

## Dates to Remember

Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	May	Mothers' Day Stall
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	May	District Athletics
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	May	Dental Van visit
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	May	Dental Van visit
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	May	Mini Beasts Incurion Grade 2
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	May	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	May	Dental Van visit
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	May	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	May	Dental Van visit
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	May	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	May	House Cross Country
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	May	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	May	Grade 2 Gymnastics program
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	May	Girls Footy Competition
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	June	Curriculum Day – no students
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Recently I have been a little concerned at the increase in absence and late arrival to school. Everyone aged from 6 – 17 has to go to school every day.

Even just missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. If you add that up over the a child's total school time from Foundation to Year 12 that adds up to one whole year of school absent!

Please have a think about that fact next time you and your child are just having a 'day off' as every day adds up.

Being absent and even being consistently late means lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn.

Of course a child should not attend school if they are genuinely ill and with COVID restrictions this is even more important, but just having a day off because your child doesn't feel like going to school is really not a good idea at all.

### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS AWAY?

DET guidelines means we have to account for every child every day. The school and Parents/Carers need to know where children are so it is essential that you contact the school and let us know please. This can either be by phone 9758-2811 or email a quick message – [mountain.gate.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:mountain.gate.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

If you do this it saves us numerous calls. If you do happen to get a courtesy call from us we ask that you please return a call or email the school so we know that everyone is safe and accounted for.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN is coming soon. Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Students undertake national testing in areas of Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. As in all school life, students are encouraged to aim high and attempt every question.

This year NAPLAN will be conducted on May 11, 12, 13 and 14.

For some students the day is no different to any other day and other students might become a bit anxious about the whole “test” experience. Parents can assist by encouraging their children to try their best, read the questions carefully and check their answers. However we need to keep in mind it is a “snap shot” of one day in their education and it doesn’t define everything that a child does or does not know. I would remind families that this is not the primary measure of student success; in fact it is only one of many factors that combine to provide for complete student assessment.



If you do not wish for your child to undertake NAPLAN testing please speak to me.

In Term 3 Parents/Carers will receive a copy of their child’s actual results and a pamphlet that explains how to interpret the report.

**A big congratulations** to those students who are representing the Gaters in the District Athletics Competition next week. We are very proud of your effort and commitment to training over the past few weeks and know you will represent our school so well! A hearty ‘Go Gaters!’ and good luck!

*Great to be a Gater*

Cheryl Sampson  
Principal

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## P.E. NEWS

### Running Club

Running club is continuing to run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.40 – 9:00. Running club provides a great opportunity for students to improve their fitness and earn laps for their class totals. It is open for all students and with the House Cross Country (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May) quickly approaching, I would love to see more students down on the track.

### Athletics Training

Congratulations to all of our students who were selected for the District Athletics team after achieving outstanding results in Term 1. All of our students from Grade 3-6 should be proud of themselves after they put in an amazing effort improving a variety of Athletic skills throughout Term 1.

Students selected for the team have been busy at lunch times practising for their events in the lead up to the District Athletics day held at the Knox Athletics Track on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. If you are planning on attending on the day please sign in using the provided QR codes upon entry to the track.

Good luck to competitors and fingers crossed we can take home the elusive Athletics championship for 2021!

### PMP

PMP is planned to start up in week 3 of this Term on Tuesdays between 11:30am and 1.00pm for our Foundation students. PMP is a great program for our younger students to help them develop a solid foundation of perceptual motor skills to build upon as they progress with their P.E journey throughout the year.

If you would like to assist in your child’s learning, please return the PMP notice as soon as possible so I can put together a parent roster.  
Thanks.

### Footy Tips

After a busy start to the football season our lovely office ladies Judith (xylophonist 42) and Jenny (Monty Swans 20) find themselves on top of the footy tipping ladder with Issy K (39) and Brooke\_Archie (39) not too far behind! With plenty of rounds to go, who can catch them?

Sam Dennett  
P.E. Teacher

## PTFA

The PTFA will be holding the Mothers' Day Stall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

All students will have the opportunity to visit the stall and purchase up to two gifts, ranging from \$1 to \$6.

Don't forget to give your child a few dollars, so that they can purchase a gift or two for that special person. Please also provide your child with a carry bag to take their gifts home on the day.

Once again, we will need volunteers to help set up and serve on the stall. The stall will commence at 9.00am in the hall until 11.00am. If you are able to assist, please return the slip below to the office.

Thank you for supporting our school.

