

Dates to Remember

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

GATER GAMES

It nearly didn't happen but thankfully the weather was on our side!

Thank you to all Gater families who attended our Twilight Gater Games last night. It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic students from Prep – Year 6, dressed in their House colours, participating so enthusiastically in their events. Family support and encouragement for all the students ensured it was a positive sporting experience for all our students.

I really enjoyed watching our students compete against each other in a variety of running and novelty events and all students should be very proud of their efforts and the spirit in which they competed.

Well done to Armstrong House who were the overall winners on the night and will have their name engraved on the Gater Games shield.

Many thanks to our parent helpers who worked tirelessly on the BBQ and Drinks stations to feed the hungry mass and to our staff for their enthusiasm, organisation and supervision. Of course an extra big thank you to Mr D for his tireless effort, encouragement and overall organisation.

The Giant Gater Worm was once again the highlight of the night and this year it was definitely our longest ever! A big congratulations to our School Captains, House Captains and Vice Captains too, who encouraged students and contributed to the smooth running of the event.

It's occasions like this when the whole community comes together that we can really see the engagement and strength of the relationship between home and school. I really feel proud to lead such a committed and vibrant community – students, teachers and parents all belong to the Gater Tribe.

Go Gaters – Together We Are Better!

Cheryl Sampson

Principal



*Mutual Respect
Appreciation
Attentive Listening
Right to Pass
Aim High*

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.

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 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.

ART NEWS

Across all levels of Mountain Gate we worked together to brainstorm and create a banner with the design brief of celebrating our wonderful and diverse community for the annual Knox Banner Competition.

After a vibrant brainstorming session, we decided to feature a galactic design featuring this years' theme of "Together We Are Better". Two weeks of frantic painting, flicking, splattering, tracing (then accidentally smudging...oops), drawing, cutting, sculpting and sticking followed.

And now I am pleased to announce that Mountain Gate won the prize for Most Original Banner! We will receive a gift voucher to purchase some exciting materials for the Art Room. Well Done Gaters!

Katharina Harper-Schmid
Art Teacher



DISTRICT SWIMMING

On Friday 22nd February, we sent our swimming team of 26 students to compete at the District Swimming Carnival. Students in the team were excited and enthused by the prospect of winning the swimming championship for the 3rd year in a row.

Each student competed in either Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly, Relay or Medley as part of the carnival. We had many excellent results but I was most pleased with the amount of effort all of our students put into their race. Unfortunately, we weren't successful in winning the championship but we finished a respectable 4th out of 8 schools. Thank you to all of our staff, parents and students who contributed to the day and good luck to our 11 students who progress through to the division finals on 6th March.

Results

A Events	B Events
1st Place	1st Place
U/10 Freestyle Samuel Penney	U/12 Girls Breaststroke Zoe Hunter
U/10 Backstroke Samuel Penney	2nd Place
U/12 Girls Medley Relay	U/10 Boys Freestyle Danny Kim
U/12 Girls 4 X 50m Relay	U/10 Boys Breaststroke Bryce Trubridge
2nd Place	U/10 Boys Backstroke Harrison Mitchell
U/11 Girls Freestyle Hannah Hodgman	U/10 Girls Backstroke Charlotte Smithells
U/11 Girls Breaststroke Hannah Hodgman	3rd Place
U/10 Girls Backstroke Lauren Mason	U/10 Girls Freestyle Charlotte Smithells
U/12 Boys Breaststroke Jamie Weinbergs	U/11 Boys Breaststroke Max Gerrard
	U/12 Boys Breaststroke Phoenix Rigano
	U/12 Girls Backstroke Zoe Hunter

DIVISION SWIMMING

On March 6th 11 students represented Mountain Gate at the Division Swimming finals held at Aquanation. We had 2 relay teams and a medley team compete as well as 4 students competing in individual events. Our students were up against some strong competition at the next level of swimming but managed to hold their own during their events.

The day started with our U/10 boys 4X50 m freestyle relay made up of Samuel Penney, Danny Kim, Daniel Robertson and Harrison Mitchell who swam their hearts out and finished 6th followed by our U/12 girls 4X50m freestyle relay - Jasmine Meerten, Zoe Hunter, Tiarna Handley, Maddie Block who finished 5th after a gutsy effort.

Hannah Hodgman was next to compete in her timed freestyle final finishing in 3rd place before Samuel Penney and Lauren Mason competed in the Backstroke heats. Samuel blitzed his backstroke heat finishing in 1st place whilst Lauren competed strongly and finished 5th in her heat.

After the backstroke Hannah Hodgman and Jamie Weinbergs competed in their breaststroke events with Hannah finishing 2nd and Jamie finishing 7th. Samuel was the next to compete in his final individual event, 50m butterfly, claiming his second 1st place ribbon for the day.

Finally, in the last event of the day our U/12 girls medley team competed, finishing 5th to conclude the day's proceedings.

Congratulations to all of our competitors and a special congratulations to Hannah Hodgman and Samuel Penny who will be representing Mountain Gate Primary School at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals. Thank you to the parents who came along on the day and cheered on our students.

