

WELCOME TO TERM 2

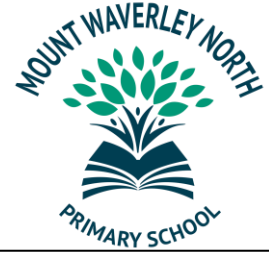
Welcome to Term 2 of 2018!
Hopefully everyone had a lovely break over Easter.

We have many exciting things to look forward to this term including winter interschool sports, NAPLAN, incursions, choir, District and Division Cross Country, House Athletics, Friday Clubs, Hotdog Day, ICAS testing, Mother's Day Stall, and the 3-6 School Disco!

This term we will have 6 interschool sports teams participating in 5 sports: netball, soccer, AFL, rounders and softball. Permission notes went home in Week 2, so please return them as soon as possible as we begin playing at the end of Week 4.

This term students settled quickly back into routine and are already working hard and producing some excellent work. Last week the students participated in the StartSmart incursions where they learnt all about budgeting and business skills. The students really enjoyed coming up with a range of great ideas.

Clubs have already commenced this term and what a success they have been. Students that are in the Drama and Science clubs will remain in these clubs until the end of the term. The students in Coding, Robotics and Photography clubs will be changing clubs this week. The new clubs on offer will be Tournament of the Minds, Sustainability and STEM.



Important dates:

April 25th – ANZAC Day Public Holiday

April 26th – StartSmart incursion

May 3rd – Hot Dog Day

May 8th – ICAS – Digital Technologies

May 10/11 – Mother's Day Stall

May 11th – Round 1 Interschool Sports

May 15/16/17th – NAPLAN

May 18th – Round 2 Interschool Sports

May 23rd – District Cross Country

May 29th – ICAS – Science

June 1st – Round 3 Interschool Sports

June 7th – Division Cross Country

June 8th – Curriculum Day

June 11th – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

June 12th – House Athletics

June 13/14th – ICAS – Spelling/Writing

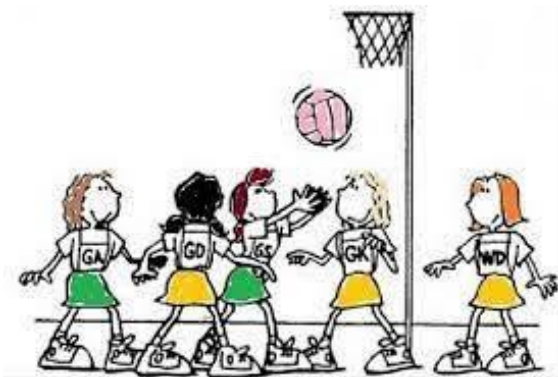
June 15th – Round 4 Interschool Sports

June 19th – Regional Cross Country

June 26th – Semester 1 Report Cards

June 28th – School Disco

June 29th – End of Term 2



Semester 1 Report Cards

Reports and portfolios will be sent home this term in the last week of school. Students are reported on from their results in both Term 1 and 2. Students are assessed using the Victorian Curriculum and have been reported on in the following subject areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, Digital Technologies, Business and Economics, Physical Education, The Arts and German.

Literacy

This term students will be covering three major text types in Literacy. Students are currently finishing a unit of narrative writing which has continued on from Term 1. In Week 4 we will revise both persuasive and narrative writing in preparation for NAPLAN. After this, students will learn about recount writing and poetry. During reading lessons, students will participate in rotational groups where they will work on a range of tasks that involve independent work, collaboration and teacher guided learning. Students will also participate in Literacy Circles for two weeks this term where they will read a book as a group and complete activities around their understandings as well as present their work to their peers.

Students will complete a Writing, Reading and Speaking and Listening portfolio task this term for Literacy. In Writing, students will draft and publish a narrative. For speaking and listening students will participate in a range of public speaking lessons over the term finishing off with a showcase that parents will be invited to. For Reading, students will demonstrate their ability to infer using clues given in a piece of text.

Mathematics

This term students are continuing mathematics in their home groups but still may do activities with other classes or as a whole level. Lessons will be differentiated to meet individual needs of students.

This term in Mathematics students will cover a variety of concepts.

- 2D & 3D Shapes
- Symmetry
- Time
- Worded problems
- BEDMAS
- Probability
- Data Collection
- Angles
- Mapping

The students will complete two portfolio tasks this term using their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, and BEDMAS.

Inquiry

Term 2 will focus on Business and Economics, Geography and Digital Technologies. In Business and Economics students will learn about businesses, why they exist, influences and enterprising behaviours. In Geography students will learn about locations, mapping skills Australian, European and Asian culture, natural disasters and Australia's connections to other countries around the world. In Digital Technologies students will learn coding skills.

German

In Term 2, students will be learning about the countries that will be participating in the *Fußball Weltmeisterschaft* (FIFA World Cup). They will learn the names of different countries that are competing, as well as the names for many of the continents. They will be encouraged to use comparative language when discussing different countries. Students will complete a research project about one of these countries, and describe it using German sentences.

PE

Students will be focusing on winter sports with a focus on building on their footwork, punting and kicking skills. To solidify these skills we will be utilising soccer, Aussie Rules football and American football as a platform for students to practice and play. Our Health aims for this term are for students to learn about mental health and wellbeing.

The Arts

In Term 2, the senior students will be studying Visual Arts. They will explore ideas and expressions when making artworks inspired by observation or imagination, for example, street art, graphic design, or manga art. They will practise art making skills by using a range of materials such as wire, fabric, rocks and digital technology such as creating iPad art similar to David Hockney.

They will use inquiry learning as a basis for researching their own art making and use of materials and techniques, for example, in sculpture, how does the choice of material enhance the audience's understanding of the artist's intention? They will compare artworks from different cultures and identifying the ideas expressed by the artist and then express an opinion about the way numerous artists communicate their viewpoints through their artwork.

SPORT

This term we hope to continue the amazing successes we have experienced in numerous sporting fields. We had a fantastic result at District Swimming, coming home with the Most Improved School award and a number of our students moving on to Division. Both Lujain and David, in year six, represented our school at the District Tennis Trials, where both qualified to Division. David finished 3rd at the event and Lujain qualified to the Regional trials coming 2nd overall on the day. We look forward to hearing how she goes at the next level. Last term was also our most successful year in Summer Interschool sport with four of our teams qualifying for the District final. So far two of the finals have been played, with the basketball team losing in a close game and the Hot Shots team breezing past the opposition to book themselves a spot at the Division Finals, which will be played in Term 4. We are also waiting on two more finals, with our Volleystars and Kanga Cricket teams to play their respective finals on the 11th of May at MWNPS. Training for Division will start in the second half of Term 2.

In Term 2 Winter Interschool sport starts with teams already training for the competition. We are again looking for parents to assist with coaching and scoring for a team. If you are available for these interschool sport dates please contact Mr Malelis via email- malelis.anthony.a@edumail.vic.gov.au. We also have Hooptime basketball training starting during lunchtimes, which will be run by Mr Klein and Mr Malelis. This is in preparation for the competition at the start of Term 3. It has been exciting to see that those students who have qualified for District Cross-Country are training hard in preparation for the big day. These practice sessions will run on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:10am with Mr Malelis, with an announcement to be made at assembly in the coming weeks to go to Nortons Park after school on a Friday to run the track. Fitness Club is also continuing this term on Wednesday morning with Mr Klein running the show with the focus around athletics, in preparation for House Athletics at the end of term.

