

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



Parent-Teacher Interviews

This week parents from many classes took the opportunity to visit the school to discuss their child's progress with their teacher. Some teachers have also scheduled meetings for next term. I'm sure you will join with me in thanking the teachers for giving up their afternoons and evenings to make themselves available.

Kindergarten 2019 enrolment forms due

Parents who are enrolling their children for Kindergarten in 2019 should notify our school by Friday August 3rd. School census data relating to how many kinder classes we will have in 2019 must be submitted by this time so please assist us by providing these details. This includes children starting who already have brothers or sisters at our school. If you know of anyone who is starting a student here next year please urge them to contact us at the start of next term

Education Week –Save the Date

To celebrate Education Week our school will be holding an Open Classroom session on Tuesday August 7. You are invited to come along and see what's happening in education in your child's classroom. More information

will be published about the day and other activities at the start of next term. It will be a great day and it would be lovely to see you there for the celebration!

School Holidays

I hope that all families enjoy a safe and happy vacation next week and take this opportunity to remind you that students return to our school on Tuesday July 24th. School staff will be involved in training on the first day of that week. Be aware that some schools do alter their return dates by deferring staff training to later in the year, so don't be confused if you hear of different schools returning on different days throughout the year. See you in Term Three!

Head lice

Head lice are tiny, wingless insects about the size of a sesame seed. They have six legs with claws and they can attach themselves to hair. They can live on your head, feeding off blood under the scalp. Head lice eggs or nits are usually white, oval, pin-head sized eggs that attach to the hair shaft and hatch six to ten days after being laid, making head lice infestation an ongoing problem. Head lice cannot fly or jump; they usually spread via head-to-head contact but can also be transmitted by sharing hats and brushes that have



been recently used by an infested person. During the school holidays, please check your child's hair and treat if you notice any signs of the lice. It would be great to start next term with all students being head lice free.

Knit Club

Would your child like to learn how to knit for a worthy cause? Mrs Bull & Ms Buchanan are starting a lunchtime knit group where we will be making squares to produce a blanket for 'Wrap with Love'. To find out more about this wonderful charity, look at this website <http://www.wrapwithlove.org/>

All you will need is a pair of 4mm needles (No.8 size), and a ball of 8 ply wool, as well as a willingness to give it a go. Meet in Ms Buchanan's classroom at 1.10pm (bring your lunch) on Fridays in Term 3.

If you'd like to get started in the holidays, the 'Wrap with Love' website has patterns to download. Happy knitting! Mrs Bull & Ms Buchanan

Being Brave

On Wednesday the 25 July all students will attend a fun stage show called Being Brave. There is no cost for this show given that it is part of the school resource/book fee payment. The show talks about dealing with emotions and challenging situations like bullying. It should be a fun and educational for everyone.

NCCD

The National Consistent Collection of Data is a process undertaken at all public schools. Teachers will identify students who have disabilities or require extra assistance with their learning. The information is collated in an anonymous data base for the government to analyse and reflect on the amount of funding needed to successfully support all students on their learning journey. If you would like further information please visit: <https://www.education.gov.au/what-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>
Ms Bowditch, AP Special Education

Music Notes

Thank you to all who attended the junior assembly on Friday to see the Concert Band and Junior Choir's joint item. We received a lot of positive feedback so well done to all the students on a great performance! Please note, there will be no Concert Band rehearsal in Week 1 of Term 3.



The Barracks Museum and so much more...

On Tuesday 3 July, Year 5 went on an excursion to the Hyde Park Barracks in Sydney to learn about and experience convict life. The World Heritage listed Hyde Park Barracks is one of the most significant convict sites in the world as it played a central role in the world's largest and longest-running system of convict transportation. At the barracks our children stepped back in time and were guided through convict daily routines. Our Year 5 students learnt about the convicts' sleeping routines, what meals they ate, the hard labour they had to endure, and what games they played for entertainment.

After the tour, our students walked down to the Rocks and visited the Rocks Discovery Museum, which is housed in a restored 1850s sandstone warehouse. The museum is home to a unique collection of images and archaeological artefacts found in the area. The exhibits were filled with interactive fun, using touch screens, audio and visual elements to bring the history of the area alive. Both museum visits tied in well with our history unit, 'Australian Colonies' and helped our students cement their learning.

