

Dates to Remember

Thursday	23 rd	February	Excursion to Royal Botanical Gardens – Grades 1 & 2
Thursday	23 rd	February	PTFA Morning Tea – 9.00am
Friday	24th	February	Nominations for School Council close
Wednesday	1 st	March	PTFA AGM 7.30pm
Friday	3 rd	March	School Council ballot papers distributed
Wednesday	8 th	March	GATEWays – Grades 1 – 3
Wednesday	8 th	March	Gater Games Twilight Sports
Wednesday	8 th	March	Division Swimming Carnival
Thursday	9 th	March	GATEWays – Grades 4 – 6
Friday	10 th	March	School Council Election closed
Monday	13 th	March	LABOUR DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday	15 th	March	School Council AGM
Wednesday	22 nd	March	Grade 5 & 6 Leadership Day
Thursday	23 rd	March	2018 Foundation Tours – 10.00am, 2.30pm & 5.00pm
Monday	27 th	March	Easter Raffle drawn
Monday	27 th	March	Murrindiindi Incursion – Grade 3 – 6
Tuesday	28 th	March	Murrindiindi Incursion – F – Grade 2
Friday	31 st	March	Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Staff Professional Learning

I would like to acknowledge the strong commitment and work ethic of our staff. At our first Curriculum Day in January and last week after school, our teachers and integration aides worked collaboratively in professional learning teams with Michael Ymer a renowned Maths Consultant, with the focus being to build our teaching capacity and curriculum delivery skills in Maths. We worked specifically on 'Helping Students make sense of Numeration Counting and Place Value'. Quality teacher practice, curriculum planning and assessment will continue to be a core priority for our school as there is a direct correlation between this and excellent student learning outcomes.

Later in the year we will have Michael back to work with Parents on helping your child with Maths and understanding key components of the Maths Curriculum at Primary school, so mark May 1st in your calendar now!

Child Safe Standards

Student wellbeing has always been of major importance to us. To maintain a child safe organisation, all Victorian schools must comply with Ministerial Order No. 870. The new Child Safe Standards will contribute to the safety and wellbeing of children in schools and early childhood services. Mountain Gate Primary School has implemented the Child Safe Standards and our Child Safe Policy will soon be uploaded to our website.

One component of these standards is that all parent helpers in the school, as well as those attending excursions and swimming, need to have a current Volunteer **Working with Children Check** and provide the details to our office please.

The WWC Check is a minimum checking standard set by the Working with Children Act 2005 for those who work with children, either on a paid or voluntary basis. The application process is available online at

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

School Captains

Our School Captains, House Captains/Vice Captains and Junior School Council Representatives have now been appointed. Shortly there will be a badge presentation at Assembly.

Congratulations to Tahlia Thomson and Kane Spencer who were successful in their endeavour to become School Captains. We always have many children interested in becoming school leaders and I enjoy chatting with them finding their thoughts and aspirations quite inspirational and reaffirming their love of school life as a Gater.

Armstrong

House Captains	Cody Abraham and Courtney Charleton
Vice-Captains	Amelia Hodgman and Jake Meerten

Bradman

House Captains	Tom Glen and Bethany Koster
Vice-Captains	Charlotte Bishop and Riley Northcott

Curry

House Captains	Lila Lessing and Zane Tasevski
Vice-Captains	Hayley Cheesewright and Brody Farrall

Gardner

House Captains	Alana Tomkins and Riley McIntyre
Vice-Captains	Indy Atkins and Lachlan Tilley

Junior School Council Representatives

Mia Brock, Amber Wickham, William Walai, Charlie Volavsek, Tarynae Elkin, Jenna Isaac, Brendan Stock, Arshia Talebi, Damien Crowe, Daniella Blackwood, Joni Walai and Sarah Cannard

District Swimming Sports

How exciting! After many years of trying the Gater swimming team was victorious and are the District Swimming Champions. What a fabulous effort. The chant 'Go Gaters' was loud and clear. Thank you to all members of the Swimming Team for representing our school so well and congratulations on your fabulous sportsmanship, team spirit and of course success! Good luck to those Gaters who now progress to the Divisional competition on Wednesday 8th March.

School Council Elections

If you still wish to nominate forms can be collected at the Office. A reminder that nominations for School Council close tomorrow. To be valid, completed nomination forms must be handed in at the Office by **tomorrow Friday 24th Feb by 4.00PM.**

Nice Feedback!

Thank you to all those parents who have offered us wonderful feedback on the way the school year has begun. We always appreciate these insights and I have passed on your kind thoughts to our teachers. I agree wholeheartedly – Gater Kids are Great Kids and our whole staff too!

Go Gaters – Gater Kids are Great Kids!

