

Dates to Remember

Monday	8 th	March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday	10 th	March	Gater Games
Friday	12 th	March	Eastern Metropolitan Region Swimming
Monday	15 th	March	Nick Wakeling presenting leadership badges at assembly
Monday	15 th	March	Classroom Helpers Program – 9.30am
Wednesday	17 th	March	Classroom Helpers Program – 7.00pm
Wednesday	17 th	March	2022 Foundation Tours – 10.00am, 2.30pm and 5.00pm
Wednesday	17 th	March	School Council AGM – 7.30pm
Thursday	18 th	March	School Photos
Monday	22 nd	March	Grade 5 & 6 Leadership Day
Wednesday	24 th	March	GATEWays
Thursday	25 th	March	GATEWays
Thursday	1 st	April	Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm Dismissal
Friday	2 nd	April	Good Friday

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

GATER GAMES

How exciting – we can finally have a school event. The Gater Games are happening on Wednesday March 10th from 5.00pm - 7.00pm. We have registered the Gater Games and will need to abide by Government COVID Safe guidelines. There will be a **QR code** at Gates and around the school and upon arrival you are asked to register with this.

Please observe social distancing in your family groups when watching your children, purchasing soft drinks or using facilities. Remember to practice good hygiene and wear a mask if you can't social distance.

It is imperative that you self-assess for any COVID symptoms prior to attending and if feeling unwell, have a temperature or cough or have been in contact with someone who has COVID, that you do not attend.

This is always a fun filled night for students and their families and given we haven't had any events for so long I am really looking forward to it.

ATTENDANCE

I want to congratulate families on ensuring that you children are attending school every day, unless they are sick. Attendance so far has been excellent and this is the way it should be!

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick. Attendance is an important contributor to a student's academic achievement – all school days matter.



SCHOOL LEADERS

Our School Captains, House Captains/Vice Captains and Junior School Council Representatives have now been appointed and on Monday March 5th we will have an official badge presentation at Assembly.

Congratulations to Leilea Cocker and Nathan Wang 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 Leilea Cocker and Nathan Wang

Armstrong

HOUSE CAPTAIN – Will Bence & Marlie Moloney

VICE CAPTAIN – Connor Wood-Dawson & Mila Sehler

Curry

HOUSE CAPTAIN – AJ Vethecan & Seyara Kulasoorya

VICE CAPTAIN – Bryce Trubridge & Ishani Deshpande

Bradman

HOUSE CAPTAIN – Luke Ziza & Mia Burridge

VICE CAPTAIN – Blake Phillips & Charlotte Smithells

Gardner

HOUSE CAPTAIN – Charlie Ding & Bella Goodall

VICE CAPTAIN – Cameron Smith & Alix Banfield

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Hudson McGowan, Daniel Robertson, Kira Bedford, Lilly Young, Boston Cao, Ava Spencer, Charlotte Cheng, Millie Oates, Koby McCarthy, Winnie McPherson, Jack Rock & Grace Allan

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. I have great confidence that all of our 2021 leaders will be great role models and do a fabulous job for our school.

ASSEMBLY FOR BADGE PRESENTATION

We will be presenting school leadership badges at Assembly on Monday 15th March 2021 at 9.00am. We will be holding an open air assembly on the turf at the front of the school near the Grade 3/4 building.

The Hon Nick Wakeling MP will present badges to our students and of course we hope you are able to attend. Lets keep our fingers crossed for good weather.

It's been a busy start to the year. Our Gaters appear happy and engaged demonstrating all of our agreements. It's just terrific to all be onsite and I am really enjoying wandering around our classrooms having a chat and seeing our children so busily absorbed in their learning.

I look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday at the mighty Gater Games!

Great to be a Gater!

Cheryl Sampson

Principal



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Appreciation
Attentive Listening
Right to Pass
Aim High*

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 or EBM Insurance Brokers at 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.

REFUND OF BOOKLIST

Thank you to all our families who have paid their booklist for 2021. Congratulations to Sona Kanda's family who were the lucky recipients of a refund of their school fees.

The draw took place at assembly on Monday 8th February.

DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS

On Friday 26th February Mountain Gate sent a team of 25 students to represent our school at the District Swimming Carnival. Students qualified after being invited to complete the swimming trials held at Aquanation earlier in the Term.

