

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



Asphalt play area

Last week our asphalt playground was marked with some colourful designs and games for students to use during playtime and in class activities. The markings include both traditional games such as hopscotch as well as a world map and number grids. They have already proven to be a big hit with the students and should last for a very long time, being UV protected and heat-sealed to the playground.

MPS Lion Pride

We are delighted to acknowledge the following students who have achieved awards for each of the school's values. They have demonstrated RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and COOPERATION. These outstanding students have earned themselves a place in the MPS Lion Pride. Congratulations.

5/6G: Mackenzie, Jemma, Ben M, Sebastian, Abbey BG, Chloe W

1P: Lily, Franco, Chloe

Easter Egg Drive and Easter Egg Raffle

For many years Mittagong Public School has delivered Easter eggs to the residents of The Abbey nursing home and to the elderly people who receive Meals on Wheels support. Over the next 3 weeks (Week 7, 8 & 9) we

would gratefully appreciate donations of Easter eggs of all shapes and sizes to make this event possible. All donations of Easter eggs will be collected at the morning assembly. The Anacondas will be involved in gift wrapping the eggs ready for delivery to The Abbey by the SRC in Week 11. The SRC will be running an Easter Egg Raffle to raise funds for the purchasing of the diabetic chocolate eggs which are needed for some of the recipients. Tickets will be on sale each morning at the flagpole for 20c. The raffle will be drawn during Week 11 of this term. Please see Mrs Smiltnieks or Mrs Schymitzek if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for your generosity

Mrs Smiltnieks & Mrs Schymitzek (coordinators)

Wuruniri

As part of our NAIDOC celebrations this year, Matthew Doyle who is a descendant of the Muruwari people, will be visiting our school.

Mathew will be teaching the students the symbolism and significance of Aboriginal dance and music.

When: Monday 18 March

Where: Mittagong school hall

Who: students in years K - 6

Cost: free to students



Pushbike safety

Students please remember that you must walk your pushbike on the school grounds. Riding or scooting on the pedals is not acceptable.

Chickenpox

There has been a confirmed case of chickenpox in our school. Chickenpox is contagious and anyone who has not had chickenpox or not been vaccinated in the past is at risk of infection. In children, chickenpox causes a relatively mild illness. Symptoms include sudden onset of fever, runny nose, skin rash and feeling generally unwell. For further information, please see our school's website.

Mittagong Public School Student Use of Mobile Phones Policy

RATIONALE: Mobile phones are an important and widespread communication device used in our society. Sometimes, however, mobile phones can be misused by individuals for inappropriate purposes, such as sending threatening text messages or inappropriate pictorial material. Young people, including primary aged students, need to learn about the appropriate use of mobile phones. Mittagong Public School understands that, in a very small number of cases, parents may decide that a student needs to carry a mobile phone for personal safety reasons or for contact with children on the way to school, on the way home or en-route to another activity after school. The school therefore accepts that some students may need to bring a mobile phone to school.

PROCEDURES: To safeguard the welfare of all students, the following rules will apply:

- 1) Mobile phones are not allowed to be used by school students during the day at school.
- 2) If phones need to be brought to school by students, parents should send in written confirmation. A note to the class teacher is sufficient. *(Many thanks to parents who have already notified the school in writing).*
- 3) Students must turn off mobile phones on arrival at school and hand them in at the front office before the bell at 8:55 am. Class teachers will allow students to pick up any phones left at the front office just prior to the afternoon bell at 2:55 pm.
- 4) Mobile phones must not be left in school bags or given to teachers to mind.
- 5) The school accepts no responsibility in relation to the theft or loss of mobile phones.
- 6) If parents need to get an urgent message to their



child during the day please phone the front office on 4871 1020 and every effort will be made to pass on this message.

Parents are thanked for their co-operation.

What is Harmony Week

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

What is Mittagong Public School doing?

During week 8, students will be involved in various class activities involving cultures and inclusion, and on Thursday 21 March 2019, students will be asked to wear orange or choose to wear traditional cultural dress for Harmony Day. During the day, children and staff members will join hands and pass the 'harmony' ball around a big circle. The event will be recorded and uploaded for parents to see the celebrations. Children are also encouraged to bring a gold coin donation.

Why Orange?

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Students can choose to wear something orange on 21 March to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

Ευχαριστώ!

Mr D Christodouloupoulos – Stage 3 Coordinator

Senior Assembly changes

Due to a clash of events in our school calendar, the Week 8 Senior Assembly will now be held on Thursday 21 March at 2.20pm.

