A Message from the Deputy Principal

We are already halfway through an action packed term and the end of the year is fast approaching. There are a number of exciting events coming up so keep checking the Important Dates section of the newsletter so that you don’t miss out! Regular attendance and responsible and respectful behaviour are also still important at this time of year. The teachers are currently busy writing the semester two student reports and will be conducting lessons right up to the last day.

During week 4 this term the school was validated by a panel of principals from other areas in the state. Over the last few months the teachers have been working hard to prepare evidence to showcase our school. We presented evidence in six main areas which included wellbeing, engaged learners, assessment and reporting, community connections, pedagogy and leadership. The school was measured against the elements of learning, teaching and leading from the School Excellence Framework. The school was very successful and achieved excelling in most areas. We will be looking closely at the areas that we were judged to be sustaining and growing in and working towards moving to excelling in these areas over the next three years.
Please keep checking the lost property box outside the computer room for missing gear. Our huge box is now full!

Home reading will finish, for the year on Friday week 7 so now is the time to start checking under the beds for any books that may be hiding.

**Kindergarten 2018**

If you have not already enrolled your child for Kindergarten next year or if you have friends or relatives who have not enrolled their child yet enrolment forms are available at the front office. Early enrolment assists with our class planning for next year.

Ann-Maree McDonald

Assistant principal

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**School Banking**

School banking is every Friday, Please have your bank book to the office by 9am.

Thank you

School Banking Co-Ordinator
The NSW Department of Education defines Bullying and Cyber bullying as follows:

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyber bullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies. Bullying can involve humiliation, domination, intimidation, victimisation and all forms of harassment including that based on sex, race, disability, homosexuality or transgender… Conflict or fights between equals or single incidents are not defined as bullying.

As teachers we are often told of students being bullied but on investigation find that is not the case. We are not happy when students are unkind to each other in any situation and will always follow up student complaints whether they are single incidents or ongoing. The complaining student may not see the teacher investigating the complaint and will rarely be aware of the outcome but teachers do take student complaints seriously.

Please ensure that your child understands that if he/she cannot resolve an incident through discussion with the other party they should report it to a teacher.

Office

Medication:

Please be advised if you require office staff to give your child their prescribed medication we will need the following:

- A signed and written letter from the parent.
- The letter must clearly state the amount of medication eg: Mls or 1 Tablet.
- Also put the time the child is to take the medication required.

If your child needs ongoing medication then we will need a healthcare plan from your GP.

Please see office staff if you require more information.
Internet & Mobile Communication

To maintain high levels of communication with parents our school has methods of internet & mobile access.


Our facebook page is  https://www.facebook.com/Mount-Druitt-Public-School/

Skoolbag is also available for download on the App store.

Payments

Excursions, preschool fees, voluntary fees etc are available to be paid from your home directly to the school. The link is on the school webpage.


Look for this heading under the schools banner:  $ Make a payment

You can make a payment using Visa or Mastercard

Please be advised when paying online you will be asked to enter your child’s SRN, this you DO NOT need to do, you can leave this blank.
How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "Ok" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.
Did you know? If students are late as little as 30 minutes a day, by the end of primary school they will have missed half a year of education.

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success, and increase their career and life options.

At Mount Druitt Public school we know that morning is the best time for learning. If your child is late then they are missing out on new concepts being introduced and start the day at a disadvantage to the other students.

As a parent/caregiver, you are legally responsible for your child’s attendance. Some suggestions to help you are:

1. Have a set bed time and routine. Between 7pm and 8.30pm.
2. Have school bags/lunches/uniforms ready the night before.
3. No TV in the morning.

If you would like to discuss your child’s attendance then please contact the school to make an appointment with your child’s teacher or a member of the attendance team.

Regards

Attendance team
Mount Druitt Public School
96259036
Some Suggestions to Improve Partial Attendance at MDPS

Have a set bed time routine, between 7.00pm and 8.00pm.

Have your school bags/lunches/uniforms ready the night before.

No technology in the morning.

Be at school by 9.00 am.

@ MDPS we are Responsible Respectful learners
How can I improve my attendance at MDPS?

Should I stay home if it rains?
No, I should use an umbrella or wear a raincoat.

Should I stay home if it is my birthday?
No, I should celebrate my birthday either in the afternoon or on the weekend.

Should I stay home if my brother or sister is sick?
No, I need to come to school as I am not sick.

Should I stay home if I am sick?
Yes, I should stay home as I need to rest to get well quickly.

@ MDPS we are Responsible Respectful Learners
Kindergarten have been learning about ‘Living Things’ for their science unit this term. Students were excited to see the eggs, learn about the lifecycle of a chicken and watch the chicks hatch from the egg.

Kindergarten enjoyed learning what the baby chicks need to survive. Students gave the chicks new names: Fluff, Nugget, Michael, Jackson, Rylan and Tim Tam.
On Friday 3rd November Kindergarten went on their very first excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm.

It was so much fun! We got to see lots of interesting animals around the farm and learn how these animals live.

We went for a tractor ride. It was very bumpy! We got to see the animals around the farm from the tractor.

We got to pat all the baby animals.

We even learnt how to milk Custard the cow!

The farm was so much fun! We all had a great day and made lots of memories.
World of Maths Incursion

On Tuesday 31\textsuperscript{st} October, 2017 we had the World of Maths Incursion at school. Almost 200 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated and engaged in the wonderful activities. Everyone had a great time working together and solving the problems. A special mention to all the Stage 3 students who assisted the younger students, well done!

