



# Mount George Public School

## BULLETIN

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### March 2017

From The Principal's Desk

#### Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming team including Jesse Busuttill, Mitchell Jenkins, James Archinal and Hayley Holman competed in the small schools relay at the Zone PSSA carnival. James got off to a great start off the blocks and touched the wall a bit off the pace. Jesse then made up some serious ground passing two other competitors. Hayley was next in and battled next to another swimmer giving Mount George a chance. Mitch was our anchor and swam a powerful last leg passing one and touching the wall in 6<sup>th</sup>. Great swim kids!

#### Kitchen Garden Program

**Calling all parents!** We are a bit down on volunteers this year and we would really love some extra help in the kitchen and garden. 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.

#### Camp Out with Kids – please note change of date from previous newsletter

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March we will be running our 2<sup>nd</sup> Campout with Kids. Just a reminder, could you please send in the form that indicates your interest and who is attending. We are just finalising numbers so that we can cater for the event. In addition, we have 6 spare tents for any families that require a tent for the night. Please just contact the school if you require some assistance.

#### Bus Pass

All students from year 3-6 need to apply for a bus pass either online at <http://buslinesgroup.com.au/wingham> or over the phone at 02 6553 4310. There have been some technical issues with NSW transport's systems so if you experience any difficulties, please don't hesitate to contact the school office for assistance.

#### Tennis PSSA Knockout

This year we have entered the NSW state wide PSSA knockout competition for the first time in a number of years. Each team consists of two boys and two girls. They play singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Students selected in the Mount →

#### Calendar Dates

##### Term 1

##### Week 8

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

School Assembly

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Camp Out with Kids

##### Week 9

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Harmony Day

1:50pm P&C meeting

##### Week 10

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

10:30 Diary of a Wombat

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Cross Country

Easter Hat Parade

##### Week 11

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Smalls Schools Creative Arts  
Day, Elands

End of Term

#### EVERY WEEK

Tuesday  
Student Banking

Wednesday  
Library

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

Friday  
Canteen

George Public School team are Caity Watkins, Hayley Holman, Mitchell Jenkins, and Jesse Busuttil. Our team will play the very tough opponent of Kendall in the first round next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am. If you can make it, please come and support our tennis team.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 2 has been distributed to students. Orders can be placed online at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or via their app at any time or you can submit your order to the school office by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **Halogen Young Leaders Day**

Last week, three of our students attended this year's Halogen ImagiNATION National Youth Leadership Event. The IMAGINATION is a unique opportunity to expose young people to real-life stories of leaders in a variety of fields. Here is what our students wrote about their experience:

"We drove to Wingham Brush and caught the bus to Sydney, but first we picked up Hallidays Point and Wingham Public, it took 4 and a half hours to get to Sydney. We stopped on the way and got lunch at Heatherbrae's pies. When we got to Sydney we walked through Darling Harbour and had dinner at Chinatown. Then we went to our hotel. The next day we went to the Darling Harbour International Convention Centre. The hosts were Scott Tweedie and Gemma Knight, and Sam Webb and Alyssa Azar were the best speakers. They spoke about being a leader and how to be a good leader."

- by Mitchell Jenkins, Gracie Minns, and Caity Watkins

### **Harmony Day**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March is National Harmony Day. It is a celebration and a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home, with the message "everyone belongs". The Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging.

As part of our Harmony Day activities, we are looking for any parents or community members that have a special cultural meal they would like to cook and share with the children on the day. All ingredients will be provided by the school so if you would like to be involved, please let us know.

### Other dates of interest:

#### **Parents & Citizens Day**

March 1<sup>st</sup> was Parents & Citizens Day. To quote Michele Bruniges, Secretary of the Australian Government Department of Education and Training: "Our schools are enriched by the involvement of parents. The work of P&C associations sends a powerful message to students about the importance of education in their lives and for their future."

So, on behalf of our school community, we would like to take a moment to acknowledge the efforts of all the parents and citizens that volunteer their time for our school and say Thank You.

#### **International READ TO ME Day, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March –**

The purpose of "Read to Me" day is to highlight the joy and importance that being read to has in the development of reading and writing skills. International Read to Me! Day is an international campaign aimed at encouraging children to remind adults in their family or community to read to them often. For more information, go to [www.readtomeday.com](http://www.readtomeday.com).

*Other dates of interest continued*

**Earth Hour**, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8:30pm

Earth Hour launched in Sydney in 2007 and this year marks it's 10th anniversary. The event encourages individuals, communities, households and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights for one hour as a symbol for their commitment to the planet.

Newsletter Inserts –

This week's pics: Some of the children enjoying the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program:



The following information has been provided for your interest. For any enquiries, please contact Alison Archinal.

El Kid, by Opera Australia

Introducing the drama of opera to primary school aged children.

When: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Where: Gloucester Public School

Cost: \$7 per student

Alison Archinal may be able to provide assistance with transport – please contact Alison if you are interested.

Kingdom Kids, Taree Presbyterian Kids Club

A free small bible study with games and nibblies hosted by the Taree Presbyterian Church.

When: Every Thursday 4:30pm-5:30pm commencing 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Cost: FREE

Ages: 7-11.

Holiday Kids Club, Taree Presbyterian Church

When: April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> from 9am-12pm

Cost: \$10 per child for the week

Ages: 5-12