**District Swimming Champs**

Congratulations to all of our wonderful swimmers who represented our school in the District Carnival this week. We are always proud of the way they conduct themselves in performance and sportsmanship. For more details please see Mrs Fisher’s article on page three.

**School Leaders Step Up**

This week our SRC members attended a leadership day at Womberoo where their leadership qualities were tested and honed. They displayed endurance and tenacity as they faced the challenges presented to them and the other student leaders from our local Bowral Community of schools. Well done to the SRC and to Mr Murray for organizing a great day for not only our students but also for the other schools. Please see Mr Murray’s article on page...to read more about the day!

**P&C**

Our P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 1 March at 6.30pm in our library. All positions will be declared vacant at this time and I encourage interested parents to attend the meeting. It is in the best interest of the school that parents continue to step forward to keep this fine institution alive and supporting our great school. Executive members will be very happy to have your support in what is an enjoyable and much appreciated service to the school community.

**Canteen Helpers**

It is that time of year when we are looking to find some fresh volunteers for the canteen. Could you help out once a month, fortnight or week? We have a great canteen and would love to have you help out. It is one way to give something back to our school and make a difference. Please contact myself or Cindy in the canteen if you feel you could help out in even a small way.

**Contributions**

Thank you to all the parents who have finalised the school payments for **Book Packs and Voluntary School Contributions**. Families who have made the contributions now have access to the online learning programs and books that are covered by the fees. If you are having difficulties and cannot afford the whole payment at this time please contact our friendly office staff who can arrange suitable terms for payment. This will allow every student in the school to have the same opportunities for learning at both school and home.
Book Packs are $50 per student and Voluntary School Contributions are $35 per student or $60 per family.

Stage III News
We have just received this email from Angie Harmey who is the Year 7 advisor for next year at Bowral High School.

Year 6 Parents/Caregivers 2016
Parent Information evening - Wednesday 2 March 2016
Considering enrolling your child into Year 7 at Bowral High School in 2017?
Come along for the school tour (from 6.00pm) and presentation in the Library (from 6.30pm). Meet the people responsible for supporting your child as they begin their high school journey.
Hear about life at BHS and take this opportunity to discuss any specific issues or questions with the Head Teachers of each faculty.
We look forward to meeting you at this event.

This event sounds like it would be worth attending even if you are not thinking of sending your child to Bowral High School next year. It is good to weigh up the options available to you and your child knowing something about what the options are. This will give great insight in what Bowral High has to offer.

Every Friday Stage III has a sports afternoon. This entails learning valuable soccer skills and practice running for our up-coming Cross Country. While we encourage all students to give their best in these activities we have never forced a student to run beyond their capabilities contrary to what a couple of students have reported home. If you have any questions regarding this please discuss with your child’s teacher or with me.

On Tuesday of this week our Student Representative Council spent the day at Wombaroo Camp to participate in leadership and team building exercises to set them up for their roles as leaders, representatives and mentors for the students at Mittagong PS. It was a great day with perfect weather and enthusiastic children who were engaged and hopefully took some new skills and ideas from the activities.
Mittagong Public School is blessed with a number of parents who are always willing to help, with out
of school events. This excursion was no exception with Mrs Birta and Ms Armsworth providing transport for the SRC students to and from the venue. Ms Armsworth needs extra mention as she very kindly offered her services for the day as a group leader for a Bowral Primary School group. Thank you to both parents.

Gavin Murray  AP Stage III

Kindy News
Thank you to the teachers and parents for coming along to Early Stage One’s Meet the Teacher afternoon. This was valuable in providing information about your child’s class and teacher.

Next Tuesday is Kindergarten’s first excursion. It is about Bus Safety and is presented by Ian Day from Berrima Buslines. All permission notes need to be returned to teachers.

Changes to Junior Assembly, in Week 6. Junior Assembly will be held on Thursday 3 March at 12:25 instead of Friday 2 March.

Thursday mornings are our SRE, Special Religious Education programs. Kindergartens are now being offered the opportunity to attend Ethics classes during this time. These classes offer a non religious base lesson. Students learn to think about ethical matters together and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows students to properly consider other people’s points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements. If you would like your child to attend these classes please inform Mr Egan by completing an online form for changes to SRE class.

