



**MOUNT GEORGE Public School**

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## Principal's Report:

We continue to have had the most wonderful start to the year. I am so incredibly proud of the positive attitude displayed by our students and indeed all stakeholders. Student behaviour has been exceptional, and the general attitude towards learning has been highly commendable. This attitude towards learning extends to our teachers who are all navigating their way through a new English and Mathematics Syllabus. Years K-2 dipped their toes in last year and are on a path of applying their learnings from last year in their units of work, whilst Years 3- 6 teachers are having their first go at implementing the new syllabus in their classrooms. Stay tuned in future newsletters to find out the direction classrooms are taking in relation to applying the new syllabus into quality lessons for our students.

## **Celebrating Student Achievements**

It brings me great pleasure to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students. At the recent Small Schools Swimming Carnival, Tom's exceptional performance led him to be declared the 11 years boys' aged champion. Congratulations, Tom!

Additionally, a number of students trialled for the Manning PSSA team in the respective sports Quintin Reece – Cricket, Xavier Arnold - Basketball & Tom Falla - tennis. From all reports the boys all displayed great sportsmanship and performed well on the day. Tom was successful in being selected for the Manning Tennis Team after beating all the boys he played against on the day. A week later he tested his skills against the best in the Hunter region putting in a solid performance winning a game and being close in all other games he played.

## **Equity & Financial Assistance at Mount George Public School**

I want to touch upon the importance of accessibility in education, particularly regarding excursion costs. At the heart of our efforts is my strong belief that public education should be accessible to everyone, regardless of financial means. We are dedicated to upholding this principle and will continue to do everything in our power to ensure that all students have equal opportunities to thrive and succeed.

At our school, we prioritise equity by ensuring that all students can participate in excursions regardless of financial constraints. We do this by subsidising costs within

our budget and we understand that circumstances vary, and we're here to support families with flexible payment options and understanding if more time is needed. We handle all requests for partial and full supplementation with the utmost level of confidentiality and I am very cognisant that every family's circumstance is different. Please know that there is no judgement by myself or the school if people need a hand. Money is tough - I get it!

**School and Community Charter:** One thing I really value is working closely with our parents and community and I am committed to work to create positive environments for students, staff, and the entire school community that support student learning. The best education happens when students, parents and schools work together which allows us to strive to ensure that every student is known, valued, and cared for. The School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators, and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive, and cohesive.

Parents and carers play an important role in the school community. The School Community Charter informs parents and carers on how to engage with NSW public schools. Read the [School Community Charter \(PDF 1.4 MB\)](#) (attached) to ensure you understand how important it is to create a positive learning environment for our students.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our school to work in partnership to promote student learning
- communication from teaching staff will be timely, polite, informative, and solutions-focussed
- professional relationships with school staff that will be based on transparency, honesty, and mutual respect
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

In all workplaces, people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school community. If you are emailing or messaging a teacher directly, please be mindful of their right to disengage with their work outside of general school hours and focus on their personal and family life. This involves being considerate of time and being careful with the language you select in written communication.

Thanks for your anticipated support in ensuring we work together to maintain respectful relationships that are formed for the benefit of all students in the school.

### **Exciting Upcoming Events:**

Get ready for an array of exciting events coming your way:

**Easter Hat Parade Assembly** (Thu, 28th March): Join us for a festive celebration featuring our annual Easter raffle and an egg hunt for the kids. It's sure to be a hopping good time for all!

**Cross Country (Fri, 5th April):** As we gear up for our annual cross-country event, our P&C is hosting a BBQ fundraiser. Stay tuned for more details on how you can support this initiative.

**Northern NSW Soccer Gala Day:** Next Tuesday

**Canberra Excursion:** We're thrilled to announce an upcoming excursion to Canberra for students in Years 2-6. Keep an eye out for more information on how you can be part of this enriching experience.

### **Learning Conversations**

Thank you to all the parents who participated in our recent learning conversations. We value the partnership between home and school, and your involvement is key to our success. Your insights and feedback are invaluable as we work together to support the growth and development of our students.

Warm regards,

Peter Falla

Principal

### **From your P&C committee:**

Dear parents and carers,

Just to keep you all in the loop, here's a quick update from your friendly P&C. For anyone who would like to be involved, come along to our next meeting; everyone is always welcome and we are always looking for new ideas.

Our first special food event of the year, *Taco Tuesday*, was a roaring success and many thanks to Adam Reece for being a good sport and picking up the supplies after a hard day at work. Many thanks also go to all our hardworking P&C volunteers as well as our wonderful families who supported the day.

Don't forget the upcoming Easter hat parade on Thursday 28 March where we will be hosting the Easter egg hunt and raffle, and the following week – our sausage sizzle fundraiser at the small schools cross country. We look forward to your new ideas and continued support.

Until next time,  
Regards, Your P&C



