



Mount George Public School

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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Principal's Report: Welcome Back!

Welcome back parents and students to a brand new school year. We welcome our new Kindy students, Sam & Kerry-Ann, as well as our new students Hailey, Ruby, and Shyanne, and the Turner & Swilks, Fulton/Bennett, and Murray-Moran families - welcome to our beautiful little school.

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. We have decided to provide all of the students with a sports jacket and school hat at the start of every year, so please ensure the students look after and dress in our school uniform.

Education is a lifelong process and positive interaction with the school is very important. Please make an appointment to see either Miss Meehan, Mrs Lednor, or me 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/or in the garden. The door is always open.

Contact with Class Teachers

As you know, schools are busy places so, to ensure as little disruption as possible to class and school routine, we would like to request that you please phone the office to make an appointment should you wish to discuss any matter with your child's Teacher/s or the Principal. The teacher concerned will return your call as soon as possible. Our teachers welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Teachers can also be contacted by email at mtgeorge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au if this is more convenient for you.

It is expected that students, families, and carers will use electronic communication respectfully. Notes, emails, and phone calls are all effective forms 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/carers and register their attendance. It is also necessary to visit the office if a student is leaving early.

Visiting the School

We welcome visitors to the school. Helping out when you can builds 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.

Parents and direct relatives are not required to provide a WWCC number but will need to complete an Appendix 5 form (at the Office) and show ID. Other volunteer helpers will need to provide a current Working With Children Check number and photo ID. 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.

Library

Library is on Friday this year. Please help your child/ren get into good routines of regular borrowing and returning their library books on time. 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 run every second Thursday in even school term weeks. *Terms 1 & 4 - the program will run from 9:00am till 10:30am and Terms 2 & 3 - 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 & vegetables and turning them into delicious food.

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
Hayley Holman	1 st 100m Freestyle, 1 st 12yrs Girls Freestyle, 1 st 12yrs Breaststroke, 1 st Senior Backstroke
Mia Small	1 st 10yrs 50m Freestyle
Sophie Watkins	2 nd 50m Freestyle, 3 rd 11yrs Girls Breaststroke, 2 nd 11 yrs Backstroke
Kelsie Brown	3 rd 11yrs 50m Girls Backstroke
Kiarra Anderson	3 rd 9yrs 50m Freestyle
Cooper Mills	1 st 10yrs Freestyle, 3 rd Junior Boys Breaststroke
Tyler Anderson	2 nd 50m Freestyle, 2 nd Junior Boys Breaststroke, 2 nd Junior Backstroke
Tom Lednor	3 rd 9yrs Freestyle
Ryan Hardgrave	2 nd 100m Open Freestyle, 1 st 50m 9yrs Freestyle, 1 st Junior boys Breaststroke, 1 st Junior Backstroke
Caitlin Hardgrave	3 rd 9yrs 50m Freestyle, 3 rd Junior Girls Backstroke
Matilda Holman	2 nd 50m Freestyle, 3 rd Junior girls Breast Stroke
Alex Hey	2 nd 11yrs Boys Freestyle, 2 nd 11yrs Breaststroke

In addition, congratulations to our school relay team who qualified for the Manning Valley PSSA P5 small schools relay held Thursday 22nd February. Our team members, Hayley Holman, Tyler Anderson, Cooper Mills, and Ryan Hardgrave all represented themselves and our school with pride and courage. Well done team!

Camp Out with Kids

On the back of last year's success, we will be conducting another campout at school. It will be at the end of this term on Friday the 6th of April. For those parents and carers that are not familiar with the program, 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 and a Super fun Challenge for everyone! Not only will you have heaps of fun together with your child, you will also 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. Keep an eye out for the Booking Form + Parent Letter coming home with your child/ren.