Cheryl Sampson

Principal



PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Personal property is often brought to school by students – often quite expensive electrical equipment, toys, sporting goods etc. Please be advised that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Though we try our best to ensure these items are returned home safely, we cannot be responsible for the damage or loss of items and therefore discourage students from bringing unnecessary or valuable items to school.



SCHOOL INJURIES AND INSURANCE

I also need to remind you The Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Parents or guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.



PTFA NEWS

Welcome to PTFA 2017!

The PTFA AGM meeting is Wednesday 1st March. The Parents, Teachers, Friends Association are meeting once a month for one hour on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the school. We are hoping to raise funds for the school to go towards a variety of projects. Come along and support this wonderful team in their efforts to support the school. Please fill in the form provided in this newsletter and return it to the office.

The annual Gater Games will be held on Wednesday 8th March. Come along to a fun evening making new friends while watching your children running, throwing, balancing, jumping and working together as a team in their House colours.

For this event the PTFA is organising a BBQ. Sausages, drinks and ice poles will be for sale on the night. You can get involved by helping with the BBQ. Please fill in the form provided in this newsletter and return it to the office.

Cosette
PTFA President



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

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday 16th February the District Swimming Sports were held at Kilsyth Centenary Pool. The atmosphere at the pool was incredible with the Gater spirit on full display. There were some brilliant individual and team performances on the day which lead the Gaters to first place at the carnival!

A special congratulations to Joel Anderiessen, Lachlan Tilley, Kirsten Penney and Bethany Koster who won the overall achievement award for their age groups.

Results of the place getters were:

In the A events

1st - Jamie Weinbergs - 10 year old boys freestyle
1st - Lachlan Tilley - 11 year old boys freestyle
1st - Kirsten Penney - 11 year old boys freestyle
1st - Bethany Koster - 12 year old girls freestyle
1st - Joel Anderiessen - 10 year old boys breaststroke
1st - Bethany Koster - 12 year old girls breaststroke
1st - Joel Anderiessen - 10 year old boys backstroke
1st - Lachlan Tilley - 11 year old boys backstroke
1st - Kirsten Penney - 11 year old girls backstroke
1st - Lila Lessing, Bethany Koster, Kirsten Penney, Amelia Hodgman - girls Medley

1st - Joel Anderiessen, Eliah Sehler, Jay Tasevski, Jamie Weinbergs - 10 year old boys relay
1st - Lila Lessing, Amelia Hodgman, Bethany Koster, Kirsten Penney - 12 year old girls relay

2nd- Jasmine Meerten, Maddie Block, Tiarnna Handley, Hannah Hodgman - 10 year old girls relay
2nd -Lila Lessing - 12 year old girls Backstroke
2nd- Amelia Hodgman - 11 year old girls Breaststroke
2nd- Luke Hearn - 12 year old boys Breaststroke

3rd- Navy Wariphonphailin, Lachlan Tilley, Jake Meerten, Heath Mason - 11 year old boys relay
3rd- Lola Allain, Alecia Urban, Katie Urban, Ava Gerrard - 11 year old girls relay.
3rd - Navy Wariphonphailin, Luke Hearn, Lachlan Tilley, Zane Tasevski - boys medley

In the B events

1st - Navy Wariphonphailin - 11 year old boys backstroke

2nd- Lila Lessing - 12 year old girls freestyle
2nd - Amelia Hodgman - 11 year old girls freestyle
2nd - Jamie Weinbergs - 10 year old boys breaststroke
2nd - Katie Urban - 11 year old girls breaststroke
2nd - Ava Gerrard - 11 year old girls backstroke
2nd - Zane Tasevski - 12 year old boys backstroke

3rd - Lucas Moroney - 12 year old boys breaststroke
3rd - Ava Gerrard - 12 year old girls breaststroke
3rd- Bayley Driscoll - 10 year old boys backstroke
3rd- Georgia Newton - 10 year old girls backstroke

Good luck to Eliah Sehler, Hannah Hodgman, Joel Anderiessen, Jamie Weinbergs, Jay Tasevski, Maddie Block, Tiarnna Handley, Jasmine Meerten, Kirsten Penney, Lachlan Tilley, Jake Meerten, Amelia Hodgman, Lila Lessing, Bethany Koster and Luke Hearn who will be representing Mountain Gate at the Division Swimming Carnival on March 8th at Aquanation, Ringwood.

Go Gaters!



KNOX FESTIVAL BANNER COMPETITION

For the past couple of weeks we have been busily planning and painting our banner for the Knox Festival Banner competition. This year's theme was Home Sweet Home and we have had a lot of fun creating the wonderful things, big and small, that make Mountain Gate such a fantastic place to play and learn. When the banner is completed it will be on display at the Knox Festival from the 4th – 5th March.





