

Dates to Remember

Monday	22 nd	March	Grade 5 & 6 Leadership Day
Wednesday	24 th	March	GATEWays
Thursday	25 th	March	GATEWays
Thursday	25 th	March	Easter Fundraiser – raffle tickets & donations due
Thursday	1 st	April	Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm Dismissal
Friday	2 nd	April	Good Friday
Monday	19 th	April	First Day of Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to our new and returning School Councillors. This is a wonderful reflection on our community which is brimming with energy and enthusiasm.

MGPS 2021 School Council Members are:

Executive Officer: Cheryl Sampson President: Belinda Short Vice President: Hayley Quick

Parent Members: Sam Cao, Kris Egan, Zoe Angeli, Samantha Bray-Smith Komac, Bryan McGowan

DET Members: Ashley Eimermacher, Di Bence, Lissa Jackway

Community Member: Debbie Fowkes

We are very lucky to have such a supportive group of parents working voluntarily for the benefit of the entire Gater community.

I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank retiring School Council DET Member Ainsley Hall for his work on School Council over the past 20 years. His active support and contribution to a broad range of school activities has been much appreciated. He has seen tremendous change in the school during his time on Council and has certainly weeded lots of garden beds and cooked a sausage or two over many school BBQs and attended one heck of a lot of meetings and subcommittee meetings. A massive thankyou from the Gaters Ainsley!

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

We have participated in this day for several years and will again this Friday in our Tribes groups. Students will be looking at 'I' am the 'I' in kindness whilst at the same time developing their resilience and understanding of what constitutes bullying and what actions we as a community can take against it.

As part of our National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, you will have noticed that your child brought home a pledge from their Tribes session and accompanying this was our Tribes Agreements leaflet. I encourage you to read and discuss this together and then please sign this form and return it to school next week.



What a great week at school it has been with children engaged in so many different activities. Make sure you ask what did you learn today?

Great to be a Gater!

Cheryl Sampson
Principal

EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL FINAL

A special congratulations to Azriel Tan (under 11s Freestyle) and Bryce Trubridge (under 11s Breaststroke) who competed at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional swimming finals held at Booroondara Sports Complex on 12th March.

The boys swam valiantly against some of the very best swimmers in the state and once again represented Mountain Gate proudly. Congratulations on progressing so far. Well done boys!

FOOTY TIPPING

A reminder to all of our families that our community footy tipping competition starts **tonight!**

If you would like to join the competition, it is \$10 per entry and details of how to join will be sent home. For those families who are participating make sure to go to <https://www.footytips.com.au/> (espn footytips) and register before the first bounce tonight using the details that were handed back.

Good Luck Tipsters!

Sam Dennett
P.E. Teacher

PTFA

Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns

Who doesn't like delicious, mouth watering, freshly baked Hot Cross Buns!

Why not support your school and order your Hot Cross Buns through our fundraiser? There is a flavour for every taste and we're sure you won't be disappointed. Don't forget to ask your family & friends to order their Hot Cross Buns from you. Bakers Delight are supporting the school and donating \$2.00 from every packet sold.

Order forms were sent home this week. If you didn't receive one call past the office for one.

Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns – 6 pkt
Traditional, Choc Chip, Apple & Cinnamon, Mocha or Fruitless
Cost: \$8.00 per packet

Please return Order Form & money by Wednesday 24th March 2021
Delivery Date: Wednesday 31st March 2021

Easter Fundraiser

Our Easter fundraiser for this year is now underway. We are asking children to bring along an Easter item to place in the grade's hamper. We are hoping to have 18 great hampers for our raffle. A book of 5 tickets was sent home to each family. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Please ensure donated items and raffle tickets are sent to school by Thursday 25th March to give our members a chance to wrap the hampers. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Monday 29th March. Extra tickets are available at the office.

HEADLICE

We have had a number of head lice cases reported to the office this week. Over the weekend, please **take the time to thoroughly check** your children's hair. A weekly check followed by treatment if needed will then help to keep lice under control.

Children with head lice get this through no fault of their own; it is usually passed on by head-to-head contact. Controlling the head lice outbreaks can be done by weekly checks of your child's hair using conditioner (any cheap conditioner will do).

FINDING HEADLICE

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them.

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs, which end in a claw and rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm. of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can't be brushed off. Lice can crawl and hide.

The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

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

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.

If head lice are found you must treat the hair with a solution that you can purchase from the chemist or supermarket. After treating the hair it is imperative that you remove all eggs from the hair (NO TREATMENT WILL KILL EGGS). You are then required to **retreat the hair in 7 to 10 days time. (Refer to instructions on product used)**

Please note that children with live lice are excluded from attending School until appropriate treatment has commenced.

