Lock Down and Evacuation Drills

As part of Department of Education requirements, regular WHS emergency drills are to occur within the school setting. This gives the students experience in these procedures while in a drill setting.

On Friday 20 November at approximately 2:40pm, we had a situation at school (suspected snake in the toilets) and an emergency lock down was called with the plan to keep the students safe in their classrooms while the situation was assessed. I know this lock down caused confusion with the parents that were onsite early waiting to collect students. I would like to thank everyone concerned as this situation close to home bell did test all of our practices. Thankfully, the lock down was short as the reported danger was not confirmed.

School Opal Cards

It was reported in last week’s newsletter that in Term 1 2016, students will no longer have a bus pass, they will be issued with an Opal Card.

We were incorrectly notified by the DoE, as only schools in the Metropolitan and Outer Metro areas will be going over to the Opal Card in early 2016.

Processing of bus passes for 2016 will be the same as in previous years and any students that have changed address or school, or entering Kindergarten, Year 3 or Year 7, will need to apply for a bus pass using the Blue Application Form for Subsidised Travel.

We do have the information flyers at the school office, if you would like to be prepared for when the change is implemented.

Community Food Drive

A big thank you to all the families who have donated food towards our Community Food Drive. There is still time to donate so keep the goodies coming in. Donations will be collected from the morning assembly or you can leave the food in the front office.

Wingecarribee Family Support Services are always grateful for the generosity and support from Mittagong Public School.

Wingecarribee Family Support Service provide hampers to approximately 30 families in need. This is a
wonderful opportunity to help our local families, and to let them know our community cares.

Music News

The MPS Concert Band and Senior Choir will both be performing at the senior assembly this week. Family and friends are welcome to attend and enjoy the performances.

If your child will be in Year 3 or above next year and they are interested in learning a musical instrument, please feel free to contact me for information about programs that are on offer both within and outside the school. You can phone the school and make an appointment or contact me via email.
rebecca.michael6@det.nsw.edu.au

Junior Choir Go Back in Time!

On the 23 November, Junior Choir were the special guests at the Uniting Church’s final ‘sing-a-long’ for 2015. It was emotional for the students to sing in the very same building that housed Mittagong Public School 150 years ago. The audience were amazed by the choir’s singing skills and their melodies filled the church providing joy to the residents of the Abbey and the rest of the community. Junior Choir were also presented with gifts and donations for the school. It was a wonderful opportunity for our choir to bookend the sesquicentenary of our much loved school. Of course we have to express our gratitude to Mrs Isbester, who invests so much time so our choir can shine!

Market Day / Grand-friends Day

Only one week until Stage 2 host their Market/Grandfriends Day. The students are very excited about selling their products and services. 2/3P are looking forward to providing a range of refreshments under their ‘Cool Dood Food’ Banner.

Grandfriends are welcome to visit from 12:30pm until the end of lunch at around 2:00pm. During this time, the Stage 2 students and their grandfriends are welcome to enjoy a sausage sizzle. Orders for sausages will close tomorrow, Friday 27 November. Please forward any sausage orders to school tomorrow.
Operation Art

Every year schools across New South Wales are invited to participate in Operation Art, an initiative of The Children’s Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education. The Operation Art program provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Congratulations to Matilda C, Rachael B, Benjamin S and Maddison B, who now have their artworks not only displayed at Sydney Olympic Park but in our school office hallway. These students are welcome to bring their families into the school to see their beautiful artwork.

Swimming School in Full Swing

The students are enjoying the opportunity to hone their swimming skills at swim school. Mrs Bahls has done a wonderful job in organising the swim school. Swim school will conclude for this year next Friday, 4 December.

Annie

The students in years 3-6 NOT attending swim school have been offered the opportunity to attend a performance of the musical Annie by the students of Frensham School. The performance will be held at the Clubbe Hall at Frensham next Tuesday 1 December 2015. The performance is free however, the students have been asked to pay $5.00 to cover the cost of the buses. Please forward all payments and permission slips at your earliest convenience.
Stage Three News

Next week, Years 3 to 6 are going to view the musical Annie. It is a grand opportunity to see a great show and to have a chance to see the skills of young people performing on the stage. Please get notes and money back by tomorrow so we can organise the buses.

Year Six students enrolled at Bowral HS next year will be visiting the high school on 3 December. Many are going to the school with parents who have also been invited. Parents have a chance to purchase the book packs for Year 7 and also learn more about the purchase of technology in the BYOD (Bring your own device) Program being trialed at the school.

Student Reports

Students will bring their second semester report home on Monday December 7. Families that require a second copy of a report, will have a copy sent home in the post.

There have been some changes to the report format, including the removal of the comments from the ‘Other Key Learning Areas’ portion of the report for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. This portion has been replaced with a grid style, tick box which indicates the subject, effort and academic achievement. All other sections (English/ Mathematics/ General Comments/ Work Habits/ Additional Programs, remain as previously presented. Should this cause concern or confusion, please feel free to speak to your child’s class teacher.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families and staff who ordered tubs of frozen cookie dough for the P&C’s final fundraiser of the year. The tubs (and prizes) are due for delivery NEXT WEEK on THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER. For orders of 1 or 2 tubs, they will be arranged to be sent home with students (unless advised otherwise). All other orders will need to be collected from the P&C Shed (next to the Sport Shed) between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on Thursday 3 December. Please remember that this is a frozen product and MUST be collected on that day. A reminder letter will be sent home with students early next week. If you are unable to collect your tubs or arrange for someone to pick them up on your behalf, please contact Sarah Farnese on 0414 963 383.

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Silver Awards

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School Calendar 2015

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HOLIDAYS
Congratulations to the students who received an award at the Assembly on Friday 20/11/2015

IRON LION
1C: Toby

BRONZE LION
KH: Luke 1E: Mark
1L: Rachel 2B: Scarlett, Brendan
2/3P: Luca, Praptika, Charlotte

SILVER LION
KA: Brianna, Ashar, Layla 1L: Tully, Cain
KH: Ethan, Isabella, Alexander, Riley, Archie, Paige 1E: Mathew, George, Amelia, Levi
1L: Tully, Cain KS: James
2S: Ben, Riley

GOLD LION
KA: Madison, Jaymi, Oliver KH: Evie
KN: Frank, Mason 1L: Hua-Xuan
1C: Abigail, Abbey 1E: Grace, Isabelle, Ethan
1/2F: Maddison 2S: Hallie, Jacob
2/3P: William