

WEEK 8 TERM 4

NEW INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 29 Nov | Responsible Service of Alcohol Course
Lyra Excursion |
| 30 Nov | Year 7/8 Awards Assembly (10-11am)
Year 9/10 Awards Assembly (11:30-12:30pm) |
| 1 Dec | Year 10 Graduation Practice (9am)
Year 10 Leavers Assembly (10am - students only)
Year 10 Formal (students only) |
| 6 Dec | Year 10 Graduation |
| 7 Dec | Jamberoo PBL Rewards Excursion |
| 12 Dec | Activities Week Pool Day |

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Week 8, Term 4 is a very special time of the year for Mount Stromlo High School as it is when we farewell our Year 10 cohort. This starts with the Year 10 Farewell Assembly on Friday morning where the rest of the student body get to say goodbye to the senior year group. This is a wonderful celebration with younger students giving speeches about Year 10 and then representatives from Year 10 showing their gratitude to the other year groups as well as the staff that have helped them along the way. Year 10's wonderful Year Co-ordinator, Louise Daly, will also speak about the past 4 years and it is an assembly that the whole school looks forward to. Friday night will then be the Formal, for some of our students their first formal event, which is a really enjoyable evening for staff and students alike. Finally, it finishes on Wednesday of Week 9 with the Year 10 Graduation. This is a fantastic way for Year 10 to finish as they are acknowledged in front of their families for the 4 years of work they have put in to graduate from high school. All of our graduating students have taken different paths to get here and should be congratulated for this noteworthy achievement and milestone, with some students having to overcome significant obstacles to get to this point and receive their Year 10 Certificate. All of our students required a support network of friends and family and on behalf of our Year 10 students I'd like to thank you for being there and supporting them through their successes and their mistakes.

We are also at the time of year where the new student leadership group is chosen and Year 9 students apply for the position of School Captain. There were a large number of students who went through a rigorous School Captain process which included an application, interview and speech. All the applicants were very high quality and will be part of next year's senior leadership group. Out of this exceptional group we have 4 School Captains; Daisy K, Mitchell R, Callum H and Lucy B. Congratulations to our 2024 School Captains but also to all of the applicants, who were fantastic.

CANTEEN

The school canteen will close for the remainder of the year after Friday 8 December (week 9).

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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REMINDERS

SAFE PARTYING

End-of-year is fast approaching and with this comes celebrations and, for some, an increase in risk taking behaviour among teens. Positive Choices has plenty of resources available for parents, such as:

FACTSHEET: [How to Keep Your Teenager Safe at a Party - Positive Choices](#)

WEBINAR: [Webinar: 'Risk taking' - why do teens do the things they do? What can parents do to keep them as safe as possible? - Positive Choices](#)

FACTSHEET: [Hosting a Teenage Party - Positive Choices](#)

APP: Emergency Plus - uses GPS technology to enable Triple Zero (000) callers to provide their exact location to the emergency call-taker [Emergency+ - Positive Choices](#)

SURPLUS SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR PNG CHILDREN

Wanted for Papua New Guinea children.

Books (reading, exercise), pens, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, new or used.

- The Rotary Club of Canberra-Weston Creek is collecting surplus school materials for distribution to needy PNG students through the **Buk bilong Pikinini** program.
- You can help Rotary by donating new and used lead and colour pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, textas, pencil cases, new or partly used exercise books and reading books.
- The need is urgent as, in extreme cases, pencils have been broken in half to meet the need for more pencils in PNG schools.
- A collection box has been placed in the front office of the school.

For further information, please contact Mal Ferguson, Rotary Club of Canberra-Weston Creek
(Phone: 0405732837)

2024 DATES

Get planning for 2024 with upcoming student-free days.

From 2024, there will be 4 student-free days for ACT public schools. These are the first day of each school term:

- Term 1, Monday 29 January 2024
- Term 2, Monday 29 April 2024
- Term 3, Monday 22 July 2024
- Term 4, Monday 14 October 2024.

We use student-free days for staff development, enabling us to plan in a student-free environment. Student-free planning days have been expanded from 1 to 4 days from 2024 as part of our new Teaching Staff Enterprise Agreement which prioritises better teacher workloads for educational leadership, teaching and

learning. For all school term dates, visit the Term Dates page: https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/term_dates_and_public_holidays

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.

ANSWER

I love cats and dogs and I want a border collie.

Arielle (year 8)
