This Week At Mittagong - Mr G Mansfield

Special points of interest:

- Last day of term is Friday 18 September
- Lawson Fun Day is coming
- Good luck and have fun children competing in the PSSA tag league day tomorrow.
- Year 6 will be cooking the Friday morning BBQ on 18/9, don’t forget to bring your $2 to buy a snag on bread.

How encouraging it is when we see fine qualities in our students. Last week during the Father’s Day stall on two occasions students handed in to the office money that had been found, lost by another student. Well done to those honest ones and their parents who have clearly instilled fine values in them!

It is a pleasure to have such fine young people at our school!

Term Four

Next term we begin on Tuesday the 6th October after the Labour Day holiday. Students and staff will begin on the same day as the term four training for teachers takes place on the last two days of the year.

Opera Australia

On Tuesday we enjoyed a visit from the Opera Australia company who performed Cinderella. It was a wonderful experience for our students to see all of the elements of opera in a light hearted and low key setting. The performers were very talented and had students in stitches. So don’t be surprised if you hear a bit of opera coming from the shower this week, or see your child talking to a mop (you had to be there…!)

Winners!

This week our junior and senior choirs competed at Goulburn Eisteddfod and had a wonderful time. The high level of competition was very challenging but despite this our junior choir managed to come away with two trophies for first place!

Our senior choir did not achieve a place but are to be commended for their enthusiastic efforts! Well done to all the teachers and parents who supported the event and the training leading up to it and especially to our talented students. For more information please see the article on page 2.

Chess Tournament

This week our chess team battled it out again with Bowral Public School students for the Highlands Chess Cup. Many games were won and lost on both sides and students on both teams were fully engaged in the tussle! Next term we will see who takes out the coveted 2015 championship! At the moment Bowral are slightly in the lead but all that could change in a nail biting conclusion! Watch this space!

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Oh No!!!

Our weekly attendance is moving down the scale and not up towards our goal! Let’s see what we can do for next week - last week of term!
School News

**Stage Three News**
The senior and junior choirs competed in the Eisteddford in Goulburn on Monday 7th September. It was great to see students gathering at school early that morning excited and ready to get on the buses. They had a brilliant day with the Junior Choir taking two first places. The senior choir faced very tough competition and did not place but sung their hearts out and represented our school very well. It has been great to see the choir this year consisting of many young men who would usually be more comfortable on the footy field rather than trying to remember the timing and tonality required to add their voices in a recital in front of a panel of judges. It is great to see the inclusivity of our school choir where everyone gets a go and everyone who performs always gives it their best. Well done to Ms Michael, Mrs Buchanan and Mrs Bull for giving these students a great opportunity and experience. More, more, more.

**Turn off the TV.**
Each year our Year Six go to Wombbaroo which is down the Wombeyan Caves Road about 11 Km from Mittagong. The students enjoy the camp due to the great programs offered by the company that runs Wombaroo - the Outdoor Education Group, who have an office in Moss Vale.

OEG are offering a camp-out weekend in October (See ad in the school office) for families to go to Wombaroo and camp. The camp cost is $45 per adult and $20 per child over five.

They will provide families with meals and the chance of activities such as bush walking, canoeing, ropes course, flying fox and archery. It would be a great opportunity to see what they have to offer and have a wonderful family experience for very reasonable price.

**Junior Choir**
Sang themselves to victory on Monday showcasing their discipline and vocal abilities. They blew the Eisteddfod’s adjudicators away with their dynamics, phrasing, rhythm and as Mr Harries stated, their ‘completely unified sound’. Junior Choir placed first, in both of their sections, to a deafening applause from the audience. The students should be congratulated not only for their victory, but for their manners and patience. They were worthy ambassadors of our school. Of course all this could not be possible without the hard work of Mrs Isbester, our pianist, who shone on the day! A big thank you, to Ms Leggett, Ms Bollinger and Mrs Dow for their valuable contributions and for all the parents that travelled to Goulburn to cheer us on!

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**Senior Choir** sings at Goulburn Eisteddfod.
All students should be congratulated for their fine efforts at the Eisteddfod. As usual, the Senior Choir proved to be exemplary role models, proudly representing our school. All the practise, determination and professionalism paid off with the Senior Choir giving an outstanding performance. Unfortunately the choir didn’t place this year. This does not deflect however, from the hard work that the choir, Miss Michael and Ms Buchanan have put into polishing the Senior Choir’s performance. Our thanks must go to Mrs Bull the pianist, Miss Michael and Ms Buchanan for their work and congratulations on a job well done to our young ladies and gentlemen in the Senior Choir.
School News

Stage Two News
For the last few weeks the Stage 2 students have enjoyed participating in NRL League tag workshops sponsored by Country Rugby League. It was a great pleasure to watch all the boys and girls get involved in the fun and exciting rugby league drill activities; fun and fitness combined to provide the students with rewarding experiences. Our thanks to Mrs Fisher for organising this experience for us.

