

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



K-2 Tabloid Day

Well done to Mrs Smiltneiks and her team who led a brilliant K-2 Tabloid day on Friday. Being fit and healthy is a fine goal for all young children and this day certainly highlighted that exercise and team games can be great fun!

Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. The application website opens at that link on 9 October 2018 and closes on 12 November 2018. You must apply before the

closing date. There are no paper application forms.

School Returns on a Monday

When school returns after our upcoming two week holidays, it will be on a Monday. The return date is Monday October 15. This is unlike previous terms since no teacher training is scheduled on this day. So students and teachers will all return to school on the same day. I hope that students, parents and teachers enjoy a safe and relaxing time during the school holidays.

Operation Art

Four students from our school had their artworks selected to be in this year's Operation Art exhibition. The Operation Art Exhibition is held at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and is an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education. Congratulations to Emilie from 2D, Jade from 2D, Leylah from 4E and Annabelle from 4M. Their fantastic artworks will be on display at the Armory Gallery until November 4, and will be admired by thousands of visitors from across the state. We are very proud of these four talented artists!



MPS Pride

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

2D Harrison, Tanesha, Jade, Min, Sangio, Chloe, Emilie
 2/3E Joshua, Bronte, Caitlyn, Bella, Tahlia
 5/6A Mia, Mario, Jada, Olivia, Ben, Arsha
 KL Callan, Oskar, Tyson, Brock
 1/2B Estelle, Milla, Jessie, Olivia, Lucy, Beau, Darcy
 3/4R Amelia, Ben, Archie, Finn, Gram, Ed, Marco,
 Madelyne, Leah, Aaron, Amelie, Madison, Yvette,
 Maddie, Sofia, Shruthi, Owen, Chloe, Darby, Rosalie
 2Q Zain, Isaac, Layla, Belle, Marcus, Dylan, Cooper,
 Amelie, Avneet, Jasleen, Charli, Holly, Lexi, Mika,
 Aurora-Rose, Tahlia, William
 2M Leigha, Noah, Patrick, Brooke
 5/6A Luke, Grace, Rebekka, Ben

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

Year 3 Fitzroy Falls

Permission notes (light green) went home on Monday for Year 3 students to attend a fun filled day at the Fitzroy Falls Education Centre, to support our learning in our geography unit about the environment and sustainability. This will be happening on Wednesday 31 October. The cost will be \$25 and all money and notes must be in by 3pm Friday 19 October (T4 W1). We must have final numbers by this date. If you are having trouble paying, please see the ladies in the office to organise a payment plan or financial assistance.

Jazz at MPS

The school band and training band will be performing along side a professional jazz band on Saturday 29 September at the school hall. This is a free event and all members of the community are welcome to attend. The Southern Highlands Jazz inc. has funded this initiative, which includes a masterclass for all high school music students. The day starts from 1-2pm workshop for students and then 2-5pm concert. If anyone is interested in partaking in the workshop please contact Southern Highlands Jazz for a permission slip on shjazzinc@gmail.com

No hat? Play in the shade

Please help our students to be sun safe at play next term and remind them to wear a school hat if playing on the field.

Hats are available for purchase from the front office.



Year 2 walking excursion

On Monday, our class (2D) and 2Q went on an excursion. We went there because we hadn't done an excursion yet. We walked all around Mittagong. This is where we started.

Firstly, we went to the Iron Mines oval and we got to touch 130 year old iron. Sometimes they find iron at the Great Australian Bight.

Then we went under the Highlands Marketplace where they used to heat up iron to shape the iron into tools and other things.

At the RSL park we looked at the mineral springs and an Aboriginal painting on a tree. Then we walked past the church and we saw iron sculptures on the fountain.

We also stopped at West Winifred Park to have recess. After recess, I lay on my back to wait for the other people that were in my class and the Quolls.

Then we saw some builders and they waved to us and we waved back. After we passed the builders, we stopped at the train station. The train station was 151 years old. Near the train station was the police station and there was also an old post office.

Then we went past the old hotel and the old bank. We saw the first mayor's initial on a building and saw the old stables. We saw the new park and next to it was the old boarding school. It was so old that it was breaking apart.

For lunch we went to Lake Alexandra and after that we went on a bush walk. We went up a slippery trench. On the way down, Miss Stirton had to hold my hand because it was slippery. Some people slid down on their bottoms.

