

# Mittagong Public School Newsletter



## **SOCCER GALA DAY NOW POSTPONED -** IT WILL NOT BE ON FRIDAY March 23. NEW DATE IS: Friday April 6

Yesterday, Mittagong Public School celebrated Harmony Day. It was wonderful to see our staff and students celebrating Australian multiculturalism and the cultural diversity we have within our own school community.

Many of our students and staff dressed in 'orange,' the Harmony Day colour and some of our students shared a little part of their heritage with us by wearing their cultural dress. The day was a great reminder of the importance of inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians. Please have a look on the Southern Highlands online gallery and their fb page for photos of our children.

Next Thursday, our students in Kindergarten and Stage 1 will be taking part in an 'Autumn Hat Parade.' This is an opportunity for our students to put their imagination and creativity to the test by making a hat to wear in the parade. The parade will commence at 11.35am on the asphalt playground. We hope that parents and family members will come along to share in the fun. The Autumn Hat Parade will be followed by a Junior Assembly in the Hall.

## **Lost Property**

Each week a parent volunteer comes and cleans out the lost property box. There are at least 30 items each week that have found their way into the lost property box. Any item that has a name on it, will be returned to the child. The clothes, mainly jumpers and jackets that do not have a name on them, get washed and recycled to the clothing pool.

Please ensure that your child has their name clearly written on a tag, we then can return it to them.

## **Easter Egg Drive and Easter Egg Raffle**

Thank you to all the families who generously donated so many Easter Eggs for the residents of The Abbey and Meals on Wheels. This week Mrs Anderson, Mrs Ferguson and the SRC are wrapping the eggs and they will be delivered next week.

The SRC Easter Egg Raffle is still running each morning. Tickets are 20c each. The raffle will be drawn during



week 9 of this term.

It is great to see such community spirit.  
*Mrs Rachel Smiltnieks & Mrs Joan Ferguson*

## Winter jackets

Next week we will be putting out on order form for the school winter jacket. This year, they will cost \$40.00 each. If you would like to see the quality and sizing of the jackets, please call into our school front office.

## Coles Sports for Schools

Thank you to all of the wonderful families who have donated thousands of Coles Sports for School vouchers. At last count we had more than 10,000! We still have one more week for collecting vouchers, so keep them rolling in. *Ms Bowditch*

## Review Meetings

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended or participated in Review Meetings via conference call. It is wonderful to have the support of families in collaborative goal setting for their child. The cooperative approach to improving outcomes and achievements for students results in greater success for your child. *Ms Bowditch AP Special Education*

## Stage Three Update

Students in Year 5 and 6 are buzzing with excitement as they are heading for the Easter long weekend for a well deserved break.

Our students are working hard in all the KLAs and in extra curricula activities showing eagerness and dedication not only in learning new concepts but also representing our school with pride and honour. Mrs Anderson had to make some hard decisions last week as she had to form her year 5 debating team for 2018. There were more applicants than ever and the competition was fierce. Congratulations to all the students that competed and well done to the winners who 'argued' their way to the top.

Senior Choir is also singing up a storm every Thursday, and are very eager to perform at future assemblies. We are currently learning four songs so we can be 'Eisteddfod ready'. I would like to commend Mrs Bull, Mr Konz and Ms Buchanan for providing our students with wonderful opportunities.

Stage Three, have also been training diligently every Friday to be soccer ready for the Soccer Gala Day, now on Friday April 6. They have also been learning long







distance running skills for next Tuesday's Cross-Country, and it looks like we have some really determined athletes on our stage- hopefully it will not rain.

Next week the SRC will make their first public appearance at the Abbey Nursing Home. They will be reaching out to the community and will be delivering Easter eggs to all the residents. Watch this space for photos and highlights.

You might have also noticed beautiful orange posters displayed throughout our school this week. Stage Three students decided to express what 'Harmony Day' means to them through art. Our students have shared the message of 'Everyone Belongs' depicting kindness, care and acceptance of every race and culture.

Lastly, Stage Three teachers will be uploading images and videos on our school website, in the following weeks. Look out for snippets from classrooms, dance videos, art work and our children in various learning environments. For now please enjoy 5/6C's 'Chameleon' introductory video, which can be viewed on our website's front page, bottom left hand corner, a special thank you to Mrs Luhr for updating our webpage so diligently.

*Mr Christodoulopoulos - Stage Leader*

## School Cross Country

When: Tuesday 27 March

Where: Lake Alexandra

Who: 8 year olds and older

Parents are welcome to come and cheer their student on.





## P&C News

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**Mothers Day and Fathers Day stall coordinator needed:** This role is not onerous and generally involves co-ordinating the annual stalls.

**Friday Morning BBQ Coordinator needed:** Unfortunately Toni, our current coordinator, has to step aside due to other commitments and we are seeking someone or a small team to take over this role, from next term. We will provide training and support. If you're interested or would like to find out more, please contact Sarah Farnese on 0414 963 383 or by email at [sarah@farnese.me](mailto:sarah@farnese.me).

**Fundraising Coordinator needed:** If you are keen to step into the role of Fundraising Coordinator, please contact P&C President, Sarah Farnese on 0414 963 383 or by email at [sarah@farnese.me](mailto:sarah@farnese.me).

**Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser:** You have only 2 weeks left to sell your chocolates! Money will be due back to school by **Thursday 5th April**. Thankyou to everyone who has taken a box to sell.

**School Banking:** Just a reminder school banking day is Friday. Deposit wallets can be added to the school banking box before the Friday morning assembly. Our lovely school banking volunteers will collate all the deposits and have your wallet returned by the Wednesday following. Children receive reward tokens to encourage saving and this is also a great fundraiser for the school - P&C receives \$5 when a student signs up to school banking and a commission on each deposit made. For further information, you can contact one of our school banking coordinators: Amanda Hayes 0407 713 437, Mel Strachan 0488 130 148 or Kate Sarty 0418 499 545.

**Other Partner Programs:** Our partners in crime, oops, fundraising, also include:

Rebel Sports kickbacks – select us from the list of participating groups and we receive 5% of your purchases as store credits.

Dominoes Pizza Mogul – order from our personal Pizza Mogul Menu and we receive cash back.


BDCU Alliance Bank – open a My Community Savings Account and nominate Mittagong Public School - P&C is paid grants based on the interest you earn.

For further information on these fundraising partnerships and others, please see the P&C Tab of the school website.

**School fun run** - is coming, keep an eye out for more details next week.



## School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Term 1 March Week 8</b>	19	20	21 <i>Harmony Day</i> Poetry day	22 <i>5/6 debating workshop</i> 	23 Senior assembly	24	25
<b>Term 1 March Week 9</b>	26	27 3-6 Cross country	28 Cake stall <i>Easters Eggs at Abbey House</i>	29 <i>Cake stall</i> K-2 hat Parade Junior assembly	30 Good Friday Public Holiday	31	1
<b>Term 1 April Week 10</b>	2 Easter Monday Public Holiday	3	4 <i>PSSA touch trials</i>	5 <i>Clothing pool open</i> 8:30am.	6 Senior assembly <i>Soccer Gala Day</i>	7	8