I am proud of the effort that all of our students put in on the day, not only to compete but to behave, cheer and support each other throughout the carnival. Our 'Gater' spirit and culture was well and truly on display with our students cheering the loudest from the sidelines.

It was great to see ribbons making their way back to the grandstands, after coming up against some very tough competition on the day. Mountain Gate finished 7th overall, but a big congratulations is in order for all of our swimmers for making us proud. Thank you to Ms. Jackway for her assistance on the day with her brilliant cheering and marshalling of students.

We wished Bryce Trubridge, Nathan Wang, Charlotte Smithells, Azriel Tan and Grace Allan all the best at the Division Swimming Carnival which was held on 3rd of March at Croydon Memorial Pool.

Results

A events

Under 10's Charlotte Smithells – Breaststroke 3 rd - Butterfly – 1st Under 10 Open Relay team - Reece Papp, Erica Hansen, Sophie Robertson, Harper Moloney– 3 rd Under 10 Girls Relay team – Charlotte Smithells, Emily Block, Sienna Quick, Adlyn Tan - 3 rd	B Events
Under 10's Adlyn Tan – Freestyle 3 rd – Backstroke 2 nd Harper Moloney – Breaststroke 1 st Emily Block – Breaststroke 3 rd	Under 11's Kye Tasevski – Freestyle 3 rd Indi Williamson- Breaststroke 3 rd
Under 11's Azriel Tan – Freestyle 2 nd – Backstroke 3 rd Bryce Trubridge – Breaststroke 2 nd Butterfly 3 rd Grace Allan – Breaststroke 2 nd	Under 12's Mila Sehler – Freestyle 3 rd Jack Rock – Breaststroke 3 rd Marlie Moloney – Breaststroke 1 st
Under 12's Nathan Wang – Backstroke 1 st Harrison Mitchell – Breaststroke 3 rd Under 12 Open Relay team – Nathan Wang, Daniel Robertson, Harrison Mitchell, Jack Rock - 3 rd	

FOOTY TIPPING

With the football season quickly approaching its time to consider joining our footy tipping competition for 2021! If you are interested in joining the Mountain Gate Primary School footy tipping competition please return the form, with \$10 included per entry. Half of the funds will be awarded as prize money and the other half will be used on replacing and buying new sporting equipment for our 'Gaters'.

Instructions to join the league will be sent home once payment and forms have been received. I look forward to seeing you all get on board for season 2021 and most importantly GO SAINTS!

DIVISION SWIMMING

On Wednesday 3rd March, Charlotte Smithells (Under 10's Butterfly), Azriel Tan (Under 11's Freestyle), Bryce Trubridge (Under 11's Breaststroke and Butterfly), Grace Allan (Under 11's Breaststroke) and Nathan Wang (Under 12's Backstroke) competed at the Knox Division swimming finals held at Croydon Memorial Pool.

On an overcast and chilly day our students braved the cold and competed in their individual event in which they finished 1st or 2nd in at the recent District Swimming Carnival.

Our competitors came up against the best swimmers in the Knox Division and all swam valiantly in their hopes to achieve a personal best time and to make it through to the Regional Finals. I am proud of all of our students for completing their events with a positive attitude and for applying their best effort during their races. Charlotte Smithells and Azriel Tan narrowly missed out on qualifying for the regional finals by finishing 3rd in their events, while Bryce Trubridge finished 2nd in his Breaststroke event and 3rd in the Butterfly will be Mountain Gates sole representative at the Eastern Metropolitan Swimming Finals held at Boroondara Sports Complex on Friday 12th March. We wish him all the best in his race!