Here are some of photos taken throughout the day. Lots of engaged learners can be seen! We also loved the costumes for Halloween.
Brag Tags

Brag Tags are received by students when they receive 5 ticks from their class teacher. They are awarded to students for being responsible, respectful, a learner, resilient, kind, honest or for looking after the environment. Congratulations to the following students who have received a Brag Tag so far, this term:

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Keep striving for excellence

Regards

The PBL Team
Mount Druitt Public School students are invited to draw a picture OR diagram OR write a response to:

**The thing I wish other people would understand about me is…**

Talk to your family about this question. See what they think. Tell them about what you think.

Remember anyone can do this. Some things to consider:

- Plan your writing or your picture carefully
- Check for spelling errors if you wrote a response
- Try to make your response exciting and engaging
- Write your name and class on your response
- You can also type up a response on a computer or design a Powerpoint presentation

**Please have your responses to the office by Thursday, 30th November: Week 8**

The winners will be announced at the assembly and receive a fantastic prize! The winning responses will appear in the next newsletter!!

If you need any help, please drop by and see me!

Good luck everyone!

**Miss Harsh**
(Instructional Leader, Literacy)
Enrolling Now!!

Kindergarten 2018

If you are planning on having your child join MDPS Kindergarten in 2018 please come and visit the office today!!
Mount Druitt Public School invites you…

**What:** Kindergarten 2018, Parent Information Session and Kindergarten Class Transitions

**Who:** Parents and children attending Kindergarten at Mount Druitt Public School, 2018- *your child needs to be 4yrs old and turning 5yrs on or before 31st July 2018.*

**When/Where:** *Your child is encouraged to partake in 3 transition sessions where they will be able to meet the teachers and meet some of their fellow classmates for 2018. Parents are also invited to attend an information session with Kindergarten staff in the library at 3.15pm.*

- **Three Kindergarten Class Transitions** - 7/11, 9/11, 14/11, 16/11, 21/11 and 23/11 at 9.15-10.15 (Kindergarten classrooms)

- **Parent Orientation/Information session:** 7/11 OR 9/11 at 3.15 (Library)

**What if my child attends Mount Druitt Preschool?**

Your child will be brought up to the kindergarten transitions by the preschool teachers on the days that they attend preschool.

**Any questions?**

Please call Miss Julie Crimlis (Assistant Principal- Kindergarten Supervisor) on **02 9625 90 36**.
Preparing for Kindergarten

Parents/caregivers can do a lot to help prepare their child for Kindergarten before the big 'first day'. Below is a list of skills that will be useful for children starting Kindergarten. We recognise that not all children will have these skills as everyone develops at a different pace, so this is intended only as a guide so that starting school may be just a little easier.

Encourage your child to attempt the things mentioned below, but don't worry if your child can't do all of them. Talk to the Kindergarten teacher, and together you can support and assist your child's learning.

**Language**
- talks to other people about familiar objects and events
- answers and asks simple questions
- makes needs known
- follows simple instructions
- uses books for enjoyment or for looking at pictures
- identifies pictures in books, magazines, on television or video
- uses a variety of things (pens, pencils, textas, paintbrushes, sticks in the dirt) to draw, to scribble or to write
- joins in singing familiar songs

**Mathematics**
- recognises that numbers can be used to count
- uses words such as many, a lot, more, less
- identifies things in a group that are different
- sees differences in shapes
- differentiates between opposites - up and down, under and over, in front and behind, day and night

**Personal/Social Skills**
- uses the toilet independently
- can say own name and address
- adapts to unfamiliar settings and new experiences
- can finish a task, and tidies up afterwards
- plays cooperatively with other children - shares and takes turns
- can sit still to listen to a story for a few minutes
- is curious about the world
- can share an adult's attention with several other children
- participates in imaginative play

**Physical Skills**
- uses scissors to cut along a straight line
- enjoys a variety of indoor and outdoor play
- can put on and take off jumpers, shoes, socks independently
- makes and designs things using a variety of materials
First Foot Forward Family Open Night
21st November, Kingswood Campus

The First Foot Forward team at Western Sydney University would like to invite you and your family to our Family Open Night.

The night is aimed at providing parents with the necessary skills to be able to support and mentor their children with their higher education goals. The night will be just as fun as it will be worthwhile, boasting interactive workshops that explore different study options as well as a question and answer session for parents.

Interactive workshops
   Laser Tag
   FREE Barbeque
   Parent information sessions

And the best part, the whole night is 100% FREE!

We look forward to seeing you there!
FIRST FOOT FORWARD
FAMILY OPEN NIGHT

Year 5 & 6 students, teachers, families and friends!

Tuesday 21st November 5pm
Western Sydney University Kingswood Campus

On the night you can enjoy a FREE BARBEQUE, LASER TAG & INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS that explore future study options!

Register at www.westernsydney.edu.au/familyopennight

The school with the highest percentage of attendance will receive a PRIZE!
Any parent who would like free mulch please see Charlie our school GA preferably in the afternoon 2pm-3pm Monday - Wednesday, shovel can be supplied but you would need to bring your own bag to collect it.
Uniform Price List

Mount Druitt Public School
Belmore Ave, Mount Druitt NSW 2770
Tel: 9625 9036   Fax: 9832 2453

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The Uniform shop is located near the assembly’s stage area.

Operation hours are as follows:
Monday-Thursday 8.30am-9am
School shorts

School Shirts

School Bucket Hats

School Snapback Hats