” form here at school. When completing the form you will need to bring 100 points of identification. I have included a list of appropriate documentation below.

If you volunteer at multiple organisations then it may serve you better to do the working with children check at the link below. Along with what you have to do there you will also have to go to the RMS and do the identity check. Their website is <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/>

If you are not sure about which procedure you need to do then please see Mr Simone.

Proof of Identity

Category 1 – 70 points

(Only ONE form of identification accepted from this category.)

- Birth Certificate/Birth Extract
- Australian Passport (Current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled)
- Australian Citizenship Certificate
- International Passport (Current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled)
- Other document of identity having same characteristics as a passport e.g. diplomatic/refugee (Photo or Signature)

Category 2 – 40 points

(More than one of the following documents may be counted. The initial document will score 40 points, and any additional documents will be awarded 25 points each.)

- Current Licence or Permit (Government Issued)
- Working With Children/Teachers Registration Card
- ASIC/MSIC Card
- Public Employee Photo ID Card (Government Issued)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card
- Current Tertiary Education Institution Photo ID
- Reference from a Doctor (must have known the applicant for a period of at least 12 months)

Category 3 – 25 points

(More than one of the following documents may be counted; each will score 25 points.)

- Foreign/International Driver's Licence
- Proof of Age Card (Government Issued)
- Medicare Card/Private Health Care Card
- Council Rates Notice
- Property Lease/Rental Agreement
- Property Insurance Papers
- Tax Declaration
- Superannuation Statement
- Seniors Card
- Electoral Roll Registration
- Motor Vehicle Registration or Insurance Documents
- Professional or Trade Association Card

To use more than one of the following documents, they must be from different organisations:

- Utility Bills (e.g. Telephone, Gas, Electricity, Water)
- Credit/Debit Card
- Bank Statement/Passbook

Special Category 4 – Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander resident in a remote area/community

- The applicant will meet the **100-point** requirement if the applicant is an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander resident in a remote area/community, and the identity of the applicant is verified by two persons recognised as ‘Community Leaders’ of the community to which the applicant belongs.

Special Category 5 – Person under the age of 18

A child will meet the **100-point** requirement if his or her Identity is verified from ONE of the following:

- Birth Certificate/Birth Extract;
- Australian Passport (current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled);
- Australian Citizenship certificate;
- International Passport (current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled);
- Other document of identity having same characteristics as a passport eg. diplomatic/refugee (Photo or Signature);

Or

A statement from an educational institution, signed by the principal or deputy principal, confirming that the child attends the institution (statement must be on the institution's letterhead).



Local school helping students make a healthy choice

Mount Riverview Public School is making the healthy choice the easy choice for students after officially becoming a Healthy School Canteen, which meets the NSW Food and Drink Criteria.

Mount Riverview Public School canteen menu includes more fresh and healthy food choices to provide students with the essential nutrients they need to learn and grow every day.

The healthy menu includes salads that have been harvested from our own School Kitchen Garden.

Our school followed the '10 Steps to a Healthy Canteen' online program which helps schools introduce the Food and Drink Criteria into their school canteen. This includes classifying packaged foods and measuring portion sizes of fresh foods as well as ways to promote the healthy food options available to students.

The final step involved an independent canteen menu check which confirms the canteen meets the Food and Drink Criteria and has successfully become a Healthy School Canteen.

The Healthy School Canteen Strategy is supporting the Premier's priority to reduce overweight and obesity rates of children by 5% by 2025.

Further information on the strategy is available at the NSW Healthy School Canteens website – <https://healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au/>





Invitation to be a Canteen Volunteer

Hi, Welcome to our great school and our friendly canteen. The Mt Riv Canteen has been managed successfully by the School's Parents and Citizens Association with the help of parent volunteers and their families for many years. We currently open 2 days per week. We require minimum 2 Volunteers each day, we would love to have 3 on a Friday.

The P&C have established a vegetable garden which will soon supplement the fresh salad items available in the canteen whilst also providing a great teaching resource.

In order to provide quality food, we are always in need of volunteers. Training is given for new parents and there is always someone to ask if you are unsure. Lunch is provided free (up to \$5) plus as much tea and coffee as you want.

The hours you wish to volunteer are up to you. You may choose to stop in once a week, once a fortnight or once a month or just be on an emergency call list.

Canteen Opening Hours

Our canteen is open 2 days per week, Wednesday & Friday.
We would appreciate your help between 9:15am – 1:45pm

Canteen Volunteer Duties: * assisting with preparation of foods * serving children over the counter at recess and lunch * general canteen tidy up after lunch.

The children really LOVE to see a familiar face on the other side of the counter. You can choose to be rostered on with parents you are friends with or it is a great way to get to know other parents within the school.

