Dear Parents and Carers

Dogs on school grounds
Please be reminded that dogs are generally not to be brought onto school grounds either on or off a leash. Assistance dogs, Service dogs or an arrangement with the class teacher for a short time are the rare exceptions.

Breakfast Club
A big thanks to the volunteers who operate the Breakfast Club on Wednesday and Friday mornings. In order for the students to have enough time to eat the latest time for children to arrive for Breakfast is 8.40pm.

Celebrate Attendance
Arriving at school on time ensures that students don’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day and when the students are most alert. Being on time helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine. Being at school on time also allows students time to greet their friends before class.

Lateness is recorded a partial absence and must be explained by parents or carers in the same way as other forms of absence.

If a student misses a little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Reading Voucher
Each month a student is awarded a $50 bookshop voucher at our school assembly. A class teacher determines the recipient of this award. We thank Mr Daniel Ling from Ray White Shellharbour Oak Flats group for his personal support to promote and celebrate reading at Mount Warrigal Public School.

Learning Club
Each Wednesday afternoon Mr Richard Zamora, from the Smith Family operates a homework/learning centre at our school from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Expressions of interest forms are available at the front office.

Good number sense
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don’t add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


Reading with your child at home
When your children see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.


Have a great week
Mrs Wendy Kelly
Principal (relieving)
Congratulations to the following students who have gained their MERIT AWARDS this week

**KR** - Mason Hockey, Jaidon Kyriacou, George Kyriazopoulos

**KL** - Sophie Votava, Jaycob Robinson, Brooklyn Fox

**SIG** - Taj Corbett, Zaylee Hallett, Keira Emanuel

**S1P** - Tahlia Charlton, Jada Keogh, Jasmine Martin

**JSH** - Luca Traversari  **MSM** - Cody Rose  **SSE** - Micheal Champion

**S1/2P** - Shante Paplauskas, Aaron Sloan, Jade McGarry

**S2F** - Amari De Sousa, Shae Mann, Drew Hallett

**S2NP** - Adell Osborne, Tkai Dawes-Kearns, Liam Thornton

**S3W** - Tristan Colbeck, Jeremy Stone, Leah Van Essen

**S3KV** - Connor McManus, Luke Cataldo, Bobby Clayton-Brown

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

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**Library News**

This year Mrs Carolyn Pearson is teaching some of the Library classes whilst I do Reading Recovery. She is doing a wonderful job in the Library bringing her exciting and creative ideas to our School Library program.

It's wonderful to see so many children bringing Library Bags to borrow books. These responsible children are an example to all and the books are coming back clean and cared for. Remember Library Bags are for sale at the canteen for only $2.50 or you can organise your own style of bag.

**Premiers Reading challenge** has begun so any student that wishes to sign up through the school can get a form from me in the Library or alternatively can sign up online. I just have to know who is doing that so that I can validate the books at the end.

**Book club** should have gone out yesterday Thankyou Mrs McManus for your fabulous organisation skills. Orders can be given in to the Canteen in the morning (Thanks Kim).

**Our Library at Lunchtimes** are proving to be an enjoyable time for all Mrs O’Leary’s knitting group needs donations of wool and knitting needles.

Mrs O’Leary has kindly brought in some Lego but any donations of Lego will be appreciated.

We have some children who would like to learn to play chess. Are there any chess masters out there who could teach the basics?
Titus tooth was hurting because he had a toothache. Titus ate everything but he didn’t want to go to the vet.

The cat wanted to take out his tooth with his sharp claws.

The hen wanted to take it out with his beak.

The bull wanted to take it out with his horns.

The donkey wanted to use his big teeth.

But Titus said “NO THANKS”
Interested in playing a team sport? Come and try hockey with Railway Greys Womens Hockey Club.

Where: Croome Road Hockey Complex – Turf 1
When: Monday 16th February 2015
Time: 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Players of all ages are welcome. We cater for U15 girls, U18 girls (Monday night comp) and have 1st – 4th grade teams (Fri night and Sat afternoon comp).

Any questions? Please call Lynne Frew 0431478893 or Cheryl Cohen 0412041691 for more information. See you there!

Contact Lindi Jamieson-Brown, your local Saver Plus Worker: (02) 4254 4505 / 0427 439 234 or lindi.jamieson-brown@thesmithfamily.com.au

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