



NEWSLETTER Term 4 | Week 4 | 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*

NOVEMBER

- Tue 5 Kinder Orientation #2
- Mon 11 Remembrance Day
- Tue 12 Kinder Orientation #3
- Tue 12 P&C Meeting
- Thu 14 Instrumental Festival @ 7pm
- Fri 15 Obstacool & BBQ
- Tue 19 Harmony Pot Luck Luncheon @ 12:20
- Fri 22 S2 & S3 Gala Day
- Wed 27 Student Leadership speeches

DECEMBER

- Fri 6 White Ribbon Day
- Tue 10 P&C Dinner
- Wed 11 Presentation Day
- Thu 12 Year 6 Farewell
- Tue 17 Twilight Concert
- Wed 18 Last day for students

NEW YEAR - JANUARY 2020

- Tue 28 Teachers' First Day - no students
- Wed 29 First School Day of 2020
- Feb 6 Swimming Carnival

What a busy start to Term 4 we've had... a Combined Community of Schools Indigenous event, our first Kindergarten Orientation, a Dads Pizza Night, our first Fathering Project event, Bandana Day, Swim Scheme, Stage 2 excursion to Elizabeth Farm in Parramatta, Kindergarten excursion to the Early Discovery Centre, a parents' Harmony Circle meet, the Deadly Encouragement Awards, and our Family Fun Car Wash Day... And the term is just getting started! As always, please keep checking Seesaw, Skoolbag and this newsletter to keep on top of what's happening.

KINDERGARTEN 2020

It was so lovely to meet all the wonderful new MOPS families at our first 2020 Kindergarten Orientation last Tuesday. The second session will be held on Tuesday 5 November from 10:00 til 11:30am. Please spread the word to friends who are considering MOPS for their child.

BAND NEWS

The 2019 Combined Wollongong Schools Instrumental Festival will be held on Thursday 14 November at 7pm at Wollongong Town Hall. There will be a rehearsal on the day. We will leave from school at 8:30am. I am looking forward to seeing and hearing our talented musicians perform on the night.

FAMILY FUN DAY AND CAR WASH!

What a magnificent day we had on our Family Fun Day! It was perfect weather - sunny and warm, and we all got to come into school (on a Saturday) and do 'non-school' things like hang out all day, wash cars, get wet and have fancy hairdos done. It was so great to see the community come together. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to help out on the day and to support our school. Huge thanks go to Sarah Bull who planned, organised and worked hard at the event... and also to her trusty team (including kids)! A mighty amount of \$808 was raised. We sincerely appreciate the incredible job you all did!



YEAR 5

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2021

Online applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2021 are now open and will remain open until 10pm on Monday 11 November 2019. If you have indicated your intention to apply but have not done so, please apply urgently before the due date.

SWIM SCHEME

Our MOPS Swim Scheme students had fun strengthening their water skills at the pool over the past two weeks. Thanks so much to the accompanying teachers, Mrs Anderson and Ms Van Dragt!



THE FATHERING PROJECT - PAPER PLANE DAY

On Friday 25 November, we had a Paper Plane afternoon, run by The Fathering Project initiative. It was amazing to see so many dads, uncles, grandfathers and other carers come along and engage in this event! On behalf of the kids, thank you for your support! Thanks also to Mr Dixon for organising this meaningful event!



COMBINED COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS YARN MEETING

We are so proud to have hosted the inaugural Yarn Meeting community event for Indigenous kids and families from schools around our area. This idea sprang from one of our own MOPS Yarn Meetings with parents. Our goal to connect with others, share stories and create together was successfully engaged in by our visitors - who are all now excited about becoming involved in and spreading the word for future events. Well done to our MOPS team of teachers, students and families who put lots of heart and soul into creating, planning and facilitating this event. So proud!



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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We're collecting non-perishable food items, toys, stationery, vouchers and anything else that would be suitable for inclusion in a Christmas hamper. The collection box will be located in the foyer, outside the office. Hampers will be raffled at the Twilight Concert in the last week of term. Thanks for your support!

OBSTACOOOL

Just reminding you all about our community Obstacool day next Friday 15 November. Students, future students, parents, grandparents and siblings are all welcome to come along and join in the fun. There will be a sausage sizzle on the day which you can pre-order. Our day will begin with a parents and kids session. Any students who have their parents with us at the very beginning of the day (from 9:00) can go for the first laps of the course together! Again this year, our P&C is subsidising this rewarding community event so that it will be half price for our students - just \$5 each child. Visitors and future students are free. Thank you so much to our generous P&C!

