



Dates to Remember

Friday	22 nd	February	District Swimming
Friday	22 nd	February	Nominations for School Council close
Wednesday	27 th	February	PTFA AGM 7.30pm
Monday	4 th	March	Leaders Badge Presentation at Assembly
Wednesday	6 th	March	Division Swimming
Wednesday	6 th	March	Gater Games Twilight Sports
Monday	11 th	March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday	13 th	March	Grade 5 & 6 Leadership Day
Friday	15 th	March	EMR Swimming
Wednesday	20 th	March	School Council AGM – 7.30pm
Wednesday	20 th	March	2020 Foundation Tours – 10.00am, 2.30pm & 5.00pm
Wednesday	27 th	March	GATEWays
Thursday	28 th	March	GATEWays
Monday	1 st	April	Easter Raffle drawn
Friday	5 th	April	Last day of Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Parent /Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all of the families who attended our Parent Teacher Meetings this week. This night is a valuable opportunity for teachers and parents to build a great relationship between home and school and to ensure children achieve the best possible learning outcomes – *together we are better!* We see it as an essential component of a child's education. If you were unable to attend please contact your teacher and make another time.

School Leaders

Our School Captains, House Captains/Vice Captains and Junior School Council Representatives have now been appointed.

Congratulations to Lucinda Short and Bayley Driscoll who were successful in their endeavour to become School Captains. We always have many children interested in becoming school leaders and it takes considerable courage and effort to apply and then have an interview. I enjoy chatting with them finding their thoughts and aspirations quite inspirational and reaffirming their love of school life as a Gater.

School Captains - Lucinda Short and Bayley Driscoll

House Captains & Vice Captains

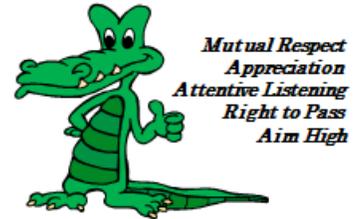
Armstrong Captain	Samuel Egan	Georgia Newton
Armstrong Vice-Captain	Ben Williams	Hannah Hodgeman
Bradman Captain	Brodie Wilson	Sofie Martin
Bradman Vice-Captain	Logan Francis	Ella O'Shea
Curry Captain	Jay Tasevski	Maddie Block
Curry Vice-Captain	Oliver Pargaliti	Cadence Cummings
Gardner Captain	Riley DeHaan	Trista Campbell
Gardner Vice-Captain	Ryder Thompson	Mackenzie Atkins

Junior School Council Representatives

5B	Teisha Banfleid	Matthew Chan
5H	Lauren Mason	Will Northcott
6E	Mahta Moradiamani Emily Gray	Phoenix Rigano George Papadopolous
6H	Sienna Reese Emily Bishop	Bradley Crosthwaite Jamie Weinbergs

It's always a difficult process, for some the results meant great excitement and for others there was disappointment, so the friendly spirit of acceptance and congratulations was really pleasing to see. We are fortunate that our school has such excellent leaders to represent our students and Mountain Gate throughout 2019.

To formally recognise our student leaders for 2019, we will be conducting an official Student Leadership Badge Presentation at Assembly on Monday March 4th. Mr Nick Wakeling, MP, will be presenting the badges to all student leaders to mark this important achievement and we thank him for attending this special Assembly.



Make sure you circle March 6th on your calendars as that is our twilight Gater Games night which is always such a great community evening.

Go Gaters – Together We Are Better!

Cheryl Sampson

Principal

ANAPHYLAXIS – IMPORTANT PLEASE!

Please be aware that several of our students have extreme allergic reactions to some foods – especially nuts. We ask that you take this serious issue into consideration when you are packing your child's lunch box or sending food along for sharing. Whilst individual children are alert to particular triggers, we can all assist by reducing the likelihood of an anaphylactic episode by avoiding nuts being brought to school and encouraging students to use the anti-bacterial hand wash available in all classrooms.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Nominations for School Council opened on Friday 15th February and will close tomorrow Friday 22nd February. If you would like to nominate yourself for School Council please call into the Office to complete a form. Retiring members (after 2 years) are also eligible to renominate. Please contact Mrs Sampson if you would like to know more about School Council.

RIDING TO SCHOOL

In accordance with DET guidelines and in recognition that a young child does not have the concentration, vision and judgement skills necessary to ride a bicycle safely in traffic, students below Year Four are not permitted to ride their bicycles to school. Only children in Grades 4 – 6 can ride to school.

