



# Mount George Public School

## MONTHLY BULLETIN

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### Principal's Report:

**Welcome back and Thank You for your Home Learning efforts:** We welcome back all of our students after 4 weeks of learning from home. I really want to thank them all for their resilience and commitment to their home learning. Of course, all of the effort and support that students received from their families during this period ensured that they were still connected to their learning. So, I acknowledge the parents, grandparents, and family members who all provided support. Finally, the efforts, diligence, and professional care that all of our staff have put in over this period has been second to none. Our school is so very lucky to have the staff we have. Their ability to work collaboratively and flexibly, particularly during these very unusual times and with very little notice, makes me feel so very proud of our school team. Messages that I have received from our community recently, very much support this thinking. Whilst we are only back for one week before the school holidays, the teachers have planned some additional activities for our children to assist them in reconnecting with their friends and face-to-face learning. Thank you to our entire school community!

**Current Restrictions:** Our school has now been placed on Level 3 restrictions in regard to the pandemic which means, in summary:

- Students are now learning at school.
- No non-essential visitors inside the school
- QR Codes are in place for all adults going into a school including all staff and contractors, who must check in and out along with signing normal attendance books.
- Mask-wearing for all staff and secondary students from Year 7 up. We ask all parents entering Mount George Public School to wear a mask.

**\*\*\* Students and staff with any flu like symptoms should not attend school, self-isolate, and have a COVID test** and return when they receive a negative test result.

**Please return all School Laptops and chargers:** Our school was happy that we could provide laptops to families who needed them and should we go into lockdown again we will do the same.

**Mount George Public School External Validation 2021:** We finished our school External Validation on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August this term.

What is External Validation? *Continued over the page...*

*Excellence in NSW public schools is supported by the external validation process. Once during a School Excellence cycle, schools undergo an external validation of the evidence of their school self-assessment which, in turn, supports the development of the Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP). External validation provides an opportunity for schools to discuss their judgements about the school's practice, and the evidence that underpins them, with a panel of peers. An external validation process provides an assurance to the school and to the system that the progress being made aligns with the expectations articulated in the School Excellence Framework.*

Our EV panel consisted of:

- Principal School Leadership from the Northern Beaches, Sydney - Peter Skinner
- Peer Principal from Woodburn Public School on the North Coast – Shane Fletcher

Additional staff supporting our submission:

- Director Educational Leadership – Rick Clissold
- Taree Principal School Leadership – Dave Willard
- Instructional Leader – Cassandra Lees
- Classroom Teacher – Kate Meehan

## Our Results:

Element name	School Assessment	EV Assessment
● Learning Culture	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling
● Wellbeing	Excelling	Excelling
● Curriculum	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing
● Assessment	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing
● Reporting	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing
● Student performance measures	Delivering	Sustaining and Growing
● Effective classroom practice	Excelling	Excelling
● Data skills and use	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing
● Professional standards	Delivering	Sustaining and Growing
● Learning and development	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling
● Educational leadership	Excelling	Excelling
● School planning, implementation and reporting	Delivering	Sustaining and Growing
● School resources	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling
● Management practices and processes	Delivering	Sustaining and Growing

We had an extremely successful External Validation achieving some pleasing validations from the panel. As you can see in the previous table, we were bumped up in seven of the School Excellence Framework elements! See below for some of the feedback we received:

**Peter Skinner (Lead Panelist)** - *External Validation is no small task to undertake and from the moment we commenced the meeting, it was clear to both of us what enabled the submission to be completed with such quality – team work, clarity of purpose and a collective responsibility for completing the work to the highest standard, particularly significant given your relatively small team.*

*It is those actions that we also saw as you spoke about your work at Mount George Public School. That strong moral purpose that holds students at the centre of your words and actions was clearly evident. We were both impressed with not only the depth of your work but also the reflective nature of your leadership practices and how these were reflected across each team member.*

*We hope you have the opportunity to celebrate not only the end of the process but the validation of your judgments and the additional acknowledgement apparent in some others. As External Validation panel members, it was a privilege to learn about Mount George PS and the transformative work you are undertaking; we are eager to hear of how the school progresses from strength to strength through the work identified in your current plan.*

*Please accept our best wishes as you continue your drive for improvement and an enhanced sense of wellbeing alongside all members of your school community.*

