

## Dates to Remember

Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	August	State Schools Spectacular Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	August	Senior Hooptime
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	August	Mini Olympics
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	August	Maths Competition
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	August	District Basketball
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	August	School Council meeting
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	August	Foundation (Prep) Production – 9.15am
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	August	Working Bee
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	August	World of Maths – Grades 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	August	World of Maths – Foundation, Grade 1, 2 & 3
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	August	World of Maths – Parent evening 6.00 – 8.00pm
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	August	Grade 4 Camp
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	August	Grade 4 Camp
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	August	Grade 4 Camp
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	August	First Aid in Schools – Grades 3 - 6
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	September	Book Week PJ Day
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	September	Summer Sports Grades 5 & 6
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	September	PTFA Meeting
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	September	State School Spectacular Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	September	State School Spectacular Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	September	State School Spectacular Choir Concert

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Trivia Night

The recent Haunted Hall Trivia Night was an outstanding success. Congratulations and a huge thank you – firstly to Mr Neil Young who once again was a fabulous Quiz Master for the night and secondly to the many hard working PTFA members who organised the evening which raised over six and a half thousand dollars. What a mighty effort! If you missed out this year make sure you don't next year! I believe ideas and plans are already underway for 2017.

### State Schools Spectacular

The dedication of our staff and choir members involved in this year's State Schools Spectacular is indeed admirable. They are involved in long rehearsals and committed to ensuring all songs are in perfect readiness for the big performance on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Congratulations go to all of you for proudly representing the Gaters so well.

### 100 Days of School

Last Friday we celebrated our Foundation students first 100 days of school with lots of learning activities based on the number 100 and of course a party. What a special milestone and how quickly the time has flown by. I regularly visit our Foundation classrooms and am always impressed with their enthusiasm towards life and learning. It is amazing how much they have grown over the past 100 days and they are now truly part of the Gater family.

Congratulations 'Preppies' – your families, teachers and buddies are very proud of you!

Go Gaters – Proud to be a Gater!

### Cheryl Sampson

Principal



## PTFA NEWS

Like the African proverb 'it takes a village to raise a child' it took the effort of the entire PTFA team to raise \$6635 on the Haunted night without any outside help, getting \$887.40 more than last year. Spooky!

A thank you on the night for their support goes to: Sandra King, Debbie Fowkes and Cindy Stewart all at the door, finalizing ticket sales, collecting money for lucky envelopes, raffles, \$50 & \$100 notes, guess the number of snakes, silent auctions and helping with raffle prizes

For decorations, set up and games our thank you goes to: Kirsten Chamberlain, Kellie McDonald, Carly Rodwell, Meaghan Banfield, Joey Atkins, Sandra King & Acashia Fitzgerald. Corrine Foster popped in before pick up to help with the chairs and tables and even the school kids bought over the extra chairs. Go Gaters! Our last, but not the least thank you goes to our MC Neil Young and Cosette and Michel Murphy for keeping the 'scores' on the night.

See you again next year for another Trivia adventure. I wonder what Kirsten is 'brewing' for us next year?

Trivia Night raffle results -

1 <sup>st</sup>	Luna Park Family Pass	Amanda Veinot
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aliento Vibrosaun & Shape Master Voucher	R. Tibaldo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 x Tigeroy Kids Indoor/Outdoor Beanbags	Di Bence
4 <sup>th</sup>	Officeworks Printer & Cartridges	Leilani Nasr
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Avenue Hairdressing Voucher	Mel McCarthy
6 <sup>th</sup>	Car Care Products & Large Print Melways	Lister Family
7 <sup>th</sup>	1 Mini Spit from Bunnings	Cleland Family
8 <sup>th</sup>	Family Feast Deal Voucher – The Middle Hotel	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Avon Gift Pack	Tracey Fox
10 <sup>th</sup>	Lime Leaf Restaurant Voucher	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jacks Place Restaurant Voucher	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Kings Swim School Fast Track Holiday Program	Emily Joy
13 <sup>th</sup>	Phillip Island Pass	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Cheesecake Shop Voucher	Siannah Fleming
15 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Angus Photography Voucher	Effie Tzimokas
16 <sup>th</sup>	Knox Gymnastics	Lister Family
17 <sup>th</sup>	Knox Gymnastics	McArdle Family
18 <sup>th</sup>	Tinkers Voucher	Tilley Family

