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NEWSLETTER Term 3 | Week 8 | 2019

SEPTEMBER

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*

Some upcoming events to look out for in this newsletter:

- Sat 14 Operation Art exhibition
- Sun 15 Tournament of Minds
- Tue 17 Harmony Circle - parents coffee meet
- Thurs 26 MOPS 60th celebrations
- Fri 27 Last day of Term 3
- Sat 28 School Holidays

OCTOBER

- Mon 14 Term 4 First day back
- Tue 15 P&C Meeting
- Wed 16 S2 Excursion
- Sat 19 Family Fun Car Wash Day
- Tue 22 Indigenous Community Event
- Fri 25 The Fathering Project - Paper Plane event
- Tue 29 Kinder Orientation

NOVEMBER

- Tue 5 Kinder Orientation
- Mon 11 Remembrance Day
- Tue 12 Kinder Orientation
- Tue 12 P&C Meeting
- Fri 15 Obstacool

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Welcome to Spring! As the days start to lengthen and the weather starts to warm up, we'd like to take the opportunity to remind you to make sure your child has a hat in their bag every day. Students without hats are being asked to play in the shade.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Wow! Congratulations to Miss Brule and the amazing TOM team: Ruby P, Amelia R, Teba A, Johnny B, Sam O, Eli Z and Rafael K, who won the STEM section at the Tournament of Minds competition held at the University of Wollongong on Father's Day. At the time of writing this newsletter, the team are preparing for the next level of the competition, to be held in Sydney on Sunday 15th. Good luck!

KINDERGARTEN 2020

We are now taking enrolments for next year's Kindergarten classes. If you have a child starting school in 2020, now is the time to visit the office to fill in all the details! If you know of families who are considering joining us at MOPS next year, we'd appreciate you letting them know that a walkthrough of the school can be arranged with Ms Sinton. It has been lovely to see some new little faces walking around MOPS! Official orientation sessions will begin in term 4 on Tuesday 29 October.

CAMP

It was lovely to hear lots of happy stories about camp from our stage 3 students, who returned from a 3 day, 2 night camp late last week. Thanks to Mrs Myers, Mrs Shield, Ms Van Dragt and Mr Dixon for accompanying the students and to Mrs Millet for making a surprise visit on Thursday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MOPS!

Our special "Back to MOPS" day on Thursday 26th September is fast approaching. Students will be involved in activities that showcase our school's history, and we will also be officially launching our downloadable book written by our wonderful resident author, Mrs Hamers. This will be done as part of a whole school assembly to be held at 11am in the hall, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch. Parents are very welcome to join us for both. A museum of school memorabilia will be on display in the library, including some very special 'Living Books'! It will be open to visitors throughout the lunch break. If you know any ex-students, please feel free to pass on this invitation on!

E SAFETY GUIDELINES

For information about how to help your child have safe and enjoyable experiences online, I would like to urge parents to visit this website: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

WANTED: A BUNNY SITTER!

With the holidays fast approaching, we need some volunteers to look after our rabbit, Mopsy! A cage and some food will be provided. If you are interested, please let the office know.

SAVE THE DATE!

A **family fun day/car wash** is being held on Saturday 19th October. Please see the community section of this newsletter for all the details and an RSVP form, to be returned by the end of the term.

COMMUNICATION

We love engaging with our parent community and keeping the lines of communication open in order to best support your children and their learning. In order to achieve this more efficiently, this term we have been working with a team of experts on streamlining our processes of communication within the school. Here are some highlights of the guidelines:-

- Please use Seesaw to communicate with your class teacher about your child's learning and events at school.
- If you would like to arrange a meeting or discuss other concerns, please email the school at info@mops.nsw.edu.au . List the topics you wish to discuss in point form. Your email will be directed to the relevant staff member and someone will be in contact with you. Please understand that schools are busy places, and staff members may not always be able to communicate with you straight away, but will make every effort to get back to you as soon as possible.
- If you happen to have a teacher's personal phone number, please do not share it with others. It would also be greatly appreciated if you please respect their privacy and keep calls within reasonable hours on school days.
- When calling or visiting the School Office, please note that their hours are 8:30am - 3:30pm.
- If for an unforeseen circumstance you are running late for pickup at 3pm, please call to let the office staff know. Your child/ren will wait for you at the office, but you will need to arrange for alternative pickup if you cannot arrive by 3:30pm. Our caring office staff are sometimes staying outside of their paid hours to ensure each child is safely picked up.