The main points of our MGPS Riding to School Policy (approved by School Council) are:

1. Students who ride a bicycle to and from school must wear an Australian Standards Association approved helmet.
2. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their children are able to ride safely before allowing them to ride to or from school. This is not Mountain Gate Primary School's responsibility.

3. Bikes will be stored at school and whilst all care will be taken we cannot accept responsibility for theft or damage.
4. For safety reasons and storage difficulties we also do not permit the riding of scooters to school. If a parent chooses to accompany younger children to school riding a scooter or bike these must be taken home as we do not have adequate storage facilities.

ENTERING AND EXITING THE SCHOOL

All students and parents entering and exiting the school are reminded that they must use the pedestrian gates and paths and also use the school pedestrian crossings.

It is unnecessary and unsafe to walk through car parks especially as there are several alternative gates and paths around the school and the school crossing is a must, given the busy traffic at drop off and pick up times.

Parents are also asked to park around the school and not to park in the staff car parks or use them as a pick up or drop off zone please. There is ample space in the streets surrounding the school.

For the safety of all, could parents and students please follow this expectation.



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FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Parent contributions are now due. Many thanks to our parents who have paid their financial contribution for 2019. Please come and meet with Jenny Lamont (Business Manager) if you would like to arrange a payment plan. Parent payments are an essential source of funds for a school to operate effectively and enable us to provide the many programs and resources we provide for our students.

PTFA

The Gater Games are happening soon and we really need some super sausage sizzlers to feed the hungry mass on Wednesday 6th March.

Please fill in the time block you can twirl your tongs and we will get back to you to confirm.

A reminder that you are all invited to our AGM on Wednesday 27th February at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

P.E. WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to our returning and new Gaters this year! I hope you all have had a wonderful break and are ready to hit the ground running for an exciting year of P.E.

We have a big Term ahead which includes our District Swimming Carnival (going for 3 championships in a row), Gater Games, and plenty of Athletic and Cross Country training in preparation for Term 2.

Students from Grades 3– 6 have been participating in a variety of Athletic events including Hurdles, Triple Jump and High Jump with the hopes of setting personal bests and demonstrating their talents to earn a spot to try out for the Athletics team which will be competing in Term 2. Our Junior School has been revisiting and learning small games as well as being introduced to new skills through modified Athletic events as they settle into the term.

It has been a great start to the new year and I am excited to see all of our 'Gaters' grow and develop their skills this year.

DISTRICT SWIMMING

Congratulations to all of the students who were invited to try out for the team by completing 50m in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke at the swimming trials held at Knox Leisureworks on Thursday 7th February. Our students swam hard and fast to qualify for a spot on the team. A special congratulations goes out to the 26 students who were selected to compete at the District Swimming Carnival which will be held today Friday 22nd February.

I am excited by the prospect of Mountain Gate Primary School defending the swimming championship and winning it for the third year in a row. Students have had a great lead up in preparation for the event with regular practise during the school's swimming program this year. It would be great to see our parents get to Kilsyth Centenary Pool to cheer on our 'Gaters'.

See you all there and good luck Gaters!!

Swim Team 2019

U/11 Boys	U11 Girls
Elijah Sehler	Hannah Hodgman
Ryder Thomson	Teisha Banfield
Max Gerrard	Mia Fleming
Rori Driscoll	

Under 10 Boys	U10 Girls
Samuel Penney	Lauren Mason
Danny Kim	Charlotte Smithells
Harrison Mitchell	Marlie Moloney
Bryce Trubridge	Leilea Cocker
Daniel Robertson	Mackenzie Atkins

U/12 Boys	U/12 Girls
Jamie Weinbergs	Lucinda Short
Joel Anderiessen	Jasmine Meerten
Phoenix Rigano	Tiarna Handley
	Maddie Block
	Zoe Hunter
	Georgia Newton

FOOTY TIPPING

With the AFL season quickly approaching it's time to test your knowledge (some might call it luck) in the Mountain Gate Primary School community footy tipping competition.

To enter the competition this year please return the note that has gone home outlining your team name and number of entries you would like to enter this year. The cost is \$10 per entry with half of the total money divided up into prize money and the remainder used on updating and maintaining our schools sporting equipment.

Once your entry and payment has been received a follow up note will be sent home with the details and password to register into the competition.

We invite all families to join as it is a lot of fun (bragging rights) within the community. Happy tipping 'Gaters'!

Sam Dennett
P.E Teacher

UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

All schools are required to contact parents/guardians as soon as practicable when student absence is unexplained.

