



NEWSLETTER Term 4 | Week 8 | 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*

DECEMBER

- Mon 9 2/3 Fish Sculpture Garden
- Tue 10 P&C Dinner - 7pm @ Balgownie Hotel
- Wed 11 Presentation Day
- Thu 12 Year 6 Farewell
- Mon 16 Yearly Reports go home
- 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

STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to all of the Year 5 candidates who nominated themselves for a student leadership role next year. You all showed courage and impressive communication skills during your leadership speeches. It was definitely a heart wrenching process with lots of worthy candidates.

But the votes are in, and it is my honour to

announce and congratulate the following students who have been elected as student leaders for 2020:

Ruby P (captain), Johnny B (captain), Jamilah K, Elijah Z, Holly P and Billy B.



2/3 SMILE SCULPTURE GARDEN

Our 2/3 Smile sculptors are excited to invite you to their exhibition of fish sculpture artworks in the Outdoor Learning Area on Monday 9 December. The gallery will be open between 9:00 and 11:00am.



PRESENTATION DAY

Our 2019 Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 11 December in the assembly hall at 9:15am, finishing at approximately 11:00am. Please note that the toilets in the assembly hall will be closed during the ceremony. Visitors are requested to use the disabled toilet outside the hall if required. Students will use the boys' and girls' toilets in the playground.

TWILIGHT CONCERT

Our annual Twilight Concert is Tuesday evening 17 December. We are looking forward to the opportunity for our whole community to come together to celebrate our kids, our school and another wonderful year together. We will start at 4:30 to enjoy family, friends, food trucks and picnics together in our Outdoor Learning Area. The concert will be held in the assembly hall and split into two parts:

6:00pm	<u>Session 1</u>	Kindergarten, 1/2 and 2/3.
6:25pm		Intermission - Raffles drawn in OLA.
6:30pm	<u>Session 2</u>	3/4, 4/5 and 5/6
7:00pm		Finish & pack up.

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!

Just a few reminders about the evening:

- You may purchase food at a selection of food trucks - Fanny's Fab Fare, Ken's Kones, Steve's Pizza + coffee.
- Please be aware that teachers will only be involved in supervision of the students during their half of the show. **The rest of the time, children are the responsibility of parent and carers.**
- The sports field / playground side of the school will be closed to students throughout the evening.
- Christmas hamper raffles will be run on the night, so please bring a few extra dollars.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are collecting non-perishable food items, toys, vouchers and anything else suitable for our Twilight Concert Christmas hamper. The collection box is located outside the office. Thanks for your support!

COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

Don't forget we are creating 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. See the poster in the Community section of this newsletter.

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. Thank you to everyone for supporting the Christmas book fair. It was very successful... Susie Hamers

TALENT SHOW

We are all looking forward to being entertained at this year's talent show on Wednesday 18 December. Thank you to the students who have signed up to perform for us!

P&C END OF YEAR DINNER

The P&C would like to invite all parents to an end of year night out at Balgownie Hotel on Tuesday 10 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 have been sent home. 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 2020. 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 Monday 9 December. Has your child submitted a design?

STUDENT REPORTS

End of year student reports will be sent home on Monday 16 December. Congratulations to everyone for another year of outstanding learning, reflection and growth!

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Please settle any outstanding accounts with the school office before 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 every 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 is 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 for party day. No gold coin donation is required. It is purely a celebration and farewell day.

HOLIDAYS

The final day of Term 4 is Wednesday 18 December. Please note that the school office will be not be open during the holidays. School resumes for students on Wednesday 29 January 2018. The school office will be open on Tuesday 28 for general enquiries and uniform sales.

RETURN OF SCHOOL DEVICES

Please return all school iPads and MacBooks, along with chargers, by the end of next week, Friday 13 December. School devices need to be serviced prior to school resuming in 2020. Returning students requiring a school iPad or laptop in 2020 may not necessarily be given the same machine, so any important files will need to be transferred before collection. Please note that, the sustainability of our 1:1 program relies on the majority of families being able to provide their own device.

2020 STAFFING

Sadly, we say goodbye to Suzy Duncan, who will be taking up an appointment at another school next year. We wish her all the best, and we'll all miss her terribly. We welcome back the following teachers to full-time classroom positions next year: Kate Shield, Chelsea Van Dragt, Savanna Brule, James Dixon, Alana Unsworth, Laura Drysdale, Charlotte Royall, Chloe Roser and Sally Anderson sharing a class with Wendy Myers. In addition, Kloe Millet, Wendy Myers, Ricki Hart and Felicity Fitzpatrick will be teaching part-time on some of our special projects next year... We all look forward to more innovating, gardening, living life well, empathy, indigenous culture and sustainability! Leanne Blanche will return as our valued Learning Support teacher and Garry Rosser will return as our wonderful school Counsellor. Susie Hamers will continue to make our library flourish, Mark will be returning to teach music, and the band program will also be returning in full swing!