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS

It was an honour to attend the NSW Education Regional South Operational Directorate Awards this week with educators from across the Wollongong and Wollongong North networks. While we acknowledge that it takes the efforts and talents of a *whole* team to build an amazing school, it was so special to see four of our outstanding educators recognised with awards and celebrated by the larger system. Congratulations to Leanne Fowler, Chelsea Van Dragt, Laura Drysdale and Savanna Brule! MOPS was also honoured with an Executive Directors Award presented by Lynne Irvine PSM.

I would like to reach out once again and thank you for your kindness, support and understanding during my recovery. I am now back to full-time hours. I have been so happy to reconnect with many of you over the past few weeks, and it got me thinking about ways to extend those connections with more of you. Pondering on student 'Morning Tea with the Principal' and how it aims to honour student voice and a feeling of 'This school is for me', I was wondering how we might achieve this for parents too. In a discussion with some parents recently, I posed the challenge to them. I loved their idea of a coffee morning meet, which they have named 'Harmony Circle'. The vision is to connect, build a feeling of community and voice, and nurture wellbeing and care for each other. While I appreciate that not everyone will be able to make mornings, it is intended to be yet another way for parents to connect with the school. If you can make it, we would love to see you! Find the poster on our Community page.

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

Tiffany Sinton - Relieving Principal

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

SEPTEMBER

Tue	17	Simon G & Kath G
Wed	18	Kate H & Sarah B
Thurs	19	Sarah S & Leia T
Fri	20	Andy L & Greg F

Tue	24	Simon G & Kath G
Wed	25	Amy W & Jess T
Thurs	26	Jenny I
Fri	27	Leanne N & Mel H

CANTEEN CAMEOS

Extra helpers required on the following dates:-

Thursday 26th September

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARDS

K Belong: Ella.W, Ada.S, Tung.D, Pedro.S

K Discover: Ashton.C, Bianca.C, Cruze.G, Arya.S

1/2 Believe: Ben.M, Jillian.B, Lexi.M, Mara.B

1/2 Imagine: Amelia.S, Brody.C, Sienna.M, Christian.S

2/3 Smile: Tayla.G, Pippa.W, Ishym.S, Luke.B

3/4 Create: Cheye.V, Leo.C, Ruby.L, Coco.T

3/4 Unite: Liam.H, Onaya.E, Eilidh.M, Hsien.L

4/5 Dream: Daniah.K, Fatimah.M, Lochlan.S, Shelby.B

5/6 Marvel: Ava.M-P, Jagger.P, Rade.D, Elijah.Z

5/6 Together: Noah.T, Isabel.G, Nikita.T, Khaled.A-R

LIBRARY AWARDS: Milla.T, Vanessa.L

GOLD AWARD

Gold awards were awarded to Mustafa.A, Phoenix.B, Miriam.O. Congratulations!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS: Congratulations Christina.T - for being helpful and enthusiastic attitude.

Eli.C-R - for being a supportive friend.

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Poster designed by Phoenix Bull Y2

FAMILY FUN DAY / CAR WASH RSVP – return by 27th September

Number of people expected to attend Family Fun Day

Book me in for car wash. I have enclosed \$..... (\$10 per car).

Please select 3 timeslots and number from 1-3 in order of preference.

10am 11am 12.00pm 1.00pm

10.30am 11.30am 12.30pm 1.30pm

Tick if applicable: I can help on the day. I can donate cupcakes/baked goods on the day.

Name..... Ph.....

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Revitalise. Restore. Reflect. Val Community. Peaceful. Build. In Respect. Togetherness. Love. R Friendship. Unite. Balance. Pla Gratitude. Ideas. Fur Share. Nurture Joy. P Wellnes Laugh Wellbe Calm. Im e. Relationships. Culture. Trust. Connect. Create. Care. Kindness. Stories. Help. Place. Innovate. Inspire. Future. Value. Meaning. Open. Grow.

ALL WELCOME
BYO COFFEE

*harmony
circle*

TUESDAYS 9:15
IN THE OLA

an initiative designed for with & by our
strong parent community



FAIRY MEADOW SURF LIFE
SAVING

NIPPERS OPEN DAY

13TH OCTOBER FROM 10AM

Come down and see what nippers is all about! You'll be able to meet club members and register before the start of the nippers season. Registration is now available online through our website. For more info visit our Facebook page or website fairymeadowslsc.com



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