



**MITTAGONG PUBLIC
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**
Term 3, Week 10
Thursday 1st October, 2009

**School Security Hotline
1300 880 021**
**Please call this number if
you have concerns about
people on school grounds**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic Spring Fair last Saturday! Many thanks to the volunteers and families that endured the high winds, hail and extreme weather warnings to support the school and P&C. Thanks to our dedicated committee led by Lisa Ellis and the volunteers that worked hard on Friday and Saturday carting equipment, white elephant stores, drinks, books, etc, getting to school by 6.00am and leaving at 6.00pm. A special thank you to Charmaine Cooper and Toni Pike who then came back on Sunday to clean the canteen so that it could operate on Monday.

I will be taking Long Service leave for the first two weeks of next term. Mr Perry will be Relieving Principal in my absence. Mr Fleming will be taking 6P for the two weeks. Mr Abbott will also be on Long Service leave and Mr O'Brien will be returning to school from his leave.

Stage 2 students enjoyed a great "Pyjama Disco" on Tuesday evening. The students were extremely well behaved and demonstrated very talented dancing skills. Mrs Bailey and Ms Stokes also demonstrated great dancing skills. Thanks to Mr Downie and Mrs D'Onofrio who manned the doors and supervised the refreshments. Mrs Pike also gave up her evening to assist in the canteen.

I would like to thank Mrs Anne Wardle, President of the School Council for her dedication and support to the school community. Mrs Wardle has had to relinquish her position due to family illness. Our best wishes and sincere thanks are expressed to Mrs Wardle and her family.

Our school toilets will be refurbished in the holidays and next term may see further refurbishments completed. As this term finishes I would like to take the opportunity for thanking all the parents and students for their ongoing cooperation and support. Just as a reminder school starts on Monday, 19th October. There is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of Term 4.

*- Mrs Garrie Olsen
Relieving Principal*

**K-2 SPORTS CARNIVAL
FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER**

On the last Friday of term we are having our K-2 Sports Carnival, beginning at 11.30 and running through to lunch time.

Children will be involved in running races and other events such as long jump, high jump, tunnel ball, tennis ball shot put and Frisbee discus.

Please ensure your child wears their house coloured tee shirt on the day.

House	Colour	
Paterson	Green	A,B,C,N
Mackellar	Blue	D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,O,Q
Lawson	Yellow	P,R,S,T,U,Y
Kendall	Red	L,M,V,W,X,Z

You are most welcome to attend this enjoyable day where emphasis will be placed more on fun and trying our best rather than on winning.

You are also invited to have lunch with your children after the carnival and Mrs Pike in the canteen will be providing a full canteen menu for you to choose from.

Children will return to their classes after lunch.

Thanks
*Gavin Murray
(Stage Leader)*

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS: We desperately need volunteers for the school canteen. Volunteers are especially required for Tuesdays and Thursdays. These days will only be serving at recess and making lunches. If we cannot get volunteers for these days the canteen will have to close on these days. Thanks to Vicki Lindsay who has offered to help on Tuesday but she needs assistance and we need someone else for Thursday. Please return the volunteer's slip if you are able to assist.

Charmaine Cooper P&C President

STAGE 3 NEWS

We are thrilled with some of the Year 5 NAPLAN results. It is so encouraging to see excellent results in Writing after the extra effort that has been put in over the year. Mr Abbott has noticed that the Numeracy test is becoming more difficult as the years go on. This means there is no time for us to relax and assume that students will do well if they have done so before in Year 3.

Year 6 have begun their assessment tests supplied by Bowral High. Again, it was pleasing to read some of the Writing tasks before sending them to the high school for marking. One aspect of Writing that has recently become a requirement is 'engagement'. This means that a piece of writing is judged on how well the writer engages the reader. There are many techniques that writers use and it was a great relief to see our students remembering to make their writing interesting.

Our Year 5 and 6 students were particularly helpful during the Spring Fair. We noticed them moving furniture, running the stalls and assisting in packing up. Irrespective of raising funds for the school, the Spring Fair was a great opportunity for these students to show their initiative. It was also great to see our ex-students enjoying the day and catching up with teachers.

Mrs Schymitzek has initiated two projects based on the Year 6 Camp. Groups of students have downloaded their photos and annotated them so that a Year 6 Camp Book can be published. This took quite a lot of skill on the computer and the students completed this challenge without assistance. A powerpoint presentation will also be produced and shown at the Year 6 Farewell. Well done to Jamie Craig who has coordinated all the included pages.

50'B have received a postcard from Mr O'Brien who is enjoying his holiday in Europe. We were wondering if he would have cancelled the trip given the success of his favourite NRL team which seem to be winning every week. Are you able to guess the team?

Mr Perry
Stage 3 Team Leader

TALENT QUEST

Yes! it is time to think about your acts for Talent Quest 2009. This will be held on Tuesday 15th December. The competition is open to all grades but competition is stiff so make sure you are prepared! We would like to see a variety of acts audition including: instrumental, vocal, comic, dramatic and dance acts involving individuals, pairs or groups. For vocal acts we are encouraging the use of accompaniment music that does not contain the original artists voice. Karaoke CDs and computer music files are available in this modern era. Singers may also use instrumental accompaniment such as the piano or guitar. Please let me know if you require an accompanist.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT MATERIAL IS SUITABLE FOR PRIMARY GRADES!

Timetable for term 4

Weeks 1&2—Registration. Please return your registration slip to Mrs Cooper by Friday of week 2 term 4.