Please indicate below your preferred days. If you are able to replace a volunteer at short notice due to illness, etc could you please indicate this also. Thank you so much for your much-needed support. Parent support is vital to providing an ongoing canteen service within the school.

**PLEASE RETURN THE CANTEEN VOLUNTEER
FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT YOUR EARLIEST**

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM

YOUR NAME: _____

CHILD'S NAME & CLASS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

I am available to fill in at short notice on a _____

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

TERM 1
2020



	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>
WEEK 3	12-Feb			14-Feb	
WEEK 4	19-Feb			21-Feb	
WEEK 5	26-Feb			28-Feb	
WEEK 6	04-Mar			06-Mar	
WEEK 7	11-Mar			13-Mar	
WEEK 8	18-Mar			20-Mar	
WEEK 9	25-Mar			27-Mar	
WEEK 10	01-Apr			03-Apr	



HOT FOOD

(Lunch order only, except Cheesy Roll)

Corn on the Cob	\$1.00	E
Twista Bolognaise	\$3.50	E
Lasagne	\$3.50	E
Vegetarian Lasagne	\$3.50	E
Macaroni & Cheese	\$3.50	E
Fried Rice	\$3.50	E
Cheesy Roll	\$0.60	E
Sausage Roll	\$2.50	O
Party Pie	\$1.00	O
Chicken Tender	\$1.40	O
Garlic Bread	\$1.50	O

SANDWICHES / TOASTIES

(Lunch order only)

Vegemite	\$2.00	E
Honey	\$2.00	E
Cheese	\$2.00	E
Ham	\$2.50	E
Ham & Cheese	\$2.70	E
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$2.80	E
Ham & Salad	\$3.00	E
Salad	\$2.50	E
Tuna	\$2.50	E
Tuna & Salad	\$3.00	E

SNACKS

Vege Sticks	\$0.80	E
Salad Box & salad dressing	\$3.50	E
Ham & Salad Box	\$4.00	E
Piece of Fruit (Seasonal)	\$1.00	E
Raisin Toast per slice	\$0.50	E
Jelly Cup (Lite)	\$0.70	O
Red Rock Deli - Chips	\$1.20	O
Jumpys - Veggie	\$1.20	O
Grain Waves	\$1.20	O
Popcorn	\$0.50	O

WRAPS

(Lunch order only)

Salad	\$3.00	E
Ham & Salad	\$3.50	E
Tuna & Salad	\$3.50	E
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$3.50	O

DRINKS

Water 600 ml	\$1.00	E
Hot/Cold Milo	\$1.00	E
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00	E
Strawberry Milk	\$2.00	E
Apple Juice Popper	\$1.50	E
Orange Juice Popper	\$1.50	E
Apple & Blackcurrant Juice	\$1.50	E

FROZEN

Quelch Fruit stick	\$0.50	E
Frozen Fruit cup	\$0.80	E
Frozen Pineapple	\$0.50	E
Frozen Banana	\$1.00	E
Twisted Frozen Yogurt	\$2.00	O

E - Meets Everyday Criteria
O - Meets Occasional Criteria

Add

Mayo	\$0.30
BBQ/Tomato sauce	\$0.30
Toasted	\$0.20
Paper Bag	\$0.20

* Salad Box inc: (Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Beetroot, Carrot, grated cheese)

Please print Students Full name, Class & order on a paper bag. Place recess & lunch orders in separate bags and enclose correct money. Thankyou for supporting our school canteen.



BLAXLAND WARRIMOO NETBALL CLUB

**WE ARE A FRIENDLY FAMILY CLUB PROUDLY
SUPPORTING THE BLUE MOUNTAINS
FOR OVER 50 YEARS.**

REGISTER NOW PLAY NETBALL

We're looking for players, aged 5 years and up to join our Club.
Come along – Join a Team - Make new friends
Become part of a wonderful club and build life long friendships.

Registration night is on Tues 4th Feb 6pm-8:30pm
at Lapstone Netball Clubhouse (Explorers Rd, Lapstone)
or you can register online.

For more information Call Lori 0412 101 664
Or Email bwncrego@gmail.com



Blue *Mountains*
Netball Association

11yrs Development clinic 2020

For players turning 11 in 2020, BMNA is offering a **FREE** Netball clinic run by BMNA Representative Coaches.

Please Note: This clinic is open to anyone turning 11 regardless of their level of experience and NOT only for players wishing to trial for the Development Team.

Clinic Dates: Tuesdays Feb 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th March 2020

Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Location: Lapstone Netball Courts

Players should bring plenty of water and a Netball if possible.

Enquiries: Jan Grant 04 0039 0049 or Gordon Grant 0414 190 196

Development Team

For 11 yrs players wishing to try out for the
2020 Development Team

Date: Sunday 1st March 2020

Time: 10am

Location: Lapstone Netball Courts

