

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that everyone has enjoyed a relaxing holiday break and that our families are looking forward to another wonderful term at Mittagong Public School. A special welcome to our new students and their families who have joined us this term.

Welcome Miss Finola Mckernan

Miss Mckernan has joined our staff as our newest permanently appointed teacher. Miss Mckernan will be teaching class 1 Wombat for the remainder of the year. We are excited to have Miss Mckernan join our wonderful school.

Staff variations Term 3

I wish to advise that Miss Amanda Leggett will be taking leave for all of Term 3 and 4. Ms Katie Skillman will be the relieving teacher for the remainder of the year.

Mr Christodouloupoulos and Miss Fawcett are also taking a few extra weeks leave. Mr C will be replaced by Miss Robyn Cavanagh and Miss Fawcett replaced by Mrs Leanne Noble.

In Mr Christodouloupoulos' absence, Mrs Fisher will relieve as Assistant Principal Stage 3.

Kindergarten enrolment 2019

Parents who are enrolling their children for Kindergarten in 2019 at our school should collect and return enrolment forms to our office by Friday 3 August. 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 for an enrolment form. This will also allow us to issue invitations for our upcoming orientation sessions.

Education week

To celebrate Education Week our school will be holding an Open Classroom session on Tuesday August 1 at 12.00 noon. You are invited to visit your child's classroom and see what is happening! Following this you might like to stay for lunch with your child.

Parents of students enrolling in kindergarten here in 2019 are also welcome to tour the school to get a sense of our school and its culture. We won't be holding an actual information session for parents at this time as that orientation event is scheduled for later in the year.



Child protection education

During Term 3, all classes in Kindergarten to year 6 will study Child Protection. This mandatory unit of work is delivered every year to all students. The purpose of studying Child Protection is to increase student understanding of safe and unsafe behaviours in personal relationships. Each teacher will structure their lessons to suit their class timetable, delivering the lessons to their own class.

Some of the mandatory content includes reference to the anatomical names of private body parts. Should parents be concerned about the unit of work, wish to view the content or do not want their child to participate in these lessons, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Positive welfare

Term 3 marks the start of the full roll out for the new Positive Welfare program. Merit awards started earlier this year. Each class, RFF and support teacher will be allocated awards to recognise student effort, improvement and achievement. They are a great opportunity for teachers to celebrate each students individual learning journey. The Merit Awards are handed out at the junior and senior assemblies. In addition, the principal Mr Mansfield, can hand out Merit Awards at his discretion.

Each term students will have the opportunity to earn three Value Awards: Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation. Their class teacher will issue these awards when one of these values has been displayed on numerous occasions by a student. When they achieve all three values within a term, they will be included in the MPS Pride section of the newsletter. Each term the students will have the opportunity to earn these 3 awards, potentially earning 12 Value Awards in a full school year. Every class has been issued with posters with written and visual examples of each value. Teachers will discuss these with the students to help them understand and work towards achieving Value Awards.

Home Reading Awards have received a makeover. The new design will also be rolled out this term. The students will continue to receive Home Reading Awards for every 14 nights they have signed off on a reading log.

Being brave

All students attended the Being Brave show on Wednesday. The show was very engaging and lots of fun. Students learnt about resilience, dealing with

bullying and managing their feelings. These are important issues for students to be aware of and know how to ask for assistance when needed.

Camp reminder

Year 4 Camp at Fitzroy Falls is quickly sneaking up on us, only a little over a month to go! We will attend camp from Wednesday 29/8 through to Friday 31/8.

A reminder that full payments of \$250 are due by Friday 3/8. For parents who have opted for a payment plan it will need to be finalised by 3/8/18.

To check if you have paid in full please contact your child's teacher or the office.

We're getting excited and looking forward to a great camp experience!

District athletics

Students who qualified to attend the District Athletics carnival have received their permission notes this week. The carnival will be held at Erridge Park on Friday 3 August 2018. If your child does not want to compete in a particular event, could you please notify Mrs Fisher promptly to allow time to organise the reserve competitors to attend. Notes and payment must be returned no later than Tuesday, 31 July 2018. Students will be given MPS representative shirts that they must wear at the carnival. Full school sports uniform must be worn. If you have any further questions, please see Mrs Fisher.

Senior assembly - change of date

Due to many students attending the District Athletics carnival, we have scheduled our first Term 3 Senior Assembly for Thursday, 2 August. The assembly will promptly start at 12:25pm in the hall.

PSSA league tag gala day

All students in Years 3 - 6 will be attending the PSSA League Tag Gala day on Friday 7 September 2018.

These non-competitive sporting events provide opportunities for all students to participate in a non-threatening, all inclusive day playing League Tag. The gala day compliments our Stage 2 and Stage 3 Term 3 Sports programs where students will be developing their skills and enjoying playing sport. We value our parents involvement in attending as team managers which enables all students to attend. If you are interested in being a team manager (no prior knowledge or skills are required), notes and further information will be sent home in the next few weeks. Thank you for your continued support in our school and the local school community in sports.

Premier's debating challenge

On Wednesday 27 June, the Mittagong Public School debating teams, known as the Sea Eagles and Lions, took part in their third round of debating, inside our school hall. This round was a little unusual because they were versing each other. The topic for this debate was that "parents should force their kids to do 2 hours of community service each week." Our adjudicator was Norman Stanton and he was very impressed with the quality of the arguments and rebuttal for both teams. He praised both teams for excellent listening and was delighted by the vast array of subject matter as well as vocabulary. Annabelle, from the negative team, was highlighted as having particularly convincing rebuttals, which made the adjudicator's winning decision extremely difficult. Congratulations though, go to the affirmative team, Mittagong Lions. Norman felt that the teamwork, cohesion, and agreement on team Lion was just a bit stronger. He especially liked the manner and use of body language. Well done to all students who took part in this debate. It was a very interesting topic. Once again, Congratulations to all who took part in this round.



P&C News

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Welcome back to Term 3! We look forward to another productive term supporting your children through canteen, Friday sausage sizzle, school banking and special fundraisers.

We will hold a Fathers Day stall next month so your children can buy a special gift – watch this space over the next couple of weeks for dates of the stall.

On Sunday 9 September P&C will be catering for a Vintage Car Day to be held on the school grounds. This will include a sausage sizzle, cake stall and sale of produce and plants. If you have thought about potting up some succulents or herbs, now is the time! Believe it or not, we are officially past mid winter and spring is around the corner... just a little way!

First Friday sausage sizzle and Shed Café for the term is next Friday 3 August. 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. A good way to start these cold mornings! If you would like to volunteer, please contact co-ordinator Heather James on 0428 624 567. You will generally be rostered only once per term, from 7.30am to 9ish.

Thankyou to all our volunteers, you are the life blood of P&C, whether you help every now and then or regularly.

FROM THE CANTEEN:


Volunteers: If anyone is available on any Friday this 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 this 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.

Fruit & Vegie Month is coming up in September!

School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 Senior assembly	3 District athletics	4	5
Week 3	6 EDUCATION WEEK	7 Open day	8 Debate v Hill Top PS	9	10 Junior assembly	11	12
Week 4	13	14	15	16	17	18	19