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Principal's Report:

Dear Mount George Public School Community,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and ready to catch up on the latest news and updates from our vibrant school community. We have an exciting line-up of achievements, events, and important information to share with you.

Thank You for high participation in Learning Conversations

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents, guardians, and students for their active participation in the Learning Conversations. Your involvement and support has been invaluable in fostering a strong home/school partnership, enabling us to provide the best education and learning experiences for our students.

Sports News

We would like to congratulate Olivia and Tom Falla for their efforts in the Zone Cross Country. Olivia finished 53rd, while Tom secured an impressive 34th place. Additionally, Tom Falla and Quintin Reece put in a fantastic effort during the Manning Zone soccer team trials. Well done to all the participants for representing our school with great determination and sportsmanship. We would also like to recognize Bentley and Ruben Barber, along with Olivia and Tom Falla, for their brave and proud representation of our school at the State Swimming Championships in Homebush. Their participation in the small school relay race heats was truly commendable.

Thank You to the P & C

We extend our gratitude to the Parents and Citizens (P & C) Association for their great initiatives. The NitBusters Program and the Mothers' Day Coffee Mug drive were resounding successes, thanks to your support.

Upcoming Events

We have some exciting events coming up, including the Teddy Bear Hospital delivered by the Newcastle University Medical Students, author visits from Felice Arena & Jacqueline Harvey, Chess Competition, Small Schools Soccer Gala Day, and the Small Schools State Soccer Knockout clash against Moorland Public School. We encourage all students and families to mark these events on your calendars and get ready for some fun-filled experiences.

Staff Update

We bid farewell to Miss Mahar who has officially commenced her maternity leave. We sincerely thank her for her hard work and dedication during her time at our school and wish her all the best on her journey into parenthood. We warmly welcome Miss Ellana George to the Mount George Public School Team. We are excited to have her join our staff and contribute to the growth and development of our students.

Wellbeing and Choice Theory Principles

We would like to express our appreciation for your ongoing support with our Wellbeing procedures and approach, which are based on the principles of Choice Theory. By empowering our students to make responsible choices, we are equipping them with the necessary skills to be the best versions of themselves. Together, we are creating a positive and nurturing learning environment for all our students.

Importance of Reading at Home

Research consistently shows that reading at home with your child is one of the most effective ways to support their learning and boost their confidence. We encourage all families to prioritise reading time and make it a regular part of your daily routine. By fostering a love for reading, we can open doors to endless possibilities and enhance your child's educational journey.

Sustainable Schools Grant and Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant

We are thrilled to announce that Leanne has secured another \$1000 funding through the Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant Schools Initiative for our Kitchen Garden program. This generous grant will be utilized to purchase raised garden beds, implement composting systems, and acquire plants and soil improvers such as mushroom compost. We have also placed an order for the Aquaculture system through our successful Sustainable Schools Grant, which we eagerly await. We have, however, encountered a temporary setback with our bee proposal due to the presence of the varroa mite in our area and strict DPI restrictions and protocols. Rest assured, we are actively working with the project organisers to find a suitable solution.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and engagement in our school community. We look forward to the upcoming events and collaborations that will continue to enrich the educational journey of our students.

Warmest regards,

Peter

Principal, Mount George Public School

Other school news:

From the Student Parliament:

Our Minister for Waste, Bentley Barber, is overseeing our own in-school recycling and fundraising program, with our school actively recycling drinks cartons, cans, and bottles through Tomra's "Return and Earn" program.



Along with the educational and environmental benefits of the program, Return and Earn is providing our student parliament with the opportunity to raise funds for Kitchen Garden projects throughout the year.

Our program has only been running since the end of Term 1 and has already generated over \$10 just for recycling containers!

Families can help...

If you have extended family members that live further away but would like to contribute to our students' fundraising efforts, let them know that families can now donate 10c refund(s) to Mount George Public School from any Return and Earn outlet using the Return and Earn app.

You can help us AND help the planet at the same time simply by recycling drink containers!

And it's easy as 1,2,3:

- 1- Download the Return and Earn app (available from your App store or Google Play store)
 - 2- Look us up under the "Charities" menu and press "Set as payout"
 - 3- Scan the app, return containers and press "TRANSFER" on the RVM screen when finished!
- 100% of the refunds will be transferred to our school.

Thank you for your support!

A Day at the Farm – Year 6 excursion



Last Monday, one of our students, Elijah Waite, attended the Wingham High School's annual "A Day at the Farm", in conjunction with Beef Week. 83 students from 8 local primary schools enjoyed the day.

Wingham High School's Agriculture Team and students shared information on caring for farm animals and allowed all students to experience all that their farm has to offer. A barbeque lunch was enjoyed by all.

Aurora College Residential Camp

In Week 2 of this term, Samuel Fulton attended his first residential camp as part of his Aurora College enrolment. This 5-day residential camp gave Sam the opportunity to meet and work with his peers and teachers face-to-face for the first time. The program included lessons, tutorials, masterclasses, mentoring sessions, excursions, and programs from the Australian Business Community Network.

The application date for 2024 Year 5 enrolments has now closed; however, information will be posted later in the year and early next year for parents and students considering application for Year 5 enrolment for 2025.



From the P&C:

The May P&C meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of the month – Tuesday, 30th May, 2023. All families are invited to come along and join in the discussion and planning for upcoming events including a proposed disco for Term 2, a special food day, and to hear the reports from and provide feedback on the recent Mothers' Day mug fundraiser and NitBusters program.

