

# Fountain Gate Primary School

*A community of focused learners who share their curiosity, voice and expertise with others.*

## Principal's Report

### Welcome Back To Term Four!

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and have returned to school fresh for the last term of the 2022 year. We welcome our new students that started this week. As always it is shaping up to be another busy one.

**Planning for 2023- Are you leaving Fountain Gate PS in 2022? Do you have a Prep child that you have not enrolled yet for 2023?**

We are finalising our preparations for accommodation and hiring of teachers for 2023. It is important that families do not leave their enrolments to the last minute. To assist us with 2023 planning if your child (excluding Year Six) is not going to attend Fountain Gate Primary School in 2023, please put this in writing and send it to the school email fountain.gate.ps@education.vic.gov.au If any current families have prep students that have not been enrolled for 2023, it is very important that they are enrolled as soon as possible.

### Term Four is Wear Your Hat Term

Even though the weather is changeable at the moment, this term it is compulsory that students wear their school hats with a brim to protect them from the UV rays. Please ensure your child has a school hat. Hats can be purchased at the front office for \$12.00 or via Qkr.

Once again welcome back for term four and I know we are looking forward to a great term.



### Calendar Dates

#### October 2022

#### Friday 14th

Grade 6 Graduation Group  
Photo

#### Friday 21st

Book Club Orders Due

#### Tuesday 1st November

Melbourne Cup Day  
Public Holiday

#### Tuesday 8th November

Free Dress Day - Gold Coin  
Donation  
Raising funds for Planet Ark

#### Monday 14th November

Staff Planning  
Student Free Day



### Respect

Valuing others

### Trust

Having faith in  
ourselves

### Care

Looking after yourself  
and others

# Mobile Phone Policy

## Update on Mobile Phone & Smart Watches at FGPS

In accordance with the Department's Mobile Phones Policy issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones & smart watches **must not be used** at Fountain Gate Primary School during school hours, including lunch time and recess.



Mobile phones & smart watches owned by students are considered valuable items and are brought to school at your own (student or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone or smart watch to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Where students bring a mobile phone or smart watch to school, we will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At FGPS, students are required to store their phones and smart watches in their locker (Level 3-6 students) or hand them directly to the office when they arrive at school. Students in Level 3-6 will not share their 4 digit locker code with other students.

Students who breach our mobile phone policy will have their phone and/or smart watch confiscated by the principal or acting principal for the day, and stored in a secure location. If a student is found using a mobile phone or smart watch dangerously during school hours, we may be required to contact Victoria Police. Consequences will be consistent with our existing student engagement policy.

Exceptions may be made on the grounds of health and wellbeing reasons. Please contact the Principal if you believe this is relevant to your child.

This policy does not apply to Out of School Hours Care (OSHC), Out of hours school events, travelling to and from school, or student iPads.

You can view our full mobile phone policy on the Information page of our website, or by [clicking here](#) if you are reading this digitally.



## FREE DRESS DAY - TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

On Tuesday 8th of November, we will be having a free dress day to raise funds for Planet Ark during National Recycling Week. Don't forget, every Tuesday is Nude Food day at FGPS!

Students are encouraged to wear free dress and bring a Gold Coin donation on the day.

# WELLBEING

## 'MPOWER GIRLS' PROGRAM - TERM 3

The end of term 3 saw the completion of the Mpower girls program for selected girls in 5M and 5/6W. The Mpower girls program ran over the entirety of term 3 and was aimed at getting female students to be more mindful of how they think, talk and act towards each other. Each student was given specific skills to effectively problem solve peer issues, to be assertive in conflict situations, reduce stereotyping and be more mindful of how their actions affect their peers.

I would like to say a big congratulations to all girls who participated! It was a pleasure to work with each and every one of you. You all did such an amazing job and I am so proud of you all!

The girls would love to share what they learnt:



**I LEARNT TO LISTEN  
AND UNDERSTAND  
PEOPLES' FEELINGS  
AND LISTEN TO  
OTHERS**

**MANAIA - 5M**

**I'VE LEARNT TO  
ALWAYS RESPECT  
OTHER PEOPLE AND  
THAT IT'S IMPORTANT  
TO STAND UP FOR  
MYSELF AND OTHERS.**

**RITA - 5/6W**

**I'VE LEARNT  
HOW TO TALK TO  
PEOPLE IN A  
CALMER WAY**

**AROOJ - 5/6W**

**I'VE LEARNT THE  
IMPORTANCE OF  
RESPECTING OTHERS  
AND TO KNOW HOW  
PEOPLE ARE FEELING**

**BASHEERA - 5/6W**

**I'VE LEARNT TO  
STAND UP FOR  
MYSELF AND OTHERS  
AND HOW TO BE  
MORE RESPECTFUL**

**JOURNEY - 5M**

**I'VE LEARNT ABOUT  
SELF ESTEEM,  
RESPECT AND LOTS  
OF OTHER THINGS**

**ARMEEN - 5M**

**I HAVE LEARNT TO  
ALWAYS THINK ABOUT  
HOW MY ACTIONS ARE  
GOING TO AFFECT  
OTHERS BECAUSE IT IS  
NOT ALWAYS ABOUT ME**

