This Week At Mittagong - Mr Mansfield

Special points of interest:

- Junior Assembly tomorrow, Friday 12:25pm
- Congratulations to our District Athletic team.
- Book Week Parade - come as your favorite book character.
- Clothing Pool stall open from 8:30am tomorrow, Friday 7 August.
- Science Fair Wednesday 12 August, 10am - 12:30pm

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Kindergarten 2016 enrolment forms due

Parents who are enrolling their children for Kindergarten in 2016 at our school should return enrolment forms to us by next Friday August 14th. School census data relating to how many kinder classes we will have in 2016 has now been submitted to the Department of Education based on the number of parents who have already contacted us. If you were planning to enrol your child here next year and have not let us know already, please do so right away in order to secure a place for 2016. This includes children starting who may already have brothers or sisters at our school. Also, if you know of anyone who is planning to enrol a child here next year please urge them to contact us immediately.

Attendance

Our School Plan over the next few years has a focus on working towards strong attendance for full days and reducing the number of part day absences. For this reason we are urging parents to ensure that their children arrive on time each day for the 8.53am bell. This allows them to hear important announcements at the school and begin the day with their peers. Students who are late to class will begin bringing late notes home to be filled in by their parent. If you know that your child will be late due to an appointment please send them to school with a note explaining the absence. Also we ask that parents do not take their children home early from school unless this is necessary as valuable learning time can be lost through these absences. Part day absences will now appear on student report cards for this semester. Ensuring students are well equipped to meet the challenges of the future requires a solid attendance pattern and we ask you as their parents to help us achieve this.

Stage Three News

Science Fair

All year Five and Six students will be putting the final touches to their projects ready to present them next Wednesday 12th August at our annual Stage III Science Fair. You should have received an invitation to come and view the presentations via a note which came home with your child last Friday. If you haven’t yet received a note please explore the primordial swamp at the bottom of your child’s school bag. The hall will be open from 10:00am until 12:30pm for you to visit.

Students in the MPS band played at Bowral High School’s "Bowral’s got Talent"
the exhibits and question the young scientists about their creations. Entry is free.

The Year Five and Year Six debating team went to Goulburn West PS on Monday to compete against other schools in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Both teams under the expert guidance of Mrs Anderson came away from the district part of the competition as winners. The Year 6 team will now compete in Batemans Bay in the District Competition. This is a great result and the students did our school proud in their debating skills, manners and sportsmanship. Well done.

Yesterday was the last day that Year Six and Year Four students could get their notes and money in before Year Three students and Year Five students were invited to send in money and notes for the Forensic Science Presentation on the 19th August. As mentioned in the note only 90 students can attend the two sessions. This means that some students will miss out. The students who miss out this year in Years three and five will be certain to gain a place next year if they are keen. Year Six and Four students who have not yet brought money in and wish to go could still try but there are no guarantees of a place once 90 notes have been received.

Premier’s Debating Challenge

On Monday of this week our Year 5 and Year 6 debating teams travelled to Goulburn West Public School to compete against teams from Moss Vale and Goulburn West. Thank you to Mrs Martin and Mr Birta for so generously donating their time to ferry some of the children to and from the venue on possibly the coldest, windiest day of the year! We are so incredibly proud of both our teams who were successful on the day. Year 5 had to debate the topic that “Schools should replace sports and exercise classes with more classroom time.” Year Six had to debate that “Unhealthy companies should be banned from the sponsorship of sports.” Both our teams provided intelligent, convincing arguments to support their stance, but it was their skill at rebuttal that won them their debates. The adjudicator commented on how well they were able to disprove and rebut their opponents’ arguments. Our children were justifiably proud of their performances. Our Year Six team is presently undefeated! They have made it through to the Finals and will compete down in Batemans Bay in week 7. Well done everyone!

