Classes for 2016
As we are considering student numbers for class structures in 2016, I would like to ask parents who may be moving or taking an extended vacation to please let us know in writing as soon as possible. This will allow us to either take your child’s placement off the class lists for next year or keep them on while they are still on vacation. Thank you to those parents who have already done so. Any comments from parents on classes for next year will be considered if we receive them before next Friday.

Chess Championship
Last week our Chess Club students battled it out with Bowral Public School for the Perpetual Chess Trophy. The competition was established a few years ago between our two schools and sadly for our team, Bowral proved to be the stronger players this season. I would like to commend our players for their fine efforts and great sportsmanship as they certainly were exemplary in these areas. If any parent out there feels that they might be able to offer some regular coaching to assist our team next year, we would be glad to hear from you.

Social Skills
Yesterday all our students enjoyed a great performance from two young men as part of our social skills program. The show was called ‘Sticks and Stones’ and helped students understand some of the reasons why we may feel out of sorts or angry at times and how to best deal with that in ourselves or others. A strong message about it never being okay to hit others or bully others was conveyed. It was great teaching and students were highly engaged. We hope that the session will contribute to students’ ongoing understanding of the concepts of self-control and socially acceptable behaviours. Other themes such as how to make a friend and be a friend were also a welcome part of the program.

Developing the Whole Child
Your child may not go on to become a famous musician, actor, dancer, filmmaker or artist. But by nurturing the artist in your child you can help them grow up able to think for themselves, problem solve and work out different ways to do things. They’ll also be better able to see different points of view, communicate and express their feelings in

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE GOAL

Week 6 attendance

Our Goal 95%

100%

90%

70%

50%

30%

100%

91.9%
different ways.
Here are some top tips:
Stimulate your child's senses - Provide opportunities for your child to experience different sights, smells, sensations and sounds. These sensory activities are food for the brain.
Don't overschedule your child - Resist the temptation to overcrowd your child with organised activities in an attempt to nurture their creativity. Allow them time to be alone, to daydream and to think.
Encourage experimentation and exploration - A cardboard box has limitless potential. Provide materials and objects that encourage your child to explore ideas, experiment, imagine, play and perform.
Encourage difference - Artists and performers respond to the world in many different ways. Move outside your own comfort zone and introduce your child to different kinds and styles of art, music, drama and dance.
Encourage hard work and perseverance - Show appreciation for your child's efforts and suppress the impulse to complete tasks for your child. Learn from mistakes and learn to take risks - Whether things go well or not, try asking your child these questions: "What worked?", "What didn't work?", "What did you do well or what are you pleased with?", "What would you like to work on?" and "How can I help?"
Read more on the Department of Education’s School A to Z website at:

Kindergarten goes to Symbio

Mother Nature provided a beautiful day on Tuesday for our Kindergarten excursion to Symbio Wildlife Park. There were many excited smiles and laughter that started on the morning bus ride and carried on throughout the day. The highlight of the day was a presentation talk with a hands on experience of petting a snake and lizards. Prior to our excursion, Kindergarten students had been learning about different Australian animals. On the day, they were able to get up close with these animals and have discussions based on their prior knowledge.
Swim School

All swim school places are now filled. However, Mrs Bahls is still taking names for her reserve list, so if you missed out, send your note in and perhaps your child will be able to fill a place for a child who is unable to attend. Swim School is offered every year for students from Year 2, so if your child has missed out this year, they may be able to attend in 2016.

Survey for Year 4 Camp 2016

We would like to thank all the parents who returned the survey regarding the Year 4 Camp for 2016. We received around an 85% return, which is an amazing response. Resoundingly, the feedback from the parents is that they definitely want the camp to continue into the future. We are very happy to announce that there will be a camp for Year 4 in 2016 for two nights and three days at Optimum Outdoor Experience at Fitzroy Falls. We plan to visit this camp in Spring 2016. All documentation and permission notes will be issued early in 2016.

Stage 2 Market Day

Wednesday 2 December – Excitement is building for our Stage 2 Market Grandfriends Day on Wednesday 2 December 2015. This week, order forms will be sent home for sausage sizzle orders from 2/3P’s ‘Cool Dood Food’ brand. Only students in years 3 and 4 and their grandparents will have the opportunity to order the sausage sizzle. Families are urged to consider the number of sausages required for their Stage 2 children (including 2P) and visiting grandparents and friends. We hope to have an accurate picture of the number of sausages, bread, etc needed. Students are being encouraged to bring along up to $2 for the activities being hosted by the other 3/4 classes. Please note however, food will incur additional costs, so we hope children and Grandfriends can bring extra money to buy drinks and cakes from our other “Cool Dood Food” stalls.

Talent Quest

The Talent Quest will be held on Tuesday 15 December during school hours. Thank you to all parents and caregivers for your efforts in helping your children organise their performances for the auditions. We enjoyed the performances very much and look forward to seeing the finished products. The Talent Quest Team are reviewing the auditions and will announce the successful performances soon. Just a friendly reminder that this is an in-school concert and we will not be inviting parents and caregivers to attend. The whole school will be attending and we do not have the room to accommodate any more bodies in our hall.

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be working with the students to fine tune their performances. It is wonderful to see the students so excited and keen to show us their talents!

Silver Awards
Kendall House Fun Day!

Best time of year you’ll ever have!
All students are invited
Awesome games to play
Bring money
Wear your red clothes
Thursday 19 November
11:30am – 1:10pm
At the Asphalt play area
Brought to you by KENDALL HOUSE

Outstanding Resource Pack payments

A reminder that there are still some outstanding monies owed to the school for book packs. These payments contribute to all classroom resources that your child needs to learn. It would be appreciated if all outstanding money is paid to the front office by 27 November.

If you would like to direct deposit money into the school bank account for any school based expense, please use the following details on your deposit.
Bank: Westpac
Account Name: Mittagong Public School
BSB: 032 001
Acc: 143472
In the comments section please ensure the student’s surname is written.

Food Collection for Christmas Hampers

Every year our school collects food for Christmas hampers which will be delivered to local families who need extra support during the festive season. If you can donate a few grocery items to this cause it would be most appreciated. Food can be left at the office or given to your child to be collected daily from the morning assembly. Thankyou!

Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 28th November
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free. Due to this being our last one for this year we will have a special guest coming Santa is coming for an early visit – so if you would like to come dressed in your favorite Christmas Hat or costume so Santa can see that will be wonderful, if not just come and have a great time.

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The Kollege of Knowlege for Kids Kommittee, affectionately know as the 4K’s, kindly funded two terms worth of speech therapy support at Mittagong Public School in 2015. Laurie Adams, who is the school liason officer, dropped by to deliver a cheque on Wednesday. The 4K’s have been great supporters of students with disabilities in our school for a long time. We are eternally grateful for the programs and resources they have financed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS THAT RECEIVED AN AWARD AT THE ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 06/11/2015

**BRONZE LION**

KH: Jemma  
1E: Annabelle  
1L: Miah N, Olivia  
1/2F: Reegan

**SILVER LION**

KH: Lochlan  
KN: Eloise, Annastasia, Darby, Bree, Tristan, Jayden, Serility-Ann  
KS: Aiden, Hana, Kayden  
1C: Seth, Molly, James  
1/2F: Rose, Maddison, Mario, Levi, Hayley  
2S: Hallie

**GOLD LION**

KS: Sibella, Kobe, Lara, Tori, Amelie, Georgie  
1C: Olivia, Harry  
1E: Klara  
1L: Archie  
1/2F: Ben, Katie  
2S: Phebe