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS

School Plan snapshots: I thought it might be interesting to give you glimpses into how we are delivering on our current School Plan. Last newsletter, I introduced that one focus of our School Plan is around community engagement. *[Within Strategic Direction 3: "Enhance a sense of community and continue to build relationships."]* Another part of our plan focuses on wellbeing. *[Within Strategic Direction 1: Ensure a culture of wellbeing is present throughout the school.]* One milestone this year is to ensure that every member of our staff, including our support staff, has an understanding of trauma-informed practice. We have invested in professional learning for our teachers throughout the year, including an intensive four-day training course for a small team. Our whole staff has been participating in professional learning at school also, where teachers have designed workshops to share their newfound knowledge with others, so we can all implement the ideas into our practice. We will continue doing this through meetings and reflections throughout this term and next. I love that every teacher at MOPS is deeply committed to constantly improving in order to cater for our diverse student needs. I am so impressed that they spend their own time researching, learning and working hard to be high quality educators for all our learners.

Harmony Circle highlights: Don't forget we are planning to create a community cookbook for our school. Our Harmony Circle team 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 their planning, they are holding a pot-luck luncheon for all interested on Tuesday 19 November at 12:20pm. Please get in touch if you would like to join in!

Working Bee: As mentioned in the last newsletter, there is some parent interest in a weekend *working bee* to beautify our Eastern driveway/entrance (and our student toilet blocks). Possible dates for this are Saturdays 16, 23 and 30 November, 9am-1pm. Please let the office know which date you prefer. We are also looking at redesigning and building a working kitchen garden. If you would be interested in any of these projects, please let us know. I am deeply grateful for your ongoing support and moved by 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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Relieving Principal*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARDS

Term 4 Week 4

K Belong:	Isaac W, Pedro S, Zoe W, Imogen H
K Discover:	Rose A, Tilly W, Ashton C, Ivy S
1/2 Believe:	Savannah C, Ru M, Amelie P, Aila P
1/2 Imagine:	Aaliyah W, Amelia S, Amara S, Ryan M
2/3 Smile:	Kane B, Nate B, Luke B, Gwen S
3/4 Create:	Saleel A-M, Hunter W, Vanessa L, Jake M
3/4 Unite:	Lucy M, Zahra A-R, Jacob F, David Y
4/5 Dream:	Dante T, Daisy K, Keira G, Jamilah K
5/6 Marvel:	Alfie H, Tejasvi R, Ruby P, Ava M-P
5/6 Together:	Hendrix H, Johnny B, Sam O, Casey P

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Eleni F for being a supportive and kind friend.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Tiyanah-Ray Murphy for citizenship and community spirit.

Congratulations!

CANTEEN ROSTER

NOVEMBER

Tue	5	Simon G, Kath G
Wed	6	Amy W
Thurs	7	Tareyn V, Katrina O
Fri	8	Ally H

Tue	12	Simon G, Kath G
Wed	13	Kate H
Thurs	14	Leia T
Fri	15	Andy L, Greg F

Tue	19	Simon G, Kath G
Wed	20	Amanda L
Thurs	21	Anthea G
Fri	22	Anthea G

CANTEEN CAMEOS

Extra helpers required on the following dates:-

6th, 8th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, & 22nd Nov

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.



Please donate to our annual

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets sold and drawn at our
Twilight Concert Tuesday
17.12.19

WHAT CAN I DONATE?

XMAS THEMED
BISCUITS
CHOCOLATES
LOLLIES
CHIPS
PUDDINGS



XMAS
DECORATIONS
NOVELTY ITEMS
SMALL TOYS
BOOKS
SMALL GAMES
KRIS KRINGLE
ITEMS

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATION SUGGESTIONS

TINNED FOOD
GROCERY ITEMS
NONPERISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS



ANYTHING THAT
YOU WOULD LIKE
TO WIN IN A
XMAS HAMPER

The more donations we have the more hampers we can raffle.

ALL DONATIONS TO BE LEFT IN THE BOX
PROVIDED AT THE FRONT OF THE OFFICE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Each year Mops supports Ryan
Parks annual toy drive.

OUR GIVING TREE

Donations can be left under
the tree in the office foyer. All
donations must be
unwrapped.

DONATIONS SUPPORT VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

MOPSY is looking for some fun
with a loving MOPS family
these Summer Holidays!

MOPSY loves dress up's, non-
stop fun, play time and most
importantly cuddles.

A cage and some food will be
provided. If you are interested,
please get in touch with the
office on 02 4285 4211.



Vacation Care helpers wanted!!