

School Leadership Message – Glenn Butler & Christian Holdsworth

The start of a new school year is a very exciting time for all those involved. For students, it's about moving up a year level and the opportunity to accept all of the great educational challenges ahead. This is complemented by the warmth of friendships, both established and new. The start of formal education is especially exciting for our Prep students who have been counting down the days until they could finally go to school. What a start they've had! As I worked with the teachers to welcome the new Preps yesterday, I was delighted to see such confidence and enjoyment in interaction and learning demonstrated by our youngest students.



A smooth start to a school year is only possible through thorough and professional planning and preparation. I compliment the teachers on the manner in which they have established a purposeful and stimulating learning environment in each of their classrooms and specialist learning areas. Over the holidays, teachers and educational support staff have devoted considerable time and effort to ensure that the educational program could begin in earnest from day one.

Thank you also to the Office staff who worked diligently through late December and throughout January to ensure a smooth rollover into the 2018 school year. I commend their sense of professionalism and dedication to Mount View. The work of our cleaning contractors and grounds staff over the holiday break has been fantastic. The presentation of both the grounds and the classroom spaces has been exceptional. Thank you.

To all parents, I extend a warm welcome back to Mount View. The partnership between the parents and the school is vital in the continued success of our great school. I look forward to parents working alongside the school leadership team, teachers and educational support staff in the myriad activities and projects associated with Mount View throughout 2018.

Professional Learning – School Leadership – Glenn Butler & Christian Holdsworth

What a first week of school!

This week began with two days of staff preparation. Staff worked as both a whole group and in small teams to prepare and plan for the school year. They also engaged in Professional Learning sessions with growth coach Kris Massie on personal wellbeing and work – life balance, and team building activities delivered by our PE staff.



Our School – School Leadership – Glenn Butler & Christian Holdsworth

As a school we are proud of the support we provide all of our students. Whilst we drive academic achievement, the development of the whole child is at the core of our school philosophy. Our positive approaches to student well-being and programs that are offered in addition to the classroom program provide children with amazing experience. These include specialist classes for Physical Education, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Languages (Chinese). In addition, our Learning Support and English as an Additional Language (EAL) programs provide targeted support to children with additional learning needs. Our school Social Worker and Clubs Program provide additional support for students with well-being and socialisation needs. Further to our clubs program, the school engages external providers to offer instrumental music, chess and robotics to students; an area we are looking to grow in 2018.

We encourage all families to draw upon the resources of the school and the Department of Education's parent website <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents> . The 2018 year is shaping up to be another successful year for the Mount View community!

Staff Announcements

Grounds & Facilities

I would like to welcome a number of new and returning staff members to Mount View Primary School. Over the holidays the position of Grounds & Facilities Manager was advertised and the selection process was undertaken. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Tony Lee to the position. Many of you will be familiar with Tony as he has had a long association with the school. Tony's work with Nigel De Kauw around the grounds is clearly evident in the neat and orderly presentation of the school.

Teachers

Resuming

Teachers returning from family leave include:

Bec Connolly – Teaching Prep KS and 2NS on alternate Mondays.

Avril Burke – Teaching 5BL and 6AL on alternate Fridays.

Sarah Pirrie – Teaching 2PP on Monday and Friday.

Karen Van Buuren – Teacher of the Deaf in 3SK and 3FB on Monday and Tuesday.

Graduate Teachers

Teachers beginning their teaching careers include:

Simon Orenshaw – Teaching 3SO

Helena Gong – Teaching 5HG

Rebecca Brown – Teaching 6RB

Damon Burns – Teaching 2DB

Louisa McKenzie – Teacher of the Deaf in Prep HK and Prep KB

New Appointments

Teachers who have recently been appointed to Mount View with prior teaching experience include:

Annie Sioras – Teaching 3AS

Jack Blyth – Teaching 4JB

Kate Kenna – Teaching 4KK

Learning Specialists

Seven teachers have been promoted to the new Learning Specialist positions. Each of these teachers have responsibility for leading the work of their year level teaching teams. Each Learning Specialist has timetabled release for one day per fortnight to work alongside other teachers in their year level teams to build the professional capacity of their co-teachers. The provision of a regular and consistent teacher to continue the learning program in the Learning Specialist teachers' classroom supports student learning. The Learning Specialist and their teaching partners are:

