This Week At Mittagong - Mr G Mansfield

Special points of interest:

- Opera Australia is coming to our school to present “Cinderella”.
- Good luck to our Choirs who will be competing at the Goulburn Eisteddfod on Monday.
- Last day of term is Friday 18 September
- Lawson Fun Day is coming
- Good luck to the boys competing at Homebush tomorrow at the State Championships

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SASS Recognition Week
This week we have been celebrating the great work that our support staff do at our school. Without them we could not be the fabulous school that we are. If you would like to share in showing appreciation for our wonderful office ladies, teachers’ aides and our general assistant (groundsman) please feel free to express yourselves! Everyone enjoys knowing that they are appreciated but life is busy and we don’t always remember to give commendation where it is due. So it’s not too late to show you care! Thank you to all of our great SAS staff. We really do have an outstanding team here at Mittagong Public School!

NAIDOC Week
This week we have also been enjoying exploring and celebrating Indigenous culture at our school. The great activities organised by Mrs Allen were a real hit with the children and much appreciated by staff as well. Thank you Mrs Allen!

School Council
We are seeking another parent representative for our school council. If you think you might be interested in joining us, please contact me to express your interest.

NATIONAL PARKS and WILDLIFE VISIT
On Wednesday and Thursday the National Parks and Wildlife Service visited our school to provide a cultural education experience. We all enjoyed learning about Aboriginal culture with hands on experiences. Deidre taught us some women’s business with her knowledge on bush medicine and bush tucker which we had a taste of. Remember your trade (promise) to Deidre kids, don’t go eating, touching or playing in the bush with any plants that you don’t know of. Brendan spoke of the men’s business and the different tools and their uses for hunting. Paul enlightened us on this year’s NAIDOC theme ‘Sacred Land’. This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation. We all left our mark on a canvas that will be shared with other schools and eventually a piece of canvas will return to our school.
Lindsay taught us dance, that when we dance representing an animal we feel that animal through our body’s movements. The most significant dance was the lyre bird as this is one of the totems from the Gundungarra and Dharawal Nations. The two days were a part of our NAIDOC week activities for staff and students to acknowledge and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people and culture. It was a deadly time!
Family Art Day
The Bowral & District Art Society are running family painting workshops where you can create a painting together about your family, your beliefs and the things you love about each other. Participants will work together with Tracey Miller to design, draw and paint an image onto a canvas. No art experience is necessary. For further information and to book in please contact Tracey Miller:
Where: The Bowral & District Art Society workshops. 1 Short St. Bowral
When: Sunday 20 September 2015
Time: from 9.00am........
Cost: $180 per family group – All materials including a stretched canvas approx 1 metre square
Tutor Tracey Miller (Dip Art, Dip Ed)
Contact traceymillermail@gmail.com Mob 0418 235 990

Congratulations to the students who received an award at the Assembly on Friday 28/08/2015

IRON LION
2/3P: Will 3-6M: Samuel
5A: Poppy, Ryan, Jackson 5F: Isabella, Kady
6B: Jackson J

BRONZE LION
3-6M: Riley, Clayton
3/4B: Mackenzie, Rory
3/4L: Ruquaiya, Blake
3/4M: Ella, Cooper
5A: Seth, Natarsha, Luke, Byron, Nicholas, Elaina, Darcy, Emily
5F: Matt, Kirilly
6A: Justin
6B: Jasmine, Blake, Molly, Emma

SILVER LION
3-6M: William
3/4B: Ava
3/4L: April, Massimo, Niamh
5A: Henry
6A: Tom
6B: Rose

GOLD AWARD
6A: Jenny
3/4M: Scarlett

School Calendar 2015

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