**ARYAHI - 5/6W**

**I'VE LEARNT  
TO STAND UP FOR  
OTHERS AND BE  
KIND**

**HOPE - 5/6W**

**SARAH GERLACH - COUNSELLOR**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 'YOUNG ARCHIE  
- NARRE WARREN' WINNER 2022



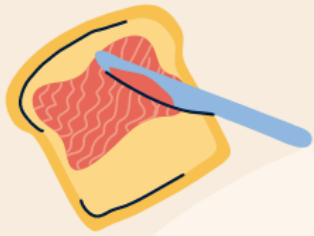
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# Odeta Better

9-12 YEAR OLD CATEGORY

Visit Bunjil Place before October 16th to see Odeta's work!

**WELL DONE ODETA!**



# Canteen Volunteers Wanted



Must have a voluntary Working With Children's Check.

Volunteers needed Wednesday - Friday, from approx

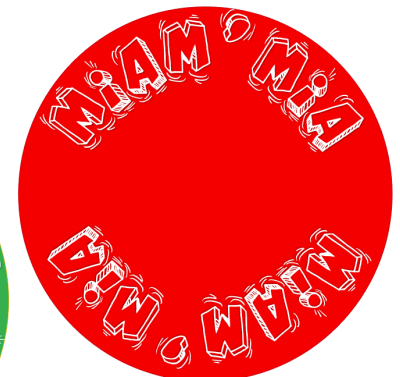
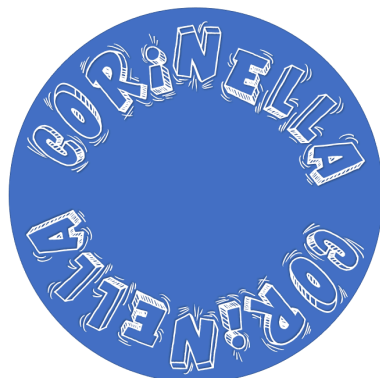
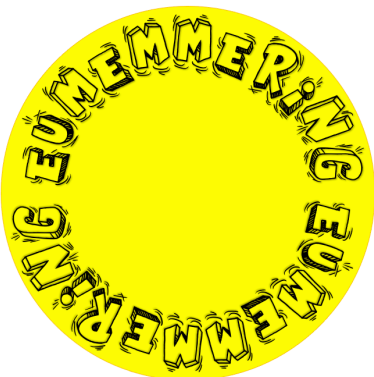
12:00pm - 1:15pm

Contact the Office for more  
information on 9703 1187

Or drop by the front office



## FGPS House Names



Fountain Gate Primary School



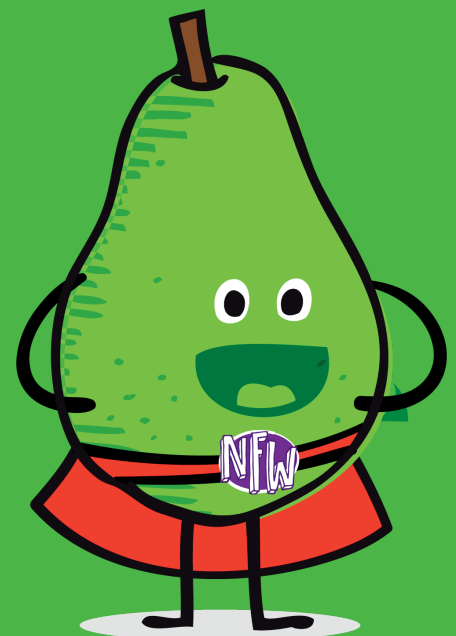
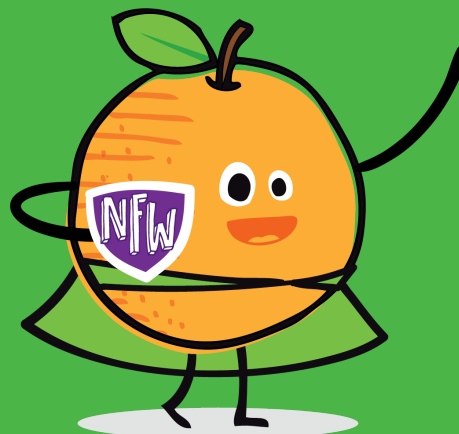
Every Tuesday!

