

Mittagong Public School

Newsletter



Playground Developments

Next week we anticipate the start of works to install a new outdoor gym/adventure playground adjacent to our back fence gate and school hall. The playground is the fruition of a few years of planning discussions and grant applications from our P&C. It will be a great asset for our students to enjoy once installation is finalised. Next week we hope to see some earth moving equipment on site to prepare the foundation. The following week should see the equipment installed. Let's hope that the much needed rain does not overly complicate our plans!

Lost Jackets

Each year we quickly end up with a large number of lost jumpers and jackets at the change of season. Can I please request that parents label these and other items so that we can return them to you when they are dropped or misplaced by your child. We also have a growing collection of lunch boxes.

It is always helpful if you can add your child's name and class with a permanent marker or label on all their items so that they can find their way home. What is also of great assistance to other parents is that you regularly check your child's clothing to make sure what they have brought home is actually theirs! Accidental switches occur easily and a child can wear a jacket for weeks before discovering that it belongs to somebody else.

Please do a random check to help us with this issue.

Toys and Personal Items

Students and parents are reminded that bringing toys and others valuables to school is discouraged. Theft or breakage are likely to occur and cause distress for students. Likewise the trading or selling of items such as cards and other collectables is not to take place at school. Doing so often ends with someone wanting to reverse the deal and we cannot enter into arbitration over such matters. Such things are best kept outside of school to protect the peace of our playgrounds! Your cooperation in these matters is very much appreciated.

Easter Egg Drive and Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to all the families who have already donated Easter Eggs for the residents of The Abbey nursing home and to the elderly people who receive Meals on Wheels support. Over the next 2 weeks (Week 8 & 9) we would gratefully appreciate donations of Easter eggs of all shapes and sizes. All donations of Easter eggs will be collected at the morning assembly.

The SRC are running an Easter Egg Raffle each morning to raise funds for the purchasing of the diabetic chocolate eggs which are needed for some of the



recipients. Tickets are 20c each and are on sale each morning at the flagpole. The raffle will be drawn during Week 11 of this term. Please see Mrs Smiltnieks if you have any questions.

Thanks for your support of our local community
Mrs Smiltnieks & Mrs Schymitzek

School Cross Country

Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday April 5 at Lake Alexandra. All students from Years 3-6 (and Year 2 students turning 8 this year) are encouraged to participate and must have their permission notes returned to their class teacher by Wednesday 3 April. Now is a great time to start training! If you are 8,9 and 10 year old you will run 2km and if you are 11, 12 & 13 years old you will run 3km.

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: Abbey J , Katie , Ben S , Grace , Finn
Gibraltar: Bodie , Bella , Finn

Year 6 Camp

Year 6 will be attending Camp Wombaroo on the 15, 16 and 17 of May (Week 3, Term 2). This should be an exciting, adventure-filled few days, where students will complete team building challenges and participate in a number of outdoor activities including canoeing, orienteering, archery and a ropes course.

Permission notes and parent information went home in Week 6 with students who had returned an expression of interest form. All permission notes and money for this camp need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 10 April (Week 11, Term 1). Parents of students attending the camp also need to complete the online medical forms, that Camp Wombaroo emailed you via Caremonkey, by the end of this term. If you need a new permission note or did not receive an email from Caremonkey, please contact your child's teacher.

Senior Assembly changes

Due to a clash of events in our school calendar, the week 10 Senior Assembly will be held on Friday 5 April at 2.20pm. The assembly will be held in the school hall.



Woolies Earn and Learn is Back!

We are happy to announce that Woolies Earn and Learn will be running again during 2019 and Mittagong Public School is excited to be part of this project.

