

School Board

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IMPORTANT LINKS

Website: www.mountstromlo.act.edu.au
Schoology: <https://mountstromlo.schoology.com>

IMPORTANT DATES

11 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
18 June School Board Meeting 5.30pm
18 June P & C Meeting 7pm

See calendar on school website for more details



Principal's Message

I am pleased to report, after 12 months of building work the new roof is finally complete and the scaffolding is gone. Over the past year we have also been refurbishing different areas of the school including new carpet and student desks on the top floor, an outdoor fitness center for students to use during PE classes and at break times, the Student Drop-in has new furniture and Lab 1 in the Science block has also been extended and fully refurbished.

The buildings are in great condition given many are almost 50 years old.

At the start of Term 3 Schoology will be deactivated and all staff and students will be using Google Classrooms as our Learning Management System. With this change we are also updating how we communicate with parents and carers to include a weekly bulletin (replaces the 3 newsletters each term) and a Facebook page (to replace the Schoology Community Page). The changes will align us to other ACT Government Schools and improve the ease and speed parents and carers can access information. There is more detailed information about the changes in this newsletter.

If you have a spare room in your home for one more teenager, consider hosting an international student. The international student learns about Australian culture and family life and practices their English speaking skills while the host family gains a unique understanding of cultural diversity through their homestay student. Families who open their homes to an international student are reimbursed \$300 per week to cover all costs. It's a wonderful experience if you have a spare room in your house.

Over the past week there have been several incidents involving strangers approaching children in the vicinity of schools. These unfortunate incidents are a reminder to us all to help our children and young people understand the importance of stranger safety approaches to staff immediately. ACT Policing are urging anyone who may have witnessed any incidents or have any information that could assist Police to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or via www.act.crimestoppers.com.au. Information can be provided anonymously. All schools and the Education Support Office will continue to work with ACT Policing on this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Kate

Work Experience (WEX)

There are many Yr 9 and 10 students out on WEX this week and next - a very big thank you to all our work experience hosts. Yr 10 students have until end of Term 3 to complete their placement. If any student needs assistance choosing or organising the placement they can see their TEAM teacher or come and see me. Yr 9 students can also start thinking about their placements which can be completed from next term.

ACT Health WEX placements

Students wishing to experience time at the Canberra Hospital to apply quickly as the dates are filling up. The placements are available in nursing and medical, allied health professionals and administration roles. The application details and forms are on the Year 10 career pages on Schoology. The placements are available to Yr 10 students only.

Year Nine Career Conversations (CC)

Career conversations with Yr 9 students are aimed to develop a career plan that embarks on documenting the process of finding out what the student wishes to do in the future and how they are going to get there! CC's also assist students with WEX planning. All students will have the opportunity to develop a career plan by mid Term 3.

Vocational Learning Opportunities (VLOs)

Congratulations to Samuel Sing and Jayco Lam-Jefferies who completed the VLO Cafe Essentials and attended the Presentation this week. Both students have gained valuable work knowledge and skills working with the training organisation, CIT. Semester 2 VLO's will be offered again next term and will be advertised later this term.

White Card and Asbestos Training

Students wishing to complete paid work or work experience on a site must complete specialised training in Occupational Health and Safety and working with Asbestos. We will be running this training at the school on 28 and 29 June 2018. The total cost of this training will be \$140. Permission notes will be available in the library and on the Yr 9 and Yr 10 pages shortly.

Upcoming Workshops

A workshop to help parents/carers engage in positive career conversations with their student will be held at Mount Stromlo High School on **Wednesday 15 August 5:30 - 7pm**. It will be presented by Jennie Sheppard, Career Practitioner at Mount Stromlo High School and Jo Wisdom, ACT Education Directorate and Richard Johnston Canberra College. **For more information or RSVP please contact jennie.sheppard@ed.act.edu.au**

Latest Information

Visit the Yr 9 and 10 Careers Schoology pages for the latest information and I am available for students to access Careers help and information every Break 2 in the library.

Jennie Sheppard
MSHS Career Practitioner

IT News

Schoology to Google Classroom Transition

From next semester we will be switching from our current Learning management system, Schoology, to Google Classroom. Schoology will no longer be used for teaching and learning or for communication via the Mount Stromlo High School Community page. This switch has been necessitated by some changes in our IT systems and to align ourselves with other ACT public schools. Below are some details regarding how these changes will affect students and parents as well as some ways in which we are improving our communication systems.

Parents

Google classroom offers a different method by which parents can engage. You will be able to receive weekly or daily emails which give you a summary of the activity that has occurred in your child's classes and also outlines items that are due and overdue. All parents will have an opportunity to opt in to this system which we will launch in the first week of next term.

We will also be offering two new ways to engage with the school. A weekly emailed bulletin will be sent to all parents and will contain information concerning upcoming events, important dates, and general information. We are also launching a Facebook page to provide a window into all the amazing learning that takes place at our school. These new forms of communication will replace the existing newsletter and the Mount Stromlo High School Community page on Schoology. Both the weekly bulletin and Facebook page will begin in week 1 next term.

Students

We began the transition to Google classroom with students this semester and from next semester they will be using it for all their classes. It integrates very effectively with the students new chromebooks and is a very simple and powerful tool for teachers to deliver learning tasks. Students are all currently members of their respective year group page and next term will receive daily notices through these.

DISCO

SRC Disco

Next Thursday week 7

6:30-9:00pm

sPACE

\$5 entry

DJ Elliot returns

Theme: White-out

Sausage sizzle and canteen available

Sporting News

Congratulations to Lucy Jalland and Lily Bray who have been selected for the U16 ACT School Girls Hockey squad.

Recently the girls represented the ACT in the U15 National Hockey Championships in Wollongong. Both girls had a great tournament with Lily a team vice-captain and Lucy awarded player's player by her team mates for the tournament.

Fantastic Effort Lucy and Lily



Community News

Mount Stromlo High School P&C Association will be hosting a **ThinkUKnow cyber safety education presentation** on **26 June at 7pm** for all parents, carers and teachers.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers of how people are using technology, the challenges they

may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

Time: 7pm – 8.30pm, Tuesday, 26 June

Location: Mount Stromlo High School Library

Cost: Entry is via a gold coin donation to cover the cost of tea/coffee/biscuits.

RSVP: Front Office (6142 3444) or

Stromlo.Enquiries@ed.act.edu.au

An RSVP is appreciated as the ThinkUKnow team wants to ensure there are enough handouts for everyone present. Thank you.

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact the P&C President, Anita Mack, on 0406 126 958.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser for Mt Stromlo High - Saturday, 23 June at Tuggeranong

Mt Stromlo P&C is holding a fundraiser BBQ at the Tuggeranong Bunnings on Saturday, 23 June. We encourage parents/carers and students to volunteer for a 2 hour shift on the day to help raise money for our school. If you are unable to provide your time, donations of the following items would be gratefully received at the Front Office: - Tomato Sauce, BBQ Sauce, Mustard, Serviettes, Kitchen Paper, Aluminum Foil, Foil Roasting Trays, Cans of Coke, Lemonade, Fanta, Diet Coke, Bottles of Water and Disposable Gloves.

The BBQ will sell between 9am and 4pm on the day with volunteers required to set up from 7:30am and pack up until 5pm. If you are able to volunteer your time for two hours or donate some items please contact Michael Forster at mjm@iinet.net.au. Your help and support is appreciated and all profits will go towards the bike rack roof and cage project.