

# Mount Kuring-gai Public School Newsletter



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## Term 3: August

### Principal's Message:

**School facility Program:** I have been pleased with the progress of the sand pit to date. The project so far has maintained the integrity of the original scope of works, they being a sand pit / long jump multi-purpose facility with a 20 m run up. The run up to date has been raised 50cm to level and when appropriate, an artificial turf runway constructed on compact road base will be built.

I wish to thank the project team for their expertise (noted by NSW DEC Properties Directorate) and the giving of their personal and family time to complete the project well within our original scope of time.

*I also wish to take this time to remind us that without the tireless fundraising and planning efforts of Kim Lowe, Alison Jurotte and the trivia night team, this project would not have taken place.*

The multi-purpose pit will not be opened until the grass has settled on the immediate surrounds and the cover has been secured.

The school has purchased a new purpose built container to replace the condemned unit currently on site. The new container will be dark green to compliment the heritage listing of the school and be fitted with a roller door in place of the standard double swing doors standard on containers. Future directions will target power and lighting in the unit. The unit should be delivered within the next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Leanne Johnson & Steve Gibbons for their advice in negotiating purchase and transport agreements with the chosen manufacturer.

**School Staffing:** It is with a mixture of great joy and sadness that I inform you that Mr O'Shea has been appointed to Warrawee Public School. Mr O'Shea gained the appointment through merit selection. Mr O'Shea will continue to teach 3/4 for the remainder of the year and take up his new position at the commencement of the 2014 school year. I am sure we will all wish Mr O'Shea all the best for his substantive appointment.

I have notified staffing of our possible numbers for 2014 and the need for a new permanent teacher (vacancy left by Miss Morrison's promotion) to be appointed to our school as it appears our numbers will be increasing. Staffing will now conduct a candidate search in line with the Industrial Agreement between the NSW DEC and the NSW TF. This process may take up to two months.

**Teaching and Learning:** Reporting and programming – I have had the pleasure over the past week of reviewing all of our teaching and learning programs throughout the school. Our teacher's efforts are to be commended.

I am currently screening every student Yr. 1 – 6 in comprehension, vocabulary development and spelling. Our school will be screening performance in Numeracy through weeks 7 and 8.

These results will be used in conjunction with our NAPLAN data and formative teacher assessments to develop our academic strategic plan for the next 3 years.

The results and new targets will be developed by the school staff and signed off by our director of schools.

**Principal Assessment and Review:** I will be commencing my annual review next week. I will be reflecting on my performance as a principal and educational leader against the National Standards for Principals. These standards can be located at [http://www.aitsl.edu.au/verve/\\_resources/NationalProfessionalStandardForPrincipals\\_July25.pdf](http://www.aitsl.edu.au/verve/_resources/NationalProfessionalStandardForPrincipals_July25.pdf)

**Community issues with school decision making:** Over the years I have stressed to our community that if they have an issue with a decision I, or staff make, it is always best to request an interview to hear our side of the conversation. I am pleased to say that this indeed is occurring. However, I have been disappointed to find out that on some occasions, this is not the case. We offer an educational experience, which is an inclusive, nurturing and in a caring environment, where the student's outcomes, academically and socially are at the forefront of our management plan.

I have been taking numerous calls and accepting a small number of students from other schools who see our school as a quality caring environment. This is a reciprocal arrangement, where if any of our community wishes to move due to concerns over the direction or management of the school, I have and will assist in their transition to a new educational setting.

Regards,

Glenn.

### **School Calendar is located at:**

<http://www.mtkuringga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

### ***Messages from the DEC***

#### **Staying private on Facebook**

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**\* Please note rides will operate between 11am till 3.00pm**

The cost of pre purchased wristbands is \$25.00. Wristbands can also be purchased on the day for \$30, but we would prefer them to be purchased in advance so we know numbers for the amusement company. Individual rides purchased on the day will cost \$5 each.

