Special points of interest:

- **Wooglemai**
  Year three are off to Wooglemai on Thursday and Friday. They will learn a range of skills as they participate in activities like bush walking and a ropes courses. It is a positive learning opportunity that is highly engaging. We hope they have a great time. Next week year four are off to Wooglemai. They will stay overnight to allow them time to participate in the extensive range of activities available including kayaking, ropes course, big swing and archery. We hope that they have a wonderful experience.

- **Moss Vale Show**
  Stage One are off to the Moss Vale Show tomorrow. It should be an exciting experience. The students will explore the exhibits of local animals and produce. Some of the students have entered art works to be displayed at the show. We wish them the best of luck. It will be a fantastic day for the students.

- **Surfing Scientist**
  Don’t forget that the Surfing Scientist Show is on Monday 16th March. We encourage anyone who has not already paid to get their money in by Monday. The show consists of experiments and scientific concepts that will be followed up in class as part of the science curriculum. I can’t wait to see the experiments with liquid nitrogen!

- **Cross Country**
  The senior part of the school will participate in Cross Country next week on Friday 20th March. Stage two students walked the track around Lake Alexandra on Monday. This was a great opportunity for students to become familiar with the track. It has been great to see classes practising for the run during sport and fitness times. We are very lucky to have the opportunity to run our cross country through the picturesque bush surrounding the lake. You will receive a permission form shortly. All senior students are expected to participate.

- **P&C Fridays sausage sizzle**
  I would like to thank John Fudge for his organisation of the BBQ. He no longer can do this duty and the P&C now asks if any other parent can coordinate this BBQ. More details on page 6.

- **Autumn has arrived**
  Before you go and buy jumpers for the cool weather, you may want to take a look at what we have...
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Last Monday the members of the SRC attended a Leadership Day at Wombaroo Camp. It was a challenging day filled with problem solving and team building. The children were exhausted, but had an opportunity to bond with one another and realise the qualities needed to be a good leader.

Team building exercises at the SRC leadership day at Wombaroo

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Stage Three News

On Monday of this week all Year Six Students should have received a High School Expression of Interest Form for parents to complete. The purpose of this form is for you to give an indication of the high school your son or daughter will be attending next year. Please complete the form as soon as you are able and return it to Mittagong Public School, even if your child is enrolling in Private school. The information you provide is recorded in a departmental database. This database allows the local high schools to use the information to perfect their planning for next year in providing the best opportunities for your child.

On the 23rd March Year Five and Six students will travel to Bowral High School by bus. The purpose of the day is to give students a taste of what is in store for them next year. We encourage all students to attend even if they are enrolling in another school next year. The day is designed to lessen any anxiety your child might have about transition to High School. The SRC proved their worth by taking part in the local schools Leadership day at Wombaroo. They conducted themselves with maturity and were all fine ambassadors of our school. They report that they had a great day which was fun and helped them develop more skills in working as a team. Many thanks to Mrs Anderson for accompanying them on the day.

All parents of Year Six students should have received a note regarding the Year Six Camp at Wombaroo in late April. If you haven’t could you ask your child to reach into the depths of their school bags to find it. I will try to post one on the website as soon as I learn how to do it. This could be useful for you. The money and note is due now and early payment would be much appreciated. The payment of school fees and book pack is also overdue so your prompt attention to this would make life and organising easier. Thanks Gavin Murray

Early Stage 1 News

Term One is flying by with the end of term not too far away. This week saw all Kindergarten classes taking home their Home Reading Folders. Home Reading is an important program that supports your child’s reading. It is essential to practise the skills and strategies taught and used in class. It is expected that students will read to an adult for 10 – 15 minutes each night. Make sure you fill in your child’s reading log each night as Home Reading is connected to our school’s Positive Welfare system. Next Thursday 19th March, 12-1pm, our Junior school, K-2, will be participating in a Fun Run held on the school oval. This is a chance for students to be active while raising money to support our school’s P&C who give back to our students in supporting their learning needs. Extra information notes will be sent home this week. The Surfing Scientist visiting show will be coming on Monday. The cost is $5 for each student. This is a FUNtastic program show casing some real hands on science. With Term One coming close to the end this brings us closer to our school’s annual Easter Hat parade which will be held on Thursday 2nd April. Cardboard bands will be sent home early next week for students to decorate and create a special Easter hat or bonnet. Please do not return hats unit Tuesday 31st March. Our next Junior Assembly will be on Friday 20th March at 12:25pm in the school hall.

