

# Mittagong Public School

## Newsletter



### Health Care Plans, Medical Conditions, Contact Details

We are requesting parents to provide us with an update for any medical conditions their children may have. If your child's records when enrolling stated allergies or conditions, these remain in their current file. If they are no longer current, please inform us so that we can remove this information. The same is true for any condition they may have developed since enrolling. Please send us a letter so that we can update their status.

We also ask parents to update any phone numbers or changes of address so that in an emergency we can contact you. The person you have nominated to be contacted, should you be unavailable, is worth reviewing as we often find that these numbers are no longer connected.

### Book Packs and School Fees

Thank you to all the parents who have finalised the school payments for **Book Packs and School Fees** this year. Students who have paid their book pack fees have now been given their text books and we are hoping that payments for the remaining students will be finalised by Friday, allowing all students to have the same books to work from. Invoices have been sent home to families who have not yet paid or made other arrangements. If you are having difficulties with payment please contact our friendly office staff who can arrange suitable terms or instalments.

### School Photos

School photos took place on Wednesday and things went very smoothly. Payment for photographs is made to photographer so any issues relating to payment need to be sorted out with MSP Photography on 4261





3009 rather than through our office ladies. Please note that the completed photos are usually not available for a few months as processing takes some time.

## School Rules

To respect other students  
To respect teachers  
To be peaceful  
To be safe  
To be fair  
To respect school property  
And to respect the property of others

## Arriving at School on Time

Your child's success in learning is strongly linked to participation in school programs which is linked to arriving at school/class on time. It is very important that students arrive at school/class on time because it:

- Ensures your child doesn't miss out on important learning activities that occur early in the day when your child is most alert, e.g. reading groups
- Helps your child learn the importance of punctuality, routines and commitment
- Provides your child time to greet their friends and establish their play group for the day
- Reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption
- Allows your child to feel good about themselves

Mittagong Public School hours are 8.55am to 2.55pm. If your child arrives after the 8.55am bell, they are late for school. Please help your child get off to the best start each day by ensuring they arrive at school/class on time.

## Lunch Time Activities

We are delighted to offer our students a range of lunch time activities which they may choose to attend. Students will need to listen to the announcements at the morning assembly or they can refer to the time tables which are displayed in the library and near the P & C Shed (where the sausage sizzle occurs).



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library	Library	Recorder	Library	Library
				
Play Equipment	Board Games	Yoga	School of Rock	
				

## Old School furniture for sale

We are having a clean up and are now offering the excess equipment for sale.

Desks \$5 each, chairs \$2 each, filing cabinets \$5 each  
Please see the front office if you wish to purchase any of these items.

## Sports for Schools

Thank you to the wonderful families that have already donated Sports for School vouchers from Coles Supermarket. A box will be placed at the front of the assembly each morning so students can drop off their vouchers. We are hoping to have a box at the Coles Bowral store as well. *Ms Annemarie Bowditch*

## Mathletics and Reading Eggs

Each year, the school purchases subscriptions to Mathletics and Reading Eggs on behalf of the students. These valuable resources provide fun, interactive activities for students to practise a range of skills in mathematics and literacy. The students love the prospect of gathering points which unlock a range of motivational rewards.

We love being able to share these resources with families, providing free access to both Reading Eggs and Mathletics by sending home student usernames and passwords. In order for students to bring home these usernames and passwords, we ask that parents have paid their resources pack fees. Many teachers include Reading Eggs and Mathletics as part of student homework, providing fun, revision tasks in a safe, interactive environment.



Once your child brings home his/ her usernames and passwords for Reading Eggs and Mathletics, the simplest way to access these sites is to Google search each name.

Alternately, our school website provides links to both Reading Eggs and Mathletics. Simply click on the

Curriculum and Activities tab, then click on Interactive Learning Websites. The link to both resources is available on this page.

Should you have any questions or your child has not yet brought home usernames and passwords, please contact your child's class teacher to clarify the matter.

## Year 4 Camp Expression of Interest

This week a letter will be sent home which asks parents of Year 4 to consider including their child in the Year 4 camp at Fitzroy Falls late in Term 3. This camp was discussed at the Meet the Teacher afternoon last week.

In order to confirm our booking with the camp we are asking that parents secure their child's place in the camp by returning the expression of interest note, together with a \$20 holding deposit. The school's booking will be confirmed once we have at least 60 students committed. Should we not have 60 students respond, the \$20 holding deposit will be credited to your family's school financial account.

We ask that you discuss this matter with your Year 4 student and return the note with the \$20 holding deposit at your earliest convenience.

## A Word from Stage Three

Stage Three would like to thank all the parents and carers who joined us in last Tuesday's Parent Information Session. It was wonderful to see teachers and parents coming together and discussing programs, events and activities that our students will be involved in this year. Stage Three teachers will be looking forward to co-working with parents so our students can have the best quality learning experiences.

This week Senior Choir auditions were held in the school hall. Over one hundred students 'sang their hearts out' wanting a place in Senior Choir 2018. It was a privilege to witness the excitement on our students' faces and their desire to be part of Mittagong Public School's long standing tradition. The successful vocalists will see their names on the school library's window, next Monday morning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bull and Mr Konz for their dedication and passion.





This week Stage Three students who have paid for their book packs, will be receiving their text books. It is a pleasure to see that most families have paid this fee. I would also like to remind you if you have a problem covering this cost our school is happy to make arrangements.

Today, Thursday 22 February the SRC of 2018 were inducted in a wonderful ceremony in our school hall. I would like to thank all the parents and carers who came along and made this day special. I would also like to wish the SRC a wonderful start in their new roles and to remember to serve their school with pride, dignity, honour and fairness.



