

Dates to Remember

Thursday	1 st	April	Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm Dismissal
Monday	19 th	April	First Day of Term 2
Thursday	22 nd	April	Grade 6 Public Speaking program
Friday	23 rd	April	Foundation & Gr 1 Footsteps Dance commences
Wednesday	5 th	May	Mothers' Day Stall
Friday	7 th	May	District Athletics
Monday	10 th	May	Dental Van visit
Tuesday	11 th	May	Dental Van visit
Tuesday	11 th	May	Mini Beasts Incursion Grade 2
Wednesday	12 th	May	Dental Van visit
Thursday	13 th	May	Dental Van visit
Friday	14 th	May	House Cross Country
Tuesday	18 th	May	Grade 2 Gymnastics program
Friday	21 st	May	Girls Footy Competition
Friday	11 th	June	Curriculum Day – no students
Monday	14 th	June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

END OF TERM 1

Once again Term 1 has flown by ever so quickly. It feels like only yesterday when we were welcoming families back to school and now it's Easter!

As always life at school has been action packed with many extra curricula activities making for a very productive and busy time for all. Highlights have been: Back to School Week with our whole school picnic, Gater Games, Tribes sessions, the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, Swimming Sports, Gr 5 & 6 Student Leadership Day, GATEWays, Bike Ed, Parent-Teacher Meetings and of course a visit from the Easter Bunny!

We always strive to have a school experience that is welcoming, culturally safe, inclusive, respectful and enjoyable. We pride ourselves on fostering students' positive physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development by extending their unique talents by tailoring learning experiences to each student's individual needs and interests. As a learning community we should be incredibly proud of what we are doing at Mountain Gate and I congratulate all our students for their achievements in and out of the classroom.

On behalf of our teachers I thank you for your continued support and hope you have the opportunity to spend time with friends and family over the school holiday break and we will see you all again on Monday 19th April.

Listening to the laughter and buzz of our children in the playground on such a beautiful Autumn day, it certainly is great to be a Gater!

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Cheryl Sampson
Principal



PLANNING FOR 2022

I know it seems difficult to imagine but we are already planning for next year. We have already conducted school tours for over 40 families who are interested in Foundation for next year. This means places will fill very quickly.

If you are currently a member of our school community and have a child ready to commence school next year (2022) or know of someone local who might be wanting to attend please contact us and let us know, so we are aware of numbers and can provide a place for your child and of course complete an Enrolment Form asap.

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Easter Raffle

Thank you to all our families who donated Easter items and purchased raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle.

Raffle winners were:

Jonathan Peng, Hannah Zeng, Jayden Cichowicz, Isaac Connors, Fraser Short, Max Lamont, Will Bence, Leo Burns, Hudson McGowan, Emily Mackay-Scollay, Bailey Boersma, Archie Clark, Aria Pedler, Mya Nutbean, Fiona Ramanayake, Mrs Porter (office), Moloney Family.

Hot Cross Buns

Thank you to all our families who placed an order for Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns. All orders have now been delivered. We hope you have a wonderful Easter and a safe and happy holiday.

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Stars of the Week

Week Ending - 19th March 2021



Grade FJ	Sandra	For always aiming high and trying her best.
Grade FM	Whole Class	For being amazing while Miss Munn was away.
Grade FV	Harrison	For great focus at all times.
Grade 1H	Harry	For being an amazing Gater and always contributing to class discussions!
Grade 1M	Melody	For using a wonderful snake-voice when participating in a Reader's Theatre activity.
Grade 1W	Jason	For always aiming high and being wonderful member of 1W.
Grade 2B	Carter	For being a superstar in Reading Groups this week!
Grade 2M	Scarlett	For being such a hard worker and being so kind to everyone!
Grade 2R	Breanna	Super Gater! Aiming high in all that she does!
Grade 3B	Jake	For being a kind friend and letting others play with him.
Grade 3F	Mitchell	For being an enthusiastic learner and aiming high!
Grade 3P	Bella	For being an absolute DIPL superstar! Keep up the amazing work Bella!
Grade 4B	Jasper	The quiet achiever. Always getting his work done to a high standard.
Grade 4S	Daniel	
Grade 5D	Winnie	For helping others with work and helping in the classroom.
Grade 5H	Mila	Being extremely kind during Tribes and a lovely, smart member of the class.
Grade 6E	Jack	For an excellent job researching Queen and creating his slideshow.
Grade 6H	Harry	Always trying hard in laps and aiming high.
Art Award	Grade 1M	
P.E. Award	Grade 4B	

