Dates to Remember

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

School Council Elections

Just a reminder that voting for the parent members of School Council closes at 4.00pm Friday 10th March (tomorrow). You can return your voting slips to the office or through the classroom. Votes will be counted after the close of voting at 4.15pm. Successful candidates will be notified and then it will be announced to the school community.

Student Learning

Can you believe we are past the half way point of Term 1? What a fantastic start to the year it has been. Staff, students and families have been embracing our ‘Aim High’ culture and I am hearing many high quality teaching and learning conversations taking place between teachers, students and parents. At MGPS, we are committed to ongoing improvement and love celebrating the wonderful learning, activities and events that are happening every day. This week our older students had the privilege of listening to Murrundindi, a local Wurundjeri elder. Students were highly engaged and asked many thoughtful questions whilst he spoke to them about indigenous history, culture and the importance of some ceremonies. Grades Foundation, 1 & 2 will meet Murrundindi next week.

Signing in at the Office

As a condition of the new Child Safe Standards and our Visitors to School Policy we require all parents/carers who are at the school for assisting in classes, incursions or excursions, to please sign in at the Office and to collect a visitor badge and to also sign out at the end of their time at the school.

Our procedure of signing at the Office for late arrival or early departure remains the same.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yard Duty

You may have noticed our staff wearing some rather fashionable orange fluro vests while out on yard duty. This is so children find it easier to locate a member of staff if they need assistance.
Gater Games

I am sure everyone would agree that the Gater Games was a terrific night and a great success! Many thanks to our parent helpers who worked under very hot conditions on the BBQ to feed us all and to our staff for their organisation and supervision and of course an extra big thank you to Mr D for his tireless effort, encouragement and overall organisation. The multi-talented Miss Harper provided some extra colour with her face painting and the enthusiastic teachers who participated in the dress up egg and spoon race provided us with quite a laugh and as always, the Giant Gater Worm was a highlight when the whole school participated with enthusiasm. Congratulations to our House Captains and Vice Captains too who encouraged students and contributed to the smooth running of the event.

It’s occasions like this when the whole community comes together that we can really see the engagement and strength of the relationship between home and school that I really feel proud, and did you notice some of the littlest Gaters already pledging their allegiance to Bradman House as they proudly wore their “Future Bradman 2019” t-shirts?

The happy atmosphere and positive support for all students who participated certainly exemplified our wonderful Gater spirit! Congratulations to Armstrong House who were overall winners and will now have their name engraved on the Gater Games shield.

Go Gaters – Gater Kids are Great Kids!

Cheryl Sampson
Principal

PTFA NEWS

Dear new and not so new parents I would like to introduce to you the PTFA team who worked along with me in 2016:

Vice President: Sandra King, Secretary: Meaghan Banfield and Acashia Fitzgerald, Treasurer: Jenny Block, Assistant Treasurer: Joanna Atkins & Leah Rose. General Committee: Kirsten Chamberlain, Debbie Fowkes, Kelly Martini, Monica Mason, Kellie Mc Donald, Carly Rodwell, Vanessa Reese, Cindy Stewart and Rachelle Urban. School representatives: Cheryl Sampson and Lissa Jackway.

Achievements our team worked towards in Term 1 -

* letters and emails sent asking for support with our Trivia night to local businesses.

* organised a Morning tea for the new parents.

* BBQ for our popular event Gater Games.

* wrap up all the Easter hamper donations and sold raffle tickets and organised the Hot cross buns drive.

Achievements our team worked towards in Term 2 -

* ordered the Entertainment books and sold Nissan raffle tickets $1283.

* organised the most popular event in May the Mothers’ Day stall.

Bakers Delight Mountain Gate

Don't forget to mention Mountain Gate Primary School when you make any purchase at Bakers Delight Mountain Gate. 5% of every purchase is donated back to the school
* organised the Cadbury Chocolate drive.

* 2nd time for our Biggest Morning tea colouring competition to raise money for the Cancer Foundation.