PRINCIPAL REFLECTIONS

I'd like to express a huge amount of gratitude to each and every one of our parent and community helpers. Without your generous spirit, we could not provide so many of the vital services we do. Thank you so much to all of the mums, dads, grandmas and grandpas who helped out on canteen, supported kids as reading tutors, volunteered in classrooms, cooked barbecues, washed cars, braided hair, played UNO, made paper planes, pushed wheelbarrows, dug up gardens, contributed to P&C meetings, participated in policy reviews, provided photography or artistic advice, assisted with and donated to fundraising initiatives, taught Scripture or Ethics classes, came to Harmony Circles, or helped out with any number of other things. A HUGE thanks to all of you!

Well... this is the final newsletter for 2019! (We will not be publishing in the last week of the year.) So please enjoy the final read, the last days of the school year, and a safe and happy holiday.

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

K Belong:	Shafiyya A, Lucas G, Tung D, Ada S
K Discover:	Georgia G, Bianca C, Steo L, Sage M
1/2 Believe:	Phoenix B, Sabrina B, Elias A-S, Ren L
1/2 Imagine:	Dema A-J, Zoe H, Ryan M, Christian S
2/3 Smile:	Lance M, Marcus R, Amber H, Penelope T
3/4 Create:	Alexander S, Oliver G, Leo C, Coco T
3/4 Unite:	Alana B, Hamish P, Noah B, Onaya E
4/5 Dream:	Miriam O, Seattle B, Jack K, Victoria D
5/6 Marvel:	Brenda M, Elijah W, Holly P, Rade D
5/6 Together:	Zane G, Sam S, Billy S, Nikita T

GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Benson B, Ella W, Oliver W, Sabrina B, Amy A, Vanessa L, Jonathan B, Tejasvi R, Nicholas K. Congratulations!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Prince P - for being an enthusiastic and uplifting member of our school. Shelby B - for showing initiative.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Daisy K - for courage and effective communication skills

OUR CANTEEN

CANTEEN ROSTER

DECEMBER

Tue	10	Simon G, Kath G
Wed	11	Amanda L
Thurs	12	Amanda P, Jenny V
Fri	13	Anthea G

Tue	17	Closed
Wed	18	Closed



Do you have a
favourite
family recipe that
you would like to
share?

Mount Busley Public School Community Cook Book



**Whats for
dinner @
your house**

RECIPES FOR:
EVERYDAY DINNERS
SPECIAL EVENTS
SUPER QUICK MEALS
LUNCHBOX IDEAS

How do you
like to cook?
- Listen to music
- glass of wine
with/without the kids

Email Recipes to:

penny.higgins@det.nsw.edu.au



Dear Parent/Guardian

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting the community and individuals from disease.

Adolescent vaccines will be offered for FREE to your child when they commence Year 7 in 2020.

Your child will be given a Parent Information Kit in the first few weeks of Term 1, 2020, which contains information about the vaccines and a consent card that you will need to complete for the vaccines to be offered.

Vaccines offered to ALL students in Year 7:

GRADE	VACCINE	SCHEDULE
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa)	1-dose
	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	2-dose schedule (6months apart)

For further information regarding this program or any other questions about immunisation please contact the Immunisation Team at the Public Health Unit on 4221 6700.

Yours faithfully

Curtis Gregory
Director, Public Health Unit

4 November 2019

THE EMPATHY PROJECT

Our young social entrepreneurs are working hard to help others and make a positive impact on our world! Some of our Year 6 social entrepreneurs are in Y6 and will be leaving soon. Let's support their projects and help make them a success!

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)



Help our Y4 social entrepreneurs who are trying to help others at this special time of year!

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)



Fish Gallery

2/3 Smile would like to invite you to attend the opening of our Fish Gallery

When: 9th December, 2019

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 (come for as long or as little as you like)

Where: Outdoor Learning Area

What: We will be displaying our fish sculptures and other pieces of work to accompany them

Please bring: A device that can scan QR codes (we will have iPads available to use if you do not have one)

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.

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.]

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.