Our next stop was Contemporary Arts Museum. There our students studied sculptures on the terrace, replicated art work by Khadim Ali and explored artwork from famous artists from all around the world. Our tour then continued with an ice cream stop, a quick lunch outside the iconic Opera House and a quick trek through the Royal Botanic Gardens to reach our buses on time. Overall it was an exciting and great cultural experience for our students. I am very grateful to Mrs Anderson, Mrs Fisher and Mrs Stafford for going the extra distance (literally, we walked over 10 km) and of course our parent helpers (Super Dads) Mr Cook, Mr Dwyer and Mr Hughes who did an amazing job.

Aboriginal artefacts and art

by Cody, Rory, Ethan and Ashar.
2/3 Echidnas

Aboriginal hunting boomerangs are for killing kangaroos, wallabies and goannas. The hunting boomerang is also rounded on one side and smooth on the other side.

Also an Aboriginal shield is for protecting you from kangaroos and goannas. The

shield is also for moving stuff out of the way when you are hunting.

Also an Aboriginal coolamon is used for carrying water, berries, bugs, insects and meat. The coolamon can be big or small.

Also Aboriginal paintings are for telling stories. The paintings can be dot painting, bark painting, rock painting and line painting. The paintings we looked at are from Kakadu and Arnhem Land.

Senior Choir Flash Mob

There was a huge surprise on Wednesday morning, when senior choir surprised Mittagong Public School with a flash mob before the day started. Once Mrs Bull started to play an introduction to Rihanna's 'Umbrella', the students ran into formation and belted out the hit song with light choreography and a colourful display of umbrellas. After they warmed up the morning crowd, senior choir then performed the rendition of 'This Is Me'. The children reached those notes and stomped their feet in an electrifying performance that shook the grounds. Well done to senior choir for all their hard work so far this year. I would also like to thank Mrs Bull, Ms Buchanan and Mr Konz for all their hard work. Look out for more senior choir public performances in the future, as they will be singing in Mittagong's Market Place next term.

On this note (pardon the pun), I would like to wish, on behalf of all the stage 3 teachers, happy holidays to all the students and their families. Please be safe, be good and remember to have lots of fun.

Mr Christodouloupoulos - Stage Three Leader





P&C News

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FROM THE CANTEEN:

Movie Night: - A huge success and great feedback. A massive thankyou to our sponsors and helpers and of course everyone who came (without you it wouldn't happen!). Thomas W and family were amazing helping clean and set up as were the parents and past year six students who helped pack up at the end. Also thankyou to Angelina for the ticket graphics. You have all helped raise \$1,060!

Volunteers: Some fantastic new volunteers have joined us (thankyou, thankyou) but if anyone is available on any Friday next term, please contact Cindy on 0435 842 035 as Fridays are getting extremely busy and we need more help! The busiest time is between 11am and 1pm.

Gearing up for plastic free: To reduce costs and become more sustainable, the P&C have decided to introduce a charge for forks which canteen supplies to students. This will be noted on next term's menu and we will move towards using bamboo forks instead of plastic. This decision has been made following discussion of options and a trial of supplying students with 'real' (steel) cutlery, which was unsuccessful as very few made their way back to the canteen. Even better, you could send cutlery in for your child to use. Let's move to being more sustainable.

Lunch Orders: Please remember to order from the correct menu and order an item that is available on the day – for example, pies and sausage rolls are ONLY available on Fridays, not every day.

VINTAGE CAR DAY – SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER: The British and European Automobile Association will be having a display day at the school, for which P&C are catering and running a Market Stall. This will include a sausage sizzle, cake stall and sale of produce and plants. A great school holiday activity may be to pot up some succulents or herbs for the stall! So, mark the day on your calendar and watch this space...



School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 10	2	3 Yr 5 Hyde Park P&C meeting 6:30pm	4 Parent / teacher interviews	5 Clothing pool ★	6 Last day term 2 Senior assembly	7 School holidays begin	8
Term 3 Week 1 July	23 Staff Development	24 Students return	25 'Being brave' anti-bullying incursion	26	27 Junior assembly	28	29
Week 2 August	30	31	1 ICAS English	2 Clothing pool	3 District athletics Senior assembly	4	5
Week 3	6 EDUCATION WEEK	7 Open day	8 Debate v Hill Top PS	9	10 Junior assembly	11	12