PTFA

## Stars of the Week

Week Ending - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021



Grade FJ	Evan	For being a 'superstar' helper in Computer Lab.
Grade FM	Jonathan	For always aiming high in his work. Keep it up mate!
Grade FV	The Whole Class	For a terrific term!
Grade 1H	Yug	For being an absolute mega star and always aiming high! Whoop Whoop!
Grade 1M	Isla	Working enthusiastically right up to the end of term!
Grade 1W	Chloe	For always aiming high and challenging herself.
Grade 2B	Sienna	For improving so much with her spelling!
Grade 2M	Blake	For coming to school everyday with a smile and being an amazing Gater!
Grade 2R	Alex	Puts !00% into everything he does. Alex is a super Gater!
Grade 3B	Nakoa	For always being a kind, caring and so helpful to all.
Grade 3F	Jax	For working hard to improve his handwriting.
Grade 3P	Michael	For sharing kindness in the classroom and always being polite!
Grade 4B	The Whole Grade	Thanks for being a pack of little legends!
Grade 4S	Curtis	For being a great friend and helping lots of people.
Grade 5D	Keiley	For being an excellent helper in class!
Grade 5H	Hamish	Working well in all activities and being a kind member of the class.
Grade 6E	Kaiden	A great friend and helper to others.
Grade 6H	Seyara	A cunning classmate who tries her best in everything. She persists when things are in a muddle.

# Stars of the Week

Week Ending - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021



Grade FJ	Lewis	For a fabulous start to term 2. Keep aiming high!
Grade FM	Johnathan	For settling into Mountain Gate well. Keep it up mate!
Grade FV	Jaylan	For great focus all week.
Grade 1H	Abbey	For always doing her best and being an amazing friend and roll model in 1H! WOOOOHOOOO! GO ABBS!
Grade 1M	Oscar	Mrs Moloney is sooo impressed at how hard Oscar is trying to improve his writing formation.
Grade 1W	Macy	For making sure she is focused and making smart choices.
Grade 2B	Ava	For being a wonderful, kind and caring friend!
Grade 2M	Cedric	For being a super organized and helping others to be organized too!
Grade 2R	Jacob	For reading with great enthusiasm and expression this week!
Grade 3B	Chase	For aiming high and improving his handwriting. A great week!
Grade 3F	Chloe	For writing an amazing narrative!
Grade 3P	Jacob	For blowing Miss Pownceby's socks off in Maths this week – a time SUPERSTAR!!
Grade 4B	Thomas	For being a Maths superstar and a wordsmith.
Grade 4S	Amene	For always listening attentively.
Grade 5D	Olivia	For being a kind and caring friend to all!
Grade 5H	Azriel	Constantly aiming high and being a great classmate.
Grade 6E	Marlie	Starting term 2 extremely well working hard.
Grade 6H	Tiri	Always having a positive attitude and writing an amazing speech.
Art Award	Grade 6E	Ebony Toogood (3B) Jackson Pascale (2M)
PE Award	Grade 5H	

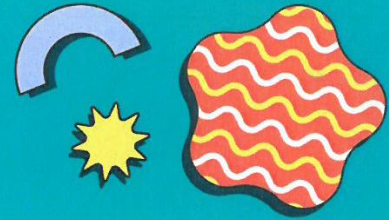
## MOTHERS' DAY STALL 2021

☐ I can assist with the Mothers' Day Stall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PARENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_



# Newsletter



## *A message from your Coordinator*

Hi Gaters,

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had a nice happy holiday Easter period, whether you had a break at home or were enjoying a well deserved Holiday away, we are glad to see you back as we settle into delivering engaging programs for your children at Your OSHC.

Last week we commemorated Anzac day with learning programs based around discussions and craft, with of course the traditional Anzac biscuit baking sessions.

This week is nature play week where the children have been treasure hunting for specific shaped or coloured leaves and flowers and then using them in their art such as bookmarks or paper fashion.

Next week we will be getting ready to spoil our Mum or special person for Mothers day with plenty of special art and craft activities.

We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful creations the children will be making and also VERY excited to welcome back Jaya to our service, after half a year away.

## **It's free to register**

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustalia.com.au](http://pp.campaustalia.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.



## *Activities coming*

- Greek orthodox Easter
- Mothers Day
- End of Ramadam

## *What's on the*

- Jaya's Chocolate biscuits
- Jam drops
- Chick-pea curry and Naan

## **Visit our blog**

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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