

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



Welcome Back to busy term!

It is a pleasure to welcome families new and old to Mittagong Public School for another term of great education! We are looking forward to some exciting events on top of our engaging class programs this term.

The first for many will be the ANZAC ceremony today and some will attend our District Cross Country event. We wish them the very best! Tomorrow our SRC members will attend a leadership day at Wombaroo Adventure Centre – a lovely privilege for these students. Next week we have a book fair Monday to Wednesday for those who might wish to purchase some books for their children. There are some great ones on sale and proceeds also help to supply resources for the school. In conjunction with this we have an author visit for Years One to Six next Monday.

It's also Grandparents' Day next Tuesday for K-6 classes and a Mothers Day stall next Wednesday and Thursday. Wow! What a busy start to the term! We hope your family enjoys the rich and vibrant opportunities on offer this term. Thank you to all the hard working teachers and parents who are going the extra mile to make this happen!

NAPLAN

Another event on the horizon is the national testing program that will be conducted in Week Three this term. Students in years Three and Five will sit the tests each day from Tuesday May 15th to Thursday May 17th. There will be a catch up day on the Friday to assist students who may have been away on the other days. Please do your best to have your child here on those days for this opportunity.

These tests are a way to gain a picture of where students are at academically at this point in time and how the school is travelling in its delivery of the concepts being presented in the tests. I believe that the information is broadly useful but needs to be viewed in the context of other school based assessment data too. Some students can 'fold' under the scrutiny of a test or at times the questions can be somewhat misleading and challenging, leading to poor performance. However more information on student and school performance is usually better than less, so I encourage all parents to support the testing days and not be anxious about your child's performance. If you do have concerns about your child sitting the tests please contact me to discuss an exemption.



Positive Rewards System

Last term we informed parents that our system of merits was under review following feedback from our surveys and extensive self-evaluation procedures. In the interim, we have continued to hand out class awards to avoid a period of no awards from occurring. Over the next two weeks students who have earned the required amount of awards last term will receive their Iron Lion certificates. After this our new awards system will begin in Week Four. We are finalising the details and will outline the structure when these are completed. One important feature that we can share with you at this stage is that there will not be a tiered progression to the system, building to an end of the year outcome or reward. We know there will be many who are very pleased about this and others disappointed. No system “does it” for everyone. We thank you for your feedback and look forward to continuing to acknowledge our students for their individual successes.



From Admin

We welcome Ms Robyn Sinclair to our administrative staff. Robyn will be working in the front office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Sam delivers two healthy babies. I would like to announce (on her behalf) that Zara and James arrived both safe and sound.

Grandparents' Day

Next Tuesday 8 May 2018, Mittagong Public School is celebrating Grandparents' Day! We invite all grandparents and 'grand friends' of children at our school to come along for 'open classrooms' from 12.10 -1.10pm. During this time, grandparents can enjoy seeing the students engaged in learning activities in their classrooms and take their grandchildren to visit the Book Fair in the library. There will be a great selection of books available for purchase. Kindergarten students and their grandparents will also have the opportunity to have a photograph taken to remember this special occasion. Photographs will cost \$4.00 each and any kindergarten child wishing to have their photograph taken, will need to return the permission slip sent home to families this week. At the conclusion of 'open classrooms,' grandparents and 'grand friends' may choose to join their grandchild for a picnic lunch.



Library Book Fair - Term 2 Week 2

Next week (Monday 7 May, Tuesday 8 May, Wednesday 9 May) the Mittagong Public School Library will be holding a Book Fair. Parents, grandparents and students are welcome to come and purchase a range of books, posters and stationery items that range in price from \$1- \$30. The Book Fair will be operating before school (8:25-8:55am), during lunch on Monday and Tuesday and recess on Wednesday. Money raised goes towards more fabulous resources for our school so please come along!



Author Visit

Next Monday 7 May the Mittagong Public School Library will be hosting an author visit from Deborah Abela. Students will have the opportunity to meet Deborah in stage groups during the day. Her talks are informative, interactive and fun. Deborah was a teacher and was a writer and producer of the TV show *Cheez TV*. *She uses images, videos, storytelling and games, to explain the writing process, leaving students excited about books, reading & writing.*

Deborah has won many awards for her books including the USBBY Outstanding International Book Award and the Maurice Saxby Award for services to children's literature.

Cost for the incursion will be \$4 per student. Students are encouraged to return their green permission note and money to their class teacher as soon as possible.