Premier’s Spelling Bee

We have completed our school trials for the Premier’s Spelling Bee and have narrowed it down to the two representatives for Stage Two and Stage Three. We began by holding in-class competitions to determine class representatives to compete at their stage events. In both stages it was nail-biting stuff, where only those of a strong constitution were able to cope. (I’m talking about the audience, not necessarily the competitors) There were audible gasps on several occasions as the entrants battled it out to be the last two standing. Stage Three thought it was pretty amazing that it went to 20 rounds before we had our candidates. Then Stage Two revealed that it took them 27 rounds to discover their final two spellers! Congratulations to Luke S and Thomas W in Stage Two and Elliot M and Wilfred A in Stage Three,
who now progress to the Regional Final on Thursday 10th September. We believe we have some talented spellers at our school and we know these children will be well prepared and offer fierce competition at this next level. We wish them the very best of luck!

Choir
Both the Junior and Senior Choir will be performing in the Goulburn Eisteddfod on Monday 7th September at the Goulburn Worker’s Club. Times have yet to be confirmed by the Eisteddfod organisers and a permission note will be given to all students in choir when we know the times we are performing and what time we will need to leave school. Travel will be by seat belted coach and the cost will be $18. This is to give you advance notice of the date and cost prior to the note going home.

Enrichment Day
Last Wednesday, 16 students from MPS, along with students from Bowral Primary, attended an Enrichment Day in Sydney. After an early start and fighting through Sydney traffic, we arrived at the NSW Art Gallery to be given small guided tours through the Archibald Prize Exhibition. Many students were left wondering why the winner won but all agreed that portraits aren’t necessarily just a painting of a head. All could talk about their favourite painting and give reasons why that one was better. One Year 6 student was overheard “yes, but what is it meant to look like?” After a picnic lunch in the Botanic Gardens, complete with eels, (in the pond, not for lunch), we headed to the Opera House to watch the Bell Shakespeare’s rendition of Romeo and Juliet. It was a contemporary production and the language difficult but the students were spellbound and impressed. Love, revenge, fights, family and murder. What’s not to love?
As usual our students displayed exemplary behaviour and manners and represented our school marvellously.

Ms Amanda Buchanan

Year Six Cake Stall
Ms Buchanan and Mrs Anderson wish to thank our wonderful school community for its generous support of our Year Six Cake Stall last Monday during Open Day. Thank you firstly to all the fabulous Year Six families who created or donated so many delicious treats for us to sell. Thank you also to all the families who purchased said delicious treats to sample with their families for Education Week. The aim of this fundraiser is to accumulate enough money to decorate the hall for the Year Six Farewell Dinner, at the end of the year, and to purchase the food for the dinner. We also aim to raise money to purchase a farewell gift from the Year six students for the school. We were overwhelmed by the fantastic support which enabled us to raise $960!!! It makes us very proud to be a part of such a great school!

Stage Two News
Miss Michael has once again demonstrated her dedication and skill in preparing our Concert Band for their fabulous performance at Bowral’s Got Talent last Friday. The students were very impressive, performing an entertaining version of James Brown’s ‘I Feel Good’. The mass band finale with Colo Vale and Bowral High School was fantastic and a big congratulations must go to the organisers; it was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talents of all the students. A big thank you also to the many parents in attendance also. I’m sure it was an enjoyable evening all round.

The teachers have been very busy this week working together, training and reflecting on our practices with the intention of improving the learning opportunities for our students. Days like this can seem disruptive, but the long term benefit is enormous.

Early Stage One
On Friday 24th July Kindergarten celebrated their 100 Days of School. All students were very excited and celebrated this achievement with a combined Kindergarten
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party. Thank you to the students and families who contributed. Next Friday, 14th August, will be the Junior Athletics Carnival for K-2. This week students have received a blue note with information about the day. Each student has a set Sports house; Paterson (green), Mackellar (blue), Lawson (yellow) and Kendall (red). Students are encouraged to wear clothing the colour of their sports house. Student’s sports houses were recorded on the blue note. If you are unsure please ask your child’s class teacher. A Sausage Sizzle will be held on the day. Students have received an envelope for sausage sizzle orders. Any extra sausage sizzles for family and friends can be ordered on your child’s envelope. It will only be pre orders available on the day. Please return the envelope to your child’s class teacher. This Friday is the Junior Assembly, starting at 12:25pm in the school hall. 2/3P will be leading the assembly with 1L presenting an item.

