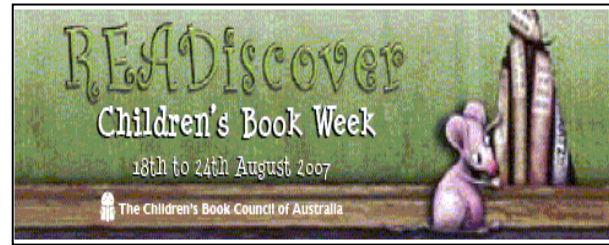




**MITTAGONG PUBLIC
SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**
Term 3, Week 2
Thursday 26th July 2007



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Parents,

At this time of the year it is very pleasing to hear of the excellent results our students are gaining in the University of NSW ICAS Competitions. Well done to all children who have entered for their achievements.

Our school's performing arts excellence once again was highlighted this week with the culmination of the Dance/Drama program. The performance of "Bats" on Monday for the infants students and again yesterday for our primary students, as well as visitors from St Michael's Primary School, was wonderful. Congratulations to all our senior students involved in this production. The school thanks and acknowledges the work of Mr O'Brien, Mr Abbott and Mrs Stafford in bringing this production to fruition and for all of their work out of school hours. Thanks to all those parents who have provided transport for after-school practices and who have helped with costumes. We look forward to the final performance in the hall tonight.

- Brett Neil (Principal)



The Dance/Drama Group cast of 'Bats'

BASIC SKILLS TESTING: Parents of students in Year 3 and 5 are reminded that on the Basic Skills Test days, (Tuesday and Thursday next week), that testing sessions commence promptly at 9:00 am. Any students arriving late will be disadvantaged and also may disturb others sitting the test.

LAUNCH OF NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE: The school has engaged the services of "Webation" to redesign our school's website to make it more user-friendly. Hopefully the website will become an important part of our home-school communication and can be updated and amended by staff members much more easily than in the past. For the next few weeks the website will be "under construction" as new content is uploaded. In the interim our Home and Newsletter pages are available. Please note that our new Website address is as follows:

www.mittagongps.nsw.edu.au

Please add this to your browser's favourite list at home. The website will redirect from the old URL to the new site as well. More news to follow!

FANTASTIC ENGLISH RESULTS!

Results have arrived for the University of NSW ICAS English Competition. Congratulations to the 11 students who received participation certificates. Special mention to the 11 students who received higher awards! Well done to the following children:
Distinction: Theo Aungle, Dominique Chiaverini, Eliza Vincefi (Year 3), Ava Gallagher, Finbar Gallagher (Year 4), Caitlin Neil (Year 5),
Credit: Liam Cox (Year 4), Liam Aungle, Hayden Jutrisa (Year 5), Louise Brown, Monique Kell (Year 6).

English certificates will be presented at the whole school assembly in Week 4 on 10/7/07. (Maths certificates will be presented at the assembly tomorrow).

LIBRARY LINKS: Students have until August 17 to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. Currently 38 students have already handed in their

reading records. Students are also working hard to create book dioramas for Book Week (August 20 - 24). Award winning author Frances Watts will be with us for the day on August 22 for writing workshops for each stage level. Last year her picture book "Kisses for Daddy" was an honour book in the Children's Book Council awards. To attend one of the 3 workshops students need to send in the coupon with \$3 to their class teacher. Grandfriend's Day and the Book Fair on August 23 will make for a busy literary week.

Seven new senior size tables have arrived and have been installed in the library. Surplus small library tables are now to be used in the craft room. This is a great improvement for all students.

- Mrs K Cochrane Teacher / Librarian

READING TUTOR FOR "LITERACY LIONS": A reading tutor is urgently required for each Wednesday morning from 9:00am to 11:00am during Term 3. If you could spare this time your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please phone the school on 4871 1020.