Results

Charlotte Smithells Under 10's Butterfly – 3rd

Azriel Tan Under 11's Freestyle – 3rd

Bryce Trubridge Under 11's Breaststroke - 2nd, Butterfly - 3rd

Grace Allan Under 11's Breaststroke - 7th

Nathan Wang Under 12's Backstroke - 6th

Sam Dennett
P.E. Teacher

Mountain Gate Primary School

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Thursday, 18 March 2021

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Stars of the Week

Week Ending - 12th February 2021



Grade FJ	Anya Mahesh	A positive approach to all of her learning.
Grade FM	Indie Easton	For always being so kind.
Grade FV	Louie Banhidi	For coming to school with a great attitude!
Grade 1H	Dexter Gao	For being an amazing role model for 1H! Always aiming high! WOWZAA!
Grade 1M	Max Lamont	An excellent student who always 'Aims High' with his work.
Grade 1W	Zach Block	For an outstanding week & always aiming high!
Grade 2B	Maria Yasir	For being a kind and respectful Gater at all times!
Grade 2M	Jaxon Helfer	For making smart choices on the floor and listening attentively!
Grade 2R	Bella Pang	For her incredible effort in all area of her learning. Super Gater!
Grade 3B	Darsh Shah	For showing us his great mental strategies.
Grade 3F	Skyla Bosua-Flintropp	For amazing number knowledge when working out patters.
Grade 3P	Weier Dai	For being one of the most helpful students in 3P – SUPERSTAR!
Grade 4B	Sophie Robertson	For being friendly, helpful and cheerful.
Grade 4S	Bella Oates	For being a caring and kind Gater.
Grade 5D	Addison Quick	For excellent work in maths and being a champion.
Grade 5H	Meika Kensey	Aiming high consistently and being an excellent class member.
Grade 6E	Lily King	A hard working student completing all tasks to a high standard.
Grade 6H	Mia Burridge	For excellent work with graphs and helping other students.

Stars of the Week

Week Ending - 19th February 2021



Grade FJ	Whole Class	For being outstanding on-line learners.
Grade FM	Milan Hren	For being an awesome on-line learner. Great enthusiasm.
Grade FV	Kalani Beswick	For great focus in class.
Grade 1H	Harry Thomas	For being an amazing online and classroom student!. BAZINGA!
Grade 1M	Kavya Kavathiya	Super organized throughout remote learning.
Grade 1W	Charlie Woodmansey	For being an outstanding student and always aiming high.
Grade 2B	Feliz Zemberi	For aiming high and always listening attentively.
Grade 2M	Jessica Olney	For always lending a hand and being a nice friend!
Grade 2R	Mikayla Fitzgerald	For aiming high in all areas of her learning. Well done Mikayla!
Grade 3B	Ebony Toogood	For always being an attentive listener in class and on line, well done!
Grade 3F	Jax Henson	For being a responsible learner and aiming high.
Grade 3P	Avelynn Tan	For being an outstanding worker and even taking the time to help others.
Grade 4B	Sienna Quick	For being an online learning champ and a great kid.
Grade 4S	Max Thomas	For aiming high with his work.
Grade 5D	Alix Banfield	For being a kind and thoughtful friend and aiming high.
Grade 5H	Jason Papadopoulos	For being friendly and helpful.
Grade 6E	Ava O'Shea	For helping her classmates with their work.
Grade 6H	Will Bence	Helping his friends with work during online learning.

Stars of the Week

Week Ending - 26th February 2021



Grade FJ	Zoe Cameron	Wonderful recount writing.
Grade FM	Jed Will	For giving everything a go and working well with his peers.
Grade FV	Layla Kensey	Great measuring!
Grade 1H	Jed Mitchell	Amazing writing this week! WOWEE JED!
Grade 1M	Lee Allan	Willing to work with lots of new friends in our room.
Grade 1W	Anthony Di Martino	Fantastic focus in class. Great work!
Grade 2B	Samanyu Dhapre	For being a literacy whizz aiming high with his work!
Grade 2M	Ryder Wild	For being sensible on the floor and giving 5!
Grade 2R	Oscar Blundell	Mathletics whizz and completing all his Quests!
Grade 3B	Hamish Goodall	For being so friendly and chatty to everyone. A great Gater!
Grade 3F	Campbell Atkins	For using his mental strategies to work out addition sums. A maths wiz.
Grade 3P	Mason McCarthy	For being a mathematics champion and challenging himself!
Grade 4B	Hayden Brady	For always aiming high and doing great work.
Grade 4S	Kiara Atkins	For being a bucket filler.
Grade 5D	Isabella Williams	For aiming high and always being polite & kind.
Grade 5H	Jelena Jovanovic	For being very good at following directions and doing her work neatly.
Grade 6E	Hudson McGowan	For taking on the challenge to extend himself with his persuasive writing.
Grade 6H	Hayley Buzza	Always being helpful and a good friend to others.
ART		
MUSIC	Grade 5D	For being awesome.
P.E.	Grade 2B	
LIBRARY		

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.'

SWIMMING SPORTS



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22nd - 26th March



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