Wristbands will be available for collection on the day of the festival at the ticket booth from 10.45am. Please note you will not be permitted to collect other individual's wristbands.

Please return the completed form with the correct money in an envelope to the school office by **Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August, 2013.**

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Best Regards

**Leanne Johnson**

Mountain Festival Co-ordinator



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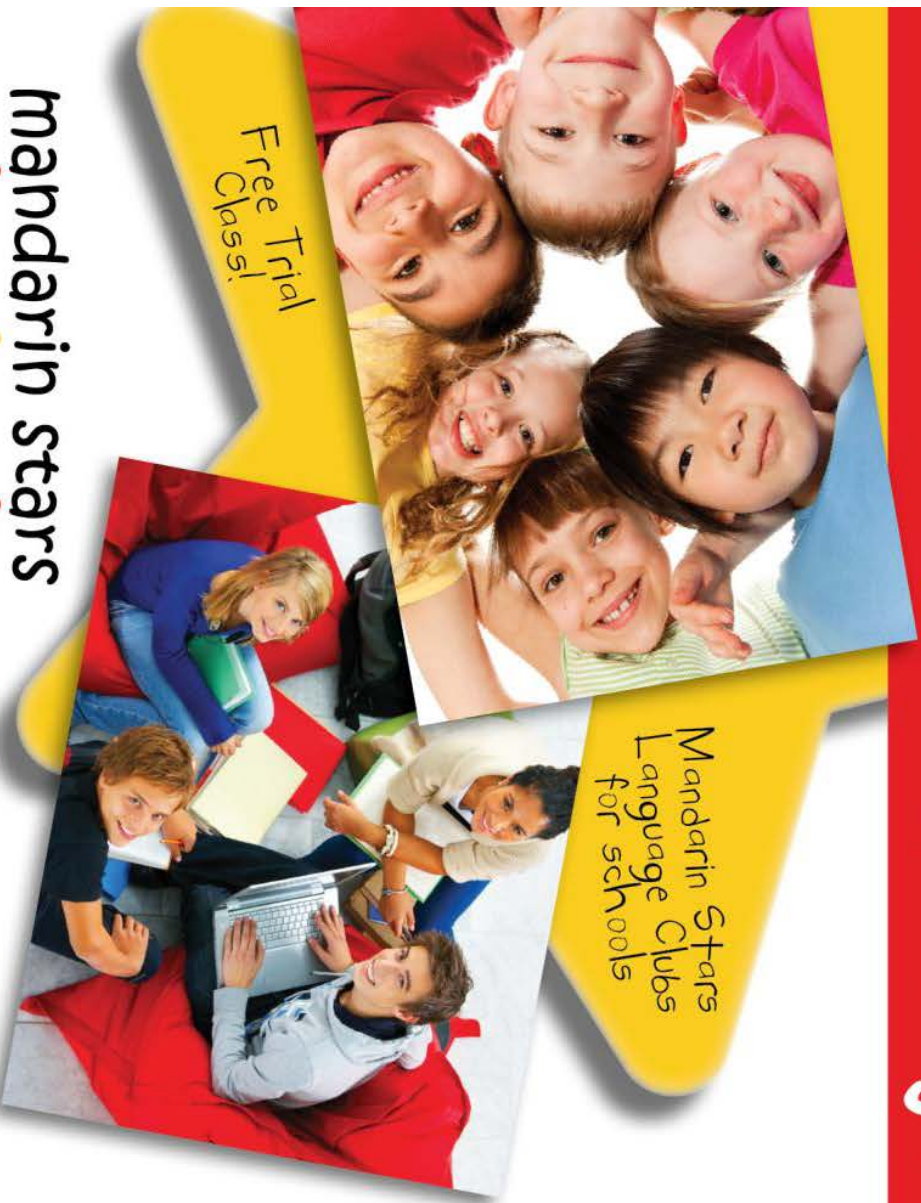
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