Weeks 3&4—Audition weeks. An audition timetable will be provided for all registered acts with details of audition dates. Please be prompt and be prepared with your music and instruments. You will have 2 minutes to demonstrate the essence of your act and we do not expect your audition to be a polished performance at this early stage. The acts will be judged and selected by our SRC and Mrs Cooper. They will be selecting the best 25 acts. Successful acts will be notified by Friday week 4.

Please note: students must organise their own rehearsal schedules out of school hours. There will be no rehearsals scheduled during school hours other than the dress/technical rehearsal to be held on Monday 14th December.

Mrs Cooper

Talent Quest 2009 registration. Ensure that all names and titles are spelt correctly.
Full names of participating students
Please circle: Vocal, Dance, Instrumental, Comedy, other
Title/ Brief description of your act:

3-6D COOKING/GARDENING NEWS:

Today we are making stuffed vegetable leaves— silver beet and cabbage leaves— fresh from our garden!

Mr Downie (Class Teacher)

***3-6D's amazing,
fantastic and yummy***

RECIPE BOOK

Over 40 recipes

Only \$5

Available from the front office.



Includes:
Echidna Biscuits
Paroo Peach Pie
Anzac Slice
Baklava

Sweet and Sour

Pork

Veggie Kebabs & more.

Get yours now!!

BAND NEWS

Help wanted

Over the years we have accumulated many pieces of band music. If there are any parents who could help me catalogue and organise this music, could you please let me know and we'll have a music working bee one day next week or early next term.

*Mr McGuire
(Band Leader)*

2009 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.

TERM 3/4

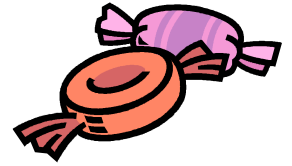
WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
10					2 S Younie J Hughes
1 Term 4	19/10 A Dicker	20 T Roberts	21 J Hughes	22 D Boniface	23 S Younie J Hughes

CANTEEN NEWS:

On Friday at recess and lunch there will be an assortment of lollies for sale at various prices. This is our "Red Food" day for term 3.

There will also be a cleaning bee on Thursday 15th October from 10am –12noon in the canteen. Please feel free to join us and help make sure the canteen is ready for term 4! Bring your children with you if you need—all welcome!

*Toni Pike
(Canteen Co-ordinator)*



Please return to the Front Office ASAP

I am able to help in the canteen

NAME _____

Hours and days available to help

Ph: _____ Mob: _____

Email: _____

2009 TERM 4 CALENDAR

WEEK		ACTIVITY
1 October	19 19- 22	Students return Junior Music Camp
2	27 28 29 30	Kinder orientation School Council P&C UNICEF Day of Change ISER Band Day Steve's Puppets K-6 Assembly
3 November	3	Kinder orientation Kid's Alive K-3 Looelines Masterminds @ Mittagong
4	10 11 13	Kinder orientation 3/4 AFL Gala Day K-6 Assembly

COMMUNITY NEWS & INSERTS:

Mittagong Public School places information in its newsletter from not for profit organisations and organisations offering activities for children as community service. Information included does not have official endorsement by the NSW DET and advertises activities that are not school activities. Inclusion of information should not be interpreted as an endorsement or recommendation by the school. The school accepts no responsibility for community news and inserts published in its newsletter. (G Olsen, Relieving Principal).

Challenged by your child's asthma?

'Parenting Children with Asthma'

Researchers from the University of Queensland are investigating the challenges faced by parents of children with asthma. This project involves a survey examining the factors that parents believe make management of childhood asthma more difficult.

What does participation involve?

Parents of children with asthma, aged 3 to 12 years, can participate by completing a set of online questionnaires about their family, their child, and their child's asthma. These questionnaires will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

You can complete the survey at: <http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/asthmaparents>

For more information, please contact Caroline Gregory (ph: 07 3365 9186, email: caroline.gregory@uqconnect.edu.au)

Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

Southern Highlands Youth Concert Band

Our local, council supported band for young players (under 18) of concert band instruments. Term 4 is a good time to try the band with Christmas Carols, as well as other titles on the playlist. Band rehearses at the Mittagong Playhouse Wednesday (during school term) 6.00 to 7.00pm. For more information contact : Mike Butcher 4869 1382

JUNIOR SUMMER CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2009/10

Registration will be held
Wednesday 14th, 21st, & 28th October
Moss Vale SC Grounds
Church Rd Moss Vale
Between 5-6pm
Enquiries : 0407 917 062—Nick D'Amore

There will be no Blue Light Disco this month! There will however be 2 in October. The first will be on Saturday 3rd October and the second on Saturday 31st October. Pre purchased tickets for seniors ONLY can be obtained from the usual outlets. For any inquiries please contact Chris Roberson 0414 629 299.



Free Kids School Holidays DIY Workshops
At Mittagong Bunnings Warehouse
Between 12noon and 1pm daily

Family Photo Day at Bowral High School
Saturday 24th October
Bowral High School Hall
\$15 per photo
Enquiries—Chrisitne Sands 4861 2255
(school Hours)



Summer Auskick & Rec AFL Footy

Registration Dates

Friday 25th Sept. & Friday 2 October 2009
Bargo Sports Ground 4 - 6.30 pm
Competition commences Friday 23rd October
Auskick rego fees \$40.00 inc. Auskick pack or \$10.00 without pack.
Rec Footy Rego Fee \$30.00 per player.
Players required for mixed teams, Ladies Comp, Men's Comp & Youth Comp (approx. 12yrs & over)
For more information contact
Summer Rec Footy Coordinator
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Gill O'Riordan Ph: 0419842031
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