



NEWSLETTER Term 4 | Week 1 | 2019

Hello and welcome to our MOPS community... Whether you are near or far, if you are reading this, we would like you to feel part of our community - either physically or virtually. Here are some stories about what we've been up to, what we're currently creating or what we're dreaming up for our future...

*Tiffany Sinton
Relieving Principal*

OCTOBER

- Tue 15 Harmony Circle - Coffee & Chat @9:15am
- Tue 15 The Fathering Project Pizza Night @6pm
- Wed 16 S2 Excursion - Elizabeth Farm
- Sat 19 Car wash and Fun Day
- Mon 21 Swim Scheme begins
- Fri 25 Bandana Day & The Fathering Project Paper Plane Activity
- Tue 22 Indigenous Event Community Yarn Meeting
- Tue 29 Kinder Orientation #1
- Thu 31 ASPECT visit

NOVEMBER

- Tue 5 Kinder Orientation #2
- Mon 11 Remembrance Day
- Tue 12 Kinder Orientation #3
- Tue 12 P&C Meeting
- Fri 15 Obstacool
- Tue 19 Harmony Circle Luncheon @ 12:20
- Fri 22 S2 & S3 Gala Day

END OF YEAR

- Dec 11 Presentation Day
- Dec 12 Year 6 Farewell
- Dec 17 Twilight Concert
- Dec 18 Last day for students

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and that you're all raring to go for our final term of the year! As always, there will be lots happening, so please keep checking Seesaw, Skoolbag and this newsletter to keep on top of all the arrangements!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MOPS!

What a wonderful time we had celebrating the school's 60th birthday. It was great to see so many past students, staff and families come and join us. The memorabilia museum was a huge hit, as were the engaging activities that ran throughout the day. Congratulations to Susie Hamers for all of the hard work organising the day and for her stunning book capturing our interesting history. Be sure to download a copy for free at: <https://books.apple.com/us/book/id1480980083>



KINDERGARTEN 2020

Kindergarten orientation sessions will be held over 3 consecutive Tuesdays from 10:00 til 11:30am beginning on 29 October. Please spread the word to friends who are considering MOPS for their child.

BANDS IN THE MALL

Congratulations to the members of our band groups who performed in the mall last term. You were wonderful representatives of the school and had members of the public tapping their toes!

SWIM SCHEME

Our two-week swim scheme program will begin in next week. If your child is attending this program, please make sure that all swimming gear is brought to school ready for the first lesson on Monday.

FAMILY FUN DAY AND CAR WASH!

Have you booked in your car for its Spring makeover? Are you ready for games, hair braiding, yummy food and simply all-round fun? Come along this Saturday 10am - 2pm for this exciting family event!

FAMILY PORTRAITS

Just a couple of spots left for our MOPS Family Photo Fundraiser! For only \$40 (which will be donated to the school), you'll get a 15 min session and complimentary 8x10" print with Jennifer Vello Photography. Book in quickly at: www.jennifervellophotography.com/mopsmini. Password: Mopsmini2019

UPCYCLE CHALLENGE

Did you spend some creative time over the holidays working on our green team's challenge? We are looking forward to seeing all your entries in our recycled sculpture garden!

THE FATHERING PROJECT

On Tuesday evening this week, some of our MOPS dads and father-figures met for a pizza night. It was a great opportunity to make connections and talk about future Fathering Project events. On Friday 25 November, we will be having a Paper Plane Fun afternoon, run by The Fathering Project initiative. To put your paper plane-making skills to the test, meet us at school at 2pm next Friday!

ART EVENINGS

Would you be interested in a space to make art, get crafty and socialise with others in our MOPS community? We are looking at starting a 'studio space' at school where MOPS parents/grandparents can meet fortnightly. Please contact Maria: maynard.m@iinet.net.au to express your interest.

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS

The solar panels are up! And we are so excited to be able to do our bit for the environment. We look forward to getting a screen monitor installed soon on which we will all be able to observe the green energy output the panels are producing. What a great learning opportunity!

I have been loving our fortnightly coffee mornings (Harmony Circles)! Thanks to all of the mums, dads and grandparents who have been coming along. There have been lots of inspiring ideas and we are deep into our first project to create a community cookbook. We will be asking for your favourite recipes for easy dinners, healthy lunch-boxes, afternoon snacks, kids cooking, garden-to-plate ideas and more. To continue our planning, we will hold a pot-luck luncheon for all interested on Tuesday 19 November at 12:20pm. Please get in touch if you would like to join us!