Results

u/10 Boys Relay – 6th Place

u/12 Girls Relay – 5th Place

U/11 Girls Freestyle – Hannah Hodgman 3rd Place

U/10 Boys Backstroke – Samuel Penney 1st Place

U/10 Girls Backstroke – Lauren Mason 5th Place

U/11 Girls Breaststroke – Hannah Hodgman 2nd Place

U/12 Boys Breaststroke – Jamie Weinbergs 7th Place

U/10 Boys Butterfly – Samuel Penney 1st Place

U/12 Girls Medley – 5th Place

GATER GAMES

What an incredible turn out we had at the 'Gater Games' held last night. It was amazing to see a sea of colours as students turned out in droves sporting their House colours. Not only was the turn out incredible, the amount of cheering and encouraging really helped create an amazing atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.

From sprints, to bean bag races, to egg and spoon to the infamous giant worm it's safe to say a good time was had by all. Thank you to the PTFA who helped set up an incredible BBQ and to all the families who came along and supported their children. Also to the House Captains and Vice Captains who assisted, you guys did an amazing job.

A massive thank you to the MGPS staff that helped make the night run incredibly smoothly and a special mention has to go to Mr. Hallett for his incredible support for Gardner (you nearly broke their Gater Games drought) as it was highly entertaining.

Well done to Armstrong for narrowly finishing 1st ahead of Gardner, Curry and Bradman.

Results

Armstrong 316 points

Gardner 310 points

Curry 280 points

Bradman 270 points

FOOTY TIPPING

A reminder to all those families wishing to join the Mountain Gate Primary School community footy tipping. It is a great competition to join and promotes a positive community feel. Cost is \$10 per entry with half the money going to the prize pool and the other half going to maintaining equipment used in P.E. Hurry as the 2019 AFL season is quickly approaching. Happy Tipping!

Sam Dennett
P.E Teacher

Stars of the Week



Week Ending - 23rd February 2019

Grade FD	Hannah Mackay-Scollay	Grade 3B	Meika Kensey
Grade FJ	Oscar Blundell	Grade 3F	Surwin Dhakal
Grade FV	Brodie Scott	Grade 3P	Lucas Joy
Grade 1H	Tilda Allberry	Grade 4H	Samuel Penney
Grade 1M	Chris Cocker Skyla Bosua-Flintrop	Grade 4S	Brodie Harvey
Grade 1W	Amaya Anderson	Grade 5B	Elijah Sehler
Grade 2B	Maddison Andriotakis	Grade 5H	Jett Falzon
Grade 2M	Curtis English-Russell	Grade 6E	Mahta Moradiami
Grade 2R	Ethan Madsen	Grade 6H	Cassie Oates
ART	Grade FV	P.E.	Grade 3B
MUSIC	Grade FD	LIBRARY	Grade 3B

Stars of the Week



Week Ending - 1st March 2019

Grade FD	Alexis Perks-Ashdown	Grade 3B	Hailey Hunt
Grade FJ	Kai Hayes	Grade 3F	Aoife Fitzgerald
Grade FV	Cash Neville	Grade 3P	Azriel Tan
Grade 1H	Miranda Lan	Grade 4H	Grace Elliott
Grade 1M	Chloe Harrison	Grade 4S	Chloe Martini
Grade 1W	Michael Fang	Grade 5B	Mackenzie Atkins
Grade 2B	Sammy Davis	Grade 5H	Amy Hao
Grade 2M	Apollonos Karydis	Grade 6E	Jovo Jovanovic
Grade 2R	Harper Moloney	Grade 6H	Levi Bramley
ART		P.E.	Grade 2M
MUSIC	Grade 2B	LIBRARY	Grade FJ

knox your city
Schools Expo

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

KNOX SCHOOLS EXPO
Knox City Council

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.'

GRADE 4 BIKE ED



SCHOOL LEADERS - BADGE PRESENTATIONS





GATER GAMES



Mountain Gate Primary School

OSHC phone: 9758-0531

BSC - 7.00am – 8.45am Monday – Friday

ASC – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Monday – Friday

Dear Parents and children,

- Holiday Clubs are open now. Please go online to book at a centre near you.
- Children In the last few weeks have been enjoying swapping the Coles Fresh Stikees and the Woolworths Disney Pixar characters. If anyone needs any swaps, you are more than welcome to come and see us at our OSHC Program.
- OSHC would like to thank the Qurashi family for donating a beautiful flat screen TV and DVD for our service. The children love it, thank you so much.
- Some activities that the children have been working on are cooking from our healthy Cook Book. Our service now has lactose free milk, soymilk, gluten free flour and flat breads.
- The children have also been working on space as well as dance and music. Next week we will be doing Easter activities as well as having an Easter hamper to raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 4th April in BSC. So we ask parents to bring a toy to go into our hamper. Please no food.

Kind regards

Franca, Samantha & Jaya

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.



There's a rumble in the trees, a whisper in the forest.
 Emerging out, through the clearing, is the new theme for our Autumn Holiday Club -
 Jungle Jam!

Join us for an exploration through all things nature. We've got a roster full of brand-new activities like **The Jungle Bake Off** – where we'll engineer and build a solar-powered oven and bake healthy cookies in it. There's **Enter the Jungle Lab** – where we'll create our own soap and bath bombs (with a surprise twist at the end)! Plus, we have lots more activities, excursions and fun planned for the holidays.

To book now:

Visit: www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs or
 Call: 1300 105 343 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at Jungle Jam.

The Camp Australia Team