The Southern Highlands News came to our school and took photos of all the kindy children (that had permission to be photographed). There will be a kindy feature in the newspaper on Monday 23rd March.

Belinda Allen

Stage Two News

Year 3 are very excited about their visits to Wooglemai today and tomorrow. We trust that they have a wonderful time and it is a valuable experience for the students. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week sees Year 4 attend Wooglemai for their camp. This much anticipated experience will be very exciting and the students also gain a great deal from the camp.

It is important to recognise the efforts of Mr Leith in his preparation and organisation of the camp and his willingness to attend. Mrs Bahls has also volunteered to attend the camp for the entire 3 nights and will act as entertainment director for the evening activities. Miss Michael and I will visit on Tuesday evening to assist.
with dinner and join in the fun. A big thank you also to the parents who have volunteered to visit the camp on Tuesday night to assist with preparing dinner. It is collaboration and cooperation such as this that ensures students have access to such varied and valuable experiences to enrich their children’s learning.

Next week will be a very busy one for Year 4 in particular. Apart from the Wooglemai camp, Thursday will be the Hindmarsh Cup competition for selected students, Mr Leith will attend with Mrs Fisher. Friday will be the Cross Country Carnival for all students aged 8 years and over.

Notes for the Cross Country Carnival are needed to ensure your child has permission to leave the school grounds to compete. Please return this note as soon as possible as alternate arrangements must be made for non-participating students.

Another reminder about the school resources pack. Each child is asked to pay $50 for the year. This money is being used to provide access to Mathletics and very soon, Years 3 and 4 will have their access to Literacy Pro (formerly Lexile). The money also provides classroom resources such as Maths equipment, books, reading material, pencils, glue, scissors and many more resources. Without the financial support of our wonderful parents, students would not have access to such valuable resources and cutting edge programs such as Literacy Pro and Mathletics. Parents who have not paid, are asked to forward payment as soon as possible. Alternately, please contact the school office to make arrangement to pay.

Mrs J. Penn  Stage 2 Leader

Stage 1 News
Tomorrow, our Stage 1 students will be attending the Moss Vale Show. We have entered 135 student artworks in the pavilion art competition and there is a buzz of excitement about seeing these works on display. The bus will leave Mittagong Public School at 9.30am sharp, so please ensure students arrive at school on time. Please remember, students are required to wear full school uniform and will need to bring a hat, water bottle, recess and lunch. Students will not require spending money.

At last week’s assembly we were highly entertained by 1C’s movie – The Eraser Thief. This movie can now be viewed as Vimeo on our school website. I encourage you to take a look at the fantastic work of Mr Christodoulopoulos and 1C as well as the other wonderful things happening here at Mittagong Public School.

The next Kindergarten and Stage 1 assembly will be held on Friday 20 March at 12.25pm. Ms Fawcett and 1/2F will be leading the assembly and 1L will present the class item. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Next Thursday 19 March 2015, all Stage 1 students will be participating in our annual Fun Run. The Fun Run will commence at 12pm and conclude at approximately 1pm. We would love to see parents and carers there to support our students. More information regarding the Fun Run can be found in this week’s newsletter.