Yesterday afternoon, I was so proud to watch Lexi Piazza and Mia Banks receive well-deserved recognition at the Northern Illawarra AECG Deadly Encouragement Awards. Congratulations to both girls for your outstanding achievements!



We are now midway through our 2018-2020 School Planning cycle and are making great headway in our Strategic Directions. One of our focuses is community engagement, with a goal to increase parent voice and involvement this year. In order to do this, I have been looking for ways to hear from more of you. As you know, I am always available for appointments if you need to chat. In addition, we now have our Harmony Circle coffee mornings, especially for those who cannot make evening meetings. In line with this, the P&C has also been trying to get wider participation by designing a more engaging format and varying the meeting times. Next week, they will be putting out a survey asking for your preferred times. Make sure you let your voice be heard by completing the survey.

It is always lovely chatting with parents at morning assemblies and in the afternoons. Lots of the inspiration for events and initiatives come from these casual conversations. This morning, I found out that there is an interest in getting together for a weekend working bee to beautify our Eastern driveway/entrance gardens. I love the idea! We are also looking at redesigning and building a working kitchen garden where the veggie beds are currently. If you would also be interested in either of these projects, please drop by and let me know. I am deeply grateful for and moved by your ongoing support and your passionate engagement with our school! Thank you!

As always, I look forward to building on our relationships, and continuing to grow our amazing school.

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CANTEEN ROSTER

OCTOBER

Tue	15	Simon G, Kath G
Wed	16	Kate H, Sarah B
Thurs	17	Sarah S & Leia T
Fri	18	Leanne N & Mel H

Tue	22	Simon G & Kath G
Wed	23	Amy W
Thurs	24	Jenny L
Fri	25	Andy L Greg

Tue	29	Simon G , Kath G
Wed	30	Amanda L
Thurs	31	Anthea G
Fri	1	

CANTEEN CAMEOS

Extra helpers required on the following dates:

Wednesday 23rd October
Thursday 24th October
Wednesday 30th October
Thursday 31st October

If you are able to help on one of these days please email Amanda at amandalawler77@gmail.com

No experience, no worries

All you need to do is shadow our regular and help out serving

#mopssquad

Important: Please do not allow students to enter the canteen while parents / volunteers are working.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARDS

Term 3 Week 10

K Belong: Baile E-C, Harrison S, Serrah G Zane H

K Discover: Rose A, Jovee F, Olver H, Tilly W

1/2 Believe: Eleni F, Suleuiman A-R, Christian P, Dema A-J

1/2 Imagine: Jett B, Arayna J, Ren L, Ollie W

2/3 Smile: Kane B, Nate B, Hussein A,
Amber H

3/4 Create: David B, Tamikah T, Jeremiah S, Alexander S

3/4 Unite: Decoda R , Alana B, Darius G, Jacob F

4/5 Dream: Jeramey L, Victoria D, Seattle B, Keira G

5/6 Marvel: Nick H, Rafael K, Mia B, Jeorgia M, Lavanga C

5/6 Together: Amelia R, Kye M, Holly P

GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Fatimah A, Christian S, Phoenix B,
Savannah C, Aleix L, Eilidh M, Vesna D, Jeramey L

Congratulations!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

FAMILY FUN DAY/CAR WASH!



Date- 19th of October.

Time- 10am - 2pm.

Events to take place on the day-

- Car wash
- Sausage sizzle
- Cupcake stall
- Hair braiding stall
- Free kid games starting from -11am

Car wash, limited spots. To not miss out, rsvp asap and secure your preferred time.



This campaign promotes the de-stigmatisation of mental health while highlighting early intervention practices for positive mental health and wellbeing, balancing nicely with the topic of self-care. More info: <http://mentalhealthmonth.wayahead.org.au/>

Connect. Create. Care. Cozy. Calm. Revitalise. Restore. Reflect. Value. Community. Peaceful. Build. In. Respect. Togetherness. Love. Friendship. Unite. Balance. Gratitude. Ideas. Share. Inclusive. Joy. Laugh. Wellbeing. Thrive. Calm. Inspire. Learn. e. Relationships. Culture. Trust. Connect. Create. Care. Kindness. Stories. Help. Place. Innovate. Inspire. Future. Value. Meaning. Open. Grow.

ALL WELCOME
BYO COFFEE

harmony circle

FORTNIGHTLY

TUESDAYS 9:15
IN THE OLA

our in-database designed for wtd& by our mpsd parent community

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