Mittagong Town Library Visits
Our last class finally visited Mittagong Town Library this week. Over the last three weeks, almost all the students have visited the town library to celebrate Book Week. The students were treated to some fun activities and heard one or two of the short listed books for Book of the Year in various categories. Our thanks must go to the staff at the town library who made us all feel welcome. I know they were thrilled so many of our children attended – some even brought along their public library card and borrowed. Visiting the public library is such a great way to foster a love of reading and we are so lucky in Mittagong to have such a beautiful library with a great range of resources.

Woolies Earn & Learn is Finished
Thank you to all the families who have collected the Woolies Earn & Learn stickers over the past couple of months. The wonderful ladies in our office (with a little help from our GlB friends) are now collating and sticking any loose stickers on sheets. If you have any incomplete sticker sheets at home or any you have been meaning to return, now is the time. The Woolies Earn & Learn campaign has now finished and schools will be required to return their sticker sheet to claim their points. You can send the sticker sheets in with your children or drop them in at the front office. Thank you again for your support, we look forward to seeing the number of points we have earned and finding what resources we can use them on.

P&C NEWS
General News: Want to know where your P&C funds go? Most recently, P&C have been able to help the school in purchasing a classroom set of laptops for use by Stage 3 students. This is to keep students in line with 21st Century learning and is one way in which P&C improves resources available for your children. Thankyou for supporting our fundraising efforts.

Fathers’ Day Stall: Thankyou to all the parents who supported the Fathers Day stall last week by allowing your children to buy a small gift, this is a fundraiser for P&C. Thankyou to Jodie Keeley and team for sourcing such great gifts and running the stalls.

Canteen: A warm welcome to our new Canteen Coordinator, Cindy. If you are passing the canteen, please say Hi to her! Cindy is also a parent at the school and is looking forward to making the canteen a fun place to volunteer, with the best selection of food for your children. Cindy has already tried some new things like hard boiled eggs and fruit skewers and is currently working on an updated menu for Term 4.

Volunteers Needed!
If you are able to spare a half day (9am - 11:30am or 11:30am - 2pm) to help out? It is a lovely place to be, there is lots of chatter and little bits of work. We promise not to overwork you. Parents, grandparents and friends are always welcome. The children love having someone in the canteen they know! This opportunity to volunteer is available to more people and it lightens the load on the

School Holiday Fun @Your Library – all activities are free. Booking essential
• Fizzics “Chemistry Show” 23/9/15
• Spinning Tops 30/9/15
• Sand Art various dates
More detail on the flier at the school office.

Interested in playing Water Polo?
Local competition starts in October initially at Bowral then at the refurbished Mittagong pool. Beginners and experienced players are encouraged to come along. Players need to be competent swimmers. All welcome – Teams are mixed. More details can be found at the school office.

BOWRAL TENNIS CLUB
Term 4 tennis programmes at Bowral Tennis Club are now taking registrations. We have a full range of programmes for kids and adults of all ages and standards so anyone can start at their own level and have lots of fun on the tennis court. Just a few of the programmes that Bowral Tennis Club offers are:

• Coaching for kids and adults of all standards
• School Holiday Camp Monday Sept 28th – Thursday Sept 30th 9am to 12pm Cost $119.00
• Club Championships commence 8/11/2015 – Enter online.
• Annual Canberra Junior Teams Challenge commences 25/9/2015. Enter online.
• New Zealand Tour leaves 6/12/15. Send email for expression of interest.

Competition pathways for all standards and ages

Court hire available on 8 full size courts and 2 new Hot Shots mini courts

Fully stocked Pro Shop

Very low cost Membership with great player benefits

For all Club information and online registrations just go to www.bowraltennis.com.au or phone Tristan on 0409 150 057.
small crew of volunteers we have. When you look at your calendar and see a free couple of hours somewhere please consider coming in to canteen to see some familiar faces or get to know some new faces. We appreciate every effort to volunteer in the busy lives we all have. Please contact Cindy on 0435 842 035 or fill in the slip in this newsletter.

Friday morning BBQ:
Thank you to the parents who responded to our desperate call for more volunteers – we are very grateful and can now fill the roster for next term. More helpers would still be appreciated so please contact Lisa on 0490 333 506 or fill in the slip in this newsletter. The P&C Sausage sizzle will then start back on 23rd October.

Save the Date! Family Fun Night Sunday 8 November from 4.30pm.

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

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

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School Calendar 2015

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Congratulations to the students who received an award at the Assembly on Friday 04/09/2015

**IRON LION**
2S: Hallie

**BRONZE LION**
KA: Maddie
KH: Isabella, Alexander
KS: Logan, Kayden
1C: Ally
1E: Brody, George
1L: Phoebe, Leylah, Marco, Allison
Gibraltar: Bodie
2B: Zen, Jada, Issabella, Danielle
2S: Mackenzie, Nicholas, Ben

**SILVER LION**
KA: Jaymi
KH: Evie, Amelia
KS: Lilly, Leah, Kobe, Sibella
1C: Olivia
1E: Erica, Ethan
2S: Phebe

**GOLD AWARD**
1C: Jackson P 1L: Finn
2S: Allegra

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FRIDAY BBQ VOLUNTEER SLIP – Please return to front office.
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If down the track you cannot volunteer on your rostered day, just try to contact Lisa on 0490 333 506 as soon as you know, so she can find a replacement.

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