Mr Shannon Egan  Stage 1 Assistant Principal

Kindergarten and Stage 1 Fun Run
On Thursday 19 March 2015, all students in Kindergarten and Stage 1 will be taking part in our annual Fun Run. The Fun Run will commence at 12pm on the school oval. For this year’s event, students will run in groups according to their school year and gender. The first group to run will be Kindergarten girls, followed by Kindergarten boys, Year 1 girls, Year 1 boys, Year 2 girls and Year 2 boys. Kindergarten students will run 1 lap of the oval. Students in Stage 1 will run 2 laps. Once all students have completed their run, they will be rewarded with a Quelch frozen fruit stick. For the Fun Run, students will be

Canteen Hot Dog Meal Deal
On: Tuesday 17 March
$5.00 includes, hot dog, Zombie Munchies and a juice popper.

You can purchase pancakes, cupcakes and some lollies at recess time. You do not have to order these.
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required to wear their full school uniform and appropriate running shoes. Students will also need a hat, sunscreen and water bottle. A student sponsorship form for the Fun Run will arrive home with students this week. Students will have until Thursday 30 April 2015 (End of Week 2/Term 2) to return their sponsorship form and money. Our Fun Run is sure to be a fun day and all parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

News from the Sports Shed...
Regional Swimming Carnival
Bailey M and Josh W attended the Regional PSSA Swimming Carnival last Friday at Dapto. Congratulations to Josh W for qualifying in his age division Freestyle event. He will be attending the PSSA State Swimming Carnival at Olympic Park, Homebush.

Upcoming events...
As the new school year commences and weather is at its optimum we have been busy this term on the sports front.

PSSA Trials - Congratulations to William B, Jackson H and Ben F in year 5 who attend the Regional AFL trials at Batemans Bay representing the PSSA Zone AFL team. They played well in all four games. Unfortunately they were not selected to continue the journey to the PSSA State Comp but they should be proud of their efforts. Well done to Braelyn H, Molly B, Georgie B, David V, Henry G and Nicholas M on being selected to represent in the PSSA District Hockey teams. They will attend the Zone Hockey Trials in Goulburn on Tuesday 17th March. Well done to all those students who have attended trials. Thanks to our wonderful parents for their continued support and encouragement and driving the distances for their child to have these unique and character building experiences.

Cross Country – all students in years 3 - 6 and any students who have turned or are turning 8 this year, will be attending our annual Cross Country event on Friday the 20th March. At Lake Alexandra. Notes have been given to your child and must be returned by the day of the event in order for them to attend. Please remind your child, it is based on the age they are turning this year as are required to run in their age race not their class race. The five fastest competitors in each age division will attend the PSSA District Cross Country at Robertson in Term 2.

K-2 Junior Fun Run – in conjunction with our primary Cross Country, all students from K-2 will attend a school based Fun Run. Students will run a circuit course around the schools playground in a fun event that promotes participation and a school spirit of belonging. The P&C are coordinating a Fun Run Fundraiser – see the information that was sent home this week.

PSSA Netball - We are currently training two teams of girls on Mondays and Tuesdays at lunch time. At the end of this term, we will be selecting one team of nine players. We look forward to playing in the knockout competition next term.

Finally, last year our House Captains ran a small version of a ‘Self Help’ day to raise money to purchase a piece of play equipment for the playground. This is currently in the process of being installed thanks to the handy hands of Mr Luhr. So to continue this School Sports initiative and personal development of all our students, we are introducing a new event that supports students and fosters their independence. They will be creating, running and managing a fun games based stall to raise money for our Sports Houses and facilities. Paterson is conducting the first ‘Self Help’ day in week 10. Further information will be given closer to the date.

Watch this space...

TriSkills Gymnastics – there are 3 more weeks remaining for the TriSkills Gymnastics program. A reminder to all parents if you have not finalised your payments could you please do so promptly. If you require financial assistance, please arrange a meeting with Mr Mansfield to discuss an alternative arrangement.

Cheers
Michaele Fisher
School Sports Coordinator

5F and KN are buddies.
More photos on our webpage.
The AFL along with the Sydney Swans and Southern Highlands Hawks would like to say thanks to the students and staff at Mittagong Public for the fantastic welcome we received during our recent visit to the school. We really enjoyed our time there. A reminder too that the Southern Highlands Hawks are still looking for players for the 2015 season.