### Wine Tour

We have booked our Wine & Dine Fundraiser for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. We will be visiting Rochford Wines, Immerse Vineyards (including a 2 course lunch) and Seville Hill. The cost of the tour is \$100 and full payment will be required by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016 to secure a place. We only have 40 places available so get your forms in fast. Watch out for a separate flyer to follow shortly with all the details.

Regards  
PTFA Team



**Bakers Delight Mountain Gate**  
Don't forget to mention Mountain Gate Primary School when you make any purchase at Bakers Delight Mountain Gate. 5% of every purchase is donated back to the school

## FIRST AID IN SCHOOLS

St John Ambulance will visit our school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August to deliver free First Aid in Schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters lead students from Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency. Our junior students will learn about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students will learn about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

Participating students will be given a special piece of homework for parents to complete. We encourage you to “do your homework” and go online [www.stjohnvic.com.au/quiz](http://www.stjohnvic.com.au/quiz) to see how much you know about First Aid. Are you First Aid READY?

More information about the St John First Aid in Schools program can be found at: [www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools](http://www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools)



## SCIENCEWORKS

By Brodie Wilson

The grade 3 and 4 students went to Scienceworks on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of July. There were lots of different science activities for all ages. Scienceworks is located at Spotswood, Melbourne, Australia. I thought Scienceworks was really interesting because of the variety of activities.

Some examples of things you can experience at Scienceworks include physical activities, visiting a sound room and creating illusions. I liked the Sportworks display area the best. It was really fun racing Cathy Freeman. We also could handball into a target and get to create our future self.

I recommend you visit Scienceworks one day. I had a really fun, fantastic day.

I rate our excursion to Scienceworks a 4.5/5.

### Scienceworks

On Tuesday, the students and teachers from grade three and four went on an excursion to Scienceworks. We went on a bus to get there. It took an hour to get there. Scienceworks is a place where you can learn more about science. Scienceworks is a great place to visit.

Scienceworks is a great place. You can make your own future cars. You can make your future self. You could also race against Cathy Freeman. There was a house with lots of door bells. I liked the rocket that shot up and came back down.

I absolutely recommend that you should visit Scienceworks.

5/5

Jasmine Meerten



## JUNIOR HOOPTIME

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August selected students from Grades 3 and 4 made the trip to the State Basketball Stadium in Wantirna South to compete in the Junior Hoop Time competition. We had a total of 8 teams playing with three differing levels of ability, All Star, Future Stars and Rookies. The All Stars teams were for the best players, Future Stars was for people who have played basketball before, and the Rookies was for those who had not previously played basketball.

The Gater's displayed great sportsmanship, teamwork and encouragement for each other on the day and were rewarded with some fantastic results.

### Results

#### All Star Boys

St Jude's A def MGPS 23 – 3  
MGPS def St Jude's B 8 – 0  
MGPS def St Francis Xavier 12 – 9  
Ferry Creek def MGPS 31 – 9  
Semi Final – St Jude's A def MGPS 14 – 1

#### All Star Girls

St Jude's def MGPS 11 – 0  
St Francis Xavier def MGPS 11 – 2  
St Jude's def MGPS 5 – 4  
St Francis Xavier def MGPS 11 – 0

#### Future Stars

FS1 – 3 wins 2 loses  
FS2 – 2 wins 3 loses  
FS3 – 4 wins 1 loss

#### Rookies

R1 – 6 wins  
R2 – 6 wins  
R3 – 2 wins 4 loses

A big thank you must go to all the teachers, parents and family who came and supported our students by helping with coaching, scoring or cheering on all of our teams.

## FOOTY TIPPING

The school footy tipping competition is nearly finishing with plenty of people still in the race to be the winning tipster. At the completion of Round 19 it is very tight at the top of the leader board.