After that we played on the play equipment. Then we looked for turtles but we couldn't find any.

We came back to school at 2:30.

By Tanesha 2D

On Monday, which was yesterday, we (2D) went on a walking excursion around Mittagong with 2 Quolls. We started at 10:00. We wanted to learn more about history.

First we went to Iron Mines Oval and we saw big chunks of iron in the rocks. We also saw the old Iron Works. Then we went under Big W and talked about the archaeological site of the iron mines because they cast an iron lion and gave it to our school. This is why we have a lion on our uniforms.

After that we went to the RSL park. We looked at the river and we saw iron in it. Then we went to the mineral springs and saw some lanterns made of iron. We also saw an Aboriginal painting.

We then walked to West Winifred Park to have recess.

Then we went to the police station. We also went to the train station and it was 151 years old. We also went to the old post office.

Then we went to the old hotel which was built in 1890. Near the old hotel there was the first mayor's initials on a building and the old bank was next to the old hotel. Then we went to the church and we saw lions on the chairs. We walked past the old stable. The old stable was like a house but it is now a hairdressers. Then we went to a new park which had a boarding school across the road that was broken down. When we were walking down to Lake Alexandra I saw a dog park.

When we got to Lake Alexandra we went into the bush and Minh had to hold onto my bag because it was slippery. Then we went to have lunch and after lunch we got to play on the play equipment. When we finished playing we got to find turtles but there were none so we went back to school.

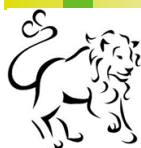
By Sangio 2D



Stage 2 Cricket Gala Day 2018 coming next term!

The annual Stage Two Cricket Gala Day hosted by Cricket NSW will be taking place on Friday 2 November (Week 3). Permission notes will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

Mr Leith is putting the word out for parents who may be interested in managing a team on the day. Team managers don't need to know how to play, they will just be assisting with getting students to and from their games on the day. If you are available to assist please let Mr Leith know. Official parent helper notes will also come home at the beginning of next term. Thanks in advance!



P&C News

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Wow, it is hard to believe we are at the end of Term 3 already! A big thankyou to our school community for supporting P&C by volunteering and/or supporting a fundraiser – you have helped raise funds for additional resources for your children and taken an interest in your child's education.

For the calendar, our first P&C meeting next term will be Tuesday 6th November, 6.30pm in the library. Please come along!

FROM THE CANTEEN:

Fruit & Veg Month: wraps up this week! Students have had so much fun purchasing fruit and veg items and receiving stickers for their classes. The winning class will be announced on Friday. The stickers collected per class will be per student, so no matter how small or large the class... everybody has a chance! The reward for the most stickers for Fruit and Vegie month will receive a class party at "Highlands Ten Pin"! Thankyou so much again to all the classes and teachers who have supported this initiative.

VOLUNTEERS needed for Fridays. Perhaps you could help next term? Contact Cindy on 0435 842 035. Even an hour or half day or once in the term is appreciated. Thank you to our fantastic team of volunteers who enable the canteen to remain open for your children.

Electrician needed – call out to any parents or friends of the school who could help in this area. Installation of a commercial dishwasher in the canteen requires the power point (and circuit?) be changed to suit 15-amp plug. The dishwasher purchase is planned around beginning November, so electrical work is needed at some stage prior to then. If you can help or know anyone who could help with this, please contact the school or call Canteen Coordinator, Cindy, on 0435 842 035. If you can help, we will happily publicise your business in the newsletter!

Mittagong Swimming Club registrations are now open. Go to www.masc.acenet.com.au and click on the Registration tab. The first swim club meet will be held at The Centenary Pool, Frensham on Friday 19 October commencing at 6pm.

Miniroos Football holiday clinics
2&3 October Moss Vale Soccer Fields
Cost \$75

See flyer in front office for registration details

School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 10 Sept	24 Stage 1 Walking Excursion 2D & 2Q BHS Taster day	25 Year 6 cake stall	26 Stage 1 Walking excursion 1/2B, 1K	27 Walking Excursion 1P, 2M 	28 Senior Assembly Stage 1 walking excursion 1W, 2/3E End term 3	29 HOLIDAYS	30
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.	31 Kinder Orientation Yr 3 Fitzroy Falls	1 <i>SRC Youth forum</i>	2 Junior Assembly Yr 3/4 cricket gala day	3	4