**Mittagong Public School**

**Newsletter**

**This Week At Mittagong - Mr Mansfield**

**Special points of interest:**

- **Good luck to students competing in the District Athletics carnival tomorrow.**
- **School beanies and green scarves available to purchase at the school office.**
- **We welcome everyone to our school on Monday 27/7 for Education Week Open Day.**

**Education Week Open Day**
Next week it is Education week in NSW and on Monday July 27th we will be holding our annual Open Day. On this day parents and grandparents are invited to visit the school between recess and lunch to see a little of what students are learning at school. You may even wish to stay and have lunch with your child. The P&C and year six students will be providing a cake stall and refreshments as a fundraiser on the day. There will also be a book fair where you can purchase books for your children or even donate a book to the school. We would love to see you at the school. For more details please see page two.

**Volunteers Needed**
Are you able to assist with our Literacy Lions program? Mrs Ferguson would be happy to hear from any parent or grandparent who could give a couple of hours or more one morning a week to listen to students read. If that is not your thing, what about assisting in the canteen? Even once a month is a great help. If you can help in any of these ways, please let us know!

**Parking**
Parents are reminded to be considerate when parking near our school as neighbours have complained of being unable to leave their own driveways due to cars parked over the driveway or opposite it. This problem seems most common in Edward Lane. Please try to consider our neighbours when you park as we value the good relationship we enjoy with them. There is usually a great deal of parking available past the school driveway and further around the corner and a little more exercise is often a very good thing for young and old!

**Outstanding Payments**
A statement of accounts went home with students this week. It would be appreciated if all of these outstanding payments to the school could be settled. We have made a policy that children with outstanding payments will not be allowed to participate in any extra curricula activities, eg: excursions, year 6 end of year activities. If you are having difficulties at any time with payments, please contact me or Mrs Luhr.

**Enrolment form added details**
The Department of Education has recently updated the student enrolment form to include new information requests. As we constantly support the students at Mittagong School, we need to ensure information about students’ needs are current. We will be sending a copy of the enrolment form home to families who need to have some details updated. Please complete the missing information in the highlighted fields and return the form to school. Please contact the front office if you require any further information.

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*Students enjoying the books at the sneak preview of the Book Fair*
Stage Three News
Thanks to all parents who managed to come and participate in our parent/teacher interviews last night. It was great to see the large number of parents who are still keen to be involved in their child’s education as in the past Year Five and Six parents have tended to be less interested in attending these interviews than the younger classes. I hope you gained much from the meeting and that you feel welcome continuing the dialogue with your child’s teacher throughout the year.

Thanks also to the teachers who willingly give up their time, to conduct these valuable interviews.

You should have received notes by now regarding the Year Five and Six Excursion to Canberra in October. As the note explains there are limited places and it is important to get payments and notes in as soon as you can to ensure your child gains a place in this great opportunity. It is also important to make sure that past accounts have been settled as this will also affect your child’s chance of securing a place in this and other upcoming events. The school office sent out invoices this week to remind you of outstanding payments. We understand that hardship can affect families and that circumstances can sometimes make it difficult to meet these demands. Assistance is available and you should make time to speak to Mr Mansfield to have a confidential discussion to plan, to ensure your child receives every opportunity to participate.

Early Stage One News
All teachers have happily reported that all parent teacher interviews went well on Wednesday. Thank you to the parents and teachers who attended on the day. Our school aims to make connected learning and communication between the classroom and home.

This week all classes have visited this year’s Book Fair that will be opened during Education Week, week three. Students have had the chance to view books and have made a wish list that they have taken home.

Open Day is this Monday and all Kindergarten classrooms will be opened from 11:30am – 1pm. This will be the time to come and see what happens in your child’s classroom. All students love to ‘show off’ their learning environments so please come in and enjoy some fun activities. During the time of Opened Classroom our school’s Book Fair will be open to purchase books. Please inform your child’s teacher if you will be taking your child to purchase a book.