Stars of the Week

Week Ending - 26th March 2021



Grade FJ	Shuli	For being an all round wonderful 'Gater'.
Grade FM	Ayla	For being the best classroom helper to her friends & Miss Munn.
Grade FV	Senara	For being a good hard working and kind Gater.
Grade 1H	Yvonne	For always aiming high with her work and always being friendly to Mr Hallett!
Grade 1M	Morrison	For rocking his new glasses while working hard all week.
Grade 1W	Isabelle	For always being responsible and challenging herself in all lessons.
Grade 2B	Jay	For being a GREAT GATE! Good luck at your new school!
Grade 2M	Harper	For aiming high in his work and being responsible.
Grade 2R	Amelia	For an awesome week of learning and reading!
Grade 3B	Piper	Making a huge improvement in working out change – blitzed it!
Grade 3F	Kye	For being a money wizard, ching, ching, ching! ! !
Grade 3P	Amelia	For cheering up her friends and classmates when they are feeling sad.
Grade 4B	Kimberley	For being a positive and hardworking member of 4B. YOU ROCK!
Grade 4S	Sammy	For always being a good sport.
Grade 5D	Cam	For working hard and helping others all week.
Grade 5H	Meika	Being a star in class and always caring for others.
Grade 6E	AJ	Caring for others and checking if they are OK.
Grade 6H	Nathan	For being an encouraging teammate throughout Leadership Day.
Music Award	Grade 5 & 6	All the 5/6's for doing an amazing job with their auditions.

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.'

WORKING BEE THANK YOU

A big thank you goes to School Council and the many families who were able to attend our recent Working Bee. Lots of hands made the tasks easier and we were able to achieve a lot of small jobs.





Knox Easter School Holiday Program

5-16 April

your city

Knox has a fun-filled, creative and affordable range of activities for kids these School Holidays.

This Easter, come and get your hands dirty, create something special, and get up close and personal with dinosaurs!



Fluffy Easter Egg Slime Workshops

Join Fizz Kidz to make super fluffy Easter egg slime! Every child has the opportunity to explore colours, scents and glitters as they personalise their fabulous take home creations.

Date: Thursday 8 April

Times: 10:00am (4-8 year old) and 1:00pm (9 years of age and over)

Location: Knox Community Arts Centre

Duration: 1 Hour

Tickets: \$16

For ages: 10:00am session: 4-8 year olds & 1:00pm session: 9 years of age and over



Dinomania School Holiday Feature Show

Dinomania is a family show spectacular that allows imaginations to run wild.

The audience will embark on an exhilarating journey back to an age when dinosaurs roamed the earth, and come face to face with FOUR dinosaurs!

Date: Tuesday 13 April

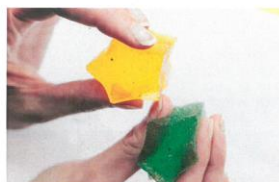
Time: 11:00am

Location: Knox Community Arts Centre

Duration: 60 minutes, plus meet and greet

Tickets: Adult \$15, Child \$12, Family (4 people) \$45

For all ages



Wobbly Soap Workshops

Join Fizz Kidz to make super fun wobbly soap (that seriously wobbles!). Every child has the opportunity to explore colours, scents and glitters as they personalise their fabulous take home creations.

Date: Thursday 15 April

Times: 10:00am (4-8 year old) and 1:00pm (9 years of age and over)

Location: Ferntree Gully Community Arts Centre

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: \$16

For ages: 10:00am session: 4-8 year olds & 1:00pm session: 9 years of age and over



Pottery Workshops - Hand Building Creations

Children will enjoy creative skill development within a fun, small group setting mentored by our experienced arts tutors. All pottery workshops offer firing of work, for collection at a later date.

Day	Date	Times	Theme
Mon	5 April	Public Holiday	No Workshops
Wed	7 April	10:00am and 1:00pm	A Wooley Sheep or a Hen on a nest
Fri	9 April	10:00am and 1:00pm	A Wooley Sheep or a Hen on a nest
Mon	12 April	10:00am and 1:00pm	A Turtle or a Sunflower Bowl
Wed	14 April	10:00am and 1:00pm	A Turtle or a Sunflower Bowl
Fri	16 April	10:00am and 1:00pm	A Turtle or a Sunflower Bowl

Location: Ferntree Gully Community Arts Centre

Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: \$14.50

For ages: 6+

For more information and to book tickets, go to knox.vic.gov.au/schoolholidays or call 9729 7287



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