**Dave Willard (Principal School Leadership)** - *It was a great pleasure to witness the validation by the panel of the exemplary work that you have been doing throughout your time as principal at Mount George Public School. You and your team did a wonderful job of accurately describing the high level processes and positive culture that is currently embedded in all that is Mount George. As always, you were quick to take on board advice throughout your preparation for this panel and to apply your learning diligently to create the highest level of clarity in describing and providing evidence for the accomplishments of your school and its community.*

*You and your team of Cassie and Kate did a great job throughout the panel of expanding on the evidence you had already presented, demonstrating how genuinely and accurately it captured the essence of what makes your school such a great place to learn. The panel had good reason to be highly impressed with what they saw and heard. It was clear that also they truly enjoyed being part of this process.*

**Shane Fletcher (Peer Principal)** - *Congratulations to your team. There seems to be great synergy happening and progress well underway.*

**Rick Clissold (Director Educational Leadership)** - *Once again please congratulate your team. Your strong leadership was evident today. Very proud of your school. It was an absolute pleasure today.*

If you are interested in viewing our External Validation submission, you will find the link on SkoolBag under the post "Mount George PS External Validation".



**Outstanding NAPLAN Results:** Congratulations to all of the students who completed the NAPLAN assessments this year in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation, and Numeracy. The results are out and our students performed exceptionally! All of our year 5 students achieved fantastic growth compared to their year 3 assessment and we had a number of students achieving the top bands in multiple areas. Very proud of all of our students!

**SAS Recognition Week:** Last week was SAS recognition week and Mount George Public is so lucky to have such an excellent group of support staff in our school. We thank Leanne, Diane, Sandra, Sam, and Mark for their wonderful care and efforts in making our school a special place for children and staff.

### **Other school news:**

**FRRR Vouchers:** The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), in partnership with First Steps Count Inc., is supporting children to access quality educational experiences by providing \$50 gift vouchers which are redeemable for items necessary to continue successfully with the school year, such as clothing, shoes, school bags, stationery items, lunchboxes, water bottles, etc. This program has been funded by various organisations, trusts, and foundations whose generosity has been the financial backbone of this program.

All of our school families will receive one \$50 Target voucher per student. **Vouchers will be sent home on Thursday afternoon so please check school bags.** These vouchers each have a unique PIN and can be redeemed only once so please treat them like cash.

**2022 Enrolments & Kindergarten Orientation:** We are currently taking enrolments for 2022 Kindergarten students. Online enrolment is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/online-enrolment-for-nsw-public-schools> or parents can contact the school to complete a paper enrolment form.

Kindy Orientation will be from 8:50am-11:50am on the following dates:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October (Week 4)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November (Week 6)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November (Week 8)

New families to the area are able enrol existing students at any time throughout a school year so please feel free to forward the above link to any new families that you know who would prefer to complete their enrolment online.

**Cedar Class Camp:** At this stage, we have been unable to plan an alternative camp due to the ongoing ban on overnight excursions throughout the COVID-19 restrictions but we will let you know early Term 4 once we know what is happening. We are certainly hopeful that we will still be able to run an overnight camp however, in the event that we cannot, all camp fees paid so far will be fully refunded.

**Music:** This term, we purchased two ukuleles for our Music program – one Concert ukulele and one Soprano. We have had a number of students already enjoying learning on these new instruments under the instruction and guidance of our wonderful Music Tutor, Ms Sandra Kwa, and they have been playing an accompaniment to the school choir.





**Library News:** Another Term is nearly over and what a time it has been!!!!

The Library will be an exciting place in Term 4 with the Children's Book Council of Australia Award winning titles available for borrowing. Each year, since 1945, the CBCA has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week.

Our Book Week was interrupted with home learning but, not to worry, we will schedule another date for next term to celebrate our school, students, staff, and community. So, don't forget to work on those costumes!!!!

We will also have the winners of our Book Week theme "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds" colouring competition and, the highly sought-after, Wacky Photo Awards.

I hope you all have a safe holiday and always remember that reading is a wonderful way to pass the time.