PTFA NOMINATION FORM 2017

☐ I would like to participate in the PTFA in the following role:

- ☐ President
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ General Member

- ☐ Vice President
- ☐ Assistant Secretary
- ☐ Assistant Treasurer

☐ I cannot attend meetings but I can spare time for fundraisers.

☐ Any suggestions or ideas for fundraising.....

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Name: _____ Child's Name and Grade _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____



GATER GAMES BBQ

I would love to help at the Gater Games BBQ on Wednesday 8th March, 2017.

(Please tick one or more boxes)

- ☐ 4.00 – 5.00pm - Set up/cooking
- ☐ 5.00 – 5.30pm - cooking
- ☐ 5.30 – 6.00pm - cooking

- ☐ 6.00 – 6.30pm - cooking
- ☐ 6.30 – 7.00pm - cooking
- ☐ 7.00 – 7.30pm - pack up



Parent Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Mobile: _____

Child's Grade: _____

Email: _____



Stars of the Week



Week Ending - 9th February 2017

Grade FB	Curtis English-Russell	Grade 3B	Will Pile
Grade FH	Harper Moloney	Grade 3S	Kailah Jones
Grade FV	Elizabeth Robertson	Grade 4D	Gemma Lister
Grade 1B	Siennah Fleming	Grade 4H	Ebony Charleton
Grade 1M	Hugo Fox	Grade 5H	Indy Atkins
Grade 1R	Connor Wood-Dawson	Grade 5S	Jasmin Allen
Grade 2B	Harrison Mitchell	Grade 6E	Brendan Stock
Grade 2H	Zac Arnott	Grade 6G	Zane Tasevski
Grade 2Y	Leilea Cocker		
ART	Grade 2Y Jack Johnson (2H), Zane Tasevski (6G)	P.E.	Grade FB
MUSIC	Grade 1R Hayley Cooke-Balde'	LIBRARY	

Week Ending - 16th February 2017

Grade FB	Sienna Quick	Grade 3B	Lily Guyatt-Harkins
Grade FH	William Egan	Grade 3S	Willow Glidden
Grade FV	Adlyn Tan	Grade 4D	Leway Wang
Grade 1B	Blake Phillips	Grade 4H	Jovo Jovanovic
Grade 1M	Aiofe Fitzgerald	Grade 5H	Zara Feltham
Grade 1R	Abby Galt	Grade 5S	Ella Mason
Grade 2B	Isabella Goodall	Grade 6E	Kane Spencer
Grade 2H	Jayda Wood	Grade 6G	Tahlia Thomson
Grade 2Y	Tamara Smith		
ART		P.E.	Grade 5S
MUSIC	Grade 4D Jason Papadopoulos	LIBRARY	

Chill Skills



Are you aged between 10 and 12 years old?

Do you sometimes feel anxious, overwhelmed, confused, worried, panicky or unsure?

So you sometimes find it hard to talk about your feelings with others?

Do you miss out on doing fun or important things because your worries and / or your fears?

Would you like to work on building your self-acceptance and confidence in a safe, relaxed and fun environment?

Chill Skills could be for you!

Chill Skills is an eight-week support program available to young people aged 10 – 12 years' old who may be experiencing anxiety, low mood or worries which may be impacting themselves, school and / or home.

Chill Skills is aimed at increasing young people's resilience, confidence and self-acceptance, through group activities and discussions. Young People will learn skills to manage their feelings associated with anxieties or worries.

Dates: Thursday's (27 April – 15 June 2017)
Time: 3:45pm – 4:45pm
Where: St Paul's Anglican Church
273 Dorset Rd, Boronia VIC 3155
Cost: FREE

Places are limited, bookings essential, for more info or to book contact Kate Arnott, Youth Development Worker – Groups on 9298 8868 or kate.arnott@knox.vic.gov.au or Michelle Pascoe, Community Youth Worker on 9298 8311 or michelle.pascoe@knox.vic.gov.au
Knox City Council – Youth Services.



Mountain Gate Primary School

OSHC phone: 9758-0531

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,

All the children have settled in quite nicely and they have formed some great friendships. We are choosing our leaders for our OSHC program. Quite a few of the children are working on their leadership qualities and helping the younger children to fit in to the program.

The children are enjoying our food cooked from our healthy eating cookbook. We are getting great reviews about the meals we supply each day.

Parents please check your online enrolment forms for any missing paperwork. It is vital that all documentation is supplied before children commence in the program.

The Holiday Clubs are open and parents can book online by visiting www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayfun If you need to contact OSHC please call 9758-0531 anytime and leave a message on our answering machine.

Kind regards
Franca

How to get started before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.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.

Program Costs

	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 1:15 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 your 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.'

KABOOM SPORTS DAY





DISTRICT SWIMMING



GRADE 5 AND GRADE 1 BUDDIES