The Department of Education conducted a review of the Attendance Guidelines for schools in Term 4, 2017. The review and resulting changes to the Guidelines help ensure the safety of school-aged children during school hours and that schools are supported in their duty of care obligations.

The new requirement for schools under these Guidelines is to contact parents/guardians as soon as practicable on the day of a student's absence.

At MGPS we know that many of the absences are not unexplained and parents have a sick child at home. Unless we are notified this will automatically become an unexplained absence and we will need to follow up **so we ask for your assistance with this please by notifying the school via phone 9758 2811 or email mountain.gate.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by 9.30am on the day of an absence or prior to this if it is a planned absence/appointment.**

CSEF (Camps Sports and Excursions Fund)

Do you hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card? You may be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. The Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

If you have not applied for CSEF, or are unsure if you are eligible, please contact the Office.

SCHOOL BANKING

Last year School Council discussed the pros and cons of the current school banking system. In consideration of the workload at the school level and families who currently support the Commonwealth School Banking program, School Council decided to continue with the banking service on a **monthly basis** pending recommendations of the ASIC Inquiry.

Therefore, School Banking will happen on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month.

HEAD LICE

The school has been informed of a number of cases of head lice across all levels of the school. Please take the time to check your child's hair with conditioner (instructions below) then treat the hair if required.

Step 1- Comb any type of hair conditioner on to **dry, brushed (detangled) hair**. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

Step 2- Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.

Step 3- Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

Step 4- Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

Step 5- Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.

School Policy states that once a child has been treated for headlice, on returning to school they must visit the sick bay to have their hair re-checked.

SPECIAL INVITATION

Mountain Gate Primary School has always been very pro-active with raising funds to provide facilities for our children. It is very important for us as a community to ensure that funds are available for extras items not always covered by School funding.

On behalf of the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) we invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th February, which will be held in the staffroom at 7.30pm. I urge all parents who can spare 1 hour on this night to come along and join our dedicated group.

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday night of each month and are relaxed and informal. Our Principal, or Assistant Principal, and a School Council representative attend each meeting. The usual length of a meeting is 1 hour. All meetings are child free.

The PTFA runs several BBQ's throughout the year including the Foundation BBQ, a Bunnings BBQ and any election BBQ's that come up. We also co-ordinate the Grade 6 Graduation Dinner, Easter Raffle, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day Stalls and our Trivia Night.

We will be planning our wish list for 2019 and any other suggestions for fundraisers during the year are welcome. Please consider participating and return the slip below as soon as possible. At the Annual General Meeting of the PTFA we will be holding elections for the office bearing positions for the coming year. The following is a short summary of what the positions entail.

Of course we understand that not everybody wants to be an Office Bearer or be involved in every activity – perhaps you would just like to help out at one or two things and that would be just fine with us!

Please consider coming to the meeting, bring a friend too. It's a great way of meeting other families and getting involved in school life.

GENERAL MEMBER

General Committee members assist with fundraising items, such as packing chocolate orders, helping on the Mothers' Day stall, distributing raffle tickets, etc.

PRESIDENT

You will be required to chair a meeting each month. You will also be required to co-ordinate various fundraising activities during the year and delegate accordingly.

VICE PRESIDENT

This position is a backup for the president if in need of assistance and may be required to chair the monthly meeting during his/her absence.

SECRETARY

The secretary is required to record the minutes of each meeting, file them and to handle the correspondence. You may also be called upon for assistance by the president.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

In the case of the secretary being absent you would be required to step in and record the minutes or assist the secretary in his/her duties.

TREASURER

You would be required to keep accurate records of all monies received, and liaise with office staff in regards to banking. A report would need to be submitted at each meeting.

All monies must be counted by at least 2 persons before being handed in to the office. Please note it is a requirement that you have been involved in the PTFA for at least 2 years in order to fill this position.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

You would assist the treasurer in all formal duties.



PTFA NOMINATION FORM

- I would like to participate in the PTFA in the following role:
- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> President | |
- I cannot attend meetings but I can spare time for fundraisers.
- Any suggestions or ideas for fundraising.....
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Name: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____



GATER GAMES BBQ 2019

I would love to help at the Gater Games BBQ on Wednesday 6th March 2019.
(Please tick one or more boxes)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4.00 – 5.00pm - Set up/cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.00 – 6.30pm - cooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5.00 – 5.30pm - cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.30 – 7.00pm - cooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5.30 – 6.00pm - cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> 7.00 – 7.30pm - pack up |

