

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



Kindergarten 2019

Yesterday, Mittagong Public School hosted the first of three Kindergarten Orientation Days. It was wonderful to welcome our 2019 Kindergarten students and their families to our school. Whilst the students were experiencing a range of fun activities in the classroom with our current Kindergarten teachers, parents and family members attended an information 'Expo' in our school hall. This provided parents the opportunity to find out first hand about our fabulous school and gain insight to what they might expect next year. Our Kindergarten teachers were very impressed by how settled the children were and are very excited about getting to know each of them more as they start their exciting educational journey at Mittagong Public School. Our orientation program will continue on the next 2 Wednesdays from 9.30am - 11.00am. We look forward to again seeing all students starting Kindergarten at Mittagong Public School in 2019. If you know of any family considering our school in 2019, please encourage them to visit the school now to express their interest.

World Teachers' Day tomorrow

World Teachers' Day 2018 will be celebrated in NSW tomorrow on the 26 October. This day celebrates the work of teachers, acknowledging the important contribution they make to the community. Inaugurated on 5 October 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually in over 100 countries.

The day allows students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for teachers and the positive impact they make on society.

We are very proud of our fine teachers at Mittagong Public School, so all students and parents are invited to celebrate with us by making an expression of appreciation to teachers both past and present. Words of thanks, cards and whatever else you can think of will be most appreciated. Let them know they have made a difference in your life!

MPS Pride

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

4E: Aleesha, Rhiannon

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



House Captain Fun Day!

This week we had our Year 6 House Captains host their annual House Fun Day! Each House Captain ran a novelty/game stall planned and created by themselves with support from Mrs Fisher. We had raffles, Hula Hoop competitions and even throwing wet sponges and balloons at Mr Konz. A big thank you to all our students for their enthusiastic attendance and support. We will announce our fundraising efforts once all the coins are counted. Money raised will assist the House Captains in choosing a Farewell Gift for the playground area.

Environmental Day

On Wednesday, 23 October, Year 5 students attended the Environmental Day at Lake Alexandra. Events and programs were coordinated by our local Council and other agencies. The aim of the day was to promote and educate students through a variety of learning experiences about our environment and what we can do to help, maintain and live sustainably for the future. Students were engaged in regenerative planting projects, up close with reptiles, bushtucker and Indigenous activities, waste management and bushfire awareness. A special thank you to Mr Stammers who is the Environmental Projects Officer from the Wingecarribee Shire Council.

School swimming and water safety program 2018

Permission notes have been sent home for the Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program. The program is available to students in Years 2-6 and is particularly recommended for weak swimmers who cannot confidently swim 25m in deep water. This year our school will be attending the nine day program in Weeks 8 & 9 (3-14 December) in three different sessions. Permission notes must be returned with payment by the end of Week 5 (16 November). We have 180 positions available and will accept students until all positions are filled. Please take this opportunity to improve and strengthen your child's swimming and survival skills.

MPS annual talent quest

Auditions for the 2018 Talent Quest will be held next week. A list of audition days has been posted in the library window. Students will need to have their act and any music (on USB) ready to audition on their set audition day.

Students are only permitted to be in ONE ACT. We look forward to seeing your wonderful performances!



Summer book parade


Our Book Parade has moved to the warmer weather months. With this in mind, it's time to 'Find Your Treasure', and work out which book character you would like to dress up as. The parade is during week 7, on Friday 30 November. It will commence under the Big Tree in the morning, straight after the rolls have been marked. The theme for the dress up parade is 'Find Your Treasure'. Think about this, you've entered enough worlds this year through your reading, which one is your treasure?



Japanese Play Afternoon
Wednesday 28 November 4.30pm
The Playhouse, Mittagong
Admission free
Afternoon tea provided
All welcome!
Flyer in foyer for more details





School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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. Kindy sing for Senior Citizens	31 Kinder Orientation Stage 1 Science Exc. Yr 3 Fitzroy Falls	1 <i>SRC Youth forum</i>	2 Junior Assembly Yr 3/4 cricket gala day	3	4
Week 4 Nov	5	6	7 Kinder Orientation	8 <i>Choir Tour</i>	9 Senior Assembly	10	11
Week 5 Nov	12	13	14	15	16 Junior Assembly	17	18



P&C News

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SCHOOL BANKING: On 18 October 2018, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) announced a review of school banking programs in Australian primary schools. We don't have further details of the scope of the review yet, to know how this may affect school banking. For the present, P&C will continue to operate school banking at the school as normal. We will keep you updated with any information as it becomes available. School banking day is Friday – deposit wallets can be added to the school banking box before morning assembly. P&C volunteers collate all the deposits and return wallets to students on the Monday following. Children receive reward tokens to encourage saving; P&C receives \$5 when a student signs up to school banking and a commission on each deposit made. For further information, you can contact one of our school banking coordinators: Amanda Hayes 0407 713 437, Mel Strachan 0488 130 148 or Kate Sarty 0418 499 545. General school banking information is also available on the school website (P&C Tab).

FROM THE CANTEEN:

Italian Food Day Wednesday 31st October – orders due no later than Tuesday 30th October. (due to catering requirements, no orders can be accepted on the day) You can order a special Italian lunch - see order form with this newsletter! (Due to time constraints, no other usual menu items will be available to order on this day.) Special treats will also be available over the counter at recess and lunch! We will need some extra volunteers on the day so if you can help (please!) you can contact Cindy on 0435 842 035.

A blue Term 4 Menu went out this week please check carefully as daily specials have changed: As no volunteers are available on Fridays we have had to move pies & sausage rolls to Tuesdays. Only everyday items are now available on Fridays. Also, because of a lack of volunteers on Wednesdays, we have unfortunately had to discontinue our normal sushi special. We apologise to the students for these changes, but without volunteers we are not able to maintain the wide variety the students were used to. The Term 4 menu is also available to download from the P&C tab on the school website. Online ordering should be updated to the new menu by next week.

Correct Ordering: We need to enforce the menu due to time constraints and our compliance with the Healthy Canteen initiative. If a student orders incorrectly (e.g. a daily special from another day), they will be given a cheese sandwich instead and the excess money sent home. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

DRESS UNIFORM: Order forms are available from the school website or front office but please be advised that size **Y12** is **OUT OF STOCK** this summer. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We do have lots of other sizes in stock. We accept cash or direct deposit (account details are on the order form). Any questions contact Jennifer White on 0450 925 165.

FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND SHED CAFÉ: This week is the first sausage sizzle for the term. 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. If you would like to volunteer, please contact coordinator Heather James on 0428 624 567. You will generally be rostered only once per term, from 7.30am to 9ish.

P&C MEETING:

Our first P&C meeting this term will be Tuesday 6th November, 6.30pm in the library. Please come along!

All children are welcome from Years K-4 at Kids@MAC an after school club on Tuesdays 3.30-5pm at Mittagong Anglican Church (Main Street)
 – craft, games, food, movie, songs and fun, as we journey to Switzerland for “treasures of the Snow”.
 \$3 per child per week or \$20 term. (discounts for siblings)
 If you have a sibling starting school next year, they can start Kids@MAC this term.

Mittagong Blue Light Disco
 Theme—**HALLOWEEN**

Venue: Mittagong RSL

Date : Saturday
27th Oct 2018

Times : 4pm to 6.30 pm

Cost : \$5.00 per child 4 – 14 years

