

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



Education Week Open Day

This week we celebrated Education Week and held our annual Open Day on Tuesday. Many parents, grandparents and family friends came to visit the school between recess and lunch to see a little of what students are learning. The year six students provided a great cake stall and refreshments as a fundraiser on the day and there were so many cakes left over we sold more the following day to students! Thank you for your wonderful support and interest in our great students!

Research Into Our Local High Schools

This week our school undertook some research with the NSW Department of Education's Communication and Engagement team by running a small group discussion with parents of children mostly in Years 4/5 at our school. The research took place to help our community of schools understand what parents want from a local high school - what people currently know about local high schools and their opinions of the various high schools in the area. The research will be used to improve communication from high schools to primary school parents. The team really appreciated the feedback at this open discussion. Thank you to those parents who contributed to this project!

Kindergarten 2019 enrolment forms

Parents who are enrolling their children for Kindergarten in 2019 should now have notified our

school and returned enrolment forms. This includes children starting who already have brothers or sisters at our school.

Whilst we have had a number of forms returned, there is still a number of parents who have not done so. We endeavour to be as proactive as we can in our forward planning and this is much easier when we have a clear picture of our enrolments and subsequent school structure. For this reason I ask for your support in this matter. If you know of anyone who is starting a student here next year please urge them to contact us and return their enrolment forms to assist us in preparation for our kinder program in 2019. It will benefit the students and the program greatly.

Excursion Reminders

With a number of excursions planned in the coming months, I wanted to remind parents of the importance of returning notes and making payments in a timely manner. The booking of venues and buses require exact figures and cancellation fees are charged to the school when there are last minute changes. Sometimes the size of the bus can be chosen according to the number of students attending, greatly reducing the cost of the excursion. For these and other reasons we generally require notes and payments to be finalised two weeks before an event. Similarly expressions of interest allow us to book accordingly.



In some instances the timelines may vary, but we do require that parents work with the cut off dates as a firm and fixed arrangement. When students do not return notes by the date stated on the note, there is often little we can do to accommodate late requests. This is disheartening for both home and school. So I do urge parents to regularly check their child's bag for notes and ask the students about upcoming events. This is especially true for senior students who are capable of discussing upcoming camps and activities which are often discussed with students long in advance of the due dates for forms, deposits and payments falling due. Reading this newsletter often allows parents to see upcoming events and cut off times. We want every child to be able to fully engage with our programs so please assist us with these important matters by responding in a timely manner and definitely by the date indicated for the event.

Year 6 News Crew Story of the Week:

NAIDOC Week

This week Mittagang Public School celebrated NAIDOC Week. The students were involved in different activities relating to Indigenous customs and traditions. Some of the NAIDOC week activities were boomerang painting, dancing, stories and lullabies from Aboriginal cultures. It was a great experience for all the students who participated. Did you know that NAIDOC is an acronym for National Aborigines and Islander Day Observance Committee! -Ivy

The Cake Store

This week we had the Stage 3 Cake Stall. There were an endless variety of different cakes and delicious treats. They were selling from 50c to \$2. All the cakes were amazing! Thank you students and teachers with your amazing support on the day! The Cake Stall made over \$1000! -Bryce

Knitters unite!

Our MPS Knit Club is in full swing. We've been excited to see students take up the challenge to learn this new, albeit tricky skill. Friday lunchtimes in Ms Buchanan's class are full of conversations about 'casting on', 'how many stitches', 'keep the tension loose', and our little mantra 'in, over, through, off' as they learn how to knit plain stitch. If you have any spare 4mm (size 8) needles you would like to donate to the cause, please drop them off to Ms Buchanan or Mrs Bull. We are also grateful to have Mrs Miskelly (parent volunteer & expert knitter) and Mrs Buchanan (knitting for over 80 years) to assist our keen knitters. Happy knitting!





P&C News

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P&C Meeting with special guest speaker: On Tuesday 7th August, Mr Jason Conroy, Bowral High School Principal attended our P&C Meeting as a guest speaker. He talked with plenty of enthusiasm about the exciting changes that will take place at the school over the coming years. He is happy to answer any questions you might have by email or calling the office at Bowral High.

Friday sausage sizzle and Shed Café: Last Friday the P&C donated the takings from the BBQ and cafe to local farmers. A deposit of \$300 has been made to the Bowral Co-op Southern Highlands Drought Appeal. Thank you to everyone who supported this.

Fathers Day stall: This will be held on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 August. A wide range of gifts will be available from \$1 - \$10 so get the kids' saving for special surprise for dad. All profits go to P&C and resources for your children.

Vintage Car Day Sunday: On 9th September from 10am to approximately 2pm vintage cars will be on display in the school grounds and catered by the P&C. There will be 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 are looking for volunteers to help on the day – please fill out the form the below with your preferences and drop in 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 to be plastic free: To reduce costs and become more sustainable, the P&C have decided to introduce a charge for forks the canteen supplies to students. This will be noted on this term's menu and we will move towards using compostable forks instead of plastic. 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!

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			

School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 3 August	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
Week 6	27	28 Fathers Day Stall →	29	30	31	1	2 Happy Fathers Day