



Mount George Public School

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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Principal's Report:

Kindy Orientation

Last Thursday, we welcomed our 2022 Kindergarten students to their first orientation morning. The students were full of excitement and anticipation. They enjoyed participating in many fun activities including Story Time, Art and Craft, exploring the playground, and a game of Red Rover. We welcome all of our new and existing families to our school, which is the heart of our community.

Kinder Orientation dates & times

Thursday 11th November 8:50-11:50am

Thursday 25th November 8:50-11:50am

Camp & Excursions

Unfortunately, this year's Sydney Excursion was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Options are available at our school office for a full refund, or you can leave the money in credit towards next year's major camp. The current Term 4 road map allows excursions outdoors, including swim school, and some indoor excursions with strict guidelines. We are currently looking to organise a number of day excursions including a cultural geography excursion to Saltwater with Russel Saunders and Shore Birds Warden, Silas Darnell, as well as a number of end-of-year wellbeing excursions. More information will be sent home soon.

Congratulations Miss Meehan

I would like to formally congratulate Kate Meehan on her appointment as Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction. This is a new position within the NSW Department of Education to support strong instructional leadership models in all schools, coordinating professional learning for teachers, monitoring student outcomes, and supporting families to be key partners in student learning. The position has been developed to ensure all children and young people have a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy, deep content knowledge, and confidence in their ability to learn, adapt, and be responsible citizens.

We feel extremely lucky to be one of the small schools that Miss Meehan will be working with as part of her new role, so she will be here on-site working with us one day a week from Term 1 next year.

2022 Student Enrolments and 2022 Classes

We are very fortunate to continue to have the bushfire disaster supplementation funding for another year. This gives us additional staffing entitlement and allows us to form three classes again next year. We are currently undergoing the recruitment process for staffing to finalise our teaching positions for 2022. What we can say for sure is that there will be a K/1 class, 2/3 class, and a 3-6 class.

End of Year Presentation Day and Assembly

Sad news for our 2021 Presentation Day: we have had to postpone our end of year Lion King performance and we are not permitted any parents to attend this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions. We will hold the presentation day outside and broadcast it live via Zoom.

Attendance

From the commencement of this week, it is a requirement that, for any child having three or more consecutive days away from school, parents are to provide a medical certificate upon the child's return to school. Should a certificate not be provided, our front office staff will contact you via SMS or telephone.

****Please ensure that, if your child is absent for any reason, you notify the school promptly** with an explanation via SMS, phone, letter, or email.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
M T W T F
M T W T F

=

4 weeks



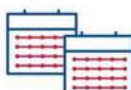
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Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
M T W T F
M T W T F

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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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Swim School

Swim School is where qualified swimming instructors teach your children one of the most important life skills they can have -the ability to swim.

Our school will be attending intensive swimming instruction at Wingham Pool in Week 10 this term, from 6th December to 10th December. The intensive swimming program is designed to cater for children with no swimming experience all the way up to those who are competitive-level swimmers. We are happy to be able to provide this opportunity to all of

our students to ensure they are able to learn to swim efficiently and comfortably in a safe and friendly environment. Additionally, the aim is to educate your children with information and skills to help them be safer in and around water. We are pleased to provide this at no cost to families due to funding received via a Sporting Schools grant. Transport will be provided by Wingham Buses.



Learning Conversations

Thank you for participating in our termly Learning Conversations. It was wonderful to touch base on your child's learning progress after another disrupted year. Your participation, feedback, and the value you place upon your child's education is much appreciated.

Mount George Public School COVID School Plan as a Level 3 School

Classrooms

All children will continue learning in their normal classroom with their normal classroom teacher. There is no change to classes or teachers.

Students attending school

Students are expected to attend school unless they are unwell or have even the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms.

School Activities

Under Level 3 restrictions, the following is permitted in a COVID safe manner:

- Dancing indoors and outdoors in class groups only

- Sport/PE in class cohorts outdoors

- Emergency Drills in a COVID safe manner (keeping cohorts apart)

- Speech Pathology

- Allied Health to support student learning

- Essential visitors to school who are supporting curriculum delivery, student wellbeing and school operations and are double vaccinated.

- Assemblies and presentations outdoors on site with classes being separated with physical distancing in place

- Community use will be permitted outside of school hours, per general community settings and with a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

- P&C Meetings onsite with a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

- Excursions will be allowed outdoors and indoors for the day (indoors only if the class has sole use of the venue). Transportation to and from venues must maintain class cohorts.

- Diamond Day with a COVID safe plan and following the plan of the external venue

- Interschool Sport outside of school hours

- Kinder transition permitted

- Music classes, bands and ensembles and lessons allowed

- SRE/SEE is now permitted

Under Level 3 restrictions, the following activities are not permitted or are on hold;

- Overnight excursions

- Choir

- Singing

Visitors

Non-essential visitors (at the discretion of the school) are permitted on the school site but must QR code in and show evidence of being double vaccinated including

Parents should remain outside the school grounds and adhere to mask wearing requirements following NSW Health guidelines.

Workers supporting the infrastructure development and maintenance of schools can continue on site following QR/Mask wearing/vaccination and hygiene practices and requirements.

Allied Health partners and other providers that are unable to deliver critical services remotely are permitted and should continue to operate in a COVID safe way. They are also expected to follow QR/Mask wearing/vaccination and hygiene practices and requirements.

Ventilation

All windows at our school have been checked by Assets Management Unit and by our General Assistant. Every window opens. Staff have been informed about the importance of having windows and doors open to allow for ventilation in every classroom, office and workspace. Windows and doors will be open in every room. Please ensure children pack a jumper in case the weather is cold/cool/raining.

