

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



This week SRE (Special Religious Education or scripture) begins again at our school. Parents are reminded that students will attend the group that you have indicated on your child's enrolment form unless you have provided us with written permission for them to attend a different group or non-scripture. Government legislation requires parents to opt out rather than in for these sessions. We are happy to follow through on your wishes in this matter but do require your request in writing. Please let us know if there are any changes you require as soon as possible.

Pioneer Street Parking Zones

You may have noticed the rather large sign on our fence indicating the set down and pick up zone on Pioneer street. Some parents have been booked recently for overstaying the two-minute limit or leaving their cars to go inside the school. Council Rangers have also been handing leaflets out to parents about this and have signalled their intention to start booking without warnings. Parents please be cautious to use the set down and pick up area correctly to keep our students safe and avoid fines.

It is also important not to arrive in this zone soon after 2.30pm with the plan to wait until the bell goes as Rangers will fine drivers for sitting in this zone for longer

than two minutes. I recommend arrival after 2.55pm and even better at 3.00pm when most traffic has subsided.

Also, rather than stopping in front of the gate or your child, please move as far forward as you can in this zone, filling space that is created by departing cars in front of you. This will allow new cars arriving to access the zone. Your child will cope with walking from the gate to the car. The crossing becomes dangerous when people back up behind, waiting to pull in. If there is no room to park, please go around the block or park further down the road and walk back up.

Cars that park with their rear blocking traffic will also be booked. I do hope these reminders will save some parents from being fined, but more importantly, we want all of our students to stay safe travelling to and from school and we need your help with this.

Book Packs and School Fees

Thank you to all the parents who have finalised the school payments for **Book Packs and School Fees**. We are hoping that payments for the remaining students will be finalised by tomorrow, allowing all students to have the same books to work from.



If you are having difficulties with payment please contact our friendly office staff who can arrange suitable terms or instalments.

Bowral High Information Night

Next Tuesday evening Bowral High is holding an information evening for Year Six students moving to Year Seven next year. Parents are encouraged to go along and see what great things Bowral High has to offer! The meeting is in the school Library at 6.00pm.

Permission to Publish

Please find attached to this newsletter, a Permission to Publish form. Each year we are required to ask parents permission to take photos or use an article from students.

Please return this form to the class teacher.

Coles Sports for Schools

Thank you to all the people who have kindly contributed Sports for School vouchers. Please keep sending them in. The box is located at the front of the assembly each morning. We also have a box located at the front of the Coles Bowral store for your convenience.

Ms Annemarie Bowditch

Easter Egg Drive and Easter Egg Raffle

For many years Mittagong Public School has delivered Easter eggs to the residents of The Abbey nursing home and to the elderly people who receive Meals on Wheels support. Over the next 3 weeks (week 6, 7 & 8) we would gratefully appreciate donations of Easter eggs of all shapes and sizes to make this event possible. All donations of Easter eggs will be collected at the morning assembly. Some of our senior students will be involved in gift wrapping the eggs ready for delivery to The Abbey by the SRC in week 9.

The SRC will be running an Easter Egg Raffle to raise funds for the purchasing of the diabetic chocolate eggs which are needed for some of the recipients. Tickets will be on sale each morning for 20c. The raffle will be drawn during week 9 of this term. Please see Mrs Smilnieks if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for your generosity
Mrs Rachel Smilnieks & Mrs Joan Ferguson
(coordinators)



Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL

Date : Saturday 17th March 2018

Times : 4pm to 6.30 pm

Cost : \$5.00 per child 4 – 14 years



P&C News

***CHANGE OF DATE P&C Meeting and Annual General Meeting — Tuesday 13th 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.

Spring Bulb Fundraiser orders due – this is the healthy fundraiser! Let your children experience the reward of seeing the bulbs they plant now, delight with flowers in spring. Also available are identity stickers and, new this year, stylish wooden letters. There are a few spare catalogues at the office and it 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 so any support, even if it is small, will help us to reach our current fundraising goals! Last day for orders and money is **Monday (March 5th)**.


Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser – this is the yummy fundraiser! We are continuing our fundraising for 2018 to raise money for the schools new computer roll out, plus our regular commitments to the school. WE NEED YOU to roll up your sleeves and help. The good news is that this fundraiser is super simple... and delicious. We're selling Easter Boxes, Freddo Boxes, Lolly Boxes and the All Star Boxes! Boxes range from \$1-\$4 per item so easy to sell to your neighbours, friends and family. We will have boxes available for collection at the Friday morning barbecue TOMORROW so please come and grab one to sell if you are interested. Otherwise, please email P&C with your details and a delivery can be made to your child's class to bring home. The money will be due back to school by **Thursday 5th April**. Thank you to everyone in advance for your support!

School Dress Update: You can 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).

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.

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.

School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Term 1 Feb Week 5	26	27	28	1 <i>Scripture Starts</i> 	2 <i>Junior assembly 2/3E item</i>	3	4
Term 1 March Week 6	5 Bulb orders due	6 <i>Wests Tigers visit Yrs 3-6</i>	7	8 <i>Clothing pool sale 8:30am</i>	9 <i>Senior assembly Clothing pool sale 8:30am</i>	10	11
Term 1 March Week 7	12	13 P&C AGM 6:30pm	14	15	16 <i>Junior assembly 1/2B item</i>	17	18