

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



Kindergarten orientation

We are excited to announce that next Wednesday 24 October, is the first of our three Kindergarten Orientation days. The session will commence at 9.30am and conclude at 10.45am. The session will provide children the opportunity to experience time in a Kindergarten classroom and the chance to engage in a range of social and educational activities.

Whilst children are visiting classrooms, an information session for parents will be held in the school hall. This will provide parents the opportunity to find out about our wonderful school including Kindergarten learning programs, uniforms, bus travel, Parents and Citizens Association (P&C), etc. If you would like more information about your child starting Kindergarten, please contact the school and arrange a time to meet with Mr Shannon Egan, Assistant Principal.

We look forward to meeting our new students and their families during our orientation days. If you know of any other families with children starting Kindergarten in 2019, please let them know of this upcoming opportunity to be part of the Mittagong Public School.

School zone parking

Help ensure our children are safe in school zones.

Parking rules exist to keep children, parents, carers and teachers safe, as well as minimising speed and traffic queues around schools. Please familiarise yourself with

the parking restrictions around our school and teach your children to be safe around traffic. Flyers are available at the front office with more detailed information regarding signs, their meaning and associated fines for breaching.

School swimming and water safety program

The Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. Each day students will be provided with an informative presentation of how to be safe in a variety of water activities, including pools, rivers, beaches and other water areas. Students are then grouped according to their swimming ability ranging from 0m swim to 50m swim. They develop their swimming skills in a safe, encouraging and supportive environment and are assessed on their ability pre and post Swim School program. Water Safety is a life saving life skill. I encourage all students who are not able to swim or those who are not very strong swimmers to attend these sessions. This year our school will be attending the nine day program in Weeks 8 & 9 (3-14 December). The program will be held at Mittagong Public Pool if open, and at Bowral Public Pool if Mittagong is not available. There are 3 sessions with a 60 student



allocation per session. We have 180 positions available and allocation of available places will be given to first notes received. Permission notes will be sent home this week and must be returned with payment by the end of Week 5, November 16. The cost is \$42 per student (\$21 per student if you have a pool pass). Daily pool entry and bus transport to and from the pool is included in the cost. There will be no price reductions for missed days. Please take this opportunity to improve and strengthen your child's swimming and survival skills.

Mrs Rachel Smiltnieks
School Swimming Coordinator

Annual talent quest

The 2018 Talent Quest will be held on Monday 17 December. Due to time restrictions, we only have a limited amount of performance slots available this year. For this reason, there will be an audition for each performance area. Should your child wish to perform, they will need to have their act and any music (on USB) ready to audition the week beginning 29 October 2018 (Week 3).

Organising teachers will advise students of the day and time of their audition as this date approaches. It is imperative that music be supplied and the acts are well organised at this time. Acts that lack organisation will not be included. Students are only permitted to be in ONE ACT.

The performance areas are DANCE, VOCAL, INSTRUMENTAL, DRAMA and MULTIMEDIA. We look forward to seeing your wonderful performances!

MPS Pride

MPS is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved a place in the MPS Pride:

3P: Caitlin

4E: Hua-Xuan, Zackary, Michael, Phoebe, Cody

These students have achieved awards for demonstrating all three of the school values: Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation. Well done!

Year 3 excursion to Fitzroy Falls

The long awaited excursion to Fitzroy Falls National Park is rapidly approaching. The excursion will take place on Wednesday 31 October.

To enable all payments to be processed, payments will close this Friday 19 October. The cost of the excursion is \$25. The excursion is to provide real world experiences to support our Geography work on environments and sustainability.

Please ensure you have returned your payments to your child's class teacher by tomorrow.



Stage 2 cricket gala day

A reminder that all permission notes and money for the Cricket Gala Day are due tomorrow Friday 19 October. It would be great if all Stage 2 students attend as this event forms a part of our PDHPE program for Term 4. A big thanks to the parents who have volunteered their time to assist as a team manager on the day. We still need a few more managers. If you are able to help, please contact the office or Mr Leith.

A warm welcome from stage 3

Term 4 will be full of exciting experiences for our Stage 3 students, finishing off a very productive year. Next week, 23 October 2018, all the Year 5 students will be walking to Lake Alexandra and joining 22 other schools for Environment Day. Our students will be involved in numerous activities including, 'wildlife rescue and rehabilitation', 'keeping safe in the event of fire' and 'learning about animals like the glossy black cockatoo and the beautiful brush-tailed rock-wallaby'. Children are required to wear full school uniform and bring a packed recess and lunch.