Before & After School

Unfortunately, parents are not permitted on school grounds unless signing in students when arriving late or signing out students early.

We ask that children not arrive at school before 8.30am each day. Parents picking up/dropping off students are asked to please wait outside of the school grounds.

QR Codes

It is mandatory that all school staff, Department of Education staff, contractors and allied health professionals and essential visitors to the school QR code in and show evidence of double vaccination before entering the site each day please.

Wearing Masks

All school staff and essential visitors MUST wear masks indoors and outdoors at school.

Under Level 3 restrictions, it is encouraged for Primary children to wear masks.

Masks can be removed when eating or exercising.

Vaccinations

All staff and visitors to the school site are double vaccinated.

Enhanced Cleaning and Essential Hygiene

Hygiene is extremely important. All children, staff, and essential visitors sanitise on entry to school. Everyone is constantly reminded about the need to sanitise, wash hands thoroughly with soap and water, cough or sneeze into their elbow and ensure all tissues and rubbish are putting into a bin. Staff will continually remind children of these expectations and signage is also displayed around the school. The school also has cleaners on site all day who move around cleaning all areas of the school continually.

If you have any concerns regarding any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peter Falla,
Principal

Other school news:

Canteen vouchers

Just a reminder that all canteen vouchers expire at end of the year. Vouchers can be redeemed by handing in with cash orders or by entering the voucher number online when placing orders via the QuickCliq platform.

School payment methods accepted

We have been advised by Westpac that, for increased financial security, schools are no longer able to accept EFTPOS payments over the phone. Accepted payment methods are cash, online payment via our official school website (www.mtgeorge-p.schools.nsw.gov.au), and, once COVID-19 restrictions are no longer in place, EFTPOS payments at the office.

School bell times:

8:55am – toilet break and line up for morning assembly

9:00am – classes begin

11:40am – recess

1:15pm – lunch

3:00pm – end of school day

From your Parents & Citizens committee:

End-of-year hamper donations: please refer to the note sent home in Week 5 requesting donations of items for our end-of-year raffle prizes.

School Calendar:

School Calendar 2021 Term 4

Week 7			
Thursday	18	Nov	Book Club Issue 7 orders due
Week 8			
Monday	22	Nov	All library books to be returned for end of year stocktake
Thursday	25	Nov	Kindy Orientation Session 3 8:50am-11:50am
Week 9			
Wednesday	01	Dec	WELLBEING DAY Excursion! Big Buzz Fun Park Whole school
Friday	03	Dec	Canteen CLOSED today
Week 10			
Monday	6	Dec	Swimming Intensives Wingham Pool
Tuesday	7	Dec	Swimming Intensives Wingham Pool
Wednesday	8	Dec	Swimming Intensives Wingham Pool
Thursday	9	Dec	Swimming Intensives Wingham Pool
Friday	10	Dec	Swimming Intensives Wingham Pool
Week 11			
Monday	13	Dec	WELLBEING DAY Excursion! Cinema Whole school
Tuesday	14	Dec	PRESENTATION DAY + P&C Fun Day Incursion Whole school
Wednesday	15	Dec	DIAMOND DAY Qualifying students
Thursday	16	Dec	Students' last day for 2021 – Out of Uniform Day Whole school
Friday	17	Dec	PUPIL-FREE DAY Student vacation begins!
STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2022			

Photo Gallery: BOOK WEEK 2021



Newsletter Inserts:

- BEST School Rules
- SkoolBag app flyer
- Attendance chart
- Canteen Menu
- QuickCliq online canteen and uniform ordering platform flyer



At Mount George PS "We Strive" to be our

B

e Respectful

- Confidence
- Getting Along
- Nice Talk
- Treat everyone fairly
- Care for our School & Environment



E

ngage in Learning

- Persistence
- Organisation
- Team Work
- Personal Best
- Think flexibly & find humour



S

tay Safe

- Safe Play
- Resolve conflict with empathy
- STOP, THINK & CHOOSE



T

ake Responsibility

- Resilience
- Growth Mindset
- Follow teacher directions
- Regular attendance
- Honesty and ownership of your actions



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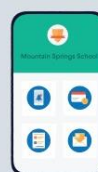
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SkoolBag



GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS

Every Minute in School Counts



When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes each day	50 minutes each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks each year	Nearly ½ a year of learning
20 minutes each day	1 hour and 40 minutes each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks each year	Nearly 1 year of learning
30 minutes each day	2 ½ hours each week	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 day each week	8 weeks or nearly 1 term each year	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day

Spring Menu for Mount George PS Canteen

All items can be ordered with cash on the day (students to place orders with cash in the order box prior to school assembly) or online via the QuickCliq website <https://app.quickcliq.com.au/> (link also available through SkoolBag).

From Granny Mel's Kitchen

Available on Thursdays & Fridays

	Price
O Fruit Muffin	2.5
E Fruit Smoothie	3
E Chicken & Salad Wrap	5
O BBQ, Ham & Pineapple Pita Pizza	4
O Homemade Mini Beef Pie	2.50
E Chicken, Corn, Cheese & Avo Quesadilla	5
E Mango Chilli Chicken Wings	3 each
E Mini Beef Burger with Sweet Potato Fries	5
E Corn on the Cob with Butter	2
O Loaded Mac n Cheese (Bacon & Peas)	5
E Vege Fried Rice	4
E Just Juice 200ml Popper	1.50



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