The top 10 tipsters to this point are

Team Name	Number of tips
Saint Kyle	122
Adrian Penney	120
Sportz	120
Frozen Tigers	119
Jeffa	118
Shed Man	118
Brodes Kangas	118
Connor18	118
Alana Hunt	118
Roo Bewdy	116



A reminder that the winning tipster will be decided at the completion of Round 23 and the prize money will be split as follows

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$150  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$100  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50

# Stars of the Week



## Week Ending 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016

<b>Grade FB</b>	Ruby Wickham	<b>Grade 3H</b>	Jonah Baroni
<b>Grade FH</b>	Evelyn Zwarts	<b>Grade 3S</b>	Bailey Driscoll
<b>Grade FV</b>	Riley Johnsen	<b>Grade 4D</b>	Lachlan Tilley
<b>Grade 1B</b>	Chloe Martini	<b>Grade 4H</b>	Riley Northcott
<b>Grade 1D</b>	Jackson Dorn	<b>Grade 5H</b>	Tiana Li
<b>Grade 1R</b>	Daniel Robertson	<b>Grade 5S</b>	Jenna Isaac
<b>Grade 2H</b>	Declan Fitzgerald	<b>Grade 6G</b>	Natalia Lokot
<b>Grade 2Y</b>	Kate Nugent	<b>Grade 6W</b>	Drew Bondini
<b>ART</b>	Grade 6W	<b>P.E.</b>	Grade 3H
<b>LIBRARY</b>			

## Week Ending 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016

<b>Grade FB</b>	Natalia Hinga	<b>Grade 3H</b>	Kiara Wood-Dawson
<b>Grade FH</b>	Leilani Nasr	<b>Grade 3S</b>	Maddie Block
<b>Grade FV</b>	Yelinsa Agampodi	<b>Grade 4D</b>	Alicia Urban
<b>Grade 1B</b>	Nathan Wang	<b>Grade 4H</b>	Amisa Wirthensohn
<b>Grade 1D</b>	Tina Le	<b>Grade 5H</b>	Jay Young
<b>Grade 1R</b>	Mia Burridge	<b>Grade 5S</b>	Luke Hearn
<b>Grade 2H</b>	Mia Fleming	<b>Grade 6G</b>	Zane Jameson
<b>Grade 2Y</b>	Willow Glidden	<b>Grade 6W</b>	Tara Stevenson
<b>ART</b>	Grade 4H Daniella Blackwood (4H), Jack Johnson (1D)	<b>P.E.</b>	Grade 5H

# PARENTING TIPSHEET BALANCING SCREEN TIME

IT'S HOW  
WE CONNECT



As a parent, it may be difficult to know where to start when it comes to setting limits on children's online activity. How much time online is too much? How can you set reasonable limits? And more to the point, how can you enforce them? Here are some tips to help you bring a mindful balance to your family's use of digital technology.

## 1. AGREE LIMITS

Talk to your children about the amount of digital time they're living and then, based on what you agree is a healthy balance, set 'switched off' times of day. Help your children create a media use roster allocating blocks of time for homework, chores and their screen time.

## 2. BE AN OFFLINE SUPPORTER

Support and encourage your kids in activities that don't involve a digital device. A ball game or reading a book are all great ways to show kids how they can enjoy themselves without a mobile, tablet or computer.

## 3. SET FAMILY RULES

Make sure you're seen as a positive example. Do you want the dinner table to be a device-free zone? If so, then have everyone (including Mum and Dad) turn off their mobile phones and devices during dinner, or when taking part in family activities. Children are happier following rules if everyone in the family plays by them.

## 4. TURN OFF DEVICES BEFORE BEDTIME

Lack of sleep can affect alertness, concentration and memory. For a better night's sleep try encouraging children to switch off at least one hour before bedtime. Create a charging station and charge all household devices in the one spot overnight.

## 5. MAKE THE MOST OF PARENTAL CONTROLS

Many parental controls tools allow you to set time-of-day restrictions on children's device usage. We recommend Telstra Mobile Protect for mobile devices and Telstra Broadband Protect for your home network.

