

# Mittagong Public School

## Newsletter



### Road Safety

Parents and students are reminded to use caution when crossing the roads coming and going to school. Wherever possible please use the crossings and avoid entering the road between parked cars or buses. Each year schools across NSW see tragic accidents and we want to keep all our children safe. Please be careful!

### Facebook and Other Media

Parents are reminded that it is not lawful to film and photograph other students at school without permission from the child's parents and the school. This would certainly apply to posting such images on Facebook and other social networks.

### Early Arrivals

Parents are reminded that students should not enter our school grounds before 8:25am each morning as there are no teachers on duty to supervise students until our first bell. Any parent with the need to bring children to school earlier can contact WOOSH for before school care in our school hall.

### School Gates

I wish to remind you that all of the school gates get closed and locked at 9:15am. Two gates get opened at 2:45pm ready for end of school collection. These gates are on Pioneer Street, outside of the admin building and Albert Street.

As a security measure, parents and visitors are asked not to be on site (unless they are visiting the front office) while the children are in class. We have a paging system where the front office can ask for children to come to the office if they are required to leave school early.

The staff carpark gate is for staff vehicles only. Please do not walk through this area as this is a safety issue.





## Book Packs and School Fees

These fees are now due and I would like to thank parents for their prompt payment of these fees. We hope to see all of these payments finalised by the end of Week Four which is Friday February 22. If you are having difficulties with this, please contact our friendly office staff who can arrange suitable terms for payment.

**Resource Packs are \$50 per student and Voluntary School Contributions are \$35 per student or \$60 per family.** Many of the fine programs and initiatives we run here, including our anti-bullying workshops and access to online learning programs at school and home, would not be possible without these funds.

## From Admin

We have sent home today a "Permission to Publish" form. We ask you to complete, sign and return this form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We are very proud of our school and love to show the local community the many wonderful opportunities we offer our students, either in our weekly newsletter, our school website or local media. The Permission to Publish form is used to establish if we are able to submit your child's image in any of these platforms. This is a Department of Education requirement every year and our new Kindergarten parents have supplied this information via the application to enrol filled out last year.

## A Word from Stage Three

Stage Three would like to thank all the parents and carers who joined us in the parent information session, yesterday afternoon. It was wonderful to see teachers and parents coming together and discussing programs, events and activities that our students will be involved in this year. Stage Three teachers will be looking forward to co-working with parents so we can all provide our students with quality learning opportunities.

Next week Senior Choir auditions will be held in the school hall. It will be a privilege to witness the excitement on our students' faces and their desire to be part of Mittagong Public School's long-standing tradition. The successful vocalists will see their names on the school library window, by Week 5. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Bull and Ms Buchanan for their dedication and passion. Lastly, next Friday 22 February, the SRC of 2019 will be



inducted in a wonderful ceremony in our school hall at 12.20 pm. I would like to thank all the parents and carers in advance who will come along and make this day special. I would also like to wish the SRC a wonderful start in their new roles and to remember to serve their school with pride, dignity, honour and fairness.

Mr Christodouloupoulos - Stage Three Leader

### Helping kids cope with change

The start of the school year means change for every student at school. For children beginning Kindergarten, our new students in older grades, or for those who've had changes in family life over the summer, coping with these changes can be a big deal. Check out [www.kidspot.com.au](http://www.kidspot.com.au) and search 'helping kids cope with change' for some strategies you can use at home, even tonight!

I'm looking forward to meeting all our school families, whether you're new or 'been-here-for-ages'. Please be in touch via the school office or email [sarah.bull@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sarah.bull@det.nsw.edu.au) if you'd like to chat over how your child is managing the new school year.

*Mrs Sarah Bull- Pastoral Care*

### P&C AGM:

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 March, followed by a general meeting. All positions will be declared vacant and a vote will be held to elect a President, Vice President (x 2), Secretary, Treasurer. Other roles will also be on offer including Canteen Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator. If you're interested in finding out more, please email Sarah Farnese at [mittagongpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com](mailto:mittagongpublicschoolpandc@gmail.com) or call on 0414 963 383.







**Volunteers Needed:** We are always looking for volunteers to help with jobs big and small around the school. The following volunteer opportunities currently exist:

**Canteen** volunteers needed on Tuesdays and Fridays (9am till 2pm or any time between). If you think you can help out, even on an ad hoc basis, please contact Cindy on 0435 842 035.

**Fun Run Fundraising Coordinator** – this is a fundraiser in term 1 run in conjunction with the school cross country. Time commitment is around 10-12 hours over the course of the term. Full support provided. Please contact Sarah Farnese on 0414 963 383 if you're interested.

**Canteen Treasurer** – if anyone out there has bookkeeping, accounting or other financial expertise (or just savvy with numbers), we are looking for a new canteen treasurer. If you would like to find out more, please call Sarah Stokes on 0438 235 053 or email her at [mittagongpandctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:mittagongpandctreasurer@gmail.com).

**School Banking** – last year we ceased school banking with Commonwealth Bank but we are doing some research into other options. If you're interested in helping us with that, please contact Sarah Pryor on 0410 151 503.


**Friday Morning BBQ & Shed Café** – we are always on the lookout for new volunteers for the Friday morning BBQ and Shed Café held every Friday morning before school in the years 2-6 morning assembly area. If you can help by cooking a sausage or making a hot chocolate, please contact Sarah Farnese on 0414 963 383 or email [mittagongpublicpandc@gmail.com](mailto:mittagongpublicpandc@gmail.com).

**Canteen:** A pink flyer for our new provider [www.myschoolconnect.com.au](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au) went out this week with details of how to set up and order. If you still have credit with our old supplier (My Kids Lunchbox) you can continue to use it this term (this might be a better option than requesting a refund as people are having trouble contacting them ☹). You can still order the traditional way using the bright pink canteen menu which went out – write your child's details and order on the front of a paper bag and place with money inside into the pink lunch order box located near the steps of the double brick building at morning assembly time. The menu is also available to download from the P&C tab on the school website.

**Donations Needed:** If you are unable to volunteer but would still like to help, we are also asking for donations of the following:: Serviettes and Penne Pasta for the canteen and Tomato Sauce, Food Handling Gloves and Cadbury Drinking Chocolate for the Friday BBQ/Shed Café.

**Spring Bulbs:** If you are planning on buying spring bulbs, look out for our Bulb Fundraiser – catalogues are coming out in the next week or so. This is a great fundraiser where even the smallest order contributes to raising money, as 50% profit comes back to the school!

### School Calendar 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Week 3 Feb</b>	11	12 Yrs 3-6 swimming carnival  Kindy meet the teacher 3:10pm	13  Yr 3 & 4 meet the teacher 3:15pm	14  	15	16	17
<b>Week 4 Feb</b>	18	19	20  District swimming	21	22 <i>Clothing Pool Open 8.45-9.30am</i>  SRC Assembly	23	24
<b>Week 5 Feb</b>	25	26	27	28  <i>School band starts 8.10am</i>	1  Junior assembly	2	3
<b>Week 6 Mar</b>	4	5  P&C AGM 6.30pm	6	7	8 <i>Clothing Pool Open 8.45-9.30am</i>  Senior Assembly	9	10