Stars of the Week

Week Ending - 5th March 2021




Grade FJ	Mazenta	For being a great listener and aiming high when completing his work.
Grade FM	Max	For trying his best in all his classes. Keep it up mate!
Grade FV	Emily	For a terrific week of learning!
Grade 1H	Alex	For being a tremendous work-a-holic! Great work legend!!
Grade 1M	Hayley	Working hard trying her best.
Grade 1W	Robbie	Working hard and always aiming high.
Grade 2B	Annabella	For being a respectful Gater who always aims high!
Grade 2M	Alexis	For aiming high and for always giving a helping hand!
Grade 2R	Harper	For a great week of learning and giving everything a good go!
Grade 3B	Ellie	For being so cheery and bringing the laughs to 3B.
Grade 3F	Lily	For being super motivated to complete all her work.
Grade 3P	Amaya	For having a simply outstanding week of learning. Amazing Amaya!!
Grade 4B	Beau	Writing superstar and aiming high!
Grade 4S	Bella	For being a caring and kind person.
Grade 5D	Koby	For being friendly and helpful to those in class.
Grade 5H	Bryce	For making it to the next stage of swimming.
Grade 6E	Daniel	For being a great friend and sharing with others.
Grade 6H	Charlotte	Making sure everyone has hand sanitizer and being more polite than the whole world combined.

Stars of the Week

Week Ending - 12th March 2021



Grade FJ	Ari	For showing the Gater spirit by having a go at recount writing.
Grade FM	Yaya	For always having beautiful manners and being a good friend.
Grade FV	River	For aiming high and working on her colouring.
Grade 1H	Chloe	For being an amazing Gater and writing an amazing recount! Wow!
Grade 1M	Balen	For excellent reading to Mrs Moloney.
Grade 1W	Melanie	For always being ready to learn.
Grade 2B	Will	For aiming high and doing his best listening! Go Will!
Grade 2M	Yusuf	For being super helpful and helping clean up after Gater Games!
Grade 2R	Phoebe	For always bringing her bright and bubbly personality into our classroom!
Grade 3B	Gabe	For joining in and answering more questions in class.
Grade 3F	Chris	For overcoming a stressful situation and achieving excellent results.
Grade 3P	Noah	For having a fantastic work ethic and trying his best in everything he does. SUPERSTAR!
Grade 4B	James	For being a hard working kind and caring student.
Grade 4S	Adlyn	For always completing all of her class tasks and being kind to others.
Grade 5D	Blake	For having a great week and aiming high.
Grade 5H	Siennah	For working well in reading and writing and being a great friend.
Grade 6E	Cruze	For improving his mathematical understating of multiplication.
Grade 6H	Ava	For trying with her work and improving her confidence with multiplication.



FAIRHILLS
HIGH SCHOOL
KNOX

DISCOVERY — NIGHT —

TUESDAY 27th APRIL 2021
From 6.30pm

Meet us in the Performing Arts
Centre to begin your Discovery!



Scoresby Road Knoxfield **Telephone** 9758 5022
Email fairhills.hs@education.vic.gov.au

Register @ www.fairhillshs.vic.edu.au

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.'

LEADERSHIP BADGE PRESENTATION



Starts next week!



Whether your child calls it Handball, Downball or 4-Square – it's the game that they all know and love.



Handball, also known as Downball and 4-Square, is every child's favourite sport. The sound of every recess and lunchtime bell signifies another opportunity to compete with friends.

We wanted to give children a chance to prove themselves on the big stage - so we are excited to introduce the Handball Championships.

For more information visit
www.campaaustralia.com.au/handball

Register for
Handball now
through your
Parent Portal

Key Dates

8 - 19
March

Official Practice in After School Care
at *Your OSHC*

22 - 26
March

Service Championships in After School
Care at *Your OSHC*

School
Holidays

Rocketeers Championships
*More information on our website

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May

Regional Championships

A message from your Coordinator

Hi Families,

The Handball Championship practice has started with a bang - and the children are loving it! We've now only got a short amount of time left to practice before the OSHC Championship Week begins. A service winner will be crowned and receive a paper trophy made by their peers.

It's free to register with Camp Australia

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Prizes

Total prize pool of \$12,000 split
across all Regional Champions.

Plus, each Your OSHC and
Rocketeers Service Champion
wins a Trophy!



Visit www.campaaustralia.com.au/handball for more information



