



Apple Distinguished School



# Newsletter

*A small school where big things happen...*

Week 2, Term 4

26 October 2018

## Events

### October

- Mon 22 Swimscheme starts
- Fri 26 AFL Class sport begins
- Wed 31 Kinder Orientation 2

### November

- Thur 1 Outdoor Classroom Day  
S2 Excursion
- Fri 2 Swimscheme finishes
- Wed 7 Kinder Orientation 3
- Fri 9 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Mon 12 Botanical Gardens incursion
- Mon 13 P&C Meeting
- Fri 16 Obstacool & The Fathering Project
- Tue 20 Sean Choolburra incursion
- Fri 23 S2 + S3 Gala Day

### End of Year Dates to keep in mind:

- Wed 12 Presentation Day
- Thu 13 Year 6 Farewell
- Tue 18 Twilight Concert
- Wed 19 Last Day for kids

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*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...*

## STORIES FROM MOPS

We're all excited to be back and ready to start a new term here at MOPS!

Earlier this week we were awarded with our new accreditation as an Apple Distinguished School. This award recognises MOPS for continuous innovation in learning, teaching and our school environment. The visiting Apple representatives said they were very impressed by all our creative and innovative use of technology. It has been a culmination of all the hard work and dedication from the whole MOPS team over the past two years, also including our missing two of course, Peter Holmes and Neil Bramsen. So well done, MOPS team!



## OBSTACOOOL

Back by popular demand is our community Obstacool day on Friday 16 November. We would love to invite parents, grandparents and siblings to come along and join in the fun. And of course, all our new Kindy families are very welcome too!



This year we will have visitors from **The Fathering Project** hanging out with us for the first hour of the day. The Fathering Project is a beautiful initiative that aims to help dads (or mums / any other special family members) to get more involved with their kids. Please feel free to come up and have a chat with them. They are really looking forward to meeting you and having a chance to chat briefly about the project that we will be adopting this term and next year. If you would like to know more about The Fathering Project, check them out here:

Website: <http://thefatheringproject.org/>

## Kindy Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation got off to a really buzzing start this week! The new Kinders (children starting school in 2019) were a mixture of emotions. Some were tentative, some nervous, some excited, and some were a mixture of all three. But by the end of the experience, they all said that they had had a

ball making new friends, exploring our Kinder classrooms and our school, meeting our teachers and learning what it's like to be at 'big school'.

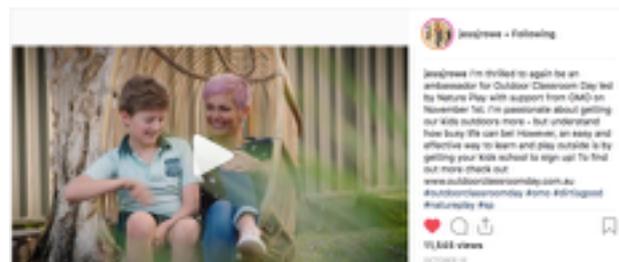
I really enjoyed meeting the new families as well, and *starting* the conversation. I look forward to that conversation continuing throughout the years of their time at MOPS. Please feel free to come along to make our new families feel welcome in our community and bring a plate for morning tea at 10:00am on the third session, Wednesday 7 November.

## Outdoor Classroom Day

The filming that we did last term to celebrate Outdoor Classroom Day has begun to go live on Jess Rowe's Instagram feed. If you would like to check it out, she has released one short video, and you can find it here:

Instagram:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/Bo8HM4gANdd/?utm\\_source=ig\\_share\\_sheet&igshid=psvh65s9q7so](https://www.instagram.com/p/Bo8HM4gANdd/?utm_source=ig_share_sheet&igshid=psvh65s9q7so)



[More videos to be released during the lead-up to Outdoor Classroom Day on 1 November.]

**MORNING TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

This semester I have been inviting the kids who receive a Principal’s or Assistant Principals’ award to come and have morning tea with me. I had a beautiful time with Kye M, Thang and Luke V this week. I always enjoy getting to know more about what makes our kids tick! Unfortunately Nick H was absent, but I will make sure I catch up with him next week. As always, we talk about ideas that might make our school even better... a place for them... a place that suits and supports their ways of learning... a place where they feel valued, cared for and supported. This week’s group discussed toilet block makeovers. (Great idea!) They creatively brainstormed some cool ways to make it look and feel happier - I loved the idea of painting different colours or artworks on the doors. There was also a request for mirrors. If you’re interested in helping out or getting a working party together, please let me know!



