



## Dates to Remember

Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	February	Swimming Trials Grade 3 - 6
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	February	Back to school picnic
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	February	Swimming starts – Grades 4- 6
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	February	School Captain applications close
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	February	Nominations for School Council open
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	February	Interview Week starts
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	February	Parent Helpers Information Session – 9.30am
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	February	School Council
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	February	Parent Helpers Information Session – 7.00pm
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	February	District Swimming
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	February	Nominations for School Council close
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	February	PTFA AGM 7.30pm
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	March	Division Swimming
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	March	Gater Games Twilight Sports
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	March	Grade 5 & 6 Leadership Day
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	March	EMR Swimming
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	March	School Council AGM – 7.30pm
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	March	2020 Foundation Tours – 10.00am, 2.30pm & 5.00pm
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	March	GATEWays
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	March	GATEWays
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	Easter Raffle drawn

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Welcome to 2019!

We especially welcome our new families and trust that you soon establish yourselves as happy members of our Gater community and I know we will enjoy a positive and rewarding partnership over the coming years.

I always think that at the beginning of a new school year it is important to not just look at the year ahead, but to also sneak a look backwards at the previous year's achievements. 2018 was particularly successful with Student Survey, Student Academic Results (NAPLAN), Staff Survey and Parent Survey all exceeding state and similar school results. As a community we should be incredibly proud of this. The challenge of course, is to continue this excellent work. 2019 is the final year of our 4 year Strategic Plan and in Term 4 we will undertake a DET School Review. This will be a time of reflection and analysis of results for the past few years. This helps us understand our present priorities and sets the direction for the new Strategic Plan so we can continue to best serve all of our students and the Gater community needs.

The year has begun smoothly with a great sense of energy at every level. Our students and staff are enthusiastically working together in our Tribes and Back to School Week transition activities focusing on 'Together We Are Better'. To conclude Back to School Week activities we will be celebrating with a games morning and picnic lunch on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. A separate note has gone home with details about this.

Student engagement and wellbeing will always be the cornerstone of our culture and our staff had a very productive and enjoyable Curriculum Day last Wednesday working with consultant Jo Lange who will also be returning on 8<sup>th</sup> May to talk to parents and carers about "The Top 20 Tips for Positive Children's Behaviour 3 - 12 Year Olds", so mark this date in your calendar as she is not only very entertaining but also very informative.

Joining our staff this year are Jasmine Downing (FD), Jenna Werner (1W) and Emma Maloni (2M). We look forward to working with them and I know you will make them welcome.

In the week commencing Feb 18<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our "Getting to Know You" Parent Teacher Meetings and we will also be running classroom helper training sessions, both of which are valuable ways of connecting with our school. It is important that at least one parent/carer can attend as this is an ideal opportunity to exchange information and begin building a partnership between home and school. It is well known that a productive partnership between home and school will make a positive difference to your child's education.

**An enormous THANK YOU** to the parents and children who worked busily at our first Working Bee prior to school commencing, ensuring the grounds were in tip top shape when students returned to school. Your time and effort is really appreciated.

**And finally**, remember communication is the key, so please feel free to book an appointment with your child's class teacher, Miss Jackway or myself if you have concerns or need support, help or advice.

Mountain Gate Primary School is a great school achieving great outcomes and all signs point to another incredible and productive school year ahead of us.



*Go Gaters – Together we are better!*

## **Cheryl Sampson**

Principal

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## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Nominations for School Council open on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. A separate flyer will be on display at the office outlining details of the vacancies and what you need to do should you wish to nominate for School Council. Retiring members (after 2 years) are also eligible to renominate. Please contact Mrs Sampson if you would like to know more about School Council.

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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.

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## **PTFA**

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow PTFA members for all your assistance during my time at the school since 2015. I sincerely appreciate all the help you have given me over the 4 years that I was President, we were a great team. I would also like to thank the many parents who have assisted and supported our fundraisers and those who helped on the many BBQ's over the years. I certainly appreciate your successful fund raising efforts and the hard work that you all put in.

I would like to thank our fantastic Principal and Assistant Principal, Cheryl Sampson and Lissa Jackway for their support over the years. I would also like to thank the wonderful Office Staff for all their assistance throughout the year.

