Welcome to Week 8.

9th Class to be Re-established

With a few new enrolments in the past two weeks our school numbers have risen above those required to form a 9th class once again.

If we hold the updated numbers the 9th class will be formed next week and the students in that class will start with their new teacher at the beginning of week 10.

We are looking carefully at how the 9th class will be formed.

The hat count competition is the closest its ever been. At this stage any class could win the competition. Please remember that without a hat, children will need to stay in the shade during morning, recess and lunch play.

Congratulations to:
- The following students who have completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge:
  - Niamh Grady, Mitch Martin, Indi Rowland, Emily Browne, Natasha Martin, Shikshya Raut, Amy Wiezel, Lawson McElrea and Harrison Walker.

Thank you to:
- Miss McFarlane and Mrs Dwyer who conducted their parent/teacher interviews on Monday night. They were very appreciative for the time parents commit to ensure a positive partnership between home and school to provide the best learning outcomes for their children.
- For the contributions made to the Easter Multit Day.

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Parent / Teacher Interviews

We will be conducting parent / teacher interviews on Wednesday 25th March from 3:30pm onwards.

A note was sent home last week with each child (separately to the newsletter) outlining the available interview times. Your child’s teacher will then timetable the class interviews and send a note home indicating you interview time.

If you are unable to make the date or times available and would like an interview with your child’s teacher, then please contact them to make alternative arrangements.
Milo T20 Blast Intra-School Cup

On Friday 6th March the Primary students participated in the Milo T20 Cricket Blast. We started to practise our bowling, batting, fielding and catching. Then we went in groups with our coaches and played little games of cricket. It was a great day and we had a blast. Thank you to the coaches.

NRMA Science & Road Safety Day

On Tuesday 3rd March NRMA presented their road safety education program for Primary Schools to all students at Mount Riverview. The program took a fresh approach to road safety education by using science demonstrations so students can see what happens to objects (humans) in motion (in cars and on bikes) so that key messages such as “use your seatbelt“ and “wear your helmet” take on a new level of relevance in their lives.

Students also learnt about:
- Travelling by car
- Choosing the right child restraint
- Catching the bus
- Walking to school
- Bike safety basics
- Bikes and the law
- Bike helmet basics

School Photos

School photos have been booked for Wednesday 25th March.

The pre-printed envelopes have been sent home. It is very important that all children return these envelopes to school on our photo day, even if the payment is included in a sibling’s envelope. Family photo envelopes are available from the office. Unused envelopes should also be returned to school.

Cheques are to be made out to ‘The School Photographer’ No late orders can be accepted.

All students should wear correct summer uniform on the day.

Special Group photos for Captains & Vice-Captains, House Captains, Library Monitors, Special Services, Dance Groups, Choir, Band and Year 6 will also be taken on the day. These will then be on display at a later date and can be purchased at that time.

P&C Raffle Tickets and Hot Cross Order

P&C raffle tickets are available at the school office, the tickets are due back Tuesday 31st March and will be drawn at the Pedlar’s Parade on 2nd April.

Hot Cross Bun Orders

The orders are due back by Friday 20th March. Sorry there can be no late orders.

P&C Election Day Stall & BBQ

As part of our fundraising efforts, we will be holding a cake stall in conjunction with a BBQ at the school on Election Day, Saturday 28 March.

We are asking for donations of cakes, slices, cookies and all sorts of scrumptious baked goods to sell. The donations would need to be dropped off at the office on Friday, 27 March and be wrapped in plastic and clearly labelled with the ingredients.

Alternatively, if anyone is available to volunteer their time to help on the cake stall or on the BBQ, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to contribute with a donation of something yummy to sell, please contact Amy Wilson on 0498 400 006 or amyw@jamiesonfoley.com.au.

If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact Mark Cheeseman on 0409 786 033 or mark@cheeseman.org.
Pedlars’ Parade

On Thursday, 2nd April 2015, we will be holding our annual Pedlars’ Parade. The parade will start at 11:00 am in the school hall.

All students are invited to participate in the parade. Students carry a decorated tray, basket or small box filled with goods or novelties to sell. Please don’t go to great expense and remember to price your items and label your tray/container if you wish to have it returned to you.

The students can come dressed in a costume appropriate to the theme of the goods that they are “selling” (eg. Captain Hook selling pirate patches, dress as a fairy and sell fairy wands) or a fun costume.

The children will parade in their class groups with their trays in the School Hall and following the parade each class will place their items at their own class stall under the C.O.L.A. Class teachers and parent volunteers sell the items.

The students are free to walk around and purchase items at the different stalls and so will need to bring some pocket money (or Mum, Dad, grandparents may need to bring their pocket money!). A small plastic or paper bag to help carry their purchases is also a good idea.