Parent Name: _____
Mobile: _____
Email: _____

Child's Name: _____
Child's Grade: _____



Stars of the Week



Week Ending - 8th February 2019

Grade FD	Isaac Connors	Grade 3B	Charlotte Smithells
Grade FJ	Jessica Ding	Grade 3F	Indi Williamson
Grade FV	Ruby Quinn	Grade 3P	Jude Wild
Grade 1H	Erica Hansen	Grade 4H	Ava Spencer
Grade 1M	Mason McCarthy	Grade 4S	Seyara Kulasooriya
Grade 1W	Jax Henson	Grade 5B	Kyah Fischer
Grade 2B	Chloe Graham	Grade 5H	Lauren Mason
Grade 2M	Josh Grigg	Grade 6E	Chayse Kendall
Grade 2R	Esjay Smith	Grade 6H	Aaron Bayles
ART	Grade 2R	P.E.	Grade 6H
MUSIC		LIBRARY	

Stars of the Week



Week Ending - 15th February 2019

Grade FD	Zoe Ives	Grade 3B	Jayden Tran
Grade FJ	Bella Pang	Grade 3F	Hamish Mohr
Grade FV	Sienna Kline	Grade 3P	Olivia Mason
Grade 1H	Jacob Mangco	Grade 4H	Danny Kim
Grade 1M	Weier Dai	Grade 4S	Daniel Robertson
Grade 1W	Fiona Ramanayake	Grade 5B	Kai Gibbons
Grade 2B	James Corner	Grade 5H	Ella O'Shea
Grade 2M	Logan Francis	Grade 6E	Hayden Bence
Grade 2R	Emmy Block	Grade 6H	Laura Giles
ART	Grade 1M	P.E.	Grade 1M
MUSIC	Grade 5H	LIBRARY	

Want to Play Footy?

Ferntree Gully Eagles are currently taking registrations for first year footy players

Boys U8
Born 2011 or before 30/04/2012

Girls U10
Born 2009-2011

Register at www.ftgeaglesjfc.com.au

For more information
info@ftgeaglesjfc.com.au or
Cassie 0404 891643

1/2 Price fees for U8 Boys & U10 Girls

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Calling all
Knox parents
- thinking
about
Secondary
School?

Date	Thursday 21 March 2019
Venue	Knox Civic Centre 511 Burwood Highway Wantirna South
Sessions	School and Agency Stalls Rooms 1-3 5.15pm - 8.45pm Guest Speakers Room 4 Session 1: 5.45pm - 6.45pm Session 2: 7.15pm - 8.15pm
Cost	Free!

For more information call
Angela Thurbon 9298 8000 or
visit knox.vic.gov.au/schoolexpo



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date / /

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.'

CLASSROOM LIFE



Mountain Gate Primary School

OSHC phone: 9758-0531

BSC - 7.00am – 8.45am Monday – Friday

ASC – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Monday – Friday

Dear Parents,

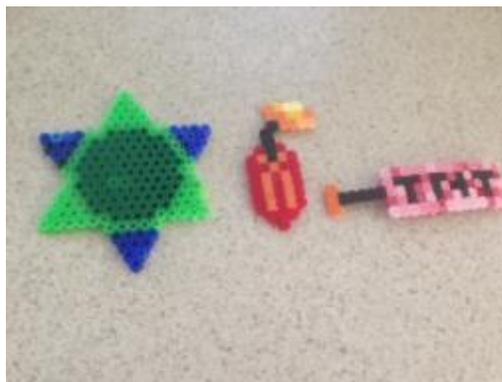
The children have been cooking and making Chinese lanterns. They have also been celebrating Friendship Day, making cards, bracelets and chatterboxes to give to their friends.

Parents we are unable to look after bikes inside the GP Room. If your child has a bike you will have to make it secure outside while your child is in BSC or ASC.

Kind regards
Franca & Samantha
OSHC Coordinators

Program details

To find out more about our program, view our fees and to register, visit www.campastralia.com.au and search for your school or call 1300 105 343.



Come & TRY!



First day FREE!

Join in the fun at our OSHC program, your first session is FREE!*
It's also free to register. Once registered, you can activate your session whenever you like.

We encourage you to register now and to always book in advance.

Visit: pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree

What's OSHC?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care. Depending on your school, it can cover both Before and After School Care.



What happens in OSHC?

Every program includes elements from each of the following areas:

- Outdoor Play Time
- Construction and Manipulative Play
- Creative Time
- Life Skills
- Homework and Quiet Time
- New Experiences

*Applies to first booking per child only. Valid for Before or After School Care for parents who register from the 25th of February 2019. Offer ends conclusion of Term 1 2019. For more information visit your school's page at www.campaustralia.com.au

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