

Mittagong Public School Newsletter



Kindergarten 2019

Orientation sessions for new Kindergarten students will begin in Week 2 of next term. The first visit for students and parents is on Wednesday 24 October 2018. The morning will include a parent information session and a visit to classrooms for new students. The following two Wednesdays will provide further opportunities for children to visit classrooms and enjoy activities. Information about these days has been sent to parents who have completed expressions of interest for enrolment.

Parents who are enrolling their children for Kindergarten in 2019 should now have returned enrolment forms to us in preparation for the Kinder Orientation program. If you were planning to enrol your child here next year and have not let us know already, please do so right away. This includes children starting who may already have brothers or sisters at our school. Also, if you know of anyone who is planning to enrol a child next year please urge them to contact us right away to assist us in our forward planning.

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 15th. 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.

Early arrivals

Parents and students are reminded that school opens for students at 8:25 each morning. There is no supervision for students before this time. Recently we have noted students arriving considerably earlier than this. If your circumstances require you to send children to school before 8:25, there is a before school care service provided by our local council in our school hall each day. Please see the details of this service on page 3.

MPS Pride

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

5/6C: Campbell , Amity, Lily, Oliver, Ava, Allegra
2M: Shaina, Layla, Leah L, Jessica, Amaia, Ibrahim, Aahyan
2Q: Jayden, Michaela
2/3E: Harkeerat

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



League tag gala day

Last Friday Stages Two and Three, as well as schools from around the Highlands, travelled to the Church Rd Fields in Moss Vale for the annual League Tag Gala Day put on by the NRL. It was a beautiful day for sport, and the 250 MPS students were excited to show their best. Each team played four games for a total of an hour of football. Mittagong students displayed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the event and played their hearts out. Passing, kicking, scoring tries and having fun with friends was the order of the day. There were lots of tired, hot students at the end of the day!

A special thank you to Mitch Bassington from the NRL for creating the draw, providing equipment and setting up the fields, and to Robyn Griffiths from Hill Top P.S for doing all the behind the scenes work to make this day happen.

Thanks also to the great students from Bowral H.S and Moss Vale H.S who refereed the games and made the day fair and fun for the players.

We of course could not take so many students to a Gala Day without the assistance of the wonderful parent volunteers who came along to help. Stage Two would like to thank Phillipa Todhunter, Cath Dawes, Scott Lawrence, Glenn Turner, Katie Hinton, Rodney Pull, Andrea Eaton, Dionne White, Barnaby Bowden and Bec Houghton.

Stage Three would like to thank Tina Brown, Sarayah Burgess, Michelle McTavish, Michele Gorman, Ben Hughes, Maree Bates, Robert Fisher, Sarah Farnese, Sylvia Brandmayr, Megan Delaney and Vicki Nickl. You are all awesome!

Junior dance group

The Junior Dance Group have been very busy learning and rehearsing their dance "Do Your Thing". The dancers have had lots of fun preparing their routine and look forward to sharing it with the school community at upcoming assemblies in Week 9 (Junior Assembly) and Week 10 (Senior Assembly).

Well done boys and girls.

Mrs Smiltnieks and Miss Squires

Senior Choir stop shoppers in their tracks

Senior Choir put an exceptional display of choral magic on Thursday 13 of September at Market Place in Mittagong. Our well-presented and well-practiced students shook all the neighbouring retail stores with their booming voices, electrifying choreography and impressive confidence. Our choir busked to raise money so they can visit 3 nursing homes in the Southern



Highlands next term and spread the joy of music to those who are bedridden or who do not have accessibility to hear a choir sing. The MPS students sang crowd favourites like 'Umbrella' and 'This Is Me' and inspired listeners and onlookers with the songs 'Lean', 'Dreamers' and 'Ceasefire'. Our children were accompanied on piano by the talented Mrs Bull and chaperoned to and from the venue by Ms Buchanan and Mr Konz who did a marvellous job. I would also like to thank the SRC who were our 'roadies' for the day and especially Maisie and Ushas who presented each song with confidence and managed to collect \$591 in their small donation bowls. It was a wonderful day for our students who engaged and worked with our community for a greater cause. In term 4, the 'Come Alive Tour' will come alive; we will keep you posted for the dates. Meanwhile you can see all the performance on my YouTube channel 'MrCMittPubSchool'.
Mr Christodoulopoulos—Choir Director

What's normal anxiety in children, and when should I be concerned?

