This Week At Mittagong

Special points of interest:

- **Senior Assembly tomorrow, Friday 12:25pm**
- **Casual canteen coordinator needed. Resumes to be submitted by 3pm Friday 14/8/15. Please see our previous newsletter on the webpage for full details.**
- **We have ordered the Book Fair book orders. We hope to see them soon.**
- **Please remember all partial absences (coming in late or going home early) will now be recorded on the students report card.**

What a busy week we are having this week. On Wednesday Stage Three held their Science Fair in the school hall which went off with a big ‘bang’! Students displayed and demonstrated their creative research and experiments to all that visited. Thank you to our science coordinator, Mr Murray for this initiative and all the parents and students who supported the event.

The Junior Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday. Parents, friends and family are invited to come along to encourage and cheer students. A pre-ordered sausage sizzle will be held at lunch time where family and friends can stay and picnic with their children.

Parents, for your information it has been reported that the local Ranger is monitoring our school crossing and parking areas. Number plates and photographs have been taken. It is great to see that our local council values our student safety as I’m sure our parents do also.

If you have a child at home who is of school age for next year remember that it is never too early to drop into the front office and ask our lovely ladies for an enrolment pack. If you are on our mailing list you will always be up to date on coming events relating to Kindergarten 2016. Orientation days for Kindergarten 2016 will not be until Term 4, more information will be given next term.

We hope that Mr Mansfield makes a speedy recovery and returns to school soon as he has been unwell. Thank you to all the executive staff for taking over the principal’s roles and responsibilities in his absence.

**Mittagong Town Library Visits**

This year each class from K – 6 will again be visiting our local public library, Mittagong Town Library as part of our celebration of Book Week. The classes will walk to the library for a 30 minute session with the librarians who will read to them, show them around and tell them some of the history of the library. This has particular significance

Next Thursday is Book Week. I am looking forward to seeing some fantastic characters walking around our school. The parade will take place under the ‘big tree’ at 11:30am. Family and friends are welcome to come and view the parade.
this year as the town library was the second site of Mittagong Public School until it moved to its current site on Pioneer Street. We hope that the children get to see some of the old school photos, which would tie in very nicely to our sesquicentenary celebrations from earlier this year. Each class has been allocated a time slot over the next three weeks, either in Week 6, 7 or 8. Each class has their own permission note which will be required for your child to participate in this activity. There is no cost involved and the times are all during school hours so no interruption to bus routines or drop off and collection routines will occur. Please return your child’s permission note to their teacher at your earliest convenience.

Please note: several classes were required to change their time slot due to unforeseen circumstances. A second note has been sent home for these classes only. This is only a notification of change of time, the original permission note is still required to be returned to school.

Stage Three News

Every year before the Science Fair I say to myself it can’t possibly be better than last year but it always is. The students prepared some great original experiments and some old but good ones. There were enough volcanoes to keep an airline on the ground for months. There was a lot of innovation this year and the variety of topic was staggering from wind power generation to tricking our taste buds by denying them the ability to see or smell the food being tasted. Some students had small displays but big ideas while others had big displays and big ideas. One student managed to show us the size of stars in relation to the tiny planet Earth with only three pictures. Another the effect that ground water contaminated with salt, sugar or acid had on seed germination. The popular stands seemed to be the ones that the younger students could get the dirtiest in. I have been told it will all come out in the wash so I hope so. This was a great day and a tribute to the students and their parents who helped them produce excellent examples of what a little bit of curiosity can produce. Thanks for a great day of learning.

School News

Early Stage One News

Tomorrow, Friday 14 August is the Junior Athletics Carnival for all students in K-2. Don’t forget to wear your sport house colours on the day and bring your big cheering voice to power out the war cries. Next Thursday is the Book Character Parade. Students are asked to come dressed as their favourite character. The parade will take place at 11:30 – 1pm under the big tree. Parents and friends are welcome. During weeks 6 and 7 classes will be visiting the local Library to celebrate Book week.

As a whole school we are monitoring and encouraging student’s attendance, partial and full days. Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. If your child is absent you need to provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence through means such as telephone call, written note, text message or email. Partial attendance days also effect on your child’s schooling. A valid reason needs to be given if your child is late or leaves early.

P&C News

Canteen News

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
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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

Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the students that received an award at the Assembly on Friday 7/08/2015

IRON LION
KH: Benjamin
1C: Ally
1E: Mia M
1L: Olivia
2B: Colin
2S: Ben M, Joshua S

BRONZE LION
KH: Paige
KN: Aaron, Jayden
KS: Saxon, Thomas, James, Aiden, Samuel, Hana
1C: Rhiannon, Seth, Zeik Abigail, Molly
1/2F: Levi, Rose, Monique
2S: Thomas, Shanan, Alex

SILVER LION
1C: Aiden, Harry
1E: James, Matilda
1L: Hua-Xuan, Diesel
1/2F: Katie, Jason, Alec

Young scientists in the making
### School and Community News

**EVERY DAY COUNTS....**

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!

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**Team work at the Science Fair**

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### School Calendar 2015

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