



# Mount George Public School

## MONTHLY BULLETIN

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## Principal's Report

### 2018-2020 New School Plan

Thank you again to all the parents who contributed to our end of year school surveys and provided some valuable feedback to help us in our planning process for the 2018-2020 School Plan. All the feedback from the students, parents and staff has been carefully considered and the new school plan is currently being finalised.

Some programs that will continue on include:

- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (Fortnightly with a weekly gardening session at lunchtimes)
- Early Action for Success (focus on early development of Literacy and Numeracy)
- Enriching Excursions (including inter-school sports and learning days)
- School Wellbeing System (inclusion of BEST school rules and mascots)
- Focus on Teacher Quality (Teachers constantly reflecting and improving)
- Back to Mount George Festival & Billy Cart Derby

### New Inclusions

- Learning a Second Language – Italian (parents invited to come along)
- Specialist Music Teacher to coordinate school Music Program (will include School Choir, School Band, Guitar, Keyboard and K-2 music)
- Integration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) into learning programs and the playground.
- Visible Learning (Community of Wingham Schools initiative)
- Effective integration of technology

### 2018 School Staffing

At this stage of the planning process we can inform you about Mount George Public School staffing plans for 2018 based on our 2018 school enrolment of 27 students.

Firstly, on a bitter-sweet note, we need to congratulate Mrs Nicole Austin on accepting a LAST & Literacy/ Numeracy Mentoring position at Wingham High School. Sadly, this means we will farewell Mrs Austin at the end of this year. She assures me that in her Literacy/Numeracy position she will find the time to come out to Mount George to continue to work with us in some capacity so we will continue our great relationship with Nicole. Mrs Austin will also be a familiar face for our students moving off to high school and I would like to think of her as Mount George students' guardian angel up there at the high school. So, on behalf of Mount George Public School, I would like to thank Nicole for all of her outstanding work here at our school, from her exceptional visual art teaching, dedication to support our students with additional learning needs, and her caring and professional approach to teaching at our school. Mrs Austin, we thank you and we wish you all the best in your teaching career.

On a less sombre note, our planned Team for 2018:

Principal & Cedar teacher – Me (Mr Peter Falla)  
Wattle Classroom Teacher – Miss Kate Meehan  
Cedar (One Day) & LAST Teacher – Mrs Jodie Lednor  
Wattle RFF & Library Teacher – Mrs Jenny Longstaff  
Music Teacher – Miss Ashley Mander  
School Administration Manager – Ms Leanne Fulton  
School Learning Support Officer – Mrs Samantha Wilmen  
School Wellbeing and Community Officer & Scripture – Mrs Pamela Taylor  
General Assistant – Mark Hayward

### **Pinewood Derby**

We designed, we built, and we raced in our first ever Pinewood Derby at Cooperook Public School! We were joined by Elands PS and Mitchells Island PS to take on the Cooperook PSS dragsters. All of our students successfully participated in their respective year division. Alisha Watkins had our fastest car, winning bronze in the year 2 division. Also from year 2, Dekoda Summerfield won the safest driver trophy finishing all of her heats in the safest possible way! Finally, Cooper Mills won the best designed car in the 3-6 division which he was extremely chuffed about. Well done to all of the Mount George students who participated in such a wonderful event. We'll be back next year bigger and better!

### **B.E.S.T & Diamond Day**

As you may have heard from your child/children lately, we have come up with a new acronym for our school rules and high expectations, "BEST". It has really been helping the students remember our school rules and it is present in our school song 'We strive to be our best'. It stands for:

**B**e Respectful

**E**ngage in Learning

**S**afety is Number One

**T**ake Responsibility

Diamond Reward Day will be on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. Students that receive their Diamond trophy will be invited to Forster Ten Pin, Laser Tag and Putt Putt. It will be great reward for all those students who have been doing their BEST all year. We will hand out the notes with their trophy on Presentation Day. This excursion will require private transport.

### **Presentation Day & Costumes**

The students have been busy practising for their end of year performance for Presentation Day. The show promises to be a memorable one so invite all family and friends to come and see our wonderful kids at their best. We really do have some amazing talent!

All students apart from the four lead roles need to wear black as a base for their costume. Black pants/shorts and a black T-shirt. Additional costume items will be supplied by the school or an additional note will be sent home to inform what they will need to bring.

## Year 6 Farewell

At the end of this year, we will farewell our two fantastic year 6 student leaders, Caity Watkins and Gracie Minns. They have both had a wonderful year and they have been outstanding role models for our younger students. We thank them for all their help this year and we wish them all the best in their new exciting high school adventure. They will also both (along with a friend of choice) enjoy lunch and a movie on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December.

