



# Mount George Public School

## BULLETIN

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From The Principal's Desk

### Welcome Back!

Welcome back parents and students to a brand new school year. We welcome our new Kindy students' Eleanor, Elly and Bella as well as our new students Tyler and Kiara and the Anderson family.

Thank you to parents who have ensured that their children are wearing school uniform. It reflects pride in our school and a positive attitude towards learning. Our new sports jackets look fantastic and they are a new addition to our school uniform.

Education is a lifelong process and positive interaction with the school is very important. Please drop in and see either Miss Meehan, Mrs Austin or myself any time after school if you have any questions or concerns. Even better, if you have any spare time during the day come in and read with the kids, help out with group work and the garden. The door is always open.

### Parent Information Sessions

Parents/Carers to attend an information session to see what the children will be learning throughout the year, what equipment they will need to provide their child/ren with, and discuss how they can best support your child's learning at home.

### Contact with Class Teachers

As you know schools are busy places and to ensure as little disruption as possible to class and school routine we would like to request that in the event of you wishing to discuss any matter with your child's Teacher/s or the Principal, please phone the office to make an arrangement. The teacher concerned will return your call at his/her earliest possible opportunity. Our teachers welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Teachers can also be contacted by email.

The address is: [mtgeorge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mtgeorge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

It is expected that students, families and carers will use electronic communication respectfully. Notes, email or phone calls are all an effective form of communication. Please inform the school if you know of family issues affecting your child, such as illness or family matters.

### Punctuality

Staff are on duty from 8:30am. Primary school classes begin at 9:00am. Students are required to be punctual. Students who are late to school must report to the office with a parent and register their attendance. It is also necessary to visit the office if a student is leaving early.

### Calendar Dates Term 1

**Week 5**  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Zone Swimming

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

Life Education Van

**Week 6**  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

1:50pm P&C A.G.M.

3:30-4:30pm Parent/Carer  
Information Session

**Week 9**  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Mar

Camp Out with Kids

### EVERY WEEK

Tuesday  
Student Banking

Wednesday  
Library

Thursday  
Kitchen Garden Program  
**9:00am – 10:30am**

Friday  
Canteen

## Visiting the School

We welcome visitors to the school. Helping out when you can build s good relationships and aids communication. Please come to the office to sign the visitors book when entering school grounds. This is a requirement of the Department of Education. If you would like to help out at school, please provide a current WWCC Number or parents and direct relatives can fill in an appendix 5 form and provide ID at the office. We have a responsibility as a school community to ensure the safety of students.

## Reporting Absences

Following an absence from school (either partial or full) you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation (including email) for the absence. Absences are reported to the Department of Education, including unexplained. You can send a note with your child the following day as this will give them extra responsibilities.

## Changes to Students Bus Routine

Mount George Public School's current provider of bus services is Wingham Buslines.

Your registered home address is the only place your child will be able to exit the bus unless we have received a phone call or letter from you (the parent/guardian) stating otherwise. Changes to bus's normal route needs to be confirmed with the bus company, which is parent's responsibility.

## Library

Library will be on Wednesday afternoon this year. Please help your children get into good routines returning their read library books on Monday and regular borrowing. We have some fantastic new books in our library which we hope all of our students will enjoy.

## Kitchen Garden Program

This year our Kitchen Garden program will be run on a Thursday. ***During Term 1 the program will be from 9:00am till 10:30am and Term 2 - Term 4 from 11:30 am to 1 pm.*** We would like to invite you to come along and be involved in your child's education, as we all discover the joy of growing fresh fruit and vegetables being turned into delicious food.

## Year 6 Transition Activities

At the end of last year, we received some valuable feedback from our parent and student surveys around improving our year 6 students' transition for high school. As a school we have been proactive in addressing this issue and have contacted the Wingham public schools to set up more opportunities for our year 6 students to mix with their year six students which they will join in high school. We have had confirmation that our students will be invited to join their year 6 classes for a day each term. We are just in the process of finalising dates.

In addition, our year six students have been invited to join the student leaders from Wingham PS, Wingham Brush PS and Hallidays Point PS to go down by mini bus to participate in the Halogen – National Young Leaders Day. A fantastic opportunity for our students.

## Camp Out with Kids

On the back of last year's success, we will be conducting another Campout with Kids campout at school. It will be at the end of this term on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Just a reminder, it is a unique parent/child bonding activity and an opportunity to connect with your child on a deep level. There will be Games, Music, Stories, Camping & a Super fun Challenge for everyone! You will have heaps of fun together with your child, AND have the chance to connect with other parents and be introduced to ideas to help your child relate to others and handle the things they are feeling inside. Look out for the Booking Form + Parent Letter coming home with your child/ren.

## Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Well done to all of the students who participated in our annual swimming carnival with Bobin PS and Elands PS. Below is a table of outstanding results from the carnival.

Student	Results
Jesse Busuttill	1 <sup>st</sup> in Senior 50m Breaststroke, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 50m Freestyle, 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Open 100m Freestyle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Senior Butterfly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Backstroke
Mitchell Jenkins	1 <sup>st</sup> in 11ys Freestyle, 1 <sup>st</sup> in the Open 100m freestyle, 1 <sup>st</sup> Butterfly, 1 <sup>st</sup> in Backstroke, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Breaststroke
Caity Watkins	1 <sup>st</sup> in 12yrs 50m Freestyle, 1 <sup>st</sup> in Senior Breaststroke & Backstroke
Gracie Minns	2 <sup>nd</sup> 50m 12yrs Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly & Backstroke
James Archinal	3 <sup>rd</sup> in senior Butterfly, Freestyle & Backstroke
Ayla Turner	3 <sup>rd</sup> in 50m 11yrs Freestyle
Hayley Holman	1 <sup>st</sup> in open 100m Freestyle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> in 11yrs Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly
Kayden Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> in 10yrs 100m, 1 <sup>st</sup> in Junior Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> in the open 100 Freestyle
Sophie Watkins	3 <sup>rd</sup> in Open 100m, 1 <sup>st</sup> in Junior Butterfly & Breaststroke
Kelsie Brown	3 <sup>rd</sup> in Junior 50m Backstroke, Breaststroke
Elizabeth Archinal	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Junior Breaststroke, Butterfly & Backstroke, 3 <sup>rd</sup> in 10yrs Freestyle
Cooper Mills	3 <sup>rd</sup> in 9 yrs Freestyle, Junior Breaststroke, Backstroke
Tyler Anderson	2 <sup>nd</sup> 8yrs 50m Freestyle
Caillen Brown	2 <sup>nd</sup> in 50m Freestyle
Ryan Hardgrave	1 <sup>st</sup> in 8yrs 50m Freestyle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Junior Breaststroke and Backstroke.

In addition, congratulations on our school relay team who have qualified for the Manning Valley PSSA P5 small schools relay held later this month. Great work Mitchell, Jesse, Kayden and Caity!

