

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



Education Week Open Day

To celebrate Education Week our school will be holding an Open Classroom session on Tuesday August 7 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. Our Year 6 students will be holding a cake stall at lunchtime, so this will provide students and their families an opportunity to purchase a tasty treat.

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.

Bike Riding

In previous years we have received reports of students riding inappropriately to and from school. More than one of these calls related to students being careless about crossing the road without looking properly. I'm pleased to say that we have not received any of these lately, so I would like to commend the many students who are riding safely to and from school. Having said that, if your child does ride to school, please regularly remind them of the road safety rules they need to follow. Although we give reminders on morning

assembly, it is always valuable for parents to reinforce these and even run through scenarios with their children at home.

Support Classes Update

The support classes are excited about Education Week next week. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend the open classrooms and see the wonderful work their children have completed. Students will participate in fun NAIDOC activities on Tuesday to help them learn more about Aboriginal culture.

Kindergarten Orientation

We are excited to announce this year's Kindergarten Orientation dates for all students starting Kinder at Mittagong Public School in 2019.

Wednesday 24 October

Wednesday 31 October

Wednesday 7 November

Each session will commence at 9.30am and conclude at 10.45am. The sessions 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 during the first session on Wednesday 24 October, 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 Kindergarten.

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 Mittagong Public School.



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.

Kindergarten Learning Centres

Starting in week 5 of Term 2, Kinder Lilly Pilly and Kinder Wattle have been working together each Wednesday in their new Learning Centres. Miss Squires and Mrs Egan recently attended professional learning focusing on early years learning and about how to harness play for learning. The focus of this learning opportunity for students is building oral language and vocabulary through play at different learning centre environments. This learning also links to English, mathematics, science and technology, history and geography. The learning centre experiences include: construction, farm, library, canteen, shopping, police station, school and post office. Through each learning centre, students are introduced to specific vocabulary that can be used as they play and role-play with their peers. Students also use this vocabulary to talk about their learning during a reflection time at the end of the session. Kinder Wattle and Kinder Lilly Pilly look forward to continuing Learning Centres this term.

Year 5/6 Mogo Excursion

Permission notes for the Year 5 and Year 6 Mogo Camp have been sent home to those students who returned their Expression of Interest slip last term. Unfortunately we only received enough interest to coordinate one group to attend the camp so numbers are limited to only those who replied. Permission notes and payment are due Wednesday 8 August (week 3). Notes will not be accepted after this date. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Fisher, the convenor of this camp.



Bowral High School STEM day

Years 5 and 6 have been invited to attend a STEM Challenge day at Bowral High School on Tuesday 14 August 2018. All notes and payment are due today (Thursday, 2/8/18). Confirmation of attendance must be communicated to the High School today, so again, unfortunately late notes will not be accepted.

Year 6 Cake Stall

On Tuesday, 7 August, Year 6 students and their teachers will be holding a cake stall during recess and lunch as a fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell Dinner in Term 4. This coincides with Education week Open Day, so bring your coins to buy a yummy recess treat.

Vintage Car Day 9 September 2018 – Volunteer Slip

Times	BBQ	Cake Stall	Market/Produce Stall
8.30am-10am Set up			
10am-12 noon			
12noon-2pm			
2pm-3pm Pack up			



P&C News

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P&C Meeting with special guest speaker: Next Tuesday 7th August, Mr Jason Conroy, Bowral High School Principal will be attending our P&C Meeting as a guest speaker. If you have a child in the senior years of primary school, you might want to take the opportunity to learn about what Bowral High can offer your child and meet the principal. The P&C Meeting commences at 6.30pm in the library - all are welcome.

Friday sausage sizzle and Shed Café – we are donating the takings from TOMORROW’S sausage sizzle and Shed Café to local farmers doing it tough in the drought. Please support us in doing our little bit to help local farmers. 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.

Fathers Day stall - to be held week commencing 27 August (dates to be confirmed). A wide range of gifts will be available for purchase from \$1 - \$10. All profits go to P&C and resources for your children.

Vintage Car Day Sunday 9th September 10am to approximately 2pm to be held on the school grounds and catered by P&C. 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! We will be looking for volunteers to help with the sausage sizzle, cake stall or market/plant stall – please fill out the below with your time preference and drop to school or email P&C.


FROM THE CANTEEN:

Volunteers: Needed for any Friday this term, please contact Cindy on 0435 842 035.

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.

Fruit & Vegie Month is coming up in September!

School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 5/6 Bowral STEM	15 ICAS Maths	16	17 2 - 4 Wind ensemble Senior assembly	18	19
Week 5	20 5/6 Mogo →	21	22	23	24 Junior assembly	25	26