



Mount George Public School

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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Principal's Report:

Welcome back to Mount George Public School for Term 4. We hope you had a great holiday and were able to enjoy some family time as well as this magnificent Spring weather, although more rain wouldn't go astray.

Welcome to our new student, Amaya, and her family; we look forward to getting to know you all and supporting Amaya with her education and personal development over the coming years.

I would also like to introduce Miss Ellana George and welcome her to our beautiful little school. Miss George is studying at Southern Cross University and she will complete her first practicum with the Cedar Class over the first five weeks of this term.

On another positive note, we are looking forward to Chanaye joining us soon for a modelled reading lesson via Zoom.

Book Week Assembly

Next Wednesday, 28th October, at 9.15 am, we will be holding our Book Week Zoom Assembly. Unfortunately, new guidelines released for this term have indicated that we still cannot have parents on-site for assemblies so, we will make the Book Week assembly available via Zoom. If you are available and able to access Zoom, please tune in (meeting details below).

Please ensure your **Wacky Photos** are submitted to Miss Meehan by Monday 26th October. It is the perfect opportunity for our students to dress up as their favourite book character.

Book Week Assembly meeting details:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/8428159174?pwd=a3k4ZHJmdGpRUUnFUWE5BL2djU01hZz09>

Meeting ID: 842 815 9174

Passcode: 114981

One tap mobile

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Mini Olympics

The students are all looking forward to our Mini Olympics which will precede the Book Week celebrations. This will be in place of the sporting events, including the athletics carnival and cross-country carnivals, that the students have missed out on this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. It is important to note that all students will need to wear or bring (to change into after the Book Week Assembly) appropriate running clothing and shoes/joggers for this event.

Cedar Class Bathurst & Goldfields Excursion

Our first Bathurst newsletter was sent home this week along with a copy of the excursion itinerary. It is going to be a week jam-packed full of fun and we are thrilled that all Cedar students have confirmed their attendance!

School Sport update

This term, students will be completing an age-appropriate Gymnastics program with a qualified instructor, through the PCYC Taree. Sessions will be held in the Mount George School of Arts Hall and the program is a fantastic opportunity for all of our students, K-6.

In Week 5, students will be participating in Intensive Swimming lessons, delivered by YMCA with qualified swimming instructors. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

This year, we have been successful in obtaining several Sporting Schools grants which have helped with the costs associated with running our fantastic sports programs, and we are pleased to have been able to offer these to our students at no cost to families. Sporting Schools is a \$280 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities.

This year, we have directed our grant funding towards the following:

Term 2 - purchase of hockey equipment

Term 3 - Professional basketball coaching and the purchase of pro volleyball net kit and volleyball ball kit

Term 4 – Gymnastics coaching, Hall Hire (6 weeks), and Bus Hire to/from Wingham Pool for student intensive swimming lessons

Parent Survey

Please, if you haven't already done so, take the time to have your say on our SkoolBag Parent Survey 2020. It is important in helping us to make decisions about the direction Mount George Public School takes in the coming years, with the planning process well under way for the next three years. Your feedback is valued.

How to access the survey:

1. Open the SkoolBag app.
2. Click on the Mount George Public School Logo
3. Click on EFORMS
4. Scroll down and select "Parent Survey 2020 - Mount George Public School"

It is easy with the drop-down menus and should only take you 5-10 minutes. Thank you.

Kindy Orientation

Kindergarten Transition programs can recommence due to the easing of some COVID-19 restrictions. These sessions will begin in Week 3. If you know of any students in the area looking to start Kindergarten next year, please pass on our details. How exciting!!

Year 7 Orientation

"There will be some changes regarding Year 6 to 7 Transition process due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Unfortunately, the Information Night planned for the 2nd of November cannot go ahead. In it's place, we will create a PowerPoint slideshow with voice over that will cover all aspects that would normally be addressed at the Information Night. We will send primary schools a link to this slideshow which they can then email to parents.

The extra transition sessions will go ahead, as will the Year 6 Orientation Day. The parent meet-and-greet on that day will not be held."

