



Newsletter

A small school where big things happen...

Week 4, Term 4

9 November 2018

Events

November

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| Fri 9 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Mon 12 | Botanical Gardens incursion |
| Tue 13 | P&C Meeting |
| Wed 14 | Y5 Leadership Speeches |
| Fri 16 | Obstacool & The Fathering Project |
| Tue 20 | Sean Choolburra incursion |
| Thu 22 | White Ribbon Day |
| Fri 23 | S2 + S3 Gala Day |

December

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| Tue 4 | Fathering Project Community Night |
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End of Year Dates to keep in mind:

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| 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

Term 4 is off to a flying start and there are lots of exciting things happening!

Our Empathy Projects are in their Action and Impact stages. AFL is seeing us all getting fit and improving our skills on Fridays. Classes have started planning their Twilight Concert performances (and our format comes with a bit of a twist this year... Stay tuned!) Some of our Year 5 students are preparing their Leadership Speeches for next week. All students are continuing to nudge their learning deeper and further as they launch into the last few weeks of our school year. And we have a couple of special incursions coming up to enhance our learning even more!

Today was our 100 year Remembrance Day Assembly. I would like to commend our student leaders for a thoughtful and moving ceremony. Also the reverence and sincerity shown by the whole school was the best I have ever seen. The handmade wreaths, bouquets, books and cards were exquisite. I am so proud of everyone!



P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting is this Tuesday at 7pm in the library. We would like everyone to feel welcome. (We do have treats!) Enter through the Vereker St entrance and park in the staff carpark.

OBSTACOOOL

Just reminding you all about our community Obstacool day next Friday 16 November.

Students, future students, parents, grandparents and siblings are all welcome to come along and join in the fun. 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! This year the 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!

THE FATHERING PROJECT guys will be hanging out with us for the first hour of the day to chat to anyone interested in finding out more. 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.

If you would like to know more about The Fathering Project, check them out here:

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

**KINDY ORIENTATION**

Our 3 week Orientation experience for our 2019 Kindergarten students was a great success with kids and families making connections with our school, teachers and community. I hope to see many of you at our Obstacool Day next Friday, and I look forward to welcoming you all into our school community again next year!

MORNING TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

As you know, 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 wonderful time with Nick H, Georgia T, Khaled, Soolaf, Cheye and Sam O this week. I always enjoy getting to know more about what makes our kids tick! As usual, we chat, we laugh and we talk about ideas that might make our school even better. This time we chatted about things happening in the world and our local area. This week's group also discussed toilet block makeovers, so it must be something on a lot of students' minds. If you're interested in helping out or getting a working party together, please let me know!

**PERFORMANCE**

On Tuesday 20th November, we will be visited by Indigenous performer, Sean Choolburra. Sean is a charismatic and vibrant performer, who fuses his energy and humour with historical facts, spiritual wisdom, and ancestral understanding and knowledge. Dance, stories, painting, fire creation, didgeridoo playing are all presented, along with an array of artefacts from fishing nets to hunting shields. We are excited to be able to offer this exciting and enriching experience to everyone!

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 is 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!

MOPS SQUAD

I am constantly in awe of the support and care the members of our parent community show to each other and every child. Thank you for the anonymous donations that help make a difference to some of our kids' lives. #mopssquadawe

A very special mention needs to go to our beautiful parent, Jenny Vello, who generously gave us her time and expertise to take family portraits for our MOPS families. She donated her profits to our school and raised an incredible \$860.20! Please thank her when you see her and check out her exquisite work!

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REFLECTIONS

Last week I was fortunate enough to attend the Annual Primary Principals' Conference in Sydney. As many of you know, it was a bit of a shake-up for me... a refreshing reminder to value the important things in life. Throughout the week, I have shared some of the ideas and inspirational stories that I heard there with our kids, teachers and some of you. One of the challenges I set the kids (and myself) was to change our language, and then to see how it might change our attitudes as well... I have been delighted by the impact it seems to be having on all of us.... Allow me to share just a few of the responses I've had over the past couple of days. They are just beautiful! So proud of these kids.

"When I was playing on my iPad, it was time for breakfast and I was about to say, 'Oh come on! Do I **HAVE** to have breakfast!?' But then I said to myself... 'Oh wait, I'm lucky because I **GET** to have breakfast."



"Last night, I said, 'I **GET** to have dinner', instead of 'I **HAVE** to have dinner' because I realised some kids don't even have dinner and I am lucky to have food to eat for dinner."

"I was about to say, 'Oh Mum... Do I **HAVE** to take the rubbish out today?' But then I said, 'No actually... 'I **GET** to take the rubbish out.'"



because we are lucky that we even have food and things to make the rubbish in the first place."