In week 10, the Senior Assembly will be held on Friday 5 April at 2.20pm. Both assemblies will still be held in the school hall.

School Photos

Order envelopes for school photos will be sent home this week. Photo day is Monday 1 April.

Mittagong Junior Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL

Date : Saturday 30th March 2019


Times : 4pm to 6.00pm

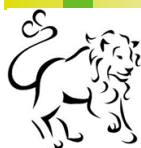
Cost : \$5.00

Please note all money raised goes back to the children in the Southern Highlands community.

We hope to see you there .

School Calendar 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 7 Mar	11	12	13	14 <i>Paul Kelly AFL</i> 	15 Junior Assembly	16	17
Week 8 Mar	18 Wuruniri workshop K-6	19	20	21 <i>Harmony day</i> <i>Snr Assembly</i>	22 Yr 3 - 6 soccer gala Book Club due	23 Voting P&C BBQ & cake stall	24
Week 9 Mar	25 SRC- Wombaroo	26 Canteen food day/ Mufti day	27	28	29 Junior assembly	30	31
Week 10 Apr	1 School photos	2 P&C meeting 6.30pm	3	4	5 3-6 Cross Country/ Fun Run <i>Snr Assembly</i> 2.20-2.55pm	6	7



P&C News

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STATE ELECTION Saturday 23rd March BBQ & Cake/Market Stall: Volunteers needed for barbecue and cake/market stall. Please see roster attached for gaps we need to fill – just return the roster to school with your contact number. Or contact P&C by email, facebook or Sarah Farnese on 0410 151 503 with your availability.

We will also be looking for donations of cakes (including whole cakes), slices, cupcakes and other cake stall items as well as market stall items such as plants (must be labelled what plant name), home-made jams, preserves and good quality second hand items (including good quality books but no clothing). We are also looking for donations of cans of Coca Cola, Sprite and Fanta (no generic brands please), fruit juice boxes and 600ml bottles of water. Cake Stall items may be taken to the canteen before 2pm on Friday 22 March or brought to the stall on the day. Market Stall items may be dropped into the school office from Monday 18 March or brought to the stall on the day. If you have any queries, please contact Sarah Farnese on 0414 963 383 or by email at mittagongpublicpandc@gmail.com.

FunRun – Each year we run the School Run4Fun fundraising campaign in conjunction with our school cross country. Senior cross country is to be held on Friday 5th April, watch this space for junior fun run date. You can raise money online or by cash donations – for more details, see fundraising booklets sent home this week. All online and cash donations and prize requests need to be finalised by Friday 12th April.

Bulbs Direct Spring: Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser - we expect to receive over \$800 profit which is an awesome result and a great kickstart to our fundraising efforts this year. Completed orders should arrive back at school during week 9.

CANTEEN STOCK THE SHELVES MUFTI DAY: We will be holding our annual “Stock the Shelves” mufti day on Tuesday 26th March (sorry we had to move it from next Tuesday due to a clash with Harmony day). A flyer with information on the meal deal available and “stock the shelves” items will be sent out next week. We need volunteers as we are short due to the change of date (some people originally rostered not able to help on the new date). Even if you can volunteer for an hour or two that would be awesome. The busiest time is between 11am and 1pm. Contact Cindy on 0435842035.

CANTEEN Term 2 volunteers: We will have a volunteer shortfall on Tuesdays & Fridays next term so if you think you could help, please contact Cindy on 0435842035. Thanks so much to all our wonderful volunteers.

Online ordering: A reminder that if you still have credit with MyKidsLunchbox.com.au, use this by end of term. You can set up with new online provider MySchoolConnect, which is fantastic.

Friday Morning BBQ & Shed Café – every Friday morning before school – come buy a sausage sandwich for \$2, hot chocolate for \$2, both for \$3 or 2 sausage sandwiches for \$3! We are always on the lookout for new volunteers for the BBQ and Shed Café. 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.

BDCU My Community Partners: Open a My Community Savings Account with BDCU Alliance bank and nominate Mittagong Public School as your preferred My Community Partner. For every \$1 of interest you earn on this account, BDCU will donate 15c to the school, how good is that! Visit bdcualliancebank.com.au or call 4860 4000 for more information.

Please consider adding your name and contact number to the election day roster below:

	BBQ	Cake/market stall	Coffe/tea	Additonal (Floaters)
7-8am				
8-10am				
10-12 noon				
12-2pm				
2-4pm				