*Mr Christodoulopoulos - Stage Three Leader*

## A Reminder from our School's ARCO

Nelson Mandela once said: 'No one is born hating another person because of the colour

of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.'

What is Racism? Racism often arises where there is ignorance (misunderstanding), fear, poverty/unemployment (also fear of deprivation), or as a result of political opportunism (laying blame on specific people or groups for society's problems or difficulties).

Individual racism refers to the expression of racist attitudes in the behaviour of individuals in face-to-face situations.

Examples include:

- Refusal to co-operate with people from different groups
- Racist propaganda
- Racist comments
- Ridicule or abuse (verbal or written)
- Judgements based on stereotypes
- Physical assault and harassment

Institutional racism refers to the dominant group sustaining its power by developing structures (such as laws, policies and administrative practices) that exclude or discriminate against the dominated group.

- Non-inclusive curriculum or teaching practices
  - Discriminatory policies or procedures
- It is not okay to call someone names, use common slang or tell 'ethnic' jokes at Mittagong Public School.

I will be continuing my ARCO (Anti-Racism Contact Officer) role this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you or your child are experiencing racism or if you have witnessed someone being racially abused. *Mr Christodoulopoulos - ARCO*

### Southern Highlands Martial Arts Academy

#### Uechi Ryu Karate Do

Build focus, self control, resilience, discipline and fitness.

Taught by Sensei Andrew Bishop (Jun Shihan) 4th Dan

NCAS Qualified Coach

Karate for the whole family. Ages 5 to Adult - All fitness levels - Mittagong Public School Assembly Hall

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Join now and receive a free uniform worth \$65

Contact Sensei Andrew

Mobile 0405 191 632 | Email [abishop@shmaa.com.au](mailto:abishop@shmaa.com.au)



### Mittagong Hockey Club Registration Day

Date : Friday 23 February

Where : Welby Hockey Center, Meranie St Welby

Time 3-6pm

Or contact Denise by phone or Email  
0404877008 [jondee@westnet.com.au](mailto:jondee@westnet.com.au)

### WOLLONDILLY REDBACKS JUNIOR AFL CLUB

Any boys or girls aged between 8 and 18 are welcome to come and play AFL. Boys and Girls teams


Auskick is for all kids aged 4-8, which is about skills, fitness and making friends

Registration is every Wednesday at Hannaford Oval, Wilton from 5.30 to 6.30

We are an Active Sports Rebate Provider. Come and join the fastest growing sport in NSW and Sydney  
AFL's 2017 Club of the Year

Enquiries please call 0478 828 669 or email [redback-safl@gmail.com](mailto:redback-safl@gmail.com)

### School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Term 1 Feb Week 4</b>	19	20	21 <i>School Photos</i>	22 <i>SRC induction assembly</i> 	23 <i>District Swimming</i>	24	25
<b>Term 1 Feb Week 5</b>	26	27	28	1 <i>Scripture Starts</i>	2 <i>Junior assembly 2/3E item</i>	3	4
<b>Term 1 March Week 6</b>	5	6 <i>Wests Tigers visit</i> P&C AGM 6:30pm	7	8	9 <i>Senior assembly</i>	10	11



# P&C News

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Mittagong Public School P&C



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**Spring Bulb Fundraiser** catalogues have been distributed and are due back by Monday March 5. Check your child's bag if you didn't receive one! There are a few spares at the office and the catalogue can also be downloaded from the P&C tab of the school web page. We earn 50% profit on all bulb orders and 25% profit on all stickers and accessories ordered so any support, even if it is small, will help us to reach our current fundraising goals!

**School Dress Update:** At present, we are not selling the dress uniform on Friday mornings, but you can still fill out an order form at the front office and your dress will be delivered in a few days. (We are out of stock of Y10, Y12 and Y14 and expect new stock of these sizes to arrive mid-March).

**P&C Meeting and Annual General Meeting** – Tuesday 6 March, 6.30pm in the library. All executive positions will be declared vacant including President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Subcommittee positions of Canteen Convenor, Canteen Treasurer and Fundraising Coordinator will also be open for election. To vote or stand for a position, you must be a financial member of P&C for 2018 and you can do this by filling out a membership form at the meeting and paying the membership fee of 50c. An ordinary meeting will follow. We would love to welcome many parents who would like to help support their children through the P&C. We are a friendly bunch who are interested in doing our little bit to support the education of our children.

**Canteen Volunteers:** Have you thought of volunteering in the canteen? Your children will be delighted to see you working on canteen! Volunteer hours are from 9am to 2pm however it is perfectly okay to do half days or an hour or two. If you are interested, drop your details into the front office or canteen or contact Cindy on 0435 842 035.

**Canteen Online Ordering:** For online ordering, we use "[Mykidslunchbox.com.au](http://Mykidslunchbox.com.au)" where you can set up an account and upload credit to use for lunch orders. The P&C are however looking into other options with better support and functionality. With this in mind, it will be best to keep uploads to a minimum. We will keep you posted on the development of this and please be assured there will be a transition period to enable you to use up your existing credit.

**Friday morning BBQ and Shed Cafe:** Don't forget our weekly fundraising BBQ! Our yummy sausage sandwiches are only \$2 each or two for \$3 a great way to start the day. The Shed Café also sells coffee/hot chocolate \$2, tea \$1 or meal deal (sausage and hot chocolate) \$3. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces on Friday! If you can volunteer or know anyone who can, please contact the BBQ coordinator Toni on 0439 402 029 or email [toni.challoner@bigpond.com](mailto:toni.challoner@bigpond.com).