

# Mittagong Public School

## Newsletter



### 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.

KL: Jawad, Ruby, Riki

3P: Jade, Jaiden, Jayden, Tahlia, Layla, Marcus, Emilie, Keirah, Ibrahim, Zain, Isaac K, Faith

2M: Adriana, Sophia, Estelle

3M: Harkeerat

4R: Mason, Vincent, Jaymi, Lara, Ethan, Jamie, Isabella, Tane, Anelys, Jessie, Addi, Bella, Thomas, Amelia, Madison, Amarli, Elloise, Amelia, Archie, Noah, Bree

4/5G: Madelyne, Yvette, Paige, Maggie, Rose, Alexandra, Archie

### Stewart House clothing appeal

This is a great opportunity to clean out the wardrobes and drawers. Please place all preloved clothing in the clothing bags which can be returned to school no later than 10 May.

### ANZAC DAY 2019

ANZAC Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served. It is observed on 25 April every year. This year it falls on the second week of the school holidays before the start of Term Two. To show our respect for the significance of the day students from Mittagong PS will join other community groups to march with the returned Servicemen and women.

We start from the Information Centre in Mittagong and march to the War Memorial in the centre of Town to join in the service.

We would appreciate as many students as possible to join our SRC in the march.

Please meet us at the Information Centre at 10:00am. Please wear school uniform and a school hat.

We will assemble all children in Railway Street after the Service at approx 11:30 am where they will be collected by their parents and carers. Thanking you in advance.

Mr D Christodouloupoulos  
SRC and Stage Three Coordinator



## SRC: Chocolate Eggs Fill in the Age Gap

On Wednesday 10 April at 10 am, our SRC members loaded two cars full of Easter eggs and visited the Abbey Nursing Home in Mittagong. Our students were in full Easter spirit and cheerfully knocked on every resident's door distributing chocolate treats. Our school representatives, Will, Joshua, Josh, Austin, Ben, Allegra, Olive, Mackenzie and Chloe chatted and socialised with the elderly sharing stories and school experiences. The residents were thankful and praised our students for their care, great big smiles and encouraging words. The staff at the Abbey, were welcoming and grateful and reassured us that the residents look forward to our annual Easter visits. I would personally like to commend our students for conducting themselves in an orderly fashion, they showed respect, empathy and genuinely hugged and comforted all in need. Our students rose to the occasion and proved one more time what a wonderful school Mittagong Public is. Of course, we must thank Mrs Smiltnieks and Mrs Schymitzek who organised the day and made sure everything ran smoothly and all the students at Mittagong for contributing all the delicious chocolates. It is a pleasure to see our school contributing to the beautiful community that we are so fortunate to be a part of. Mr Christodouloupoulos – SRC Coordinator

## From Admin

Thank you to the parents who are paying for school expenses via our webpage. I wish to remind you that this is the only online way to pay (Mittagong Public School website 'Make a payment'). Recently we have had excursions being paid for by parents depositing the money either in cash or online to the Mittagong P&C account.

As of term 2, we will be going over to a fortnightly digital newsletter which will be available on our webpage. As we consider the environment and wastage of paper, this week's newsletter will be the last of the paper versions.

## World's Greatest Shave

The MPS community has thrown its support behind the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave campaign, raising an incredible \$383 for those impacted by blood cancers. Melanie would like to pass on a MASSIVE thank you for everyone's contributions and she hopes you had a fun day for Crazy Hair Day.





## Road Safety in the Easter Holidays Too!

Primary aged children are still developing an understanding of danger and safety. While they are often keen to do things for themselves, an adult must always be responsible for children in the traffic environment. All children are vulnerable road users. They are still developing the skills that help them to judge the direction of sound and the speed and distance of vehicles. Children are physically small, making it harder for drivers to see them. They may be easily distracted and tend to only be able to focus on one thing at a time. This means that children find it difficult to deal with sudden changes in the traffic environment. Your child may be able to tell you the rules and how to keep safe near in and around vehicles, but in reality, will not always be able to apply them.

At school, your child will learn about road safety as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. Help them learn the pedestrian safety messages by using them and sharing them whenever you are out and about.

Students in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 should hold a grown-up's hand when:

- you cross the road
- you're on the footpath
- you're in the car park

Students in Stage 2

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road

Students in Stage 3

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road

Wishing all families a safe and joyous holiday. Let's all help our children be 'road safety smart' and safe.

Mr Christodouloupoulos - Road Safety Officer

## How to find joy in the school holidays!

This little piece from renown parenting educator, Dr Justin Coulson, caught my attention. Here's some helpful tips to make the holidays spark some joy for you and your children this April- <https://www.happyfamilies.com.au/blog/schoolholidayjoy/> Have a wonderful break, a beautiful Easter, and looking forward to seeing your children all refreshed and ready for Term 2.

Mrs Sarah Bull- Pastoral Care



Cross country fun!




## CROSS COUNTRY 2019

Who ever takes care of the weather was smiling down on Lake Alexandra last Friday. After the deluge on Thursday, certain staff members were a little worried with fingernails shortening on an hourly basis. But the sun was shining down on us and the 2019 Mittagong Public School Cross Country took place amid great excitement and enthusiastic running. After some serious warm ups, students sprinted from the start line as though pursued by hungry lions then settled into a steady pace to complete the course around the lake and into the surrounding bush. No children were reported missing at the end of the day. We were assisted by some lovely parents who were desperate to help and some students from Bowral High School who were thrilled to be missing lessons. Our students were keen and all took part and thoroughly enjoyed themselves at different paces. Thank you to all the teachers who helped make the day run smoothly. Thanks to the P&C who supplied ice blocks for all our fabulous finishers.

Congratulations to the following winners who will be proceeding to the District Cross Country at Robertson on Thursday 2nd May.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
8/9 years girls	Milla I	Leah I	Madelyne G	Bronte M	Jun-Jun Y
8/9 years boys	Jaiden J	Isaac R	Cooper M	Rhys F	Noah H
10 years girls	Mia M	Yvette K	Georgie P	Rosalie W	Amelia C
10 years boys	Harry I	Lochlan C	Vincent B	Ethan C	Toby H
11 years girls	Abbey B	Matilda C	Olivia W	Chloe Wa	Isabelle J
11 years boys	Jack G	Archie C	Finn D	Ethan D	Lucas H
12/13 years girls	Xanthe C	Mackenzie C	Scarlett W	Reegan B	Chloe Wh
12/13 years boys	Henry D	Michal K	James M	Blake M	William F

## School Calendar 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Week 11 Apr</b>	8	9	10 SRC Visit Abbey House	11 	12 Clothing pool 8:45am Jnr Assembly K-2 Recycled Hat Parade	13	14
	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>						
<b>Week 1 Apr/May</b>	29 SDD	30 Students return	1	2	3	4	5
<b>May</b>	6	7	8	9 Mother's Day stall	10 Mother's day stall	11	12