As my child has moved onto High School, my time on the PTFA has ended. Therefore, we will be looking for a new President for this wonderful group at the AGM.

If you think you would like to join the PTFA to help raise valuable funds for the school, and make some great friends along the way, please consider attending the upcoming AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> February. Your attendance and assistance in any capacity will be greatly appreciated.

Sandra King  
President PTFA

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## GATER GAMES

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

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

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## SCHOOL CROSSING

It is timely to remind all students and parents of the importance of using our school crossings. To ensure your safety, the school crossings and pedestrian gates should be used at all times. **Please do not park in school staff carparks or use them as a thoroughfare – it is totally unnecessary and unsafe.**

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## COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

When collecting your child from school for dental or medical appointments, parents need to sign them out at the office and collect them from the classroom. Please allow plenty of time to get to your appointment, as we are unable to call children to the office. We strive to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum to maximize student learning.

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## 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](mailto: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.**

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## CSEF (Camps Sports and Excursions Fund)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions 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.

To be eligible for CSEF you must hold a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and a copy of the card must be supplied to the office with your application. Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019, so that payments can be made from March 2019.

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## SUNSMART

In accordance with Mountain Gate P.S. Sunsmart Policy students are required to wear their school sun hat every day in Term One and Term Four please. School hats are available for purchase at the office.

Hats – Broadbrim (size S,M, L & XL)	\$15.00
Hats – Legionnaire (one size fits all)	\$10.00

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## HOUSE T-SHIRT ORDERS

House t-shirts are worn at regular events during the year such as the Gater Games, Tribes activities and house sporting days. These t-shirts enhance team spirit whilst adding a great splash of colour. Once again we are offering you the opportunity to purchase a house t-shirt.

To guarantee timely delivery for our Gater Games on 6<sup>th</sup> March please return orders and payment by next **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February**. Please note that these shirts are a small fit and it is recommended that students try them on prior to ordering. Sizing samples are available at the Office. If you are unsure of your child's house colour, or you have lost the order form, please call into the office. House T-shirts are \$20.00.

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## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

No parent or guardian likes to dwell on the prospect of accidents or injuries to their child, but the reality is that accidents can happen and families often struggle to cope with the financial pressures that follow.

For information regarding affordable Accident Protection for your children please refer to: JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Limited at [www.studenthealth.com.au](http://www.studenthealth.com.au) or EBM Insurance Brokers at [www.studentcover.com.au](http://www.studentcover.com.au)

Please also be aware of the importance of having Ambulance Cover for your family. If an ambulance is required to be called for any injury this cost is not covered by the school.

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## NEWSLETTER

Our school newsletter is produced on a fortnightly basis (Thursdays) and is the best way for families to keep up to date with important information and upcoming events.

The newsletter will be sent to your email address. Hard copies of the newsletter are available from the office. If you need to change your email address, or you did not supply one on the Enrolment Form, please call into the office to update your information.

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## SWIMMING

Just a reminder that swimming for students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 commences on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February. If you have only paid a deposit can you please pay the balance by tomorrow as numbers need to be submitted this week so that groups can be organised. If you are unsure of your balance owing please contact the office.

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# 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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:

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| <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 6<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Stars of the Week



Week Ending - 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Grade FD	Jesse Kingston	Grade 3B	Kye Tasevski
Grade FJ	The Whole Class	Grade 3F	Ryder Bosua-Flintrop
Grade FV	Felix Zemberi	Grade 3P	Alix Banfield
Grade 1H	Raiyan Dhaliwal	Grade 4H	Charlotte Cheng
Grade 1M	Abi Mason	Grade 4S	Millie Oates
Grade 1W	Hudson Trubridge	Grade 5B	Jayden Bosua
Grade 2B	Elizabeth Robertson	Grade 5H	Will Northcott
Grade 2M	Hayden Brady	Grade 6E	Maddie Block
Grade 2R	Kiara Atkins	Grade 6H	Sienna Reese
ART	Grade 3B	P.E.	Grade 2M
MUSIC		LIBRARY	