Stage One News

I would like to welcome Ms Daniela Di Noro to Mittagong Public School. Ms Di Noro is a student of Curtin University and is completing a three week teaching practicum in 1E. Ms Di Noro is very keen to trial some new ideas and is very excited to be working with the staff and students of our fabulous school.

Last week, all students in Stage One received a take home assignment to complete. Students are required to choose a local place, research it and present a short talk to the class. If you have any queries regarding the assignment, please talk to your child’s teacher.

Next Friday 14 August, we will be holding our Junior Athletics Carnival. The carnival will begin at 9.15am and conclude at lunchtime. Students will be participating in a range of different events and are asked to dress in their sport house colours. Students are also asked to bring a clearly labelled water bottle and wear a hat and sunscreen. A sausage sizzle lunch will be available on the day for students and families. Sausage sandwiches will cost $2.00 each and must be pre-ordered by completing and returning the white envelope that arrived home with students this week. Over the next two terms, we will be concentrating on improving student attendance. It is compulsory for all school age children to attend school on each day the school is open and any absence must be satisfactorily explained. Many of our students are arriving at school late or being signed out of school early. This impacts on student learning, often resulting in students missing important instruction. As with full day absences, partial absences must also be satisfactorily explained. Mr Egan – Stage 1 Assistant Principal

Child Protection Education

This term, all students in Stage One and Two will be participating in Child Protection Education. Child Protection Education forms part of all students’ learning in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and enables students to learn skills in recognising if they could be unsafe and strategies for protecting themselves.

Hall Of Fame

Congratulations to the students that received an award at the Assembly on Friday 31/07/2015

IRON LION
2/3P: Cayden
3/4B: Tallis
6B: Isabell

BRONZE LION
3/4B: Oskar, Annabelle, Jaymari, Abi, Ellie, Elizabeth
3/4L: Madison Y, Gavin, Connor, Cristian, Jayden
3/4M: Danielle
6A: Edwin, Maximo, Alice, Daniel T
6B: Kalinda, Cohen

SILVER LION
3/4B: Rianna, Hayley
3/4L: Hayley
6A: Elliot, Frances, Peta
6B: Cavell
News from the Sports Shed...
What a fantastic turn out for the PSSA District Athletics carnival last week at Eriddle Park. Twenty seven students represented MPS, competing across all field and track events. Congratulations to Alice, Lachlan and Riley who were named as PSSA District Champions and to our Senior Boys and Junior Girls relay teams who came 2nd and 1st respectively. Well done to all our students who competed in their individual events.

Good luck to Alice, Jordyn, Hayley, Sophie, Georgie, Abi, Lachlan, Seth, Riley, Justin, Jackson, Raiden and Jacob who will represent in the Wingecarribee District team at the Regional Athletics on 21st August at the AIS in Canberra.

Coming up this term...

NRL League Tag Clinics
This term Stage 2 and 3 students will attend clinics run by the NRL at school where they will develop their skills in playing League Tag in preparation for the upcoming PSSA League Tag Gala day on 4th September. These clinics are free and all students are encouraged to participate in the Gala day as part of our sports program and connected schools initiatives. The Gala Days are non-competitive days where all students can play sport, have a go and have fun.

Junior Athletics Fun Day
All students from K-2 will participate in a fun, modified Athletics fun day on Friday 14th August. Students may come to school in their sports house colours. Events will commence 9:30am. Parents are welcome to attend and support their child. There is a pre-ordered Sausage Sizzle available for K-2 students only. Orders close Monday 10th August. In the event of wet weather, the back-up date is Wednesday 25th August.

Reminder - TriSkills Gymnastics will be running in Term 1 2016. If you would like to start making $$$ contributions to this program now to minimise the costs of Term 1 please see Mrs Luhr to start an account.