Everyone is welcome, so please come and join us, as it is always a memorable and enjoyable day for all and a wonderful fundraising activity.

Library News

The Premier’s Reading Challenge site is now accepting reading records. This site can be accessed from the Mt Riverview School home page. The user name and password required is the student’s internet user name and password. If you are having trouble with these please see Mr McKellar. All primary students are expected to enter their reading records online at school.

K-2 students can use the booklet provided or if a parent or carer wishes to go online and complete it there that would greatly assist the office staff.

If a book is not accepted on the challenge it may be because the child has read that book previously. Only (2) books from series are allowed in any one year. If you keep having difficulties entering a particular book then select another book.

All challenges have to be completed before the 20th August.

Many thanks, Mrs Turner

School Entry and Exits

For safety reasons we ask that all students (and family members) enter and exit the school using one of the three pedestrian gates around the school. There are two on Rusden Road and one on Blackbut Circuit. Entering and exiting the school via one of the carparks is not a safe practice as we have delivery vehicles using all three driveway entrances at various times each day.

Residents in Students Lane have also requested that people who park in the lane in the morning or afternoons please not park across driveways as residents use the lane to access their properties.

Finally, when crossing Rusden Road outside of the school please use the pedestrian crossing thereby setting a good example for all of our students.

Scripture and Ethics Classes

Scripture (SRE) classes have now been running for a couple of weeks.

Please remember that if you would like your children to change SRE groups, including non-scripture and ethics, that a note requesting the change needs to be sent into school.

At this stage we do not have ethics classes operating as we do not have a teacher or school coordinator. If you are interested in filling either of these roles, or know someone that would be suitable please talk to Mr Giles about what needs to be done. Until such time as we have ethics running once again, students who would normally be in these groups will remain in non-scripture.

Visitors to the School

ALL visitors to the school are required to visit the office before going to one of our classrooms or contacting students in the playground.

If your child is arriving late or leaving early please remember to go to the office to receive an early leaving / arriving late slip which is then given to the teacher. If there are any questions then please contact the office.
Family Contact Details
At the beginning of each year we ask families to ensure that their contact details are accurate, which include email address and mobile numbers. Thank you to those families who have already updated their details.

Accurate information is extremely important in the event that we have to contact you regarding your child or in the event that we have to declare a catastrophic fire warning during bushfire season.

Financial Assistance Is Available
Throughout the year we have several extra-curricular activities that are held approximately at the same time and have a similar cost each year. Examples include camps, overnight excursions, text books, gymnastics program, swim school, etc.

For various reasons this may become an issue for families within our school. There are however a couple of ways to tackle this issue and to help lessen the burden many of our families feel, especially if they have more than one child at school.

The most popular option used in 2014, was to work out a payment plan with Mr Giles, spread across the desired number of weeks, covering all associated costs within that time frame. This option is becoming more popular because it spreads the costs out over easy fortnightly payments rather than having a few major costs at different points of the year.

If this sounds like something you would like to look into, or if parents require any assistance with school related expenses, please contact Mr Giles or your child’s class teacher. All enquiries are confidential.

Absent From School?
If you child is away from school a note explaining the reason of the absence is required to be sent to school within 7 days of them returning to school. If an absence remains unexplained after this period then a letter will be sent home asking for an explanation of the absence.

Changes have been made to the way extended family trips or holidays taken during the school term are recorded. From this year, a certificate of exemption is no longer issued for such trips and the days will be counted as absences. Obviously, special circumstances do arise from time to time and will be looked at when they occur.

If a student has high absenteeism during the school year a referral will be made to the Home School Liaison Officer.

If there are any questions regarding school attendance please contact Mr Giles.

Anaphylaxis – a shared responsibility
Being the start of a new school year it is just the right time to remind everyone about anaphylaxis and what we can do as a school community for the families that have to deal with this.

We now have several students at our school who have varying degrees of allergic reaction to nuts and mango in particular. Currently, our student reactions can range from mild allergies to severe reactions which can quickly become life-threatening. For one of our Kinder students (Ronan), it can occur simply by someone else who has eaten nuts or mango touching him – he doesn’t have to have eaten these foods to have a reaction.

For this reason we ask (as much as possible) that nuts and mangoes are not brought to school, which includes peanut butter, nut spreads (nutella), and nut bars. Both of these foods can also be included in the ingredients of other foods.

Obviously, being able to do this is sometimes difficult or at times simply forgotten. With this in mind we implement hygiene procedures at school to try and eliminate as much as possible the likelihood of an allergic reaction occurring.

The procedures taught to students at school are:

a) washing hands before and after eating;

b) washing hands at the end of each play period;

c) using the sanitising spray installed in the classrooms upon entering and leaving the room.