## Santa's Lolly Run

Next Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, the Mount George School of Arts Reserve Trust will help Santa complete his Lolly run of Mount George. Santa in the back of a ute will commence his journey from Caffreys Flat Hall at around 5:30pm and make his way down to Charity Creek. Santa anticipates arriving at Mount George from around 6.15-6:30pm and Charity Creek at around 7:00pm. Santa hopes to see you all out the front by your driveways.

## Last Day at Harrington

After last year's success, we will be again heading out to Harrington Discovery Park for the P & C's last day activities. All Mount George Public School students and their parents/carers are welcome – Come and enjoy the fantastic facilities of a swimming pool, mini putt putt, pedal carts, giant pillow, table tennis, playground, and beach. A BBQ will be supplied by the park and the P & C will supply recess for the students. Travel will be by private transport.

## Disco Wednesday Night

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to boogie for our last disco of 2017. P & C are catering for the night so make sure you have handed in your food order if you haven't already. The disco will run from 5:30pm till 7:30pm. Please be punctual with arrival and pick-up.

## Student Birthday list:

Students celebrating their birthdays this month are Mia Small and Kiarra Anderson. A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to both girls!!!!

## Newsletter Inserts:

- Flying Fox Mobile Pre-School
- Fundraiser Disco



## Fundraiser Dance

*In memoriam of Darryl Boorer*



9th December  
@ Mount George Hall  
6:30pm til Late  
*\$10 Adult / Kids Gold Coin Donation*

The Flying Fox Mobile Preschool are at  
Mount George School residence at  
Mount George Public School  
every Friday from 9am - 3pm  
during school terms.

We welcome you to visit  
our friendly Preschool.

For further information please contact  
us on 0428 534 884 / 6553 4884.

## Term 4 School Calendar 2017

### Week 9

Monday	4	December	- Intensive Swimming Program - Wingham Pool (whole school) - <b>P &amp; C meeting 1:00pm. All parents and care givers are invited to attend</b>
Tuesday	5	December	- Intensive Swimming Program - Wingham Pool (whole school) - <b>2018 Year 7s Wingham High School Orientation Day</b>
Wednesday	6	December	- Intensive Swimming Program - Wingham Pool (whole school) - <b>P &amp; C DISCO! 5:30pm-7:30pm</b>
Thursday	7	December	- Intensive Swimming Program - Wingham Pool (whole school)
Friday	8	December	- Intensive Swimming Program - Wingham Pool (whole school)

### Week 10

Monday	11	December	- Year 6 Farewell Lunch - Caitlyn Watkins and Gracie Minns
Wednesday	13	December	- <b>Presentation Day (whole school)</b> - School reports sent home - Canteen closed
Thursday	14	December	- <b>Diamond Day, Forster Entertainment Centre</b>
Friday	15	December	- <b>Harrington Big 4 (whole school)</b> - Canteen closed

**School closed until Term 1 2018**

### Photo Gallery

Our winners from the Pinewood Derby - Cooper Mills, Dekoda Summerfield, and Alisha Watkins:



## Recipes from our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Class

The children have been making some delicious and nutritious food with Miss Meehan through the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. So that they can share their learning and skills with friends and family, we will be including a favourite recipe from class at the end of each newsletter. Perhaps the children will be excited to cook them with you at home, too. This month's recipe is for a delicious and easy Peach Cobbler dessert. Enjoy!

### PEACH COBBLER

#### Ingredients:

- 8 fresh peaches - peeled, pitted and sliced into thin wedges
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons cornflour
- 1 cup (125g) plain flour
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 90g unsalted butter, chilled and cut into small pieces
- 1/4 cup boiling water

#### **MIX TOGETHER**

- 3 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

#### Method:

1. Preheat oven to 220 degrees C.
2. In a large bowl, combine peaches, 1/4 cup white sugar, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, lemon juice, and cornflour. Toss to coat evenly and pour into a 2 litre baking dish. Bake in preheated oven for 10 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine flour, 1/4 cup white sugar, 1/4 cup brown sugar, baking powder, and salt. Blend in butter with your fingertips or a pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse meal. Stir in water until just combined.
4. Remove peaches from oven and drop spoonfuls of topping over them. Sprinkle entire cobbler with the sugar and cinnamon mixture. Bake until topping is golden, about 30 minutes.

Voila! Your deliciously peachy dessert is ready! *Eat & Enjoy*

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The staff of Mount George Public School would like to wish  
all our students and their families  
**a safe and happy holiday season.**  
We look forward to working with you all in 2018!  
*Merry Christmas!*