- Mr Falla, Principal

Other school news:

Student Banking/Dollarmites Saver rewards

A new year of school means a new year of savings opportunities. We currently have 10 students enrolled in the program with several regularly participating and I am told that is a fantastic participation rate for a small school! For those parents and carers that aren't yet familiar with the program or haven't participated for a while, here are the basics:

- Our weekly student banking day is Tuesday – students hand their banking book with coin deposit to their class teacher. Deposits are then processed by the Office/banking co-ordinator and returned to students.
- Students earn a silver token with every weekly deposit. Once they have earned 10 tokens, they are able to use these to redeem a reward. Each term has a different reward offering and students have the potential to earn a reward every term.
- Students can deposit as little or as much as parents wish with many students depositing anywhere between 50c - \$2 per week
- Parents do not have to be customers of the Commonwealth Bank. A profile can be set up for you to link your child's account.
- You can obtain your child's current bank balance in one of three ways:
 - At your local branch
 - Internet banking if your child's account is linked to your profile
 - Youth App for Apple users

Not only do students earn tangible rewards, but they also get the benefit of learning good savings habits for life while watching their own savings grow over time. If you are interested in signing up for the program, please contact the Office so that further information can be sent home for you. If your child has participated in the past but has misplaced their banking book, let us know as a new banking book and wallet can be provided.



Canberra Excursion – Cedar class:

This year's major excursion is to Canberra – how exciting! The itinerary is currently in the planning stage but we can tell you now that it will include a daytrip to the snow with formal ski or snowboarding instruction – what a fabulous opportunity! The cost will be heavily subsidised by the school, grants obtained by the school, and your P & C Association, with the final cost per student being \$300 including all ski hire and lift passes. More details and a payment plan will be sent home this week to help families budget.

** Families with more than one student attending will be eligible for sibling discount/s.

Photo Gallery



Our amazing Zone qualifying relay swimmers: Hayley Holman, Cooper Mills, Tyler Anderson, Ryan Hardgrave, and Sophie Watkins.



Welcome to our Kindy students Kerry-Ann Richards and Samuel Fulton

Student Birthday list:

Students celebrating their birthdays this month are Tom Lednor, Reece Malachi, and Hailey Turner, and our student who celebrated his birthday in January before school resumed is Samuel Fulton. We hope you all had a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

Newsletter Inserts:

- Flying Fox Mobile Pre-School
- BEST School Rules
- School Calendar
- P&C Canteen menu



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.

 **At Mount George PS
"We Strive" to be our**

Be Respectful

- Take pride in yourself
- Nice Talk
- Treat everyone fairly
- Look after the Environment



Engage in Learning

- Persistence
- Cooperation
- Personal Best
- Ready to learn
- Flexible Thinking



Stay Safe

- Safe Play
- Resolve conflict with empathy



Take Responsibility

- Regular attendance
- Follow teacher directions
- Be Resilient
- Ownership for your actions - STOP, THINK & CHOOSE



Term 1 School Calendar 2018

Week 6			
Wednesday	7	March	- Canteen - Language lesson - Italian
Thursday	8	March	- Kitchen Garden program - parents & volunteers welcome
Friday	9	March	- Library - Music program with Mrs Mander
Week 7			
Monday	12	March	- Halogen School Leader Conference - Seth Fernance and Hayley Holman - P&C Association meeting 3pm. All welcome to attend.
Tuesday	13	March	- Music program with Mrs Mander
Wednesday	14	March	- Canteen - Language lesson - Italian
Friday	16	March	- Library - Music program with Mrs Mander
Week 8			
Tuesday	20	March	- Music program with Mrs Mander
Wednesday	21	March	- Canteen - Language lesson - Italian
Thursday	8	March	- Kitchen Garden program - parents & volunteers welcome
Friday	23	March	- Library - Music program with Mrs Mander
Week 9			
Tuesday	27	March	- Music program with Mrs Mander
Wednesday	28	March	- Canteen - Language lesson - Italian
Thursday	29	March	- Cross Country and Easter Hat Parade - families welcome
Friday	30	March	- GOOD FRIDAY public holiday *** school closed ***
Week 10			
Monday	2	April	- EASTER MONDAY public holiday *** school closed ***
Tuesday	3	April	- Music program with Mrs Mander
Wednesday	4	April	- Year 6 transition day - Wingham Brush Public School - Canteen - Language lesson - Italian
Thursday	8	March	- Kitchen Garden program - parents & volunteers welcome
Friday	6	April	- Small School Cross Country - Zone qualifying, Mitchells Island - Library - Music program with Mrs Mander - Camp Out With Kids
Week 11			
Tuesday	10	April	- ANZAC Assembly with representatives from Wingham RSL - we would love families to attend if possible - Music program with Mrs Mander
Wednesday	11	April	- Canteen - Language lesson - Italian
Friday	13	April	- Teddy Bear Hospital - Bush kids' first aid - Library - Music program with Mrs Mander
Term 1 School holidays. Students start back Tuesday 1st May			