This is a great, community based initiative that helps the students of the school access additional resources to support their learning. The program, was last run during 2017 and during the collection period, family and community members collected nearly 50 000 stickers! We use the points from the stickers to purchase a range of resources for classroom use, including class sets of coloured pencils, glue sticks and other stationery items. We are extremely grateful for the community enthusiasm for this program and encourage you to contribute again this year. This time, we ask that you save the stickers at home and request a sticker poster to place the stickers on before returning them to school. We would like the children to bring in completed sticker sheets rather than individual stickers or strips directly from the supermarket. The students will be given the sticker posters to take home and additional posters will be available from the school office or you can request that your child bring home new sticker posters. The collection period will run between 1 May and 25 June and there will be ongoing reminders to help families be prepared to begin collecting. We hope we can pass the 50 000 sticker target that we set in 2017. Thank you again and happy collecting!

Crazy Hair Day!

March 29 2019 is Crazy Hair Day. Bring in a gold coin donation and wear crazy hair to school to raise money for blood cancer.

Ethan's mother in 2 Meerkat is taking part in the World's Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation by shaving her hair on March 29. Mittagong Public School is proud to be sponsoring her, with all proceeds from this day going towards this great cause.

Your support will help give families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. You'll also fund vital research to help more people survive blood cancers, while improving their quality of life. You can get as creative as you like with your hairdos, think mohawks, rainbow braids, pigtails and bows... the options are endless!

Let your hair down (or up, or out!) and have some fun while supporting people who need it most.

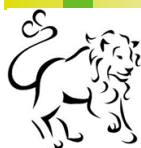
Paul Kelly Cup

Congratulations to both our Stage 3 girls and boys teams who represented MPS at the NSW AFL Paul Kelly Cup last week. After 2 terms of training, the day finally came for both our school teams to showcase their skills, sportsmanship and teamwork. The girls had great success winning 2 out the 4 games played. With most of the team having never played, I am so proud of them as they displayed commitment, courage and contest in every game. Our boys had a smashing day winning all 4 games and will now represent our school in regional rounds. Their success was earned through their continued commitment attending weekly training sessions. Special thanks to our parents in your participation on the day ensuring players arrived on time, assisting with games and enthusiastic spectating from the side. Fantastic effort from all students involved.

Mrs Fisher - AFL Coach



Some of our year 6 students helping out in the canteen. Can you spare an hour or two to do the same?



P&C News

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STATE ELECTION this Saturday 23rd March: If you can spare a couple of hours on Saturday, we could use help on the BBQ between 8am and 10am, 10am and 12pm and from 2pm till 4pm and the cake/market stall from 12pm until 2pm. Please contact P&C by email, Facebook or Sarah Farnese on 0410 151 503 with your availability. We would love donations of drinks - Coke, Diet Coke, Fanta, Sprite (no generic brands) and 600ml bottles of water, as well as paper serviettes and squeeze bottles of tomato and barbecue sauce for the BBQ.

We are also accepting donations of cakes (including whole cakes), slices, cupcakes and other cake stall items (please include ingredient list) 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). Cake Stall items may be taken to the canteen before 2pm on Friday 22 March or brought to the stall on the day (we'll be there from 7am). Market Stall items may be dropped into the school office before 3pm on Friday 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 – Fun Run is underway. Sponsorship forms have been distributed to each student. Create your online fundraising page at www.myprofilepage.com.au to kick start your fundraising. Senior cross country is to be held on Friday 5th April, watch this space for junior fun run date. All online and cash donations and prize requests need to be finalised by Friday 12th April.

CANTEEN STOCK THE SHELVES PYJAMA DAY: We will be holding our annual "Stock the Shelves" day next Tuesday 26th March – this time you get to wear your pyjamas (with fully enclosed shoes). A flyer with the meal deal to order and "stock the shelves" items is going out with this newsletter. There will be a prize for the class with the most items with points awarded for specific items. We still need volunteers on the day - 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!

School Calendar 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 8 Mar	18 Wuruniri workshop K-6	19	20	21 Harmony day Snr Assembly 2.20-2.55pm ☆	22 Yr 3 - 6 soccer gala Book Club closed	23 Voting P&C BBQ & cake stall	24
Week 9 Mar	25 SRC- Wombaroo	26 Canteen food day/ Pyjama day	27	28	29 Crazy Hari day 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 Snr Assembly 2.20pm	6	7
Week 11 Apr	8	9	10	11	12 End term 1 Jnr Assembly	13	14