The meeting will commence at 8:30am in the school library. Visitors need to sign in at the office or by using the QR code outside the top library entrance.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance at school is important for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Student absences must be explained within 7 days of the first day of absence by means of verbal or written explanation **from the parent/carers**. Our school has a dedicated SMS service to make it easy for parents to provide an explanation. The process for marking absences is as follows:

Day 1 – student is marked “absent” and an SMS is sent to parent/carers for explanation of the absence.

Day 3 or student's first day back at school - if no response received to SMS, an absence letter is sent home providing parents/carers with further opportunity to explain the absence.

Day 7 – if no explanation has been provided, the parent/carers will receive a phone call from the school seeking explanation.

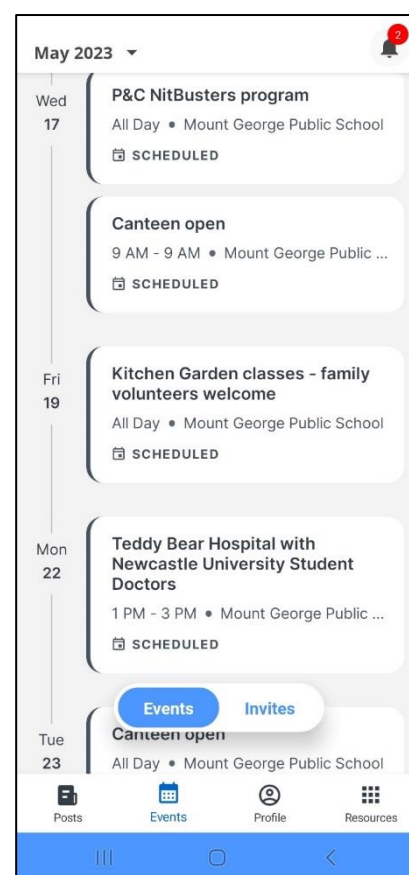
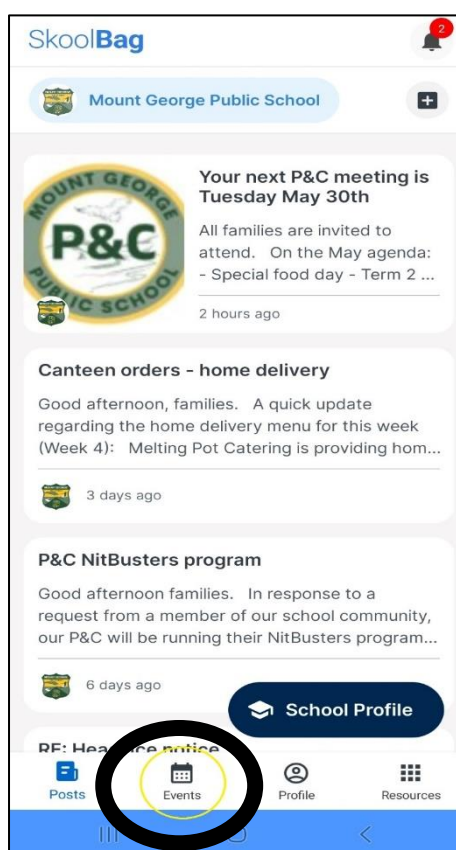
Continued unexplained absences or high rates of non-attendance are referred to a Home School Liaison Officer for support.

Upcoming Dates:

All upcoming events will now be available for viewing 24/7 on SkoolBag.

To find the Events calendar, click on the “Events” tab as per the image here.

If you have any problems viewing the calendar, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.



May Photo Gallery:



MOUNT GEORGE PUBLIC SCHOOL TERM 2 CANTEEN MENU

PROVIDED BY MELTING POT CATERING

HOT FOOD SERVED AT LUNCH ONLY (11:30)



E Hamburger: Lettuce, Tomato, Beetroot, Onion & BBQ \$4.50

E Cheese Burger: Cheese & Tomato Sauce \$4.00

E Chicken Burger: Lettuce & Mayo \$4.00

E Nachos: Salsa & Sour Cream \$5.00

○ Loaded Mac n Cheese (Bacon & Peas) \$5.00

○ BBQ Ham & Pineapple Pita Pizza \$4.00

○ Homemade Chicken Nuggets (6) \$4.00

E Toasty Toasties On High Fibre Bread:

Cheese \$3.00

Ham & Cheese \$4.00

Nacho beef, bean, & Cheese \$4.00

Chicken & Cheese \$4.00

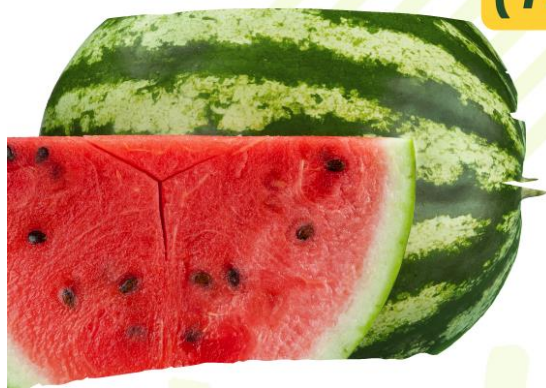
○ Roast Pork & Gravy Roll \$4.00

○ Roast Chicken & Gravy Roll \$4.00

E Corn on the cob with butter \$1.50



AVAILABLE LUNCH & RECESS (11:30 & 1:30PM)



○ Fruit Muffin \$2.50

○ Banana Bread \$2.50

E Watermelon slices \$2.00

E Sandwiches (untoasted) \$ same as toasties

Just Juice Popper (assorted) \$1.50

E = Everyday ○ = Occasional