Can you be a

**NUDE FOOD**

**SUPERHERO?**

The class with the  
most participants  
wins a prize!





# FOUNDATION CLASSROOM

## news



### WHAT'S ON FOR TERM 4

Excursion- Puffing Billy 21st November  
Market night  
Christmas Concert



### English & Maths

In English this term we are going to be learning about long and short vowel sounds, reading with fluency and expression. We're going to write procedures and learn editing skills.



In maths we are learning about length, time, addition, subtraction and skip counting.



### Investigations

During Investigations students explore gross motor skills, zoo animals, hair dressing, dinosaurs and tinkering.





# What's happening in Level 1?



## Upcoming Events

\*Bunjil Place walking

Excursion- Nov. 22nd

\*Footy Clinic - Oct. 18th

\*Please wear runners!



## Term 4 Focus-

This term in Level 1 we are exploring new concepts in math such as division, fractions and problem solving. We are looking at how numbers relate to one another in different ways.

In English, we are looking at how non-fiction and fiction texts relate and focusing on writing information reports. Students love making links with other subjects! They learnt about Leonardo Da Vinci in art and how he is a famous Italian artist when learning about countries.



## Reminders

Please remember to read with your child, sign their diary and practise sight words on a nightly basis!

Please also remember, school commences at 8.55am.





# Year 2 Newsletter Term 4

**Diary Dates:**  
**Week 5 Cup Day & Zoo Excursion (3rd Nov)**

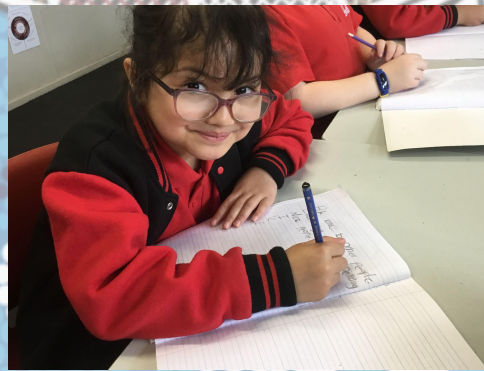


## HATS in Term 4

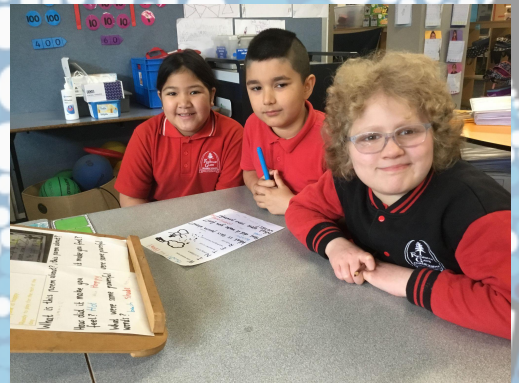
If your child does not have a hat they can be purchased through QKR for \$12.00. All students need a brimmed hat.



**NO CAPS** are to be worn outside.



## Writing Poems



## Reading Poems

## LEARNING in Term 4

### Science:

Living Things

### English:

Poetry

Persuasive Texts

Comprehension

Inferring

Text Types

### Maths:

Fractions

Time

Volume

Number Patterns

Worded Problems



## Making Fractions



## Every Tuesday

## is Nude Food Day

Students need to bring a lunch box free of wrappers and rubbish! Use containers from home to bring cut up fruit or vegetables, yoghurt, cheese, etc. Please help your child in working towards the class goal of having all students with a rubbish free lunch.

# LEVEL 3

## A peek at what we are learning

### Reading

During reading, students will be extending their knowledge and skills in reading comprehension. This will be done by delving deeper into the reading comprehension strategies to understand why an author uses specific text and language features.

### Writing

During writing, students will be revisiting a variety of text types. Students will be encouraged to use writing as well as images to express their ideas. They will also focus on using language features to express their experiences, events, information, ideas and characters.

### Maths

During maths, students will be learning to tell time to the minute, using both analogue and digital clocks. Students will also learn to create and interpret a variety of data sets.

