This Week At Mittagong - Mr G Mansfield

Special points of interest:

- Junior Assembly tomorrow, Friday 12:25pm. 1E will lead the assembly and 1C will be presenting a class item.
- Good luck to the athletes competing at Region tomorrow.
- Have fun Debaters who are attending the camp at Batemans Bay.

Science Fair
Last week our students participated in a science fair demonstrating all manner of experiments and scientific concepts. There were so many fabulous ideas presented and everyone had an amazing and educational time. Well done boys and girls (and supporting parents) and thank you to Mr Murray our resident mad scientist who coordinated the event and who has done so much to bring life into our scientific endeavours at Mittagong!

Junior Athletics Carnival
What a wonderful day it was last Friday for our juniors who enjoyed a great time in all things athletics. The day was sunny and the children gained so much joy from the games and friendly competition on the day. Thank you to the parents who came along or helped out and to Mrs Schymitze and her team for running such a great day!

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 one morning or more 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!

NAPLAN Results
Today students in years Three and Five will receive their reports from the NAPLAN testing conducted in May this year. We would like to commend the many students who achieved excellent results in the tests. The results of these tests are not used to determine classes for the following year nor are they considered the definitive assessment of a student’s ability. They are a point of time assessment on a range of skills that give us some idea of where the student is at.

At school we find the data valuable when we line it up with what we are seeing in class. It can reveal strengths and weaknesses not only of the student but also in the emphasis we are giving to one subject over another. There are many occasions though where students freeze up in tests or really don’t perform well in pen and paper evaluations or perhaps were out of sorts on the testing day. For these reasons we look at the data with a degree of caution rather than seeing it as an absolute picture of ability.

Another word of caution is that the tests are designed to sort out the students who are at the highest level of ability across the state and therefore always contain some very tricky questions. Please don’t be concerned that there are some questions your child could not answer: many adults would have struggled with them too. If you have any concerns or questions about the results, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher to discuss their progress.

Attendance
Our school goal is to have 95% of students at school everyday. As a whole school we are monitoring and encouraging students’ attendance, including partial as well as 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.
School News

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!

Stage One News
Congratulations Stage One students on your wonderful Book Parade costumes. You are all very creative and it was great to see so many book characters represented. We are so lucky to have access to a fantastic range of quality children’s literature and it is always a pleasure to see the excitement it brings to our students. Thank you Mrs Bell-Mackie for organising a fun day.

A big thank you to Mrs Schymitzeck and Miss Leggett for organising a wonderful carnival last Friday. Our students had a fantastic time participating in the various events and it was great to see so many parents and family members enjoying the day. Thank you to everyone who supported our sausage sizzle. The money raised will be used to purchase additional resources to support students in their learning.

I would like to remind parents and guardians that students are expected to remain at school for the entire school day. Many of our students are being signed out of school before 2.55pm and this is a source of concern. When students are signed out early, they miss important aspects of their learning and often miss hearing important messages given by teachers at the end of the school day. If collecting your child early from school to attend an appointment, please inform your child’s class teacher. This semester, all partial absences will be included on student report cards.

The next Kindergarten and Stage One Assembly will be held tomorrow at 12.25pm in the hall. 1E will be leading the assembly and 1C will be presenting the class item. This will be a play about acceptance and has been written by 1C themselves! Join the magical world of butterflies and be amazed! All parents are most welcome to attend.
School News

Silver Awards

Junior athletics was a great day

Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the students who received an award at the Assembly on Friday 14/08/2015

IRON LION
2/3P: Jake, Campbell, Cayden B
5F: Benjamin

BRONZE LION
Gibraltar: Timothy
2/3P: Will, Chad
3/4B: Shaun, Luke
3/4L: Jamee
5F: Michael
6A: Daniel
6B: Ameen

SILVER LION
3/4B: Jacob, Miranda
3/4M: Jackson H
5F: Rachael
6A: Chelsea
6B: Mikayla, Cameron, Will

Mittagong Blue Light Disco
Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 29th August
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free.

School Calendar 2015

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