News from the Sports Shed
District Swimming
Congratulations to all 23 students who represented MPS at the District Swimming Carnival on Monday, 22 February. Thank you to Mrs Jane Bell from Bowral PS for organising this event and to all teachers and parents who assisted in the smooth running of events on the day.
Well done to Darcy N on his success in all his events. He will be representing the District at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dapto on 8 March 2016.

Gymnastics
All classes this week have participated in the Gymnastics program. Years K-2 (excluding 2F) will also have a second lesson on Thursday to make up for last weeks clash with school photos. Please ensure your child is in sports uniform on these days. If your child has not handed in their permission note it is still not too late, send in the note with payment and if possible during the term their class teacher will arrange for them to participate in a catch up lesson with another class.

Hindmarsh/Noble/7’s Challenge Cup
The annual Hindmarsh/Noble Cup is on Thursday next week (3rd March, 2016). If your child has not sent in their permission note by the end of the week they will not be able to attend. Training sessions have started at school. Please be mindful that all students will be required to have a mouthguard at training and on the day of the cup challenge. Anyone who does not have a mouthguard on the game day will not be permitted to play.

PSSA Soccer Gala day
Students in years 3-6 will be participating in the PSSA Soccer Gala day on Friday 18 March. Notes will be sent home this week. To assist in the organisation of school teams and the final draw all notes and payments must be received and handed in by the due date. Please note - PERMISSION NOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DUE DATE.

Lawson House FunDay!
This term Lawson house will host the first FunDay of the year in week 11, on Wednesday, 6 April 2016. All students in years K-6 who are in the Lawson house team will participate in running stalls/games and fun events to raise $$$ to purchase new sports equipment and other sporting items for our school. All students are asked to bring in coins to participate in the activities.

Michaele Fisher
School Banking News
Welcome to all of our new bankers! It is great to see so many children keen to get started on their savings journey.

A reminder that banking wallets need to be placed in the crate on the steps of the brick building by the end of the morning assembly on Friday. Any wallets that are handed in to the office after this time will be held in the office until the following Friday when they will be collected for processing.

It is very important that when you are filling out your child’s banking deposit that you fill in:
1. * The ‘Add this deposit’ field on the deposit stub, AND
2. * ALL the white fields on the deposit slip.

School Banking at Mittagong Public is only possible due to P&C volunteers who collect, count and process the deposits (this is not done by bank employees). With over 70 students now regularly banking each Friday it adds considerable time if these volunteers have to also fill out blank or incomplete slips. So please help us save time and make this service viable by filling in the slips completely.

P&C NEWS
Annual General Meeting: Next Tuesday 1st March the P&C Meeting will be at 6.30pm as usual in the library and will start with the AGM where officeholders will be nominated and elected. Positions vacant will be President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Presidents and Canteen Convenor. To vote you must be a financial member of the P&C at a cost of 50c! So please bring your 50c along on the night. We look forward to seeing lots of parents there to support the role of the P&C in the school. Meetings finish by 8pm.

Canteen: Thank you to this week’s wonderful canteen volunteers! And a big thankyou to those parents who donated stock for the canteen this week - we really appreciate your generosity!

Canteen Red Food Day – Colouring Competition: As you know, a Red Food Day is planned for Thursday 24th March – a flyer and order form will go out for this in the next week or two. AS WELL there will be an Easter colouring competition going out this week to be completed by the Red Food Day, so get those coloured pencils sharpened!

Friday morning BBQ: Thank you to the volunteers on the Friday BBQ. We still need some more volunteers. Looking ahead to next term, perhaps there is a Friday -7.30am to 9.15am - when you are available? Please drop a note to the front office (or ring) and leave your details and preferred date if you have one.

School Shades Sunglasses: Available for purchase at the front office - $15 each in Small, Medium or Large sizes, includes zip case and cleaning cloth.

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

Mittagong Blue Light Disco
Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 19th MARCH
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free.

Karate Classes @ Mittagong Public School Hall
Junior Classes 6-9 Year Olds  6:00 to 6:45pm
Senior Classes 10 to Adult                7:00 to 8:00pm
Monday and Thursdays

Karate helps to build focus, control and discipline.
Contact Sensei Andrew Bishop
Mobile 0405 191 632 or abishop@shmaa.com.au

School Calendar 2016

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