- Mrs Richardson, Teacher Librarian

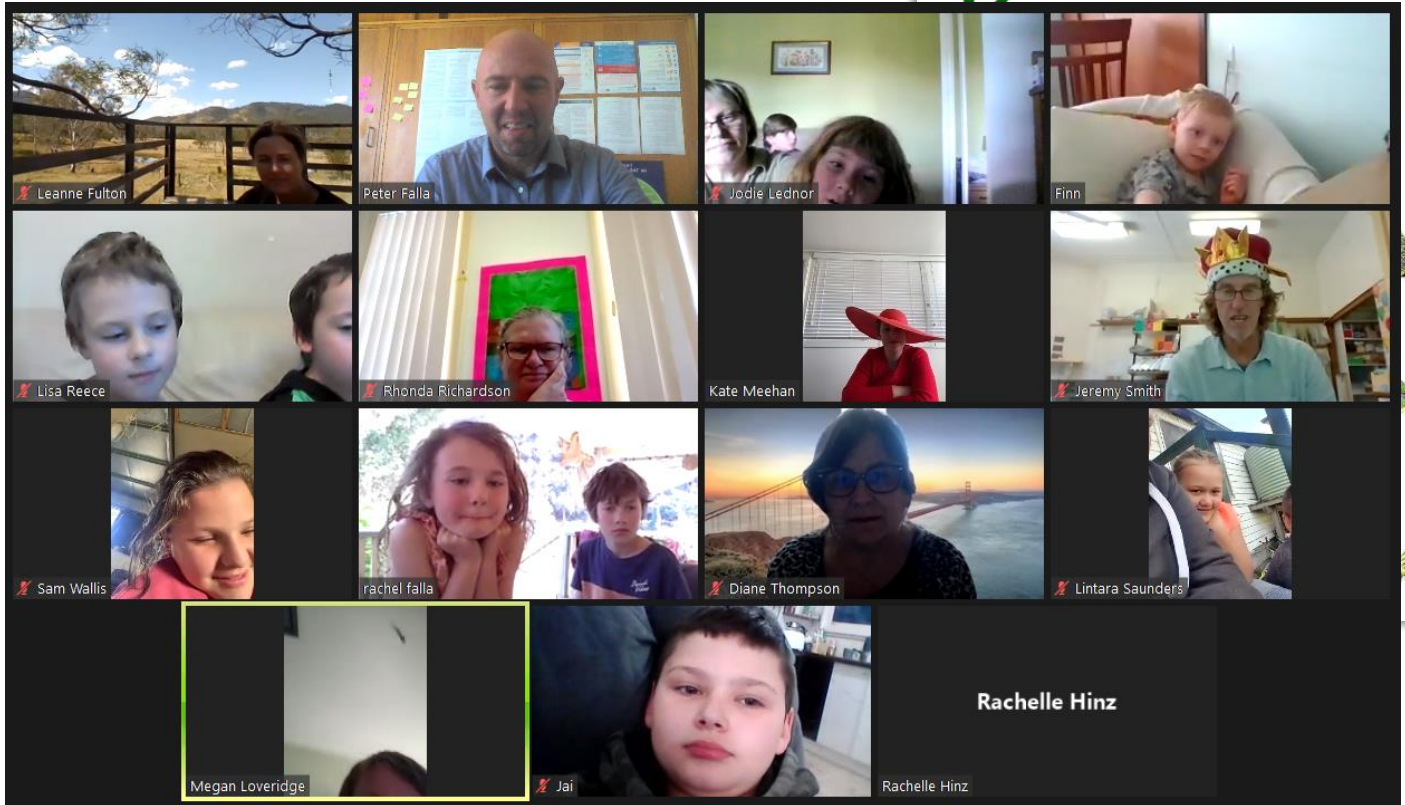
*"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body"- Joseph Addison*

**Canteen:** Under "Level 3" COVID-19 restrictions, Granny Mel is back and has a revised menu for Spring. A copy was sent home earlier this week and you can find it again at the back of this newsletter and on the SkoolBag app. Families are able to pay with cash on the day or online via the QuickCliq platform. QuickCliq has capability to accept credit card payment however, to save on banking surcharges, families might like to use the "wallet" function to transfer funds ready for Term 4 ordering.

School uniforms can also be purchased online via QuickCliq. For more information, visit <https://quickcliq.com.au/>.

### **Photo Gallery:** *Students engaging in Home Learning*





## Newsletter Inserts:

- BEST School Rules
- SkoolBag app flyer
- Canteen Menu update
- 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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## 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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