

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



MPS Pride

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

5/6C: Aleister, Theo , Bailey , La'eeq , Jessica, Lottie, Daniel , Joshua , Jemma, Hollie

5/6A: Brendan, Kristen, Luke, Olivia

4E: Sophie, Toby, Chloe , Michael , Hua Xuan, Rhiannon, Olivia

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

School swimming and water safety program

If your child fell in a pool or dam or got caught in a rip in the surf or in a river could they save themselves? The School Swimming and Water Safety program is not just about learning to swim from one side of a pool to the other but also about teaching children what to do when they find themselves in a dangerous situation in and around the water. We are strongly encouraging all parents to take advantage of these very reasonably priced lessons for their child. It could be a life saving decision! Thank you to the parents who have promptly returned their notes and money. There are still places

available for all students in years 2-6. Permission notes must be returned with payment by the end of Week 5 (16 November). Please take this opportunity to improve and strengthen your child's swimming and survival skills.

From Admin

Our school gates are locked between 9.15am and 2.45pm. If you wish to gain access to the school between these hours, please enter via the Pioneer Street gate. We have a "buzz in" system which works well. Once the button has been pressed, the office will release the lock remotely. You will need to push the gate open once you hear the lock release. The gate does not self close, so we ask that everyone close the gate securely behind them. All visitors and parents are to report to the front office before entering further into the school.



Summer book parade

Many students are planning and some are even putting together their costumes for our annual Book Parade. Which book was your favourite treasure this year? I've heard murmurings of 'Harry Potter' and even 'Pig the Pug' being whispered throughout the library. 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'.

Knit Club– it's a wrap!

We are so delighted with the way many of our students have learnt the art of knitting over Term 3 Friday lunchtimes. We are also very grateful for the extended family members who contributed to our collection of knitted squares for the charity 'Wrap with Love'. Mrs Bull delivered the completed squares to Mittagong Library over the holidays, and they will gratefully pass them onto the charity. Thanks to Mrs Jess Miskelly (parent volunteer) and Mrs Helen Buchanan (Ms Buchanan's mum!) for their kind help and expert input for our students at Knit Club.

If your child has caught the knitting bug, they are welcome any time to drop completed squares to Mittagong Library, any time of year. Ms Buchanan and Mrs Bull have begun daydreaming about a Knit Club again for 2019, so stay tuned next year.

Stage One explore

Students from years 1 and 2 had the opportunity to travel to the Science Space in Wollongong this week. Thank you to our wonderful teachers for organising this fun day of learning.

Kindergarten sings

On Tuesday, all kindergarten students visited the Mittagong and District Senior Citizens and Welfare Club to perform some of the songs they have been learning during kinder singing time. After the students performed, the Club's Ukelele Group performed a song they had been learning which funnily enough was one that our kindergarten students also knew! The Ukelele Group and audience loved seeing the students' reaction to this which included joining in with the singing and showing everyone some actions to go with the words. The Club ran a fundraiser on the day and generously offered to donate half of the proceedings towards some resources for kindergarten. A wonderful time was had by all.



PA system for sale

For sale by silent auction. The 3 piece system also comes with 2 tripod stands. Please pop a bid for the system on a piece of paper with your name and contact details. Place this in an envelope and write on the outside, PA silent auction. This needs to be to the front office by 2pm on Friday 9 November. Please contact the front office if you wish to view the PA before you bid.



School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 3 Oct/Nov	29	30 Stage 1 Science Exc. Kindy sing for Senior Citizens	31 Kinder Orientation Stage 1 Science Exc.	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> <i>Clothing pool open</i>	9 Senior Assembly	10	11
Week 5 Nov	12	13	14	15	16 Junior Assembly	17	18
Week 6 Nov	19	20	21	22 <i>Clothing pool open</i>	23 Senior Assembly	24	25



P&C MEETING – Tuesday 6 November, 6.30pm

You are all welcome to come along to our first P&C meeting for the term (and our second last one for the year!) Maybe you can't volunteer during the day but you have ideas on how funds should be spent, how we should promote involvement with our great P&C or just want to keep in the loop with what is happening around the school, if so, than this is for you!

CRICKET GALA DAY VOLUNTEERS:

The cricket gala day is coming up on 2 November (TOMORROW) at Eridge Park, Burradoo, and we are seeking volunteers to help with the lunchtime BBQ/canteen. Please speak to Cindy in the canteen or call or text Sarah Farnese on 0414 963 383 if you're free for a couple of hours and would like to help out.

FROM THE CANTEEN:

Volunteers: If you have a day or half day to spare somewhere, maybe you can help at the canteen – your kids will love to see you on canteen. Contact Cindy on 0435 842 035.

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. Thankyou in advance for your understanding.

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).

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: Don't forget our weekly sausage sizzle and café! 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. This weekly tradition raises funds for P&C to spend on resources for your children.