### Inquiry

During inquiry, students will be investigating Geography. They will develop a mental map of the world and extend their understanding of place through examining the major characteristics of Australia, and Australia's neighbours.

### REMINDERS

- **Melbourne Cup Day** – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of November.
- Please remind students that they must be **reading** every night for 15 minutes.
- Please remind students to complete their homework each week.
- As the weather is getting hotter, it is important that students wearing **hats** and sunscreen.

## Celebrating success in Level 3



# LEVEL 4

## What's on in Term 4...

What a great term we have coming up! Lots of learning, fun, celebrations and experiences. The final chapter before our Grade 4s move up into the senior school. This term we have a huge focus on working collaboratively. This will be seen in lots of learning but especially throughout our inquiry unit. We will be working together to solve problems with a design focus. House colour day will be later in the term, so keep an eye out and collect clothing in your house colour so you can join in the fun!

### WRITING

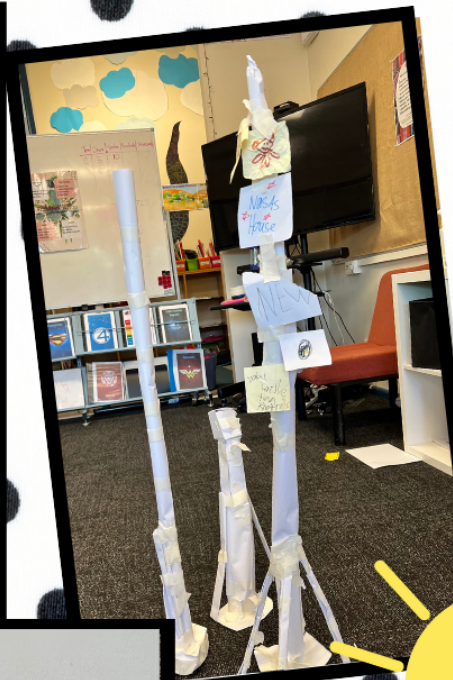
Currently we are learning about imaginative texts and how to express ourselves through our language and the way author's have portrayed different messages. Enjoy reading some examples below.

### MATHS

In maths we have been exploring fractions and decimals. We now have a good understanding of how these can be used in everyday life. Soon we will be experimenting with money and applying this to real life scenarios.

The  
Flower  
Felt like  
A smooth  
Piece of  
Grass.

It  
Smelled  
Like  
A minty fresh chewy  
Mint.  
It's so  
Special.



### REMINDERS

Bring along empty cardboard boxes, clean containers and paper towel rolls that we will be using in our inquiry unit.

Keep looking on compass for notices about upcoming events and excursions.

All students must have a hat and wear it daily.

THE SKY IS  
LIKE THE OCEAN, AS BIG  
& BLUE AS CAN BE. FILLED WITH CLOUDS AS  
FLUFFY AS COTTON CANDY & AS  
SOFT AS THE FINEST SILK. WILL TURN FROM  
DAWN TO DAY TO DUSK TO NIGHT. HAS A 24H CYCLE

# Level 5

## Reading and Viewing

In Reading and Viewing this term, we are continuing to learn how texts vary in structure and purpose and how an author engages the interest of the reader. Students will explore a variety of narrative, informative and persuasive texts and investigate the structures and features of each text type.

## Writing

In Writing this term, students are focusing on informative and persuasive texts. Students develop an understanding of the structure and features when writing these text types. They use appropriate editing skills to ensure meaning, and write with the purpose to inform and persuade the reader.

## Mathematics

In Mathematics this term, students will be extending their knowledge of the place value system and revisiting fractions and decimals. They will be applying their skills taught throughout this unit to better understand chance and representing probabilities of outcomes using fractions. Our money and financials unit will follow, and will be immersed with our Business and Economics unit of inquiry.

## Economics and Business

This term the Year 5's will be learning about Business and Economics. Students recognise the different ways that businesses choose to provide goods and services and explore the many reasons why people work.

Students will be focusing on the changing nature of work, consumer choices, financial decisions and how they are influenced by a range of factors. Students will then explore the effects of these choices and decisions on themselves, their family, others, the economy and the natural economic and business environments



## **HOMWORK EXPECTATIONS**

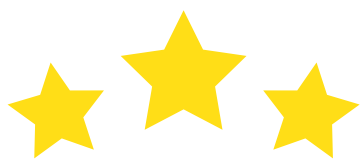
*Students are encouraged to complete the following homework tasks.*

- 15mins of reading 5 nights a week
- 5 mins Times Tables practise every night
- Practise spelling words every night
- Maths activity task

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Year 5 Swimming- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December*

*Year 5/6 Smoothie Bar Incursion- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Year 5 Market Stall Event- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 5 End of Year Excursion- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November*



# LEVEL 6 TERM 4



## WELLBEING

Students will continue to perform their daily emotional check-in using Life Skills Go. The focus this term will also be the development of problem solving skills and stress management.



