



Newsletter

A small school where big things happen...

Week 8, Term 4

Wednesday, 29 November 2017

Upcoming Events

Nov

Thu 30 Kinder UOW excursion

Dec

Tue 5 KHS orientation day

Wed 6 Presentation Day

Thu 7 Year 6 farewell

Fri 8 Reports sent home

Tue 12 P&C night out (all welcome)

Wed 13 Twilight concert

Thu 14 Cardboard arcade

Fri 15 Talent show & last day

Jan

Tue 30 School resumes for students

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PRESENTATION DAY

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 6 December in the assembly hall. Please be seated for a 9:15am start. We ask that toddlers please be restrained so that the focus of the morning remains on students who are being acknowledged.

The ceremony will finish at approximately 11:00am and families are welcome to join students immediately afterwards. Please note that toilets in the assembly hall will be closed throughout the event. Anyone requiring toilets is requested to walk around to the boys and girls toilets in the playground or use the disabled facility outside the hall.

TWILIGHT CONCERT

Our annual Twilight Concert is being held in the assembly hall on Wednesday 13 December. The actual concert begins at 6.00pm, but families are welcome to arrive anytime after 5.00pm to sit outside on the grass and have a picnic. Please bring whatever you'd like to eat and drink, as well as something to sit or lie on.

Christmas hamper raffles will be run on the night, so please bring a few extra dollars.

A cake stall will also be run on the evening. If you are able to donate cakes, please bring them to school on the morning of Wednesday 13 December.

STUDENT REPORTS

End of year student reports will be sent home on Friday 8 December. Congratulations to everyone for another year of outstanding effort and achievement!





STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as student leaders for 2018: Bridget B (captain), Lucas F (captain), Aisha T, Jaydan J, Talon H and Jess B.

P&C END OF YEAR DINNER

The P&C would like to invite all parents to an end of year night out at Outback Steakhouse on Tuesday 12 December at 7:00pm. It's a wonderful opportunity to get together in a relaxed setting. Please RSVP to the school office if you'd like to join us.

KOOLYANGARRA

A reminder that Koolyangarra, our school yearbook, may be ordered for \$15. Order forms were sent home last week. If you have misplaced the order, please ask for another.

Koolyangarra must be pre-ordered, so be sure to get your order in before the end of the school year. The yearbooks will be distributed as soon as school resumes in 2018. The magazine is always a popular keepsake, so don't miss out!

Our competition to select the artworks for the front and back covers closes on Friday. Has your child submitted a design?

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Christmas tree has a growing number of gifts sitting beneath it. As a result of your generosity, a lot of disadvantaged children around the Illawarra will have a much happier Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has donated!

Parents wishing to still leave a gift have another two weeks to do so. Make sure that you attach one of the available gift tags when dropping off a present.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We still require donations to fill our Christmas hampers. A collection tub has been set up in the foyer outside the office for goods you may wish to leave. Any non-perishable food items, stationery, books, toys, vouchers, or anything else you would be happy to win yourself, would be greatly appreciated.

The hampers will be raffled at the Twilight Concert on Wednesday 13 December, so donations may be left anytime until then. Thanks very much!



CARDBOARD ARCADE

On Thursday 14 December (the second last day of school), 4/5/6S will be holding an arcade in the school hall to raise money for The Leukaemia Foundation, a cause close to the hearts of many members of the class. Classes will be invited to come and play a range of arcade games such as pinball, skee ball and air hockey, all created from recycled materials and designed entirely by students.

Entry will be a gold coin donation and there will be some small prizes on the day.

HATS

It is important for students to wear a hat during lunch and recess breaks, and whenever classes are outside. Any child not wearing a hat will be asked to stay in a shady area. Please ensure that your child wears a school hat, rather than a brightly coloured one, and that it is clearly marked with their name.

School hats are available from the uniform shop for \$12.



TALENT SHOW

The annual talent show is on the last day of term. The show will start at 9:15am in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend; it's always a great show!

HOLIDAYS

The final day of Term 4 is Friday 15 December. Please note that the school office will be not be open the following Monday and Tuesday.

School resumes for students on Tuesday 30 January 2018. The school office will be open on Monday 29th for general inquiries and uniform sales.



OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Anyone with an outstanding payment from 2017 is kindly asked to settle their account with the school office prior to the end of the school year. There is a large sum of money still owing from various excursions and curriculum activities throughout the year, making it difficult for us to pay our bills. Thank you for your cooperation in attending to this matter immediately.

As always, anyone experiencing financial difficulty should contact the school and seek assistance.

SCRIPTURE & ETHICS

Scripture and Ethics classes finished up today. We'd like to express our thanks to each of the volunteer teachers who give up their time each week. Thank you very much!

We weren't able to run Ethics classes for each stage group this year because of a shortage of volunteers. Would you perhaps be interested in learning what's involved in teaching an Ethics class? There's a specific curriculum to follow and you'll be supported every step of the way. We'd certainly appreciate hearing from you if you think you could help. Please get in touch!



MUFTI DAY

The final day of term will be a mufti day, but no gold coin donation is required, due to the charity fundraising activity the day before.

RETURN OF SCHOOL DEVICES

Please return all school iPads and MacBooks, along with chargers, by the end of next week. School devices need to be checked over and serviced prior to school resuming in 2018.