On November 1, 2018 the SRC have been invited to share their thoughts, skills and experiences in an extensive Youth Forum. They will be joining high school students from the Southern Highlands to identify priority areas and ways to develop a whole community approach to improve outcomes for young people living, working and learning in the Wingecarribee. It will be a fascinating day and great opportunity for our SRC to experience and to help provide healthy spaces, places and infrastructure for young people.

Lastly, on November 8, our Senior Choir will be on the road again, bringing joy to the elderly with their 'Come Alive Tour'. Our singers busked last term and raised \$497 so they could hire coaches to take them to neighbouring nursing homes and spread the joy of music. A big thank you to Ms Buchanan for organising this moving and inspirational experience.

ICAS Final results are in

The results and certificates for English and Maths ICAS have arrived. Any participation certificates will be given in class.


All Merit, Credit and Distinction certificates will be presented at assembly. For Year 2 this will be Friday November 2(Week 3), and for Seniors (including 2/3E) this will be Friday October 26 (Week 2).

Well done to all students for having a go.

House Captain FunDay!

Our House Captains are hosting a House FunDay on Wednesday, 24 October (week 2, Term 2). Each house captain will be running a fun games based activity where students can Pay to Play to Win! All students are invited to attend these games and activities between recess and lunch. Bring along your coins to play games. Help support our House Captains in their fundraising initiative. All money raised will go towards a gift the House Captains would like to purchase for our school.

School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1 Term 4 October	15 School returns	16	17	18 	19 Junior Assembly	20	21
Week 2 Oct	22	23 Yr 5 Environment Day Lake Alexandra	24 Kinder Orientation 9.30am House Fun Day	25	26 Senior Assembly World Teacher's Day	27	28
Week 3 Oct/Nov	29	30 Stage 1 Science Exc. Kindy sing for Senior Citizens	31 Kinder Orientation Yr 3 Fitzroy Falls	1 <i>SRC Youth forum</i>	2 Junior Assembly Yr 3/4 cricket gala day	3	4
Week 4 Nov	5	6	7 Kinder Orientation	8 <i>Choir Tour</i>	9 Senior Assembly	10	11



P&C News

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FROM THE CANTEEN:

A blue Term 4 Menu went out this week please check carefully as daily specials have changed! As no volunteers are available on Fridays we have had to move pies & sausage rolls to Tuesdays. Only everyday items are now available on Fridays. Also, because of a lack of volunteers on Wednesdays, we have unfortunately had to discontinue our normal sushi special. We apologise to the students for these changes, but without volunteers we are not able to maintain the wide variety the students were used to. The Term 4 menu is also available to download from the P&C tab on the school website. Online ordering should be updated to the new menu by next week.

Correct Ordering: We need to enforce the menu due to time constraints and our compliance with the Healthy Canteen initiative. If a student orders incorrectly (e.g. a daily special from another day), they will be given a cheese sandwich instead and the excess money sent home. Thankyou in advance for your understanding.

Volunteers: If anyone is free to volunteer, even just an hour or two, please contact Cindy on 0435 842 035.

DRESS UNIFORM:

Order forms are available from the school website or front office but please be advised that size **Y12** is **OUT OF STOCK** this summer. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We do have lots of other sizes in stock and we have found that the sizes are a fairly generous fit. Any questions contact Jennifer White on 0450 925 165.

RETURN AND EARN: Don't forget you can donate your drink containers or 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!

FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND SHED CAFÉ:

Next week (week 2) is the first sausage sizzle for the term. We look forward to serving you: yummy sausage sandwiches (\$2 each or two for \$3), coffee/hot chocolate (\$2), meal deal – sausage & hot chocolate (\$3) and tea \$1. If you would like to volunteer, please contact coordinator Heather James on 0428 624 567. You will generally be rostered only once per term, from 7.30am to 9ish.

P&C MEETING:

Our first P&C meeting this term will be Tuesday 6th November, 6.30pm in the library. Please come along!

FRUIT & VEG MONTH WINNER

The stickers have been tallied and it was an extremely close race, but the winner of the Fruit & Veg month competition is 5/6C. Congratulations to Mr Christodoulopoulos and his class for their excellent fruit & veg eating habits last term. The P&C will be in touch to organise your prize of a tenpin bowling excursion. An honourable mention is to be made to 5/6G who were nudged out by the smallest margin.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The canteen needs some volunteers to help out at the Halloween Special Food Day on Wednesday 31 October. Please contact Cindy in the canteen on 0435 842 035.

The cricket gala day is coming up on 2 November (back up day 9 November) at Eridge Park, Burradoo, and we are seeking volunteers to help with the lunchtime BBQ/canteen. Please speak to Cindy in the canteen or call or text Sarah Farnese on 0414 963 383 if you're free for a couple of hours and would like to help out.