The inconvenience to some children is recognised and appreciated, but the consequences to children with anaphylaxis are extremely serious.

All members of our school community are asked to be aware of the dangers of even the slightest contact with nuts and/or mango for these children.

To help minimise the risk, simply washing hands and cleaning teeth before coming to school would really help.

If there are any questions please contact the office.
Lost A Copy Of A Past Educom Issue??
The EDUCOM is now delivered by email so it is very important that all families have an up-to-date email address in order to receive it.

However, if for some reason you need to get a copy of it there is always a copy on the school website – www.mtrivervie-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

If you are not receiving your fortnightly issue of the Educom please contact the office to determine why. It is important that our school news reaches you.

School Security, You Can Help
If parents or community members observe any destructive or suspicious behaviour in the school grounds please ring the School Security phone number listed below. All reports are treated discreetly; names do not have to be left with the operator.

School Security - 1300 880 021

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**DID YOU**

Under the **Companion Animals Act 1998, No.87 (14.1.e)**, dogs are prohibited in school grounds (whether they are leashed or otherwise controlled).

For the safety of all students, toddlers, babies and adults, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds, even on leashes. Some children have a genuine fear and it can be quite distressing for them as well as for parents, particularly those with very young children.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Richard Giles … Principal

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**Tennis at School Program**
**Mt Riverview Public**

*When - Thursday before School 8am*
*Where - (Multi purpose court)*
*How Much - $7.00 per session*

* Each Student will be entitled to a FREE Hot Shots Tennis Australia T-Shirt
* Call 47212880 for more info or to register
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Great Western Highway, Werrington North (Building AO)

**Saturday 28 March (8pm – 10pm)**

Dads & Kids Night

Kids and dads also include grandfathers, kids and grandkids. So it is for everyone. Age is no barrier to spending an evening with the family and the stars.

These nights will include a multimedia presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and viewing of the night sky through the University’s 0.6 metre and 0.25 telescopes (weather permitting).

Cost: $18 adult, $12 child/concession & $50 family

Bookings essential:

Enquiries:
Phone: (02) 4736 0135 (Mon, Wed or Thurs)
or email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au

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**UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY**
Great Western Highway, Werrington North (Building AO)

**School Holiday Hands-on Programs**
Wednesday 8th April and Thursday 16th April (10am – 12 noon)
Saturday 11th April and Saturday 18th April (7pm – 9pm)

**ROCKET WORKSHOP / STAR STUFF WORKSHOP**

Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15.

**GALAXIES AND BEYOND**

The night will include a colourful and informative multimedia presentation, a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes.

Cost: Astronomy Nights - $18 adult, $12 child/concession & $50 family
Workshops - $15 per person

Bookings essential:

Enquiries:
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Phone: (02) 4736 0135 (Mon, Wed or Thurs)
School Volunteers

At Mount Riverview we are very fortunate in the number of volunteer parents, grandparents and community members who volunteer their time to help the students at school in a variety of ways.

Anyone who is thinking of helping out at school will need to have completed a “working with children” form here at school unless they have a current form from 2014 in the office. When completing the form you will need to bring 100 points of identification. I have included a list of appropriate documentation below.

If you volunteer at multiple organisations then it may serve you better to do the working with children check at the link below. Along with what you have to do there you will also have to go to the RTA and do the identity check. Their website is http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/

If you are not sure about which procedure you need to do then please see Mr Giles

Proof of Identity

Category 1 – 70 points
(Only ONE form of identification accepted from this category.)
- Birth Certificate/Birth Extract
- Australian Passport (Current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled)
- Australian Citizenship Certificate
- International Passport (Current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled)
- Other document of identity having same characteristics as a passport e.g. diplomatic/refugee (Photo or Signature)

Category 2 – 40 points
(More than one of the following documents may be counted. The initial document will score 40 points, and any additional documents will be awarded 25 points each.)
- Current Licence or Permit (Government Issued)
- Working With Children/Teachers Registration Card
- ASIC/MSIC Card
- Public Employee Photo ID Card (Government Issued)
- Department of Veterans’ Affairs Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card
- Current Tertiary Education Institution Photo ID
- Reference from a Doctor (must have known the applicant for a period of at least 12 months)

Category 3 – 25 points
(More than one of the following documents may be counted; each will score 25 points.)
- Foreign/International Driver’s Licence
- Proof of Age Card (Government Issued)
- Medicare Card/Private Health Care Card
- Council Rates Notice
- Property Lease/Rental Agreement
- Property Insurance Papers
- Tax Declaration
- Superannuation Statement
- Seniors Card
- Electoral Roll Registration
- Motor Vehicle Registration or Insurance Documents
- Professional or Trade Association Card

To use more than one of the following documents, they must be from different organisations:
- Utility Bills (e.g. Telephone, Gas, Electricity, Water)
- Credit/Debit Card
- Bank Statement/Passbook

Special Category 4 – Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander resident in a remote area/community
- The applicant will meet the 100-point requirement if the applicant is an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander resident in a remote area/community, and the identity of the applicant is verified by two persons recognised as ‘Community Leaders’ of the community to which the applicant belongs.