Transition information continued on next page

Thursday 29th October (Term 4 Week 3) – 12:45 – 1:00pm – School Visits by Year Advisor and Deputy,

Extra Transition Days - 9.30 to 11.20 **Thurs 12th Nov, Fri 20th Nov, Thurs 26th Nov**

Tues 1st December All schools Orientation Day - all day *** *we are discussing alternative arrangements*

COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines - UPDATE

There were new guidelines released on the last days of Term 3 in relation to COVID-19. The key changes and information for Mount George Public School are:

- Kindergarten transition is back on
- Year 6 farewell can go ahead with restrictions
- Excursions can go ahead with a COVID-19 Safety Plan
- More scope for interschool sport
- COVID-19 safety plans to accompany all sporting fixtures
- Revised guidelines around singing and performing arts. Class singing can now resume as part of the curriculum providing teachers keep distance and the rooms are well ventilated
- Parents and visitors are still not able to be on-site, therefore, our before and after school pick-up and drop-off procedures will continue in Term 4
- Parent helpers are welcome back to support essential curriculum matters e.g. for reading groups, gardening projects, etc. Teachers will be in touch if they require parent helpers.

- Peter Falla, Principal

Other news and events:

Mad Hatter Tea Party, last term

The last day of Term 3 was a fun day, with Mrs Longstaff organising the Mad Hatter Tea Party and day of activities including the Egg & Spoon Race, Relays, Lolly Jar Competition and lots more. The event raised \$122.40 towards the Year 6 gift fundraiser and all the kids had a fantastic day.

Library

Friday is Library Day. Students need to bring a library bag to borrow books. If they have any overdue books, could you please return them.

Reporting Absences

Following an absence from school, you must ensure that, within 7 days, you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. Absences are reported to the Department of Education, including unexplained absences. You can send a note with your child the following day as this will give them extra responsibilities or, alternatively, email the school or send a reply to our automated attendance SMS. For late arrivals or early departures, students MUST be accompanied by their parent or carer who is to sign them in/out at the school office.

Key Term 4 dates –

School Calendar 2020 Term 4

Week 3			
Wednesday	28	October	- Book Club Issue 7 - orders and payments due - Book Week and Mini Olympics
Thursday	29	October	- Kindergarten Orientation Session 1 of 3 - Year 6-7 Transition - High School Year Advisor and Deputy visit our school
Week 5			
Monday	9	November	- Intensive Swimming Day 1 of 3
Tuesday	10	November	- Intensive Swimming Day 2 of 3
Wednesday	11	November	- Intensive Swimming Day 3 of 3
Thursday	12	November	- Year 6 - 7 Transition session at High School 09:30-11:20
Week 6			
Wednesday	18	November	- Kindergarten Orientation Session 2 of 3 - NAIDOC Day and special assembly
Friday	20	November	- Year 6 - 7 Transition session at High School 09:30-11:20 - Bathurst excursion - full payment due
Week 7			
Thursday	26	November	- Year 6 - 7 Transition session at High School 09:30-11:20
Week 8			
Tuesday	1	December	- BATHURST ROADTRIP! Departing 7:00am sharp
Wednesday	2	December	- Kindergarten Orientation Session 3 of 3
Friday	4	December	- Cedar Class return from Bathurst excursion. Arrive approx. 4:00pm
Week 9			
Wednesday	9	December	- Presentation Day - details to be advised
Friday	11	December	- Diamond Day - Christmas Party
Wednesday	19	December	- Last student day of school for 2018!
Week 10			
Monday	14	December	- Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday	15	December	- P&C Day
Wednesday	16	December	- Last Student day of school for 2020!
Thursday	17	December	- Staff development day
Friday	18	December	- Staff development day
School resumes Friday 29 January 2021			

- All visitors to the school MUST sign the visitor's book & complete the External Visitors to School Site form.
- Where students arrive late or need to depart early, please sign students in or out in the student book in front foyer. Students must be accompanied by an adult.
- Have any of your contact details changed? It is necessary that your contact details are correct so please make sure to advise the school by telephone or in writing if any of your details do change.
- Emergency messages regarding a change of bus routine for students must be phoned through by 2.30pm to ensure timely communication to the relevant teacher.

Gallery:

Our latest foyer display is inspired by the wonderful story ELMER, by David McKee.





Newsletter inserts:

- Flying Fox Mobile Pre-School flyer
- School B.E.S.T. rules
- NEW Online Enrolment information



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