**REFLECTIONS**

I love our parent community and their sense of fun! I had to smile when I was sent this photo, proudly captioned... “Greg and Andy pulled \$300 on the job today - canteen goals!” The email was titled “Squad Goals” which I thought just has to be included in our newsletter. Maybe this could even be a regular feature? So feel free to send other photos, take up this brave person’s challenge or share a funny moment in the life of a MOPS community member. Titles, anyone? #squadgoals? #MOPSSquad?



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

*Tiffany Sinton  
Relieving Principal*



### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARDS

<b>K Belong:</b>	Jett B, Kathy L, Ben M, Frances M
<b>K/1 Grow:</b>	Azooz A, Joel H, Jasmine S, Brody C
<b>Year 1/2Inspire:</b>	Lance M, Pippa W, Jordan M, Tayla G
<b>Year 1/2Wonder:</b>	Gwen S, Amber H, Hussein A, Thang N
<b>Year 3/4Shine:</b>	Billy B, Ella M, Max N, Ada W
<b>Year 3/4Explore:</b>	Taj B, Jeramey L, Sharna H, Elliott P-K
<b>Year 3/4Create:</b>	Jake M, Desmond F, Kate C, Seattle B
<b>Year 5/6Unite:</b>	Andy B, Blake W, Jumana A, Isaac L
<b>Year 5/6Together:</b>	Khaled A, Francine S, Noah T, Zoe F
<b>Library:</b>	-

### GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Affan A, Raihana S. Congratulations!

### ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Congratulations Thang N & Luke V for giving up their time to help others.

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations Nicholas H for risk-taking and perseverance and Kye M for empathy and communication.

### ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Congratulations Luke V and Thang N.

### CLASS ITEM

Thank you 3/4 Shine for your lovely performance! Our next class scheduled for Week 4 is 1/2 **Inspire**. Please join us for assembly on Monday 5 November!



# KIDSPACE

## The Empathy Project!

*Here are some of our young social entrepreneurs in their 'action' phase of their Empathy Projects!*



Hi, we are Erin and Amelia. For our Empathy Project, we are selling felt brooches at the flag poles in the morning at 8:30 am and at lunch every Wednesday and Thursday. They cost \$5.00 each. This money will go to making comfort packages for disadvantaged children who have to flee from their homes because of domestic violence. The packages will include comfort items like colouring in books and toys to comfort kids from 0-12 years of age. We will be giving the packages to Mission Australia to distribute. Please support our cause!  
Amelia and Erin



Hi! We are Jamie, Jed and Seattle. For our Empathy Project we need your help! Please join the fight to stop live exports by buying one of our sheep plushies or sock puppets. They will be sold in a little store under the COLA before and after school. The money raised will be donated to Animals Australia. Thank you, Jamie, Jed and Seattle

### Books for the Starlight room

As part of our class Empathy Project, we the *1/2 Inspire* kids have decided to donate some books to the Starlight room in the Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick.



We would like to create a library for the children because they are feeling sick, bored, miserable and lonely. We decided on a library for the children so that they can dive into a book and escape the reality of being in hospital.

We would really appreciate if you could please donate some money to our *gofundme* page so that we can start buying books to give to these sick children. Our goal is to raise \$300 and we've raise \$130 already! You can find the link below or on the MOPS twitter page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/library-for-the-starlight-room>

1/2 Inspire



**CANTEEN ROSTER**

*OCTOBER/NOVEMBER*

Tue	30	Anthea G
Wed	31	Anthea G
Thurs	1	Amand P, Jenny V
Fri	2	Mel M, Donna F

*November*

Tue	6	Anthea G
Wed	7	Jess T
Thurs	8	Tareyn V, Katrina O
Fri	9	Leanne N, Mel H

Tue	13	Anthea G
Wed	14	Kate H, Sarah B
Thurs	15	Sarah S
Fri	16	Andy L, Greg F

**Canteen price change**  
 As from Monday 29th October,  
 Coconut juice ice-blocks will be  
**\$1.00**



Join the fun at our weekly point score swimming nights, held at Corrimal Heated Pool



**REGISTER NOW**

- Free membership to all under 7's
- No age restrictions, everyone is welcome to take the plunge
- All abilities are welcome and catered for
- 12.5m races, handicap events, kids versus parents relays through to National level
- Swimmers from all learn to swim schools, clubs and programs are welcome at Corrimal

**TRIAL YOUR FIRST TWO NIGHTS FREE**

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