## 6. CONSIDER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TYPES OF SCREEN TIME

Not all screen time is created equal. Think about the differences between using a device for homework or creative expression versus using it for passive entertainment.



# Gater Olympics



## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August students will be participating in their own mini Gater Olympics at school. Students will compete in their Tribes and will represent a country in a variety of athletic based activities. Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours.

## Olympics timetable

9.30 - 10.55	Tribes meet in classrooms Discussion of given country and flag making One large group flag & individual flags for each child
11.30 - 1.30pm	Rotation of "Olympic" activities
2.30 - 3.00pm	Meet in Hall for results



**Go Gaters!**



**MOUNTAIN GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Working Bee**  
**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016**  
**(9.00AM ONWARDS)**

*Jobs*

Our main objective will be:

-  Mulching
-  Weeding
-  Graffiti removal
-  General tidy-up (sweeping etc.)

We will really need the help of some dads for the following jobs:

-  Cleaning drain water (inc. lifting heavy lids)
-  Spreading gravel in front of school gate

We will be having a Working Bee on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016. We really need dads as well as mums as we've got some heavier jobs to do, and children are always welcome too! If you are able to attend please complete the slip below and return it to the office.

To help us with planning, please let us know if you can help with some of the heavy jobs. The more helpers we have, the easier our work will be. If possible, please bring gloves, broom, bucket, pruning tools, etc.

In case of bad weather we will postpone the Working Bee to the following week, Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Aug and advise everyone by text message and our Facebook page.

We will run our free Working Bee BBQ on the day and everyone who attends will go into a draw to win a \$20 Bunnings Voucher.

Thank you.  
Building & Grounds Committee



**WORKING BEE**

I / We will be attending the Working Bee on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

- I/we can help with:
- Laying of Gravel at Gate
  - Cleaning drain water pits
  - Mulching
  - Other jobs from above

OSHC Times are: **BSC - 7.00am – 8.45am Monday – Friday**  
**ASC – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Monday – Friday**  
OSHC Phone: **9758-0531 Call anytime and leave a message**

## REMINDERS

Hello Parents and Children,



This term we are supporting The Smith Family's Back 2 School fundraiser. We are helping disadvantaged children with uniforms, equipment for class and sport. The children are given opportunities to develop their potential and fulfill their dreams.

Last year Camp Australia helped raise \$65,000 for The Smith Family's Learning for Life Program. If you want to help you can go online to <http://www.campastralia.com.au> and donate or you can drop off donations our OSHC program and any money over \$2.00 is tax deductible. Please come and see Fran, Jenny or Samantha with your donations and we will make sure The Smith Family receives it. Also Camp Australia will match dollar for dollar. Our OSHC program will be holding a raffle for The Smith Family - more information in our next newsletter.

Kind regards  
Franca, Jenny & Samantha

**How to get started** before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

**Once registered** you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online.

**Save on Care** You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

<b>Program Costs</b>	Out of Pocket	Opening Hours
Before Care	\$7.92 - \$10.89	7.00am – 8.45am
After Care	\$10.42 - \$14.66	3.30pm – 6.00pm

To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday

### Emergency and Same Day Bookings

To ensure we have the correct staff:children ratio of 1:11 could you please book your child/children in prior to the day of care. If this isn't possible please contact Franca at BSC prior to 8.45am on the day of care. If you need to book care after this time please contact Camp Australia Head Office who will know the staff ratio for the session you require and organise an assistant for the session. The Department of Education (DEECD) has very strict guidelines on staff: children ratio. Also please leave a message on our answering machine so we are aware you child/children will be attending and chase them up if they forget to attend.

### Non Attendance of child/children booked for the session

Please leave a message on our answering machine if your child/children won't be attending as we require under our Duty of Care to account for all children booked in.

### Permanent and Casual (Not same day bookings)

All other bookings via Camp Australia  
Our answering machine is on 24/7 no matter what day or time so you can leave us a message.

# This Week at School

*'Our school vision is to actively involve students in inspiring learning experiences so that they embrace their futures as optimistic, contributing members of their local and global communities.'*

## JUNIOR HOOPTIME



## 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