- Mrs J Parks (STLA)

CANTEEN NEWS:

2007 TERM 3 CANTEEN ROSTER					
Volunteers please check each week for changes. Please contact roster co-ordinator, Toni Pike, on 4872 1842 or 0409 170 834 if you can't make it. Please try to give advance notice so replacements can be found.					
WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2 July	Thank you to our helpers this week.				27 (am) S Connelly (pm) S Sells
3 July Aug	30 M Strachan	31 C Willis	1 S Semmens	2 D Boniface H Crowe	3 S Boyd M Seville
4 Aug	6 A Dicker	7 A Haynes	8 T Toms	9 T Fudge V Lindsay	10 S Renahan
5 Aug	13 J Lake	14 K Hill	15 V Lake	16 L Vinczeff T Roberts	17 J Hughes C Profilio

'Spin & Win' Campaign! This campaign is designed to encourage children to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables and to purchase items from their school canteen. It runs from 30/07/07 to 10/08/08. Children who make the healthy choice and purchase fresh fruit and/or vegetables from Mittagong Public School canteen will instantly win one of 6 sticker cards containing a large sticker to

keep and a token sticker which must be placed on the entry form. Collect all 3 token stickers, return the entry form to the canteen and receive a Fresh for Kids spinning top. They are then eligible to enter the draw to win further prizes consisting of 1x Family trip to the Gold Coast, 15 x Ratatouille Entertainment packages, 6 x Texta packs, 5 x Razzle Dazzle DVD Packs, 4 x Apple Shuffle iPods and Mini Tripod Speakers, 6 x \$25 Rebel Sports Gift Vouchers. Completed entry forms to be returned to the canteen by 15/8/07.

- Mrs T Pike (Canteen Co-ordinator)

4-5N HSIE ASSIGNMENT: Children have chosen a country to research. A sheet has been issued to each student outlining the requirements for this task. Provision will be made for those students disadvantaged by a lack of computer/internet access at home. Class lessons will focus on developing skills required to achieve desired outcomes. As a contrast, other teacher-directed lessons will focus upon a history of the indigenous people of North America. The assignment is due Friday 28th September 2007 (Week 11, Term 3).

- Mr B Napper (Class Teacher)

2F FASHION BEADS FOR SPRING FAIR: Production of unique creations is underway by 2F. Donations of beads are urgently needed. Can you help? Please see Mrs Fenton. Thank you.

- Mrs S Fenton (Class Teacher)

SCHOOL WINTER JACKETS: Due to the fantastic response we have received about our new school winter jackets, we will be placing one more order for this year. Due to the cost of the embroidery, all jackets will now be \$30.00. If you would like to order a jacket for your child please contact the front office to have your name placed on the list. Orders need to be in by Friday 3rd August.

- Mrs L Luhr (Administration Manager)

INTEGRATION FUNDING SUPPORT: Parents of students who receive IFS assistance at school should have received a letter in the post earlier in the week with details of Support Review meetings to be conducted at school next Wednesday and Thursday. Please return the confirmation slip ASAP or contact Mr Neil on 4871 1020 for further information or to arrange an alternate time.

2007 TERM 3 CALENDAR		
WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY
2	26/7/07 27/7/07	'Bats' evening performance for parents Whole School Assembly
3	31/7/07 31/7/07 1/8/07 1/8/07 2/8/07 2/8/07 2/8/07 2/8/07	Basic Skills Testing Y 3 & 5 Writing Spring Fair Meeting, 7:30 pm at RSL IFS Review meetings B Hayes returns from leave IFS Review meetings L Cooper returns from leave No scripture Basic Skills Testing Y3 & 5 Reading, Language and Numeracy (Maths)
4	6/8/07 8/8/07 8/8/07 9/8/07 10/8/07	Mr Abbott starts leave. Mr Creber replacing. School Athletics Carnival Spring Fair Meeting, 3pm Library Stage 3 Hockey Whole School Assembly
5	16/8/07	"Maluerindi Clan" presentation for NAIDOC school observance

SPRING FAIR PLANNING MEETINGS:
Meetings are scheduled on 31/7/07 at the RSL Club at 7:00 pm and on 8/8/07 at 3:00 pm in the school library. Come along and see how our plans are going and add some ideas.

COMMUNITY NEWS & INSERTS

Blue Light Disco: The next Blue Light will be held on Saturday, 28 July, at Mittagong R.S.L Club. Tickets for Seniors available at usual venues. Must have pre purchased ticket.

Mittagong Girl Guides "Gumnut Patrol". 5-7 year olds. Pre junior girl guides (must be at school). Tuesdays 4.00pm – 5.00pm. Commencing Tuesday 24th July. Introduction to guiding, lots of fun, sharing and caring. Enquiries – District Leader Vivienne Rae. 4889 4178 or come along on Tuesday afternoon to Girl Guide Hall, Albert St, Mittagong.