## Mountain Gate Primary School Student Menu - 2019

Fresh Sandwiches	Price
Vegemite	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.50
Cheese and Tomato	\$2.70
Ham	\$3.00
Tuna with Mayo	\$3.00
Ham and Cheese	\$3.20
Roast Chicken with Mayo	\$3.50
Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$3.50
Salad (lettuce, cucumber, carrot, tomato)	\$3.50
Ham and Salad	\$4.50
Chicken and Salad	\$4.50
Tuna and Salad	\$4.50
Add Cheese	Extra 0.60c
Roll OR Wrap	Extra 0.70c

Toasted Sandwiches	Price
Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese and Vegemite	\$3.20
Cheese and Tomato	\$3.20
Ham and Cheese	\$3.70

Frozen Treats	Price
Pineapple Ring	0.70c
Juice Cup	\$1.00
Ice Cream Cup	\$1.20
Mini Callippo (Raspberry)	\$1.20
Icy Pole Twist	\$1.30
Paddle Pop (Chocolate OR Rainbow)	\$1.50
Moosies (Blue Moon OR Chocolate)	\$1.50
Slush Puppie	\$2.00
Sour Slush Puppie	\$2.20
Twisted Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.50

Hot Food	Price
Garlic Bread	\$1.00
Steamed Dim Sim with Soy Sauce	\$1.00
Corn Cob	\$1.00
Pizza Sub	\$1.00
Sweet Chilli Tender	\$1.70
Chicken Noodle Cup	\$3.00
Beef Noodle Cup	\$3.00
Margarita Pizza	\$3.60
Hawaiian Pizza	\$3.80
Baked Potato Wedges with Chicken Salt	\$4.20
Homemade Fried Rice (Egg Free)	\$4.20
Sweet Chilli Tender Wrap with Lettuce and Mayo	\$4.20
Roast Chicken Wrap with Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.20
Pasta Twista Bolognese	\$4.50
Beef Lasagne	\$4.50
Macaroni Cheese	\$4.50
Chicken Burger with Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50
Beef Burger with Tomato, Lettuce & Cheese	\$4.50
Homemade Mash Potato & Beef Meatballs with Gravy Sauce	\$4.50

Drinks	Price
Just Juice (Apple, Orange OR Apple & Blackcurrant)	\$2.00
Hot Chocolate with Marshmallow	\$2.00
Big M (Chocolate OR Strawberry)	\$2.20
Focus Sports Water (Blackcurrant or Raspberry)	\$2.50
Quench Flavoured Water	\$2.50

Snacks	Price
Homemade Chocolate Truffle Ball	0.50c
Corntos (Tangy Cheese)	\$1.00
Homemade Chocolate Muffin	\$1.00
Jelly cup	\$1.00
Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00
Homemade Giant Cookies	\$1.30
JJ's Snacks (Chicken OR Salt & Vinegar)	\$1.30
Lite Apple Pie	\$2.50

### NOTE TO PARENTS:

1. Vouchers will be given for frozen items and noodles to be redeemed at lunch time.
2. Do not forget to add 30c extra for tomato sauce and 20c for a paper bag
3. If your child forgets to bring their lunch a simple sandwich and a small snack will be provided and an invoice will be sent home for payment the following day.
4. **DO NOT STAPLE LUNCH ORDER BAGS**
5. Check the newsletter for any specials or meal deals available.

**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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## Mountain Gate Primary School OSHC phone: 9758-0531

**BSC - 7.00am – 8.45am Monday – Friday**  
**ASC – 3.30pm – 6.00pm Monday – Friday**



Welcome back everyone,

We had a great start for Term 1. Welcome to all our new families. During Term 1 we will be working on our Enrolments and Medical updates so please ensure all your details are up to date before your child commences in our care.

If you have any concerns about our program, or your child, please contact Camp Australia and talk to one of our friendly staff.

This term will be celebrating friendship with a Friendship Day on 14<sup>th</sup> February with lots of activities and cooking.

Kind regards  
Franca, Samantha & Jaya

### How to get started

Before using our programs please register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://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. To find out more about the Program Fees call Camp Australia on 1300 105 343.

### 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 you child/children will be attending and chase them up if they forget to attend.

### Non-Attendance of 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.