Special Category 5 – Person under the age of 18
A child will meet the 100-point requirement if his or her identity is verified from ONE of the following:
- Birth Certificate/Birth Extract;
- Australian Passport (current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled);
- Australian Citizenship certificate;
- International Passport (current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled);
- Other document of identity having same characteristics as a passport eg. diplomatic/refugee (Photo or Signature);

Or
A statement from an educational institution, signed by the principal or deputy principal, confirming that the child attends the institution (statement must be on the institution’s letterhead).
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Thursday 23rd April
3.15pm - 5.30pm

Cost: $5.00 per child per day
Enquiries: Ring Manhuy Huchel 0433-850-337 or Kim Furst 4777-0963

Date:

Signature:

Parent's name:

Emergency contact phone number:

If YES, please explain:

Does your child have any medical needs or allergies?

If not cross the box.

Would you like your child to receive follow up materials?

Would I pick up my child from:

Address:

Child's age:

I give permission for my child to attend this club on the date given. I understand that the club will not be held if there are less than 10 kids attending.

If you would like to have your child attend this Kids Craft Club, please complete the form below. The club is open to any child aged 5-12 years, regardless of experience.
LET’S TALK...

GRANDPARENTING

WITH KATHIE O’CONNOR

Please be welcomed to join in conversation with Kathie O’Connor, Children’s Play Therapist and GRANDPARENT!

This will be a chance to get together (in an informal space) with others to discuss and share the rewards and challenges of being a grandparent.

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WHEN: Wednesday, March 18

WHERE: ENRICH, 14 Oak St, Katoomba

TIME: 11am-12.30pm (morning tea will be provided)

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- 2 hour program
- Multimedia presentation with question time
- 3D astronomy movie
- Tour of the dome and 0.6m telescope
- Opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes

BOOKINGS
Cost $12 per person (basic program)
Minimum $360
Maximum group size 90 people

For larger group bookings please contact us.

Phone 02 4736 0135 (Mon, Wed, Thurs)
Email penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au

GETTING HERE
The UWS Observatory is located at the University of Western Sydney, Penrith campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington North, Building AO.

TRAVELLING BY CAR
From the Sydney CBD, take the M4 Western Motorway and turn off at the Mamre Road exit before turning right onto Mamre Road.

Turn left from Mamre Road onto the Great Western Highway. The Werrington North site is located on the right hand side of the Great Western Highway.

On-campus parking is available, and a valid daily or annual parking permit must be displayed at all times.
The UWS Penrith Observatory conducts school programs designed to enhance and extend learning in astronomy, science, technology, engineering and mathematics for school students in years K-12. Excursion can be arranged for either day or night. These programs run regardless of the weather. The Observatory is surrounded by large grounds and grassed areas. It also has a paved area that can be used for students to have their recess and lunches.

**BASIC PROGRAM**

- 2 hour program
- Multimedia presentation with question time
- 3D astronomy movie
- Tour of the dome and 0.6m telescope
- Safe viewing of the Sun (day, weather permitting)
- Opportunity to view celestial objects through the University’s telescopes (night, weather permitting)

**TYPICAL DAY PROGRAM**

- 9:45 Arrive at the University
- 10:00 Recess
- 10:30 Multimedia session and question time
- 11:00 3D astronomy movie
- 11:30 Tours of the dome
- 12:00 Safe viewing of the Sun (weather permitting)
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Return to buses
- 1:15 Depart the University

This is an example program which we are happy to adapt to your school’s requirements. The program topics for school groups are based on the NSW Board of Studies’ syllabus criteria and can be tailored to achieve the specific objectives of each school as required.

Please call and discuss your excursion needs and allow us to provide a program tailored to you, your school and students.

**K-6**

- Science and technology including physical phenomena and earth and its surroundings.
- The Sun, our solar system and an investigation into local phenomena such as lunar cycles and seasons.

**7-10**

- Science including energy, chemistry and physical forces within an astronomical context and a detailed look at what we have observed in our universe.

**11-12**

- HSC physics units Cosmic Engine, Space and Astrophysics come alive with an in depth exploration of the lives of stars, the effects of gravity and how we investigate and measure our universe.
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