KINDER EXCURSION

Students in Kindergarten are heading out on an excursion tomorrow. They'll be visiting UOW's Early Start Discovery Space to explore and discover multiple interactive experiences and creative activities. And while they're there, we expect they'll have a huge amount of fun, along with learning lots of really important things of course!

LIFE EDUCATION AWARD

Congratulations to Cheye V, our 2017 Life Education award winner! Cheye was awarded the prize for her love of physical activity, sportsmanship and commitment to living a healthy lifestyle. You should see her do super fast, backward skips; impressive! We're all very proud of her efforts (and so is Harold). You can [read more here](#).

STAFFING

Felicity Fitzpatrick will be travelling overseas throughout 2018 and we'll all miss her terribly while she's away. The good news, however, is that she'll be returning to MOPS in 2019. Safe travels and we look forward to hearing all about your adventures!

THANK YOU!

I'd like to express a huge round of thanks to each and every one of our parent helpers. Without your generous spirit, we couldn't provide so many of the vital services we do.



Thank you to all of the mums, dads, grandmas and grandpas who helped out on canteen, supported kids as reading tutors, volunteered in classrooms, cooked barbecues at different events, attended and contributed to P&C meetings, provided artistic advice and countless hours of professional support, assisted with and donated to fundraising initiatives, taught Scripture or Ethics classes, or helped out with any number of other things. Thank you to all of you!

FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2017

The newsletter will not be published in the last week of term; this is the final read for 2017.

CANTEEN CLOSURE FOR 2017

Please note the final day for ordering from the canteen is Friday 8 December. The canteen will be closed during the final week of term.

CANTEEN ROSTER

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Wed	29	Anthea G
Thurs	30	Kimberley C
Fri	1	Katrina L

Wed	6	Jess T
Thurs	7	Tareyn V, Katrina O
Fri	8	Katrina L, Alexandra H

Have a safe and happy Christmas everyone!

Peter Holmes
Principal





RED MERIT AWARDS

- Kinder:** Bat-Erdene D, Aliesha F, Giselle H, Fatimah A
- K/1D:** William T, Hussein A, Affan A, Margot B
- Year 1/2C:** Jacob F, Emma B, Ethan C, Leo C
- Year 1/2F:** Jeremiah S, Saleel A, Hunter D, Mack S
- Year 2/3M:** Miriam O, Jed P, Jack K, Ibrahim A
- Year 3/4A:** Nicholas K, Ben W, Tabarek A
- Year 3/4S:** Elijah Z, Ari P, Sam O, Raihana S
- Year 5/6B:** Jess B, Rupert P, Jackson B, Aisha T
- Year 4/5/6S:** Harry L, Max B, Teba A, Lavanya C
- Library:** Thanaa A, Jasmine R



GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Nate B, Penelope T, Massara F, Alexis L, Shelby B, Ibrahim A, Ahmed A, Zain A, Luca W, Matilda L
 Congratulations!



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Congratulations Thanaa A, for making our school a happier place to be!



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to Flynn C and Soraya S for receiving the Principal's Award; Flynn for being a responsible leader and Soraya for resilience in learning.



CLASS OF THE FORTNIGHT

The Class of the Fortnight was awarded to 2/3M. Congratulations!



CLASS ITEM

There was no class item for the final assembly of 2017.



MOPS FM

MOPS Pros combined with MOPS Legends to bring you a slightly longer than usual episode to round out the year. [Click here to watch the MOPS Marathon.](#)



KIDSPACE

Nude Food Day

November 28th was a low waste lunch box day for the kids at MOPS. 3/4A would like to help reduce the amount of waste we create when we bring our lunches to school.

Now you're probably wondering what a low waste lunch box is. Well, a low waste lunch box is a lunch box that is waste free. Everything either comes in a container or on its own. There are no wrappers or plastic.

Waste-free lunches benefit the environment by reducing packaging waste, which in turn reduces energy and resource use. Packaged food tends to have more fats and sugars which are unhealthy. Most food that doesn't come in packages is healthy and good for your body.

Join with us to bring a waste free lunch box to school and help save our environment.

By Ruby P



Billy B



Preston H



Lucy L



CAMP AUSTRALIA
we make kids smile

READY, SET... GO!

Come for a day, every day or anything in between

HOLIDAY FUN!

Join in the fun of the Amazing Games at
Mount Ousley Public School

To view what's on these school holidays and to
book, visit us at
www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayfun

AMAZING GAMES

A promotional poster for Camp Australia's "Amazing Games" at Mount Ousley Public School. The poster features a blue background with a green banner at the top that says "Come for a day, every day or anything in between". Below this is a large yellow banner with "HOLIDAY FUN!" in blue letters. The text below the banner invites people to join the fun and provides a website link. At the bottom, there are illustrations of children playing various sports and a globe logo with "AMAZING GAMES" written on it.

Go4Fun

Register now
for term 1 2018

UOW Sports Hub
Wollongong
Saturdays

A fitter, happier
healthier kids
program

NSW Health
Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District

Call 1800 780 900 or visit www.go4fun.com.au

A promotional advertisement for "Go4Fun". It features a collage of photos showing children and adults participating in activities. The text includes "Register now for term 1 2018", "UOW Sports Hub Wollongong Saturdays", "A fitter, happier healthier kids program", and contact information: "Call 1800 780 900 or visit www.go4fun.com.au". The NSW Health Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District logo is also present.