Michaelie Fisher

Book Week
We will be celebrating this year’s book week theme "BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD" on Thursday 20th August, 2015 (Week 6). Staff and children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character. We will be parading around the “Tree” from 11.30am until 1.00pm. There will be book prizes for the best dressed book character. Remember, just about everything is now in books including Star Wars, Minions, Disney etc. Please do not go to the expense of purchasing a new outfit – Recycle and reuse.

Mittagong Public School and the children have always been part of the Book Week Program and with this program comes a special event to help celebrate the winners of the various awards.

During Term 3 students have been listening to the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Shortlisted Books (which are sponsored by our P&C). Students in K - 2 have been enjoying the discussions these books have provoked. Students in Years 3 - 6 have discussed the stories and illustrations as well as completed worksheets and bibliography writing, around these books, as part of their continuation with the Information Skills Program which is set down by the DoE. Let's keep reading Thank you.

Mrs. Bell-Mackie Teacher Librarian

Canteen News
We are very sad to see our amazing canteen supervisor, Emma Brown, leave us for other employment. She has done a superb job, and quite often with limited volunteers to help. I'm sure she will be missed by our regular canteen volunteers and the children. Her last day will be Friday (tomorrow) so if you see her, please say a big thankyou! The canteen will remain open as normal, manned by our regular volunteers and P&C members until a suitable replacement is found. (See the Newsletter)

Look! We placed in the District Athletics Carnival

Health Promoting Schools Initiative

Environmentally friendly snack foods
Choose an apple, mandarin, orange, pear, banana, plum, mangoes, pieces of melons, nectarines, peaches or other fresh seasonal fruit for a quick, easy, environmentally-friendly snack. No packaging, full of nutrients and antioxidants, plus it tastes delicious!
advertisement in this newsletter). Would you love seeing the smiling faces of children buying canteen snacks? Do you like to chat with someone while you make lunches and hot recess food like garlic bread? If so we would love to hear from you - the canteen is in great need of more volunteers, especially Thursdays and Fridays. This lightens the load on our regular volunteers, many of whom work in the canteen 1 or 2 or more days every week. It is difficult to keep the canteen staffed over 4 days with only a handful of volunteers. If you can spare a day or a couple of hours every few weeks or once a term, please text Maree on 0437 275 321.

GENERAL P&C NEWS

DONATIONS of tomato and barbecue sauces are needed for the Friday morning BBQ. Please drop sauces into the front office. Also if you can help out on the Friday BBQ please contact Lisa on 0490 333 506. You are usually only rostered about once or twice a term and all finished by 9.15am on the day.

While we are on the subject of food, we all know the importance of breakfast to help children do their best at school, so the P&C would like to help in assisting children who come to school without breakfast. We are asking if any parents would like to donate UP & GO or BELVITA BREAKFAST BARS to give to some students - to be distributed when office staff or teachers see the need.

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

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

POSITION VACANT - CASUAL CANTEEN COORDINATOR

MITTAGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN requires an efficient, enthusiastic Casual Canteen Coordinator to work in our school canteen. The canteen is currently open four days a week. The position of the canteen coordinator may be a job shared position. Award is in accordance with the LEVEL 2 FAST FOOD EMPLOYEE

To be considered you must meet the following criteria:
- Demonstrated understanding of healthy eating
- Demonstrated ability to prepare, cook and promote healthy foods
- Demonstrated ability to work as a team member as well as supervise others
- Demonstrated time management skills and ability to control day today operations of a school canteen
- Experience with volunteers and parent groups
- Knowledge of Fresh Tastes@ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy
- Experience and or qualifications in food preparation, food safety and handling
- Understanding of WH&S principles
- Interest in food preparation, nutrition and children
- Demonstrated computer literacy using Office applications and internet
- Qualifications in the Fresh Tastes @ School Strategy, Canteen Operations and/or Food Safety and Hygiene will be highly regarded.
- Current Driver’s Licence

It is a requirement of employment that Prohibited Employment Declaration and Consent to Employment Screening checks will be completed.

Applications to be sent to: Canteen Committee Mittagong Public School, 21 Pioneer Street, Mittagong NSW 2575 or emailed to: mittagongpublicpandc@gmail.com

Applications close: 3:00pm Friday 14th August 2015

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