

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



This year our Positive Welfare (merit awards) program has undergone an extensive review taking on board feedback from parent surveys last year and also staff input. Recommendations in light of this information have been presented to and endorsed by our School Council. The main changes to our system relate to the way awards are used in the school. We no longer will use a system where students progress towards an endpoint through the accumulation of awards. Each award will stand alone as an acknowledgement of your child's achievement.

This school wide system will now be followed by all classes in the school. It is designed to be inclusive and achievable for all students. There will be two merit awards given out by each class teacher per fortnight. These awards allow teachers to acknowledge students on a personal level as they are celebrating positive changes in the students' individual learning journey. Support teachers will also have awards to use for achievement with the students they are working with across the school.

Values awards

We will also be promoting excellence in behaviour through the use of Values Awards which recognise the demonstration of our three school core values, Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation.

Each term the Values Awards reset allowing students an opportunity to start afresh. These values will be displayed in prominent positions around the school including the office, hall and playground.

Each classroom will have posters listing the values and examples of behaviours demonstrating these values. To help students achieve each value, teachers will incorporate values lessons into their lessons. Signs will be placed around the school to guide students on how the school values can be displayed in different areas such as the playground.

The students will aim to achieve Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation each term. When the class teacher determines that a student has



demonstrated a school value, they will receive the relevant award, which will be issued by the class teacher in the classroom.

Each class teacher will still have the option of running their own internal reward system in addition to these school wide programs.

Home Reading Awards

Regular participation in home reading has been highly valued by teachers and parents. It is a positive habit that deserves to be acknowledged and will continued to be rewarded with a Home Reading Award. This award is independent of the Value Awards and Merit Awards. The class teacher will continue to issue the award in the classroom when fourteen home reading sessions are logged, signed by a parent and returned to the teacher.

We are looking forward to seeing great outcomes from this new system and will be seeking feedback from parents, students and staff next term on our progress!

Premier's Debating Challenge round 2 at Bowral Public School.

On Tuesday 12 June, the Mittagong Public School debating teams, known as the Sea Eagles and Lions, took part in their second round of debating.

Round two was against Bowral Public School and the debate was held in their school hall. The topics for these debates were , "Parents and teachers should collaborate to ensure that primary school students have only 1hr screen time per day" and " All children under 18yrs of age should be banned from social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram". Both of our teams were negative and arguing against these topics. Both debates were of a high standard, but Bowral Public School won these rounds, due to having stronger team lines and more cohesion. The guest adjudicator, Norman Stanton, highly commended the outstanding efforts of Mia from our year 6 Mittagong Sea Eagles and Allegra from our year 5 Mittagong Lions, who put forward many convincing arguments of rebuttal. Congratulations to all of our debaters. They did a great job and we look forward to out next round of debating.

Athletics Carnival

All year 2 - 6 students are attending our school Athletics carnival tomorrow, Friday 15 June. Students aged 8 - 13 are eligible to compete in all events to qualify for District athletics representation. All year 2 students who are 7 years old this year will compete in the 100m age event only and organised novelty events. The 800m event has been scheduled to commence at 8:30am. Only students who indicated on their permission notes will be able to participate in this event. All other events will commence at 9:30am.

Parents, carers and friends are invited to attend as spectators. Please be advised that all students must remain in their designated house area. If you wish for your child to sit with you, please come join them in their house area. No student is allowed to sit on the top bank.

All students must wear appropriate sportswear, (house colours are allowed) and running shoes. Spikes may be worn but only in running events, students must change into their usual running shoes for all other activities. Students may wear colour on their face and hair but this must be applied at home and not shared with students at school.

Bowral High School students and Mittagong staff will take official roles allowing parents the opportunity to watch their child participate. Rug up and come along to join in the fun.



Stage Three Update

Wonderful things are happening in our wonderful school giving opportunities for our students to shine and excel. Our Year 5 and 6 debaters, after winning brilliantly last week against Hill Top Public School took on the students in Bowral Public School, on Tuesday. Even though there was no win, our students received praiseworthy feedback and were commended for their good manners and powerful arguments. Congratulations to all our debaters and Mrs Trifonov and Mrs Anderson for being wonderful and competent leaders.

Last Friday, Senior Assembly lit up with wonderful performances from the Recorder and Strings ensemble. Our students gave mesmerising performances with their music and showcased their talents and musical maturity. They will be performing at the Sydney Opera House on Monday, and we wish them the best of luck! Of course Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Ottosson deserve praise too, as they have invested time and effort in providing our students with great opportunities.

This Friday 15, is our annual Athletics Carnival, our students will brave the cold weather (please make sure your children are suitably dressed) and showcase their athleticism. We are very happy to welcome students from Bowral High who have volunteered to help us out. A special thank you to Mrs Fisher who for many years has coordinated this event and has given to hundreds of students, life-long memories. Thank you also, to all the staff who will be providing valuable care and support to all our students on the day.
Mr D Christodouloupoulos – Stage Three Leader

Music Notes

A note went home to all band students to advise that next week we will need to rehearse on Wednesday 20 June instead of Thursday as a one off. The band will

perform at the Junior Assembly in Week 9 of this term.

Kindergarten News

Infants' Assemblies are held each fortnight in the School Hall at 12.25pm. At tomorrow's assembly, our four Kindergarten classes will be singing a small selection of songs they have been learning. They will perform again at the assembly in Week 9 of this term and then in Week 1 and 3 of next term. We welcome parents and family members to come along and enjoy the performance. If you are unable to attend tomorrow's assembly, do not despair, as there are 3 other opportunities. We look forward to seeing you at our assembly.



P&C News

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CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS WEDNESDAYS – Cindy is short on Wednesday volunteers, if you can help out on canteen please contact Cindy on 0435 842 035 or drop a note to the front office.

CLOTHING POOL is open next Thursday morning (21st) from 8.30am with a range of preloved uniforms including shoes available. It is located in Pioneer Cottage at the corner of the school grounds. Bring gold coins and see what we have in stock. All profits go to P&C.

SAVE THE DATE – MOVIE NIGHT

SUNDAY 1ST JULY Watch this space for more details! There will be a flyer coming home in the next couple of weeks, raffle tickets being sold and lots of great prizes to be won on the night. Turn up the heaters, turn down the lights – what a great way to enjoy a winter's night and fundraise for the school!

School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 7	11 Public Holiday	12 Debate v BPS	13 ICAS spelling	14 ICAS writing 5/6 Bowral HS musical	15 2 - 6 Athletics carnival Junior assembly with Kinder item	16	17
Week 8	18 Book club due Mimosa concert	19	20 Yr 4 Berrima SRC meeting	21 Yr 3 Berrima Clothing pool 8.30am	22 Senior assembly	23	24
Week 9	25	26	27 Debate at MPS	28	29 Junior assembly with Kinder item Student reports home	30	1 Movie Night