Kellie Stewart – Leading the Prep team, teaching Prep KS and supported by teaching partner, Bec Connolly

Amanda Petch – Leading the Year 1 team, teaching 1AP and supported by teaching partner, Chris Brown

Narelle Simpson – Leading the Year 2 team, teaching 2NS and supported by teaching partner, Bec Connolly

Alicia Guild – Leading the Year 3 team, teaching 3AG and supported by teaching partner, Stacey Sberna

Eamon Halliday – Leading the Year 4 team, teaching 4EH and supported by teaching partner, Stacey Sberna

Brianna Lee – Leading the Year 5 team, teaching 5BL and supported by teaching partner, Avril Burke

Andrew Levey – Leading Year 6 team, teaching 6AL and supported by teaching partner, Avril Burke

Leading Teachers

At Mount View Leading Teachers take responsibility for the leadership of school-wide programs which build the professional capacity of all teachers and support student learning. Leading Teachers have a significant teaching role complimented by a coaching and support role with other teachers. The Leading Teachers are:

Sara Kenfield – Hearing Facility Leader

Erwin Dumenden – Information & Communications Technology Leader

Bianca Gatherum – Health & Well-being Leader

Whole School Teams

Some teaching staff also take on school-wide leadership in priority areas. These staff members demonstrate knowledge and expertise in these discrete areas of the curriculum:

Chris Brown – Leading the Literacy Team, Graduate Mentor Program, teaching 2EF on Tuesday fortnightly and 1AP each Wednesday.

Emily Fletcher – Leading the Mathematics Team, teaching 2EF.

Amanda Petch – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM), teaching 1AP.

Alison Rees – International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP), Assistant Principal

Update – Glenn Butler

Over the holidays I spoke with Assistant Principal, Alison Rees, who is currently recovery from surgery on her ankle. Alison indicated that her recovery was progressing slowly and she is planning to return to work sometime after 20 February. On behalf of all of the Mount View community I extend our best wishes to Alison and we look forward to her return.

Parents Association Schedule for 2018

Term 1

AGM	Monday, 12 February	7:30 pm	Staffroom
Meeting	Tuesday, 20 February	7:30 pm	Staffroom
Movie Night	Friday, 2 March		
Meeting	Monday, 19 March	7:30 pm	Staffroom
BBQ	Friday, 23 March		
Easter Wrapping Session	Wednesday, 28 March	9 – 11 am	
Easter Raffle Assembly	Thursday, 29 March	2 pm	

Term 2

Meeting	Monday, 30 April	7:30 pm	Staffroom
Disco	Friday, 18 May		
Meeting	Tuesday, 29 May	7:30 pm	Staffroom
BBQ	Friday, 22 June		

Term 3

Meeting	Monday, 23 July	7:30 pm	Staffroom
Trivia/Bingo/Social	Saturday, 11 August		
Meeting	Tuesday, 28 August	7:30 pm	Staffroom
Vision Portraits	Sunday, 9 September		
BBQ	Friday, 14 September		

Term 4

BBQ	TBC		
World Teachers Day	TBC		
Meeting	Tuesday, 9 October	7:30 Pm	Staffroom
Meeting	Wednesday, 7 November	7:30 pm	Staffroom

Student Accident Insurance Cover

Parents and guardians are reminded that the Department of Education and Training and Mount View Primary School do not provide accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance and/or ambulance cover are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance, transport and any other related medical costs.

Student accident insurance and ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers and can be obtained by parents and guardians for individual students. For further information please check with your personal insurance company.

**Visual Arts – Sue Gadler & Jude Insole**

What is happening in Visual Arts this term.

YEAR PREP students are

Exploring colour theory and the art of Eric Carle.

They will inquire into the art of Eric Carle and Colour Theory including the colour wheel and colour mixing. The students will explore and experiment with paint to gain knowledge of the primary and secondary colours, how to mix colours and apply paint with texture. They will complete the unit with a collaged colour wheel bouquet.



The YEAR 1 students will

explore the art of a 'Group of Artists' including Klimt, Delauney, Rousseau, Monet and Haring. They will develop skills in Drawing, Painting and Collage.

They will inquire into various styles of art by artists from different periods of time. They will experiment with paint by colour mixing and creating secondary and tertiary colours on paper. Their painted papers will be collaged into a drawn design inspired by one of these artists.



