



## NEWSLETTER Term 4 | Week 6 | 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

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

## **BAND NEWS**

Last Thursday evening, our MOPS Concert Band performed at the 2019 Combined Wollongong Schools Instrumental Festival. They played with passion and confidence, and received an overwhelming response from the audience. Congratulations to David, Jenny and Mark who mentor all our students in music. And congratulations to the amazing MOPS student musicians... you truly were a stand-out group amongst all the schools!

## **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](mailto: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**

Thank you to our generous P&C who once again subsidised our community Obstacool day last Friday. It was wonderful to see our students, future students, parents, grandparents and siblings joining in the fun.

## **HARMONY CIRCLE**

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. Please get in touch if you would like to contribute a recipe or two!

## **FROM THE LIBRARY**

As the end of the year is fast approaching, could you please check in bookshelves, under beds and in toy cupboards for any library books that might have been forgotten about? I need to do a full stocktake of our library collection, so would appreciate the return of any overdue books as soon as possible. The final week for student borrowing will be next week, so that the stocktake can begin.

Our Christmas book fair has just started in the library and what an amazing collection it is! There are lots of beautiful picture books, novels and kits for sale, along with some fun stationery items. Prices range from \$1 - \$25, with eftpos facilities also available. So if you need to do some Christmas shopping, why not visit the fair? It will be open every lunchtime for students and from 3:00 - 3:30pm every afternoon for families. Any parents wishing to do "secret" shopping can see me and arrange a time.

Susie Hamers

## **TALENT SHOW**

Thank you to the students who have signed up for this year's talent show! Mrs Hamers will send out a note in the next few days, with information about auditions and the show itself.

## PRINCIPAL REFLECTIONS

I love walking around the school seeing and hearing classes preparing for our Twilight Concert 2019. We are again embracing the opportunity for our community to come together to socialise, and to celebrate our kids, our school and another beautiful year. We will start at 4:30 to enjoy family, friends, food trucks and picnics together in our Outdoor Learning Area. The concert will be split into two parts. Session One will be Kindergarten, 1/2 and 2/3, and will start at 6:00pm. The Raffles will be drawn at intermission. Session Two will involve 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6, beginning at 6:30pm and finishing around 7:00pm. You are welcome to come along to your child's session. If you do not have a child in one of the concert halves, you may continue to enjoy the picnic during that time. I look forward to catching up with you there!

## THE EMPATHY PROJECT

I love that many of our social entrepreneurs are still committed to helping others and making an impact on our world! They have been working with Miss Fitzpatrick each week to develop and put their plans into action. Here are some of the current projects that you can support:

### Homeless Helpers

We are the Homeless Helpers and our empathy project is about helping the homeless and less fortunate children. We are running a campaign to donate manchester (sheets, towels etc), food and toys. If you want to help with the campaign please bring in only new items and foods that are **non - perishable**. Please bring the donations to the front office from Week 7 until Week 9. All these items will be donated to The Ryan Park Christmas Toy Drive and the Homeless Hub Wollongong. By donating you will bring a big smile to a less fortunate child's face.

Thanks for your Help!

The Homeless Helpers Team (Year 4 girls)



## Warriors For Women Foundation

Last year we started an empathy project and now, we're going to be holding a clothes store! Our aim is to help women all around Australia who are going through hardship.



We have been in contact with Dress For Success which is an organisation that helps single/ homeless women all around Australia who are struggling with problems in their life. They give them new clothes for work and at home and also give them advice! On the 6th of December, we will be off to the Friday Forager's Markets at Crown St Mall to sell good quality second-hand clothes. All our proceeds will go to Dress For Success. So, if you have time on Friday, drop by our stall and pick up some nice clothes for all ages and genders! By doing so you will be helping women around Australia achieve success. ~ Duong & Lavanya (Year 6 Students)

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

*Tiffany Sinton  
Relieving Principal*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARDS

### Term 4 Week 6

<b>K Belong:</b>	Ella W, Angus T, Isabella C, Benson B
<b>K Discover:</b>	Arya S, Imogen E, Jovee F, Adam A-Z
<b>1/2 Believe:</b>	Mara B, Ben M, Oliver W, Mohammad A
<b>1/2 Imagine:</b>	Zoe H, Alizei T, Toby S, Isla S
<b>2/3 Smile:</b>	Ishym S, Jay L, Tayla G, Amy A
<b>3/4 Create:</b>	Hirada L, Alexis L, Jayke G, Soolaf A
<b>3/4 Unite:</b>	Abood A, Max N, Paul M, Astrid P-K
<b>4/5 Dream:</b>	Elliott P-K, Ada W, Jed P, Max S
<b>5/6 Marvel:</b>	Zain A, Alexis P, Billy B, Raihana S
<b>5/6 Together:</b>	Luca W, Phoenix B, Jeorgia M, Mia B

**LIBRARY AWARDS** Vanessa L, Pippa W

## GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Tilly W, Amelia S, Ryan M, Kane B, Isabel G, Eli C-R X2

Congratulations!

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Marli S for being a leader standing up for others

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Dante Tepu - for empathy and showing leadership

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### NOVEMBER

Tue	26	Simon G, Kath G
Wed	27	Amanda L
Thurs	28	Anthea G
Fri	29	Anthea G

### CANTEEN CAMEOS

Extra helpers required on the following dates:-

27th, 28th & 29th November

If you are able to help on one of these days please email Amanda at [amandalawler77@gmail.com](mailto: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.***

## KOOLYANGARRA 2019

Every year, we produce a yearbook that showcases our students. It is an 80 page, full colour magazine containing a piece of work from each student in the school, along with photographs of school events. The magazine is now available to be ordered at a cost of \$15 per copy. If you would like one, orders will be accepted until 7th February 2020. Delivery will not be until late February, so if your child is in year 6, please indicate on the form how you would like to receive your copy.

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I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ copy/copies of Koolyangarra 2019.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or I have made an online payment and my receipt number is \_\_\_\_\_.

[Year 6 students: Please indicate if you want your copy delivered to another student, or provide your phone number so we can notify you when it is ready to be collected.]



# Christmas Family Night

**FREE**

**Thursday 5th December**  
**6.00 – 8:00pm Located in our Timber Yard**

- Jumping Castle
- Matildas Farmyard
- Men's Barbershop Chorus
- Magical Clown
- Light Refreshments

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