## ROAD TO GRADUATION 2022



The students are on the final stretch of their primary school journey and graduation is fast approaching. It is an incredibly moving time for everyone involved and the anticipation is already building. Stay tuned about all the events and activities leading up to, and including Graduation Day via Compass!

## SWIMMING



This term, students will be involved in a school swim program where they will learn how to swim and develop lifelong skills in water safety to reduce their risk of drowning and injury.



## READING & WRITING



Our focus this term is on narratives. Students will analyse stories from popular authors and create their own narratives to inspire and engage a specific audience. Students will experiment with themes, settings, characters and plots as well as language features to achieve a particular effect on their chosen audience.



## ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

Students will be exploring the relationship between consumers and businesses. They will understand the foundations of why businesses exist, learn key terms such as profit and loss and develop their own business plan.



## MATHS

### NUMBER & ALGEBRA

- Fractions
- BODMAS
- Money & Financial Maths



### MEASUREMENT & GEOMETRY

- Shape & Transformation
- Cartesian Planes

# Community Hub Timetable Term 4

MONDAY

Citizenship

9:00am to 11:00am



Children's Language Class

11:00am to 11:30am



Keep Fit

11:15am to 12:00pm



TUESDAY

English Class

9:00am to 11:00am



Citizenship

11:15am to 1:15pm



Conversation English Class

1:30pm to 3:15pm



WEDNESDAY

English Class

9:00am to 11:00am



Coffee and Chat  
Self Care Program

11:30am to 1:00pm



Community Garden

12:00pm - 12:30pm



THURSDAY

Little Cuties Playgroup

9:15am to 10:45am



English Class

9:00am to 11:00am



Digital Tech Class

11:15am to 12:30pm



Drop in to Meet Naz

12:00pm to 1:00pm



**Naz**  
Community Hub Coordinator

☎ 0435 178 936



# Student Achievements

**Mackenzie F**

**Prep D**

For using her knowledge of long vowel sounds to help read new words. Keep up all your amazing work, Mackenzie!

**Nicolo R**

**3/4B**

For your effort when working towards your reading goal. You are able to confidently talk about the author's message and use evidence to support your thinking. Fantastic effort!

**Matilda O**

**3/4B**

For your perseverance when learning about equivalent fractions, and seeking out help to make sure you understood the process. Keep up the fantastic effort!

**Sohil A**

**1K**

For working hard to write an interesting and well structured information report. Great effort Sohil!

**Moonir H**

**3H**

For writing a fanatic 'I am, I am not' poem. You really thought about your personality traits and the structure of your poem. Well done Moonir!

**Charlette H**

**5M**

For demonstrating such a mature and determined attitude towards your work. You have been such a pleasure to teach. Well done and keep it up!

**Nicholas R**

**5M**

For the confidence you displayed in interviewing award winning artists. Congratulations on your success!

**Iraj H**

**5M**

For the confidence you displayed in interviewing award winning artists. Congratulations on your success!



# CONNECT WITH OTHERS! START YOUR KEEP FIT JOURNEY!

**ZUMBA classes by Casey ARC**  
**Location: Small gym opposite the  
Community Hub**  
**Fountain Gate Primary School**  
**When: Every Monday (Term 4)**  
**Time: 11:00 am - 11:45 am**



Mums and children are welcome!  
Please wear comfortable sports  
shoes and bring a towel and water  
bottle.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**





## SAVER PLUS INFORMATION SESSION FOR: PARENTS WITH PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (4YO KINDER TO YEAR 12 & HOMESCHOOLED)

A drop in session for parents with school aged children (4yo kinder - Yr 12 & homeschooled). Find out how you can build your financial resilience and get up to \$500 for education costs for your education or your child's with this free program. We will discuss how Saver Plus works, the eligibility criteria and how to sign up.



### Meeting Details:

Date: Wednesday September 21st , 2022

Time: 12 - 1pm AEST (Drop in)

Zoom Meeting:

[https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?](https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?pwd=K2d4dWI4WjRMbGRIRng0NGhoVVVZz09)

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Passcode: 027166

### RSVP:

Click on the link below or scan the QR code to register for the session:

<https://forms.office.com/r/zPTAvyaP5e>



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