

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



MPS Pride

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

5/6G: Cristian, Danielle, River, Ben, Tanvee

5/6A: Praptika, Grace, Ivy

3P: Preston

4E: Gabriel

5/6C: Hayden, Austin, Mackenzie

3/4G: Sebastian, James, Abigail, Mason

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

A reminder that 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 return your note and money as soon as possible.

Talent Quest

Auditions took place last week and all acts made the cut! It is the responsibility of the students to practise regularly so their act is the best it can be. All students

are to give Mr Konz their music on USB as soon as possible. Mrs Males is happy to help any dance groups with their routines. We are looking forward to a fabulous show!

Summer Book Parade

Not long to go until our magnificent book parade day. Have you found your favourite book and costume to match, when you walk around the Big Tree during the book parade? 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'.

Kindergarten sings

Mrs Hampton visited the Mittagong and District Senior Citizens and Welfare Club this week to accept a cheque on behalf of the school. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the club had decided to donate half of the proceeds from their fundraiser last week towards resources for our kindergarten students who sang for the members of the club last Tuesday. The cheque was presented by club members Shirley and Barry. Mittagong Public would like to formally thank the Mittagong and District Senior Citizens and Welfare Club for this generous contribution and look forward to many more visits and sharing of music.



Woolworth's Cricket Blast School Cup Gala Day

Last Friday our Stage Two students participated in the annual Woolworth's Cricket Blast School Cup Gala Day held at Erridge Park. It was a beautiful day for cricket, feeling a lot like summer already. Sunscreen, hats and water were the order of the day. Teams from Mittagong, Bowral and Colo Vale Public Schools engaged in friendly competition, where plenty of bowling, catching and batting skills were on display. Each team competed in three matches, with every student having opportunities to play every position. We have a lot of people to thank who make this day possible for our students. Paul Brockley and his team from Cricket NSW created the draw, provided the equipment and let all of our students know how to play fairly. The canteen volunteers from M.P.S kept the students fed and hydrated. Fun fact, MPS students drank over 120 liters of water on the day!

Our parent volunteers are the heart of this event, we couldn't take 130 students to play cricket without them. A huge thank you to Glenn Turner, Phillipa Todhunter, Rodney Pull, Jonathan Bull, Katie Hinton, Brett Tonkinson (the ice was crucial!), Vanessa Guseli, Gennene Turner, Steve Tindall, Sarah Pryor, and Dionne White for being there for us. Thanks also to Ms Trifinov, Ms Buchanan, Ms Fawcett, Mrs Penn and Mrs Constantinou for braving the sun to help with teams. Thank you to Mr Leith for your hard work in coordinating a great day.

A big THANK YOU from Stage 2 to Mr Leith for convening and organising the whole day, without the hard work and dedication of our wonderful teachers, days such as these do not occur.

School sport forms an important part of a child's education, teaching not only athletic skills, but also sportsmanship, fair play and providing a way to make new friends. It is wonderful to see so many MPS students enthusiastically participating in our annual Gala Days across the year. We look forward to our continued participation in our local PSSA sporting events next year and beyond.

Congratulations Harry

Harry from 4M represented Mittagong Public School at the State athletics carnival last week. He competed in the 100m age race, placing 2nd in the heat, 5th in his final and placed 16th overall. This is a wonderful achievement. Well done, Harry!



Fabulous Fitzroy Falls for our Year 3 Students

Last Wednesday Year 3 visited the Fitzroy Falls visitors centre and National Park. The students learned all about the fabulous work being done in our national parks. Some ideas included learning about Aboriginal survival thousands of years ago; the students loved learning about the bush tucker and bush medicines. They also learned about identifying animal tracks and the important roles the different employees play in the maintenance of a national park.

Our students were exemplary representatives of our school. Congratulations Year 3!

The SRC are changing the Southern Highlands

On the 1 November 2018 the SRC were invited to attend the Wingecarribee Youth Forum 2018. Our school representatives voiced their opinions at the 'World Café Conversation Sessions' and provided ideas of what changes could be made so that our youth can prosper and thrive in our community. Our students' ideas about, employment, health and wellbeing, leisure and education, were recorded, filmed, documented and included for future planning. After a short break our SRC participated in various workshops where they evaluated ideas and designed ways to accomplish a realistic and productive youth plan.

The day ended with our students presenting their brilliant ideas and enlightening outcomes from their workshops.

Once again our students presented themselves with poise and grace and impressed the High School teachers and event organisers with their maturity, wisdom and manners.

Mr D Christodouloupoulos - SRC Coordinator



School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 4 Nov	5	6	7	8 <i>Choir Tour</i> <i>Clothing Pool Open</i>	9 Senior Assembly	10	11
Week 5 Nov	12	13 SRC Elections	14	15	16 Junior Assembly	17	18
Week 6 Nov	19 5/6C bowling	20	21	22 <i>Clothing pool open</i>	23 Senior Assembly	24	25
Week 7 Nov/Dec	26	27	28 1/2 Drug Education	29 <i>Last SRE</i> <i>Volunteer Morning Tea</i>	30 Yr 6 Cake Stall Book Parade Junior Assembly	1	2



P&C News

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CURRENT SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM IS NOT CONTINUING: Following a review of school banking programs in Australian primary schools by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) in October, this week we received written notification of changes in regulations from Commonwealth Bank. These changes put onerous obligations on volunteers and as a result, P&C has decided to suspend school banking from next week. Last day for banking will be TOMORROW 8 November. We apologise for any disappointment this may cause and thank you for your understanding. Our school banking coordinator and volunteers have done an amazing job for the four years the program has been operating at Mittagong Public and should be commended for giving up their time each week to administer school banking. Other banking options to encourage financial literacy and saving are being investigated. For further information, you can contact school banking coordinator Amanda Hayes on 0407 713 437.

FROM THE CANTEEN:

It's a Wrap: Special food day has been set down for Tuesday 18 December. Canteen will then be closed for cleaning on last day of school which is Wednesday 19 December.

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.

CRICKET GALA DAY: A huge thankyou to Angela and Tom Preston who helped all day on the canteen at the PSSA Cricket Gala Day. Mention must also go to Cindy Wood, who organised all the stock AND helped serve too, as well as Mr Leith and General Assistant Mark Luhr who helped with delivering the barbecue, tables, gazebo, setting up and packing up. We couldn't have done it without you - the kids came in droves to buy ice blocks on what was a very hot day.

RETURN & EARN: Don't forget you can donate your drink containers or cash vouchers to the school. Vouchers will be put to good use assisting the canteen in purchasing supplies. We also welcome any donations from parents who work in the hospitality industry. Kids - don't forget to use the recycling bin located near the canteen for recycling any lunchbox or canteen items – there are pictures on the front of the bin, so you can make sure it belongs! A big thank you to the families who have donated cash vouchers or containers.

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.

Mittagong Blue Light
Special Appearance – Santa's helper .

Venue: Mittagong RSL

Date : Saturday 24th November 2018

Times : 4pm to 6.30 pm

Cost : \$5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
 Parents and children under 3 free.