

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



NAPLAN

This week was NAPLAN week across the country with students in years Three and Five sitting tests each day from Tuesday to Thursday. The tests contained many challenging questions to allow a broad spread of results and our students gave the tests a solid shake. There will be a catch up day tomorrow (Friday) to assist anyone who may have been away on the other days. Results will not be published by the Department Of Education until much later in the year. Thank you to parents for the efforts you made to have your children here each day and on time.

Year Six Camp

Thank you to all the staff members, especially Mr Christodouloupoulos, Mr Konz Mrs Constantinou and Mrs Males who supported our Year Six students at Camp Wombaroo this week. It was a great success and hopefully the dark circles under the eyes of staff and students will fade with some catch-up sleep over the weekend!

Infectious Diseases

I would like to remind parents that we have students at our school who are particularly susceptible to common childhood ailments due to intense medical treatments or other factors. Common childhood diseases such as chicken pox could have dire consequences for some of our students. For this reason we ask that you keep our office informed of any ailment your child may come down with that could be spread to others.

Also, now that students have returned for Term 2, schools are encouraged to ensure that parents and staff are aware of the symptoms of measles and notify their local Public Health Unit if a student or staff member is diagnosed with the virus.

Please take note of the following information from the Department of Health.

Measles—Symptoms to watch for include:

- Fever
- Sore eyes
- Cough
- Following fever, sore eyes and cough - a red,



blotchy rash typically spreading from the neck to the rest of the body that follows three to four days later.

Measles is mostly spread by coughing and sneezing. Students and staff who have been in close proximity to individuals with measles should be monitored, and consult with a doctor if they are showing signs of any of the symptoms mentioned above.

- Individuals who have measles should not attend school. If a student has measles and comes to school, their parent or caregiver should be contacted and they should be sent home.
- Communication procedures should be put in place to notify parents and caregivers and urge them to check that their child has received the necessary measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

Thanks to Amber Tiles Southern Highlands

Many thanks to Adam Traynor of Amber Tiles Southern Highlands for generously donating pavers to line the floor of the Structured Play equipment shed (previously dirt). The shed is now clean, tidy and a much more pleasant place to use. Adam's daughters are ex-MPS students and it is great to continue to have strong links with and support from members of our community.

Junior Dance Group

Junior Dance Group will be starting this Thursday in the hall and is open to students in Years 2, 3 and 4. It will run every Thursday at lunch time after eating time. Boys and girls are most welcome! No experience necessary!
Miss Squires & Mrs Smilnieks

Deborah Abela Author Visit

We were lucky enough to have Deborah Abela visit our school Library during week 2. The consensus from all students who attended was overwhelmingly positive. Deborah entertained students with personal stories of her travels and times of growing up as a child. She inspired students with background information on her books and excited many with her news that a sequel to her Grimsdon series has been endorsed. Many students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 are emailing Deborah during library time to not only say thank you, but also to ask new questions. Our students have been thrilled to receive an email back within 5 minutes from Deborah. Added to this, our local bookshop has sold out of her books! This tells me that Deborah Abela's visit was definitely a success.

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Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all grandparents and parents for supporting our book fair this year during Grandparents' Week. In three days our community purchased so many books that we raised a whopping \$2500 worth of books for our library. Congratulations!

Strings ensemble rehearsal and recorder cluster

Our strings ensemble and recorder students are attending the Mimosa Concert on 18th June this year in the concert hall of the Sydney Opera House along with 300 string players and 700 other recorder players. On the first Saturday of the holidays our dedicated strings students joined Elise Ali for a full day of rehearsal at Hill Top Public School. The day was a huge success and could not have happened without the support of the strings tutors, parents and Hill Top Public School for their facilities. On Friday our recorder students travelled to Colo Vale Public School for our local area cluster rehearsal with Susan Sukar. We have much to learn but are well on our way to a successful Opera House performance. Thank you to the parents who helped transport the students. Without your support activities like this would not have been possible.