YEAR 2 students are exploring Ceramics and Painting and the art of Jenny Foster Jackson.

They are inquiring into hand building with clay to form pinch pots and applying earthenware glazes with a glass bead feature. They are also inquiring into the eccentric animal paintings by Jenny Foster Jackson. The students will draw and paint their own fantasy animal and consider colour, pattern, shape and tone.



YEAR 3 students are exploring Printmaking.

They will inquire into printmaking with print foam. The student will experiment with drawing, cutting and engraving print foam into organic shapes engraved with patterns. They will print the foam shapes into a layered composition and will gain knowledge in shape, pattern, colour and composition.



YEAR 4 students are exploring the

storybooks and drawing, painting and assemblage skills.

images from the 'Charlie and Lola'

They will be inquiring into drawing, painting and assemblage by designing a character in the style of Charlie and Lola and creating the character on card. The character will be placed in a shoe box diorama setting. Collage skills, assemblage of the setting, scissor and arranging skills are developed.



YEAR 5 students are exploring 3D construction skills with various mediums and the art of Gustavo Ramirez Cruz.

They will inquire into manipulating, shaping and forming 3D materials into a 3D freestanding fantasy animal in the style of Gustavo Ramirez Cruz's art works. Students will develop skills with wire manipulation; plaster bandage shaping and smoothing, painting and embellishing. They will gain knowledge in the use of colour, pattern, shape and tone. The students will gain Media Arts skills by using their iPads to record and self-reflect on the process.



Year 6 students are exploring Ceramics.

They will inquire into hand building with clay and applying earthenware glazes. The students will seek inspiration from various artists of eccentric clay teapots and create their own clay teapot. Skills in drawing / designing, hand building with clay – pinch pots, coil building and adding appendages, engraving and glazing will be developed. The students will develop media skills by recording their progress and self-reflection on their devices.



Requests from the Art Room...

Parents of YEAR 4 students – your son / daughter will need to bring a shoebox or small cardboard box (size of a shoebox) along to Art as soon as possible. This will be used in their artwork this term.

ART SMOCKS NEEDED – Please ensure your son / daughter have their own, labelled art smock as soon as possible. We use many messy materials in Art and we need to protect your child's school uniform. Please ensure the smock is made from sturdy materials. The best are those that can be ordered from the front office. See below.



We're still collecting plastic bottle tops.... Please continue to collect plastic bottle tops of any colour and have your son / daughter bring them along to Visual Arts. We plan to use these in a large, school collaborative art work in the future.



DO YOU HAVE ANY PLASTIC CONTAINERS? The Art rooms would love any donations of plastic containers e.g dip containers, plastic trays, yoghurt jars. We would greatly appreciate any clean plastic containers (no holes). Please send these along with your son / daughter to Visual Art. We use these for paint and other art materials.

Thank you for supporting the Visual Arts program.
Sue Gadler and Jude Insole.

Bring Your Own Device Program – Erwin Dumenden ICT Leader

Brilliant start to the 2018 Year 5 BYO iPad Program!

We have had a great start to the 2018 Year 5 BYO iPad program with a large majority of devices already connected to Mount View's Wireless network within the first two days. We will carry this great momentum into week 2 where we expect to distribute students Google, Office 365 and email accounts. Week 2 will also feature the launch of our Cyber safety program with a guest speaker from the Alannah & Madeline Foundation's eSmart program working with all Year 4, 5 and 6 students. A Parent Cyber Safety workshop "Parenting in the Digital World" has been organized for Tuesday, March 6 at 7pm, more details to come. There have been several requests for the 2018 Year 5 Core Apps List and you will be able to find a eCopy of the document on Compass or online version of the apps list here <http://bitly.com/2B48YqJ> or you can pick up a hard copy of the apps list from the office.

Orders from the BYOD portal have been arriving from JB Education all week. When we receive the packages, our specialist technician will connect the iPad to our wireless network and then we will notify both the student and parents that it is ready for pick up.

If you have any questions about or need help with the BYOD program, please don't hesitate to contact byod@mountviewps.vic.edu.au

Website - Erwin Dumenden ICT Leader

Mount View Primary School Website Rebuild

Our apologies, the Mount View Primary School website has been experiencing technical issues. We have taken the website offline and will use this opportunity to redesign and rebuild our website and online presence. For information about our school and all enquiries please contact the office on 9560 0471.