Stage One News
Welcome back to Term 3. This term is going to be very busy and already, we have many fun and exciting activities planned. Later this term, our Stage One classes will be taking a walk around the local area visiting some of the significant sites in Mittagong. Students will learn the history of these sites and their importance to the local community. During the walk, students will eat lunch at Lake Alexandra. More information regarding this event will be sent home soon.

On Friday 14 August 2015, we will be holding the Junior Athletics Carnival. Students will get to participate in a variety of running races and novelty events and purchase a sausage sandwich for lunch if they choose. Look
out for notes regarding the carnival and sausage sizzle order forms arriving home with students. Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who attended the Stage One Parent/Teacher Interviews last week. It was wonderful to see so many people come in to chat to the teachers and discuss their child’s progress. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Stage One teachers who generously gave up their time to make the interviews possible. 

Our first combined Kindergarten and Stage One Assembly for this Term 3 is tomorrow at 12.25pm in the school hall. Ms Fawcett and 1/2F will be leading the assembly and IE will be presenting the class item. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Egan - Stage One AP

P&C News

Next P&C Meeting: Tuesday 4th August at 6.30pm. Come along and hear about our wonderful school. If you have any great fundraising ideas and you could help us get them happening, please come along to share them.

Facebook: Are you on Facebook? LIKE our Mittagong Public School Facebook Page.

Email: We now have a P&C email address mittagongpublicpandc@gmail.com

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2015 ASG NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

-Last week to nominate—Parents you have the opportunity to nominate an outstanding teacher.

This is an opportunity to say a special ‘thankyou’ to inspirational teachers and principals who demonstrate effectiveness, innovation, and excellence in their profession. Nominating also provides an opportunity to gain grants and publicity for the school and enables the whole school to celebrate its achievements and contribution to the community. All nominations can be made online at www.asg.com.au/nominate Nominations close 31 July 2015

SEQUI CENTENARY TEA TOWELS FOR SALE

Useful souvenir of Mittagong Public School 150 year celebrations or quirky gift for someone. ‘Rules for Teachers 1914’ Printed in school colours on linen. One off limited item $10 each at the front office Proceeds go to P&C and ultimately your children.

Book Fair

When: Monday 27/7/15 and Tuesday 28/7/15 from 11am to 2pm

Wednesday 29/7/15 1:10pm to 2pm

Why: To purchase a book or two to take home and read

Cost: Books can be purchased from $1 to $35.

Lucky Door Prizes: All students that purchase a book from the fair will go into a draw for a lucky door prize.

Most classes have already visited the book fair display where they have had the opportunity to look at the books and fill in a wish list to take home. A percentage of the sales comes back to the school so that the classes can purchase classroom resources. Please support our Scholastic Book Fair.

Stage Two News

A reminder that all Berrima excursion notes are due back to classroom teachers by tomorrow, Friday 24th July so that we can confirm our numbers. This week students have had the opportunity to view the books that will on sale at the our school’s Book Fair and have written their ‘wish list’. Students will have the opportunity to purchase these books next week.

Monday is Open Day. Families are invited to attend open classrooms from 11:30am until 1:10pm. More information can be found in the Open Day section of this newsletter.

Rebecca Michael

Winter Jackets

We now have a small supply of the dry and cozy winter jackets for sale. They are $35 each. Please contact our front office if you are interested in purchasing one.

Students enjoying the hands on experience at the book fair preview.
Congratulations to the students that received an award at the Assembly on Friday 16/07/2015

**IRON LION**
2/3P: Praptika
3/4B: Caleb
3/4L: Zoey, Isabella, Laura
3/4M: Sam, Luke
5A: Wilfred, Jordyn

**BRONZE LION**
3/4B: Emily
3/4L: Shelby
3/4M: Hayden, Kaitlin, Ushas, Lacey, Rebekka, Bonnie
5A: Jessica, Claire, Georgie, Thomas
6A: Braelyn, Angelina
6B: Bella, Aaron, Sharnie

**SILVER LION**
3/4B: Ella
3/4L: Dhyana
3/4M: Scarlett

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