Final Weeks
It is hard to believe that there are only five more weeks until the end of the 2014 school year and there are many special and important school events to fit into this very short timeframe. Teachers are currently working on student reports to ensure students are acknowledged for their achievements and to provide guidance to students and parents with regards to what is needed to ensure further progress.

MAHS Orientation Day
All Year 6 students will be attending the Mount Austin High School Orientation Day on Wednesday 3 December. Permission notes have been sent out and need to be returned by Friday 28 November to allow for catering. The cost of this excursion is $2. Students will need to take their recess and a drink, but will be provided with a sausage sizzle for lunch.

Parent Information Night
All parents with a student attending Mount Austin High School in 2016 are invited to come to the Parent Orientation Night on Wednesday 3 December commencing at 6pm in the hall.

Uniforms
Even though it is nearly the end of the year students are still required to wear the school uniform to school everyday.

Bucket Hats
Students will be required to wear our blue school bucket hats from the beginning of Term 4. They can be purchased for $5 at the Office.
“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.”

Henry Ford

Messages for our parents

Stage 3 Sydney Excursion
Sydney is fast approaching! Stage 3 will be visiting Sydney and her many attractions Wednesday 19 to Friday 21 November. They will be visiting the Northern Beaches, Taronga Zoo, Imax theatre, Darling Harbour, Chinatown and Paddy’s Market. I’m sure they will have a lot of fun and experience many new things during this excursion. If you have not yet paid in full (a reminder note was sent home a couple of weeks ago), please do so as soon as possible.

Yarn’en with Aunty Louise
Hi everyone, half a term gone already.

I would like to welcome our new parents of our Kinderstart children. All students have settled in well.

We will be running two parents sessions next week. For our Monday/ Tuesday parents it will be Monday 24 at 2.30pm, and for our Thursday/ Friday parents it will be Thursday 27 at 2:30pm. Robwyn English from the Smith family will run these sessions; I hope all parents can attend.

Don’t forget our Proud & Deadly Awards on Thursday. Students will go by bus and parents are welcome to jump on board. Please let me know if you will be joining us on the bus. This is a great way of showcasing and celebrating education.

Important Dates

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New Report Template
With the recent reforms happening in the Department of Education and Communities, we have integrated new software across the school that encompasses many of our administration procedures.

One such change includes our semi-annual reports to parents. While the content remains the same, the template and what you will receive at home will look different.

“Proud and Deadly” Awards
The 2014 Riverina Aboriginal student “Proud and Deadly” Awards presentation is to be held on 20 November at the Mount Austin High School Hall commencing at 11:00am. Students from Ashmont School will be receiving awards at this year’s ceremony. Students who have a record 100% attendance this school year will also receive an award. The presentations are a partnership between the Department of Education and Communities, local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (AECG) and local Aboriginal community members.

End of Year Parties
Towards the end of the year, students will be attending end of year parties. K – 2 students will be going to Noah’s Ark and 3 – 6 students will be going to Narandera Pool.

A separate note has been sent home to all students on Neutral to Gold Level, keeping in mind that only students on positive levels will be able to attend.

We are all looking forward to these end of year celebrations.

Library Books
Mrs Schneider has sent home reminders of books that are overdue and need to be returned to the library. Mrs Schneider will be conducting a stocktake of the books soon and prompt return of library books would be much appreciated.

Book Club
All book club orders are due back at school by Friday 21 November. This will allow us time to order and have the books delivered in time for the end of the year. No late orders will be accepted.

Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 students on a positive behaviour level are invited to our Term 4 Christmas Dance.
Monday 15 December from 5 – 6pm. Come in Christmas Dress. Cost: $2 each or $5 per family. This covers the cost of an icy pole and spot prizes. We look forward to our last FUN SOCIAL for 2014

Dear Parents, Family and Friends,
You are invited to our Kindergarten – Year 2 “Christmas Sing-a-long”
Thursday 12 December 2013, 9.45am in the hall. We would like the children to dress in the colours of red, white and green.

K-2 Christmas Party -
Thursday, 11 December, 2014
All K-2 children on a positive level will be treated to a special party which includes an excursion to Noah’s Ark and a party lunch back at school on Thursday 11 December, 2014. The cost is $2 - to cover the cost of entry into Noah’s Ark, bus transport, an ice block and watermelon. The children may wear party clothes (with back and shoulders covered) and sensible shoes (no thongs). It is a requirement that all children wear socks at Noah’s Ark.

Toy Run
This year our school is participating in the annual Toy Run. Motorcycle riders will visit the school to collect any donations of new and good quality preloved toys. Your donation can be left at the school for collection by the group.
Royal Far West (RFW) is having a family camp for children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder who are in the age range of 8-10 years.

The camp will be held at RFW in Manly from Monday 8 December (late afternoon start) to Friday 12 December (late morning finish). The camp will include information and education sessions for parents, children with an ASD and their siblings. All children attending the camp will be expected to attend the RFW School for some part of each day.

There will be recreation activities for the family which will include rock climbing, a visit to Taronga Zoo, Manly Water Works and Flip Out trampoline park. All accommodation, meals, education sessions and activities are free but families will need to provide their own transport to and from Manly.

Children need to fit the following criteria: Have a diagnosis of Autism, not have an Intellectual Disability, be able to manage being in a small group, and live in rural NSW. Children with a high risk of violent and aggressive behaviour may be excluded.

Please contact Jane Westley on ph: 8966 8530 or email: janew@royalfarwest.org.au for a registration form.

Dinner is provided free of charge.

This term we will be having fish and chips.

Calling all Dads, Male Guardians and Boys

Mount Austin High School
Boys Night Out

When: Tuesday 18 November, 2014
4.30pm – 6.30pm
Where: Mount Austin High School Hall
Leavenworth Drive,
Wagga Wagga, NSW

NERF GUN WARS

Please bring a NERF gun and bullets if possible. If not, we will try to provide extra NERF guns and bullets for the night.