Sometimes it's hard to know what are everyday emotional issues for our kids, and when we should seek support for anxious thoughts and feelings. Beyond Blue has fantastic advice for us here: <https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/> They remind us that the goal for most children isn't to eliminate anxiety completely, but to give them skills to manage anxiety so it doesn't get in the way of enjoying life. When should we as parents seek support? If you're

noticing worries and anxieties are causing difficulties for your child, a good first step is to speak to your family doctor about what's going on. I'm very happy to speak with you about these matters as well, as are our teachers, as we work together to get the best out of learning for each of our students here at school.

Mrs Sarah Bull- Pastoral Care

News and Information from the WOOSH Service (Wingecarribee Out of School Hours)

Are you one of these families that needs to get to work before the school has supervision at 8.25am each morning? Why don't you give WOOSH a call. We offer a **before school care** service from the hall at Mittagong Public School each school day morning. We support the children in making their breakfast and engage them in activities or help them with homework. Our Service is open from 6.45am. The daily fee is \$20 per session; however, this can be significantly reduced with the Child Care Subsidy (CCS). With most Australian families eligible for some fee relief we encourage you to investigate what your eligibility may be. Some families pay as little as \$3.50 per day once their Child Care Subsidy is applied. To find out what your potential out of pocket expenses may be visit <https://www.childcaresubsidycalculator.com.au/>



We would love to speak with you about how to access our Service and guide you in the right direction for organising and your Child Care Subsidy. Please contact our Coordination Unit Office on 48 612 866.

School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 2D & 2Q BHS Taster day	25 Year 6 cake stall	26 Stage 1 Walking excursion 1P, 1/2B, 1K, 2M	27	28 Senior Assembly Stage 1 walking excursion 1W,,2/3E End term 3	29	30
Week 1 Term 4 October	15 School returns	16	17	18	19 Junior Assembly	20	21
Week 2 Oct	22	23 Yr 5 Enviro day	24 Kinder Orientation 9.30am	25 <i>Clothing pool</i>	26 Senior Assembly World teachers day	27	28



P&C News

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FROM THE CANTEEN:

Fruit & Veg Month: We have received such an amazing response from all the children and staff for this initiative! Only one more week to go. 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 Veggie month will receive 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 a healthy canteen!

We have been contacted by many parents about the strawberry situation and can 100% guarantee that the strawberries we have bought are from Aldi and shouldn't be affected. We cut the strawberries up for yoghurts, ordered fruit and for our fruit salad. Due to recent reports of other fruit also affected, we are cutting all our fruit as a precaution. We take safety very seriously and we pride ourselves on this. Thank you to parents and citizens concerned about this situation and keep letting us know about things that go on as we all love our Mittagong Primary children and want to keep them safe.

SPECIALS:

Veggie trays with hummus: \$1

Strawberries: \$1

Freshly squeezed juice: \$3

Fresh fruit with yoghurt: \$1

Watermelon: 50c

Corn: 50c

Baked sweet potato thins: \$1.50

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!

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.

FRIDAY MORNING BBQ and SHED CAFE – This week is the last Friday BBQ and Shed Café for the term. There will be NO Friday morning BBQ next week. Thankyou to our fabulous volunteers and all of you who have supported us in buying a sausage sizzle or hot chocolate. See you at our Friday BBQ Week 2 Term 4! Special thanks must go to KENNARDS HIRE who kindly donate the gas for our barbecues. Please support this business in return.

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!

Holiday programs Goulburn Regional Conservatorium

These holidays we have 3 workshops running:

- 1) A recorder workshop
- 2) A "Little Big Band" 2 day intensive course
- 3) The Music Sandpit

More information available at school office

Southern Highlands Touch Football

Junior registration is now open

To register email:

southernhighlandstouch@gmail.com

See flyer in the school foyer