- AFL is great fun!
- No experience needed!
- For boys and girls ages 5-12
- Games on Sundays!

Mums and Dads can find out more by contacting Simon Lawrance at heritagegolfco@gmail.com or on 0477 003 773

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**WHAM** in conjunction with the Mental Health Association NSW, Charles Sturt University and Moss Vale Anxiety Support Group, is pleased to announce a free public forum to "Learn about Anxiety Disorders". Dr. Rocco Crinco, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology at Charles Sturt University will give an overview of Anxiety Disorders.

At: Mittagong RSL  On: 31 March 2015.

More details can be found in the school front office.

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**Mittagong Blue Light Disco**

Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 28th March 2015
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years

Parents and children under 3 free.
**SCHOOL RUN FOR FUN**

We are conducting a School Run 4 Fun Program for the students as a major fundraiser for this term and we seek for your support. The event will take place on Thursday 19 March for years K-2 and Friday 20 March for years 3-6. All monies raised will provide additional resources such as books, computers, tablets and other technology for the students.

Students have now received a poster size Sponsorship Form with a great selection of toy brands including Nike, Sony, Apple, Disney Frozen, GoPro, Razor, Nerf and more. This form will assist with collecting sponsorship donations on behalf of the school.

Inside the Sponsorship Form you will find helpful tips on how to raise more money for the school as well as other benefits such as the chance to win a Bali Family Holiday.

We ask you to seek donations on a $2 or $4 or $5 or $10 per sponsor. Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive a reward prize for their efforts. The more donations you receive the better prize(s) you can choose. You can even boost your prizes with the option to mix and match. More details are included in the Sponsorship Form.

A new way to help your child reach their fundraising goal is through online fundraising. Students who use online fundraising raise 5 times more! Simply go to www.australianfundraising.com.au/online, click onto the School Run 4 Fun image and select Mittagong Public School.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please cut out the ‘how to claim your prize section’ on the Sponsorship Form and return along with your monies to the school office on or before 30 April 2015 (week 2 of term 2). Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.

We would also welcome parents and family members to attend the event day to help cheer on the students. Happy fundraising!

Thank you in advance of your participation.

Sarah Farnese, P&C Fundraising Coordinator
Phone: 0414 963 383 Email: sarah@farnese.me

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**HELP** - the P&C is looking for someone to coordinate our much loved Friday morning sausage sizzle next term.

When: Most Fridays 7.30-9.15am  Where: Back of morning assembly

You don’t have to be available every Friday but can roster 2 volunteers for each Friday (current person in charge has a list of willing Friday barbecuers!).

For more info or to let us know you are interested :-) see the office, pop in to the Friday sausage sizzle or phone Jenna Ward on 0410 055 053

**P&C BULB FUNDRAISER** Orders Due back Friday 27/3

Bulb planting time is nearly upon us again – support your school by ordering bulbs or stickers in the catalogue with this newsletter. 50% profit goes straight to the P&C so it is very worthwhile. Please order your bulbs or stickers in the catalogue and place cash or cheque in an envelope labelled with your child’s name. Cheques are to be made out to Mittagong Public School P&C. Your order comes with planting instructions. Orders must be in by FRIDAY 27 MARCH. Delivery will be first week back in Term 2.

**STATE ELECTION SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2015**

As usual the P&C will be running a BBQ and cake stall to serve people as they come to vote at the hall. It is always a great fundraiser for the school. Please add your name to the volunteer roster in this newsletter and think about what time slot would suit you to help out. We are asking for the following donations, which can be dropped into the office: ** Soft drinks ** Bottled Water ** Serviettes ** Tomato and Barbecue sauces We will also be asking for donations of cakes, slices, sweet goodies, herbs, produce etc to sell at the cake stall – look out for the separate flyer coming home soon.

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