CWA International Competition Comes Around Again!

Once again, it is time for students from Year 3 to Year 6 to become creative and curious about a culture and country from around the world as they are offered the opportunity to participate in the CWA International poster, book or PowerPoint competition.

This year the students are asked to study Poland.

Students in Years 3 and 4 are invited to make a poster or PowerPoint slide show. Students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to make a book or PowerPoint slide show. The competition closes on Monday 25 June 2018. Winners are awarded certificates and our school receives a monetary donation for its participation.

A note with the details of each category is attached to this week's newsletter. Entry into the competition is voluntary and students who enter may choose which way they would like to present their projects, according to their age category.

Stage 2 History Excursion

Students from Year 3 and 4 were issued with excursion notes this week for our annual History focused excursion. This year students from the classes have been allocated a date to attend the excursion to Berrima to visit the local historical society museum, the courthouse and to take a walking tour to look at the historical houses in the area.

Parents are advised to check their child's note carefully to ensure they understand which of the two dates their child is attending. The dates are Wednesday 20 June or Thursday 21 June. Should the weather prevent us attending these dates, reserve dates have also been included on the note.

The cost of the excursion is \$18.00, which includes bus fare and entry to the museum and courthouse. Notes and money are due to the school by Friday 8 June and we will not be accepting payments after this date as numbers must be confirmed.

We look forward to this experience and trust that the students benefit from this valuable insight into their local heritage.



Winter Woolies

For sale at the school office

\$8 - MPS green polar fleece beanie

\$5 - Green polar fleece scarf

\$40 - limited stock of green fleecy jacket

Just a reminder, we only accept cash or cheque. There is always the option of PoP (online banking through our school webpage)



P&C News

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CANTEEN NEWS:

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER - FRIDAYS: We desperately need more volunteers for FRIDAY. If you can help please contact Canteen Coordinator, Cindy, on 0435 842 035 so she can put you on the roster. Friday is usually our busiest day, so we would really appreciate any offers of help, even if you could help for a half day.

LUNCH ORDER PAYMENTS: Don't forget, as the canteen is run by P&C, you CANNOT pay for canteen lunch orders through the school website P.O.P (parent online payment) facility. This is only for school items not P&C. For canteen lunch orders you must use cash or mykidslunchbox.com.au.

CANTEEN PYJAMA DAY IS COMING WEDNESDAY 30 MAY..... look out for the note coming home with details of what you can order on the day and of course you get to wear your PJs to school.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – a big thankyou to Angelina Marcon-Jones for coordinating a superb Mother's Day stall! Hope you all enjoyed your gifts.👍


FRIDAY MORNING BBQ AND SHED CAFE: We have 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 9ish. Thankyou to our regular volunteers who ensure this Friday tradition continues!

FRIDAY BBQ DONATIONS: * tomato and barbecue sauces * serviettes - Any donations gladly received to support our Friday barbecue.

RETURN AND EARN – DONATE YOUR DRINK CONTAINERS OR VOUCHERS TO US: You can support our school by donating your drink containers to us, or better still, simply donating your cash vouchers to the school. Vouchers will be put to good use assisting the canteen in purchasing supplies. We also welcome any donations from parents who work in the hospitality industry. Kids - don't forget to use the recycling bin located near the canteen for recycling any lunchbox or canteen items – there are pictures on the front of the bin, so you can make sure it belongs.

CLOTHING POOL: is open next Thursday 24 May 8.30am – 9.30am. Most items are available for gold coin donation.

School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Term 2 May Week 3	14 Book club due	15 NAPLAN	16 Yr 6 Wombaroo	17 	18 Junior assembly 1 Wombat item	19	20
Term 2 May Week 4	21	22	23	24 Clothing pool 8.30am	25 SSO excursion Senior assembly	26	27
Term 2 May/June Week 5	28	29	30 ICAS science Pyjama day	31	1 Junior assembly	2	3