* Social family Movie night at Metro cinema ‘Finding Dory’.

Achievements our team worked towards in Term 3 -

* working hard for our Trivia Night event ‘Haunted hall’. A night to remember as the hall 'magically' been transformed into a gloomy, creepy place were ghosts and witches came to squeeze their brains.

* organised the Election BBQ and the Fathers’ Day Stall

Achievements our team worked towards in Term 4 -

* 2nd year for our Halloween BBQ at Mountain Gate shopping Centre $1.056.05

* organised a Bunnings BBQ.

* 1st Go Get Around winery tour $555.10

* BBQ for our new Foundation families and we helped to set up the room for our Grade 6 Graduation students.

* We wrapped up all the Christmas hamper donations and sold raffle tickets during our Christmas Carols event.

In conclusion I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you for your participation and contribution in raising funds for the school. Also I would like to thank you for your support during my two years as president of the PTFA Team, you are amazing people to work with ‘Keep Aiming High’.

Cosette Murphy
PTFA President 2015/2016

DIVISION SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Wednesday 8th March Mountain Gate had 15 swimmers compete in the Knox and Dandenong Ranges Division swimming at Aquanation in Ringwood. All of our students competed well and supported each other throughout the day. A massive well done to every students who competed and a big congratulations to the students who finished in the top 3 for their event.

Results

**First Place**
Girls U/12 Relay - Amelia Hodgman, Lila Lessing, Bethany Koster, Kirsten Penney
Girls Medley - Amelia Hodgman, Lila Lessing, Bethany Koster, Kirsten Penney
Girls U/12 Backstroke – Kirsten Penney
Girls U/12 Breasstroke – Bethany Koster
Girls U/12 Butterfly – Kirsten Penney
Second Place
Girls U/12 Backstroke – Lila Lessing
Boys U/11 Butterfly – Jake Meerten

Third Place
Boys U/10 Backstroke – Joel Anderiessen
Boys U/11 Backstroke – Lachlan Tilley
Boys U/11 Freestyle – Lachlan Tilley
Girls U/12 Freestyle – Bethany Koster

Students who finished first or second in their event will be competing at the Regional level on Friday 17th March at Aquanation Ringwood.

Our Girls Medley / Relay Team. (From Left to Right) Amelia Hodgman, Lila Lessing, Bethany Koster, Kirsten Penney

RUNNING CLUB

Over the past 2 weeks students have been participating in the running club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Students have been encouraged to run the same distance for their age group in preparation for our school Cross Country event next term. Those children turning 8/9/10 are required to run 2 kilometres or 8 laps of the running track and those children turning 11/12 or 13 are required to run 3 kilometres or 12 laps.

I have been pleased to see so many students participating in the Running Club. I have had students from all year levels participate with a focus on trying to improve their fitness, lap times or setting a personal best for the amount of laps they run. If this is something you are interested in everyone is welcome to attend on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s at 8.30am.

GATER GAMES

On Wednesday the 8th March we held our annual Gater Games. It was fantastic to see so many families attend and seeing the students decorated in their house colours.

Each year level competed in sprints, relays and of course, our famous giant worm. After the events had been completed the final results were as follows:
Armstrong – 1st place
Curry – 2nd place
Bradman – 3rd place
Gardner – 4th place

Thank you to everybody for helping us have such an enjoyable evening

**FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION**

Mountain Gate Primary School will be running a whole school footy tipping competition online for the home and away season again this year. After successfully raising some much needed funds for new sports equipment last year, this year's funds will go towards purchasing more equipment for students to use.

There will be a cost of $10 per entry which will need to be paid by Friday 24th March 2017. You may choose to enter as a family or individually and compete against your friends.

Simply complete the entry form that was sent home or see the office staff for more details.

Good Luck

**UNIFORM POLICY**

A reminder that black tights are NOT part of our school uniform. Instead white tights or green tights may be worn. Tights can be worn with skorts or dresses for extra warmth.

The Uniform Shop sells bootleg pants as part of the winter uniform.

