

WEEK 10 TERM 4

NEW INFORMATION

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

The end of the year is a great time to reflect on how you have gone in relation to your goals and as a school, we are no different. Our priorities for the last 4 years have been improving student culture and improving student writing. To improve writing, we use the strategies from Judith Hochman's 'The Writing Revolution' (TWR). All staff teach the literacy required for their subject using TWR strategies and if you look at your child's writing you should see significant improvement in how they write their sentences, paragraphs and essays over their time at Mount Stromlo HS. Our data has demonstrated that over the past 12 months our students have achieved 3 years of growth in their writing skills. This is a phenomenal result and I'd like to thank the Literacy Focus Group, led by Louise Daly and Tegan Campbell, for their work in upskilling teachers and also the teachers and students for engaging wholeheartedly in the new strategies. Our other priority is improving student culture and we have a number of strategies we have implemented to grow in this area including; WHAM, PBL and new Student Services procedures. Over the past 12 months negative incidents and suspensions have decreased significantly and positive incidents have increased. Once again this great result has come from the work of the PBL, WHAM, Pedagogy and Data Focus Groups in upskilling staff, but also the concerted effort of all staff and students to improve.

Every year at this time I have queries from parents because their child has told them that school is 'optional' in Week 10. I can categorically say that this is not the case, the expectations for attendance are the same as any other day of the school term. Whilst we have alternate programs over the last 4 days of the year where the focus is on fun and engagement to build connection as opposed to regular classes, all students are still expected to attend and the majority of students come to school right until 3pm on Friday.

Lastly, I'd like to say thank you for a great year and I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

P&C SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Stromlo P&C's 'Second hand Uniform sale' of Stromlo High School 'good condition, pre-loved uniforms'.

When: Monday 22 January, 3.30-5.30pm









Where: Mt Stromlo High School - The Space Hall

How much: \$5 per item

New uniforms can be purchased online [here](#)

CAREERS

It has been such a pleasure to see so many students gain qualifications, complete work experience, enrol in school-based apprenticeships and complete different short courses in various industries to gain an understanding of what career opportunities are available to them in the future. Below is a snapshot of what the students have engaged in this year in the world of careers. We look forward to working with students in 2024 on their career development. Below are some photos from this Semester's courses.

MOUNT STROMLO CAREERS SEMESTER 1 2023 STATISTICS	
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CERT 2 IN CONSTRUCTION PATHWAYS





COFFEE COURSE – TERM 4



NATIONAL ZOO & AQUARIUM



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REMINDERS

INQUIRY INTO LITERACY AND NUMERACY IN ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The ACT Government announced an independent inquiry into literacy and numeracy performance in the ACT. Through the inquiry we will gain local insights into the opportunities for strengthening literacy and numeracy outcomes for all ACT public school students, with a particular focus on equity. The inquiry will also look at how supports for educators and students could be enhanced.

The inquiry is an opportunity to look at what we are doing well and opportunities to strengthen our education system.

How to get involved

An independent Expert Panel will lead the inquiry. They will consider the views of academics, educators, unions, parents and carers, and students. This will be done through calls for public submissions and stakeholder engagement.

To view the Panel Membership, Terms of Reference and more you can visit: www.education.act.gov.au/literacyandnumeracyinquiry

FACEBOOK

Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all the happening at school [here](#) or search for Mount Stromlo High School in your app.

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

Need to update your contact details? Call the Front Office anytime or email Student Records.