MOUNT GEORGE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

SUMMER CANTEN MENU 2018

The canteen is open from 8.30am Wednesdays.

One paper bag order for recess and a separate bag for lunch orders please.

Breakfast club is open all week from 8.30am until 8.50am.

<u>COLD FOOD</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>HOT FOOD</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Salad Roll/Sandwich/Wrap - (Lettuce, Carrot, Cucumber, Low Fat Cheese, Tomato & Mayo)	\$3.00	Cheese Burger – (Homemade Beef Pattie, low fat cheese & tomato sauce)	\$3.50
BBQ Chicken, Light Ham or Tuna Salad Roll/Sandwich/Wrap **	\$3.50	Chicken Burger – (BBQ Chicken, low fat cheese & Mayo)	\$3.50
Roll/Sandwich/Wrap - Ham & Cheese, Cheese & Tomato **	\$2.00	Mini Pizza (Hawaiian – pizza sauce, Light Ham, Low fat cheese & P/apple).	\$3.00
Roll/Sandwich/Wrap – Vegemite, Cheese, Jam or Cheese & vegemite**	\$1.50	Mini Pizza (Italian – pizza sauce, pepperoni, Low Fat Cheese).	\$3.00
Wraps – Chicken & cheese with Mayo or Sweet Chilli **	\$3.00	Mini Pizza (Cheesy – pizza sauce, lots of low fat cheeses).	\$3.00
Chicken Caesar Wrap (Chicken, Tomato, Lettuce, Light cheese & Caesar dressing).	\$3.00	Chicken Nuggets – (Fresh Chicken diced & Crumbed) (small cup)	\$2.50
Pasta Salad	\$2.50	Garlic Bread (4 Pieces)	\$1.50
Chicken Pasta Salad	\$3.00		
Tinned Spaghetti/Bake Beans (Cold or Hot)	\$1.50	Fried Rice	\$2.50
<u>SNACKS</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>DRINKS/ICE CREAMS</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Fresh fruit (Seasonal)	\$0.50	Bottled water	\$0.50
Yoghurt (Banana, Strawberry or Vanilla). Fresh or Frozen	\$1.00	99% Juice popper (ABC – apple blackcurrant, apple or orange) Can be frozen for lunch time.	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Salad (Seasonal)	\$1.50	Plain milk popper	\$1.00
Pikelets (Jam, vegemite or butter) (2 Pieces)	\$1.00	Milkshakes (chocolate, strawberry, caramel or vanilla)	\$1.00
Fresh Popped Popcorn	\$0.50	Fruit smoothie (fresh fruit, yoghurt & milk). Banana, Strawberry, Peach or Tropical.	\$2.00
Eucalyptus Cough Drops	\$1.00	99% Quelch juice ice blocks	\$0.50
Cheese sticks	\$1.00	Assorted ice creams	\$1.00
Tuna can with crackers (Tomato & Basil, Sweet corn & Mayo or Italian Style)	\$2.00	Ice cream cone	\$0.50
		Ice cream with peaches	\$1.00
		Milo (warm or cold)	\$1.00



Any queries please call Michelle 0408202154

****Sandwiches and Wraps can be toasted****

Helpers needed and fresh ideas welcomed.