**SICKBAY**

There are occasions when parents need prescribed medication to be given to their child at school. This must be brought to Sickbay in the morning with a dated and signed note that clearly states: the name of the student, the time and dose, and storage instructions (e.g. fridge).

Please find a Medication Consent Form included in this newsletter.
Grade 5 & 6 students are excitedly preparing to audition for a part in ‘Robyn and the Sherwood Hoodies’ to be staged on

Thursday September 7th
Friday September 8th
At Karralyka Theatre
Mines Road, East Ringwood

Auditions begin Tuesday 21st March and will continue on Tuesday 28th March.

If they aren’t completed on these days, they may need to continue after the holidays.

The Scripts need to be returned to Mrs Gordon at the end of each audition.

Please keep an eye on the ‘Robyn and the Sherwood Hoodies’ noticeboard located on the Music Room window – for up-to-date info!!
Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend the Fairhills High School Academies and SEAL Programs Open Night.

6.00 - 6.30 — An introduction to the Academies and their Directors
6.30 - 8.30pm — Discover and enjoy a hands-on and interactive experience of the Basketball, Performing Arts & STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Academies Program of Fairhills High School.

Learn more about our Government Accredited SEAL Program

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

Discover Opportunities
Murrundindi the hunter

Last Monday Murrundindi the hunter came to tell us about the indigenous people. When we sat down he filled us in about himself, he first told us that he was born on the kitchen table. Then he told us about the indigenous / aboriginals people and why they don’t go in caves. After that he played the didgeridoo and he played the kookaburra and the kangaroo.

When we came back from lunch time he told us that he first didn’t believe that girls could play football, but his wife and 10 year old daughter convinced him that girls can play football by twisting his ear. Now he is convinced him that girls can play football and two reason are that when girls miss a goal they just go straight back into their possession where the boys spit on the ground and they swear. Another reason is that when the girls get a drink of water they swallow it but boys spit it on the ground.

Then he told that he got married and had two boys and then him and his x split up and the two boys didn’t want to see him anymore. Then Murrundindi married another lovely lady and they had three girls, but after a year or two his two boys came to live with him only because their mother had died. Then he showed us a rock that was very sharp and they didn’t know how long it had been around for. After about 2 minutes he told us that they used a kangaroo tooth and part of its tail to sow things together.

All in all I think it was a very interesting lesson.

By Sebastian walker
Murrundindi Hunter

On the 6th of March 2017 Murrundindi Hunter came to our school for us to learn about him and his culture. First he was talking about a soap but it wasn’t soap they were leaves. They are called Blackwood leaves. They are really good for your skin and it makes your hand very soft. Later on he played the digeridoo. He called himself the digeridoo master and I don’t blame him he was fantastic, he was making animal sound such as the kookaburra, platypus and way more.
MOUNTAIN GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL
MEDICATION CONSENT FORM

Child’s Name: ........................................................................................................

My child requires medication to be administered by staff whilst at School

Name of Medication: ................................................................................................

Reason for Medication: ..........................................................................................

Form of Medication: Tablet: ..... Liquid: ..... Powder ..... Other ..... 

Dosage: ..............................

Time/s to be Administered: .................

Method of Administration: ..................................................................................

Known Side Effects (if any): ..................................................................................

What action should be taken by Staff in the event of your child having a reaction to this medication?
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Correct Storage of Medication: .............................................................................

Commencement Date: ............. Completion Date: .........................

Any Further Information:
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Parent/Guardian’s Name: .......................................................................................

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: ................................................................. Date:.........
# Stars of the Week

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Hello Parents and children,

Parents please check your online enrolment forms for any missing paperwork. It is vital that all documentation is supplied before children commence in the program.

The Holiday Clubs are open and parents can book online by visiting www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayfun If you need to contact OSHC please call 9758-0531 anytime and leave a message on our answering machine.

Kind regards
Franca

How to get started before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin 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.

Program Costs

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

Non Attendance of child/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.
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.’

DIVISION SWIMMING

GATER GAMES