

# Mittagong Public School

## Newsletter



### School Attendance Reminders

Last month our newsletter reminded parents that an absence note is required upon your child's return to school after missing a school day. This week we have begun sending notes home querying any unexplained absences in our records for this term. Thank you for your assistance in writing the reason for the absence on the note and returning it to school. In some cases you may have already informed the school in some way of the reason for the absence. If we have doubled up on this, please accept my apologies. We do however need to reconcile the absences so that they do not remain unjustified on your child's records.

Our school is always working towards the goal of improved student attendance. We aim to reduce the number of whole day absences as well as part day absences. How can you assist? We encourage parents to send their children along to school every day that they are well enough to be here.

### Arriving at school and class on time

Some parents have questioned why we are requiring a note for late arrivals to school. The reason for this is that the Department of Education considers a late arrival or an early leaver as a partial absence and requires us to explain why the learning time was lost. Please assist us in this by providing a note should your

child be arriving late but better still please try to ensure that your child is here ready to start school at 8.52 each day. There are also the following benefits:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Sarah Bull our Pastoral Care Worker is also available to be of assistance if there are issues we can help with regarding your child's attendance at school.

### MPS Pride

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

Ethan 2/3E

Gemma, Dan 5/6A

Ethan, Lola 1/2B

Bodie , Nicolaas , Isabella, Finn Gib

Isaac , Savannah , Faith , Aaron , Thomas M, Alistair 2M

Jolanie, Liana, Tahlia 2D

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





## ICAS results are in!

Between May and August, 88 students sat some or all of the International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Results and certificates have arrived at school for Digital Technologies, Science, Writing and Spelling. All students who received a participation certificate will be given these in class this week. Year 3 - 6 students who gained a Merit, Credit, Distinction or High Distinction will receive their certificate at the next Senior Assembly in Week 10. Year 2 students will receive their certificates at the next Junior Assembly in Week 9. Results and certificates for English and Maths will be given out later in the year. The assessments were particularly challenging this year so well done to all the students who participated in these extra assessments.

## New Website

We are excited that the new website platform has been rolled out to our school.

Have you seen our new webpage? You can find it at:

[www.mittagong-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mittagong-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)

We are working on it all of the time, hoping that this site will be the one-stop-shop for all of the information you need to know as it happens. At training, we were told that they are continually developing the site, giving more access for parents. We are hoping that in the future we will have the capacity to send "push" notifications.

You can put a shortcut button to our website on most mobile phones. I have just done this by using Safari (not Google) on my phone and searching for the school website. Once I had the website on my screen, I then pushed the button on the bottom of my screen that has a box outline with an upward arrow. I chose the option to 'add to home screen'. I can now see our website, access the canteen menu or make a payment at a touch of a button.

Lynne Luhr







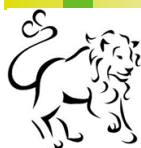
Calling all Highland gals! Join us for Whacky Wickets this Spring. Make the most of the longer, warm Spring days on beautiful Bradman Oval, Bowral. 6 Friday afternoons, from October 12 to November 16. Women & girls of all ages - sisters, aunts, besties, mums & daughters - will enjoy a social night of cricket, fun, hospitality & music. No experience necessary. Fully Supervised. The best \$10 you ever spent! Details: see flyer at front office



Mittagong RSL Blue Light Disco  
**Venue:** Mittagong RSL  
**Date :** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
**Times :** 4pm to 6.30 pm  
**Cost :** \$5.00 per child 4 – 14 years  
Parents and children under 3 free.

## School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 8 Sept	10	11 Book Club Due	12 Return Stewart House bags	13 ★ <i>Senior Choir busking</i> <i>Senior assembly 2pm</i>	14 League tag gala day	15	16
Week 9 Sept	17	18	19	20 <i>Clothing Pool Open 8.30am</i>	21 K-2 Tabloid day Junior Assembly	22	23
Week 10 Sept	24 Stage 1 Walking Excursion	25 Year 6 cake stall	26 House Captain Fun Day	27	28 Senior Assembly End term 3	29	30
Week 1 Term 4 October	15 School returns	16	17	18	19	20	21



## P&C News

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**VINTAGE CAR DAY:** The cars were shining, the clouds cleared and the BBQ and Market stall was in full swing! On Sunday the P&C in conjunction with the Southern Highlands Branch of the British and European Automobile Club hosted a **Classic Car Display** on the school oval.

P&C volunteers stepped up to the task and managed to cook and serve many sausage sandwiches, bacon and egg rolls as well as coffee, Devonshire teas and cakes to the hungry visitors. The Market Stall drew quite a bit of interest and we were able to sell out of many items. Thank you to everyone who came for a great day which was also a fabulous fundraiser for P&C. As well as the profits from our catering, the car club kindly donated the gold coin gate takings to P&C. Early estimates show we have made over \$1,500 profit which will be put towards the new playground.

We want to thank you for the donations of cakes, slices, biscuits, scones, fresh produce, plants, homemade jams and second-hand goods. And a special thank you to **GUMNUT PATISSERIE** who donated cupcakes, **BAKE ME A CAKE BY BEEJAY** who donated sweet treats and Natalie Dare of **THE MEAN MUFFIN** who donated eggs. Please support these businesses in return.

And a thank you wouldn't be complete without saying thanks to the wonderful parents and students who volunteered their time to prepare for the event, serve people on the day and stand at the gate taking donations, and of course thank you to all of you who came on the day and showed your support. We would like to make special mention to Sarah and Jay Stokes for their help throughout Sunday.

### FROM THE CANTEEN:

**Fruit & Veg Month:** We have received such an amazing response from all the children and staff for this initiative! There is one class that is spending all their money on the initiative and at the time of printing, we are thinking they may have over 100 stickers! We are basing this on a percentage of children per class, so it is fair. The stickers collected per class will be per student, so no matter how small or large the class... everybody has a chance!

We announced last Friday that the reward for the most stickers for Fruit and Vegie month will be a class party at Highlands Ten Pin! They are an amazing local company that always help our local school community and can't wait to have a class there to celebrate eating healthy! Thankyou so much again to all the classes and teachers who are pushing this initiative... we are struggling to keep the stock in the canteen which is truly amazing. Parents, keep up the hard work for a healthy school and canteen!

### NEXT WEEK'S SPECIALS:

Vegie trays with hummus: \$1	Watermelon: 50c
Strawberries: \$1	Corn: 50c
Freshly squeezed juice: \$3	Baked sweet potato thins: \$1.50
Fresh fruit with yoghurt: \$1	Frozen pineapple: 50c

For lunch orders, next week's specials also include salad sandwiches and wraps with 4 stickers per order, and if you order fruit on a lunch order, you will receive 2 stickers!

**Correct Ordering:** To avoid disappointment, please check the menu to ensure that what you are ordering is available on that day, as a substitute will be given if wrong day items are ordered. For example, pies and sausage rolls are ONLY available on Fridays. To abide by healthy food regulations these items cannot be sold every day. Thank you for helping canteen serve tasty nutritious food to your children and a huge thankyou to our regular volunteers!

**Volunteers** needed for Fridays. Perhaps you could help next term? Contact Cindy on 0435 842 035. Even an hour or half day is appreciated.

**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!