Kidsplus: This term we will be a very sporty one with lots of games and team effort as we are looking at what it means to be on God's team. Commences 2nd August.

When: Thursdays 4 – 5.30pm
Where: Girl Guides Hall, Mittagong
Who: Boys & girls Kindy – Yr 4
Cost: \$3.00 per week or \$20.00 per term
Contact: Mariette Wray, phone 4872 3601 or email jmmhwwray@hotmail.com

2007 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

(\$35 per student or \$60 per family for school year)

Please find enclosed \$..... for my child/children for Semester 2/Whole Year (*please circle*).

Name..... Class:

Name..... Class:

Name..... Class:

BOOK WEEK VISITING AUTHOR FRANCES WATTS WORKSHOP (\$3 per child)

Name: Class:

Name: Class:

Name: Class:

Name: Class:

(Return note and payment to class teachers)



Wollondilly Community Leisure Centre, located at 434 Argyle Street Picton, offers indoor heated pool facilities for our Learn to Swim Program.

The water temperature remains at 29.5 all year round. Lessons are held for ½ an hour once a week for the length of the school term (10 or 11 weeks). There are 10 levels, each being based on ability.

Children are continuously assessed and promotions take place throughout the term whenever the children are ready. Morning lessons Monday to Saturday from 8:30am to 12:00pm and Afternoon lessons Monday to Friday from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.

We also run special school holiday intensive programs during the break between terms.

All our teachers are Austswim qualified and registered. Our Swim Club, held every Friday night throughout the year commencing at 6:30pm, is a great social night for the children to really show their skills learnt during the term. Children race with others of their own age and ability in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

ENROL NOW on 4677 0944 and speak with our swim school staff. We will ask a few questions about your child's ability and book you in for a FREE Swimsation assessment. Once assessed our staff will find the next available vacancy at your child's level.

Live in the Wingecarribee shire? – No problem! Enrol now at Picton and transfer to one of our four associated pools (Bowral, Mittagong, Moss Vale and Bundanoon) over the summer season. Our flexibility will ensure your child's continuity in their learn to swim program!

9 weeks to go

and counting... until the Spring Fair

Silent Auction & Chocolate Wheel

The P&C is currently seeking donations for the Spring Fair's Silent Auction and Chocolate Wheel.

Ideas for the **chocolate wheel** – groceries, gift vouchers or even boxes of silly but necessary things like tissues & toilet paper, lunchbox snacks and grooming products. Let your imagination run wild. In fact in 2005 the hottest items on the wheel were some chickens!

Silent Auction items tend to be of a higher value than the Chocolate Wheel. Perhaps you have contacts that could get a 'signed' copy of something, original artwork or donation of an electrician's hours for example. Again, all sorts of things can be auctioned and we would love to hear from you. Pick up of items & gift vouchers can be arranged.

Sponsors Sought

If you know of a business who may be prepared to donate services or goods for the Spring Fair don't forget to contact Toni Pike in the School Canteen or after hours on 48721842.

Ask for a copy of the official P&C letter/fax-back form and Toni will record the details to ensure no-one else contacts them.

Recycle your old mobile phone to raise money

The P&C has been approached by a company who recycles old mobile phones. They will donate \$5 to the school for each phone received. Mention it to your colleagues, friends & neighbours. You will be doing them a favour. Phones can be dropped in to the school office or collected at the Spring Fair. Couldn't be easier!

Please help at the Spring Fair

Have a chat with your friends and family to see who can lend a hand. We are more than happy to have **groups** of people coordinating a stall, manning the BBQ, running an activity etc. Make it fun! Individuals are also just as welcome. Just call Charmaine on 48724546 or Lisa on 48721662 to chat about how you can help out. School office staff can also pass on messages.

Cut out and send into school

I'd like to help with the Spring Fair.



I am available on the following days and times:

DAY

- on Friday 28 September
- on Saturday 29 September (Spring Fair)

TIME

- All day
- For a couple of hours _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

For further information call Lisa Ellis on 48721662,
Charmaine on 4872 4546 after hours or Leanne on 4871 1020 at school.