Mrs Gardiner Teacher-Librarian



ANZAC Day 2018 Memorial Ceremony

On the 25 April 2018, our student council representatives, over 70 students and staff members from Mittagong Public School joined our neighbouring schools, various organisations and the Mittagong community in marching in the annual ANZAC day memorial ceremony. Our diligent students and their families made sure Mittagong Public School was represented in our community with honour and grace. Our students marched with integrity and reverence acknowledging the importance of the day and were commended for their discipline, patience and

praiseworthy behaviour. I would personally like to commend students, President Hayley and Vice-President Daniel for leading the SRC with pride and Mrs Anderson, Ms Buchanan, Mrs Bahls, Mrs Bull, Mrs Stafford, Mrs Small, Mrs Westley, Mr Perry and Mr Murray for their dedication and support on the special day. For images of the day please visit our school's website and view the video titled SRC: moments 2018
Mr Christodouloupoulos SRC Coordinator

Light The Way

What do cupcakes and elephants have in common? At the end of Term 1, our school had an influx of both! Thank you to the students and their dedicated families from 2 Meerkats, 3/4 Rosellas and the students from Mrs Bahls' and Ms Buchanan's 2017 classes, for your effort in running our Light The Way cake stall and the African Theme Mufti Day. A very big thank you to the Mittagong Public School community who showed their support for this ongoing project by purchasing the baked goods and dressing up in safari suits, animal costumes, crazy colours or traditional African clothing (just to name a few of the styles on display). The money raised from both of these events will go towards purchasing 59 solar lights to send to families living in energy poverty in Uganda, Africa.
Mrs Bahls and Ms Buchanan.



COMING TO WINGECARRIBEE
Aboriginal Go4Fun

A 10 week healthy lifestyle program for Aboriginal children and their families

Help your family get healthy, happy and active with Go4Fun!

Go4Fun is a 10 week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7-13 who are above a healthy weight.
A parent or carer is required to attend each session.

Starting Term 2 2018
Thursdays 3.30pm-5.30pm
at The Wingecarribee Aboriginal Community Centre, Rainbow Rd, Mittagong

For more info, or to register please contact
FREE CALL - 1800 780 900
or sms 0409 745 645 for a call back

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P&C News

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Welcome back to Term 2! We hope everyone had a good holiday break and you're ready to get back into the swing of the school term.

P&C Meeting – Tuesday 8th May 6.30pm. We hope to see some new and old faces there! The agenda will include election of Fundraising Coordinator and Vice President and adoption of updated By-Laws of our P&C Constitution, as well as usual fundraising and general business discussion.

DON'T FORGET: Mothers' Day Stall Wednesday and Thursday 9th & 10th May, a range of gifts will be for sale from \$1 - \$10.

Canteen Term 2 Menu: We look forward to another term of serving your children with nutritious food, prepared by our team of volunteers and Canteen Coordinator Cindy Wood. If you would like to volunteer on canteen, please contact Cindy on You should have received a yellow Term 2 menu this week. There are spares at the canteen or front office or download one from the P&C Tab of the school website (Canteen section). Please note we hope to gradually phase out mykidslunchbox.com.au this term and replace with an improved online ordering website and app. Watch this space for more details.

Friday morning BBQ and Shed Cafe: First Friday BBQ for the Term is Week 2. We look forward to serving yummy sausage sandwiches (\$2 each or two for \$3), coffee/hot chocolate (\$2), meal deal – sausage & hot chocolate (\$3) and tea \$1. A good way to start these cold mornings! If you would like to be put on the Friday BBQ roster for Term 3, or could fill in for someone if necessary this term, please contact coordinator Heather Mitchie on 0428 624 567. You will generally be rostered

only once per term, from 7.30am to about 9ish.

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 Monday 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.



Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL

Date : Saturday 28th April 2018

Times : 4pm to 6.30 pm

Cost : \$5.00 per child 4 – 14 years

Parents and children under 3 free.

School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Term 2 April/ May Week 1	30 Staff development - Pupil Free	1 Students return to school	2	3 <i>District Cross Country</i> School ANZAC assembly	4 <i>Junior assembly with 1 Possum item</i> SRC leadership day	5	6
Term 2 May Week 2	7 Book Fair Author visit 1 - 6	8 Book Fair <i>Grandparents Day</i> P & C meeting 6:30pm	9 Mothers' Day stall Book Fair <i>Mufiti Day</i> ICAS Digi Tech	10 <i>Mothers' Day stall</i>	11 <i>Senior assembly</i>	12	13 Happy Mothers Day
Term 2 May Week 3	14	15 NAPLAN	16 Yr 6 Wombaroo	17	18 <i>Junior assembly 1 Wombat item</i>	19	20