Have a try...

The next time you're about to say, "I have to make dinner" or "I have to go shopping", simply use 'get to' instead of 'have to'. It is certainly helping me to be more grateful and mindful of the things that are truly important. #attitudeofgratitude

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

Tiffany Sinton
 Relieving Principal



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARDS

K Belong:

Suleiman A, Aaliyah W, Aila P, Petch Y

K/1 Grow:

Lexi M, Isla S, Mohammad A, Dema A

Year 1/2Inspire:

Jacob F, Kane B, Affan A, Aliesha F

Year 1/2Wonder:

Astrid P-K, Oliver G, Ishym S, Eilidh M

Year 3/4Shine:

Johnny B, Kane B, Emma B, Qasuer A

Year 3/4Explore:

Liam H, Prince P, Sharna H, Decoda R

Year 3/4Create:

Emma F, Hunter W, Lucy M, Jed P

Year 5/6Unite:

Tejasvi R, Lavanya C, Isaac V, Nikita T

Year 5/6Together:

Jinning Z, Tabarek A, Georgia T, Alexander B

Library:

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GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Sharna H, Elijah W. Congratulations!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Congratulations Sam O, Soolaf A & Cheye V.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations Georgia T for empathy, communication and collaboration and Khaled A for a helpful and welcoming attitude.

CLASS ITEM

Thank you 1/2 Inspire for your lovely performance! Our next class scheduled for Week 6 is **5/6 Together**. Please join us for assembly on Monday 19 November!



The Empathy Project!

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

Hi, we are Fit 4 Footy.

We think too many children are inside playing video games instead of being outside playing, so for our Empathy Project we decided to run AFL workshops to get kids active and give them the skills they need to play footy. We will be running our AFL workshops on Mondays at 2nd half lunch at the netball courts. The sign up sheet will be placed in the canteen area. If you would like to have some fun with your friends and learn some basic AFL skills like kicking, passing and bouncing, then come and join us on Monday. Thanks, Andy, Ben and Aston



Hi, my name is Brenda.

Have you ever wanted a school pet? Then support my cause. For my Empathy Project I want to raise money to buy a chicken coop and chickens for our school. The chickens will teach us how to be responsible because we will have to look after them. We could also talk to them and even read to them. We can run a naming competition to name them. To raise money for the chickens, we will be selling vanilla ice creams in a cone on Obstacool day, the 16th of November for only \$1. Please buy a scoop for a coop!



Hi, we are the 1/2 Wonder Waste Warriors!

For our Empathy Project we have been learning about how our rubbish ends up in the ocean. Our pollution is killing ocean wildlife. We need to stop this! 1/2 Wonder carried out a rubbish audit and we counted 279 pieces of rubbish just from one lunch. This is crazy! We need to reduce this amount. We made this mess and we need to fix it. The Waste Warriors have come up with a plan. We want to have Waste Free Wednesdays every week. Please bring in a nude food lunch box and join our quest to stop single-use plastics today.

Hi, we are Wash Time Car Wash!

For our Empathy Project, we have started a car wash to raise money for the Homeless Hub in Wollongong. The Wash Time Car Wash opened this week and we have started washing our teachers cars. Our services include a basic and a deluxe wash. So far we have raised \$170. We will continue washing the teachers cars for the next few weeks. We would like to thank all of the teachers that have supported our cause. You have helped us help them!



Tabarek, Arvin, Hendrix, Christina, Ava and Eli



Hi, we are Decoda, Soolaf, Cheye, Lucy and Caitlin.

We can't bear the thought of children waking up on Christmas morning to nothing under the tree. That's why for our Empathy Project we've decided to join Ryan Park in collecting toys for his annual toy drive. Please join us, and rally behind struggling families by buying a new toy for children from newborns to teenagers. All new donated toys will be given to families that have fled domestic violence and are temporarily located at local women's shelters. Toys will also be given to vulnerable families connected to the Wollongong Homeless Hub. There is no need to wrap the gift because the parents would like to choose a toy suitable for their child. Please take your gift to the office where it will be placed under the Christmas tree. There will be gift tags to write your name on. Thank you so much for your support!

COMMUNITY NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER November

Tue	20	Anthea G
Wed	21	Amy W
Thurs	22	Jenny L
Fri	23	Andy L, Greg F
Tue	13	Anthea G
Wed	14	Kate H, Sarah B
Thurs	15	Sarah S
Fri	16	Leanne N, Mel H
Tue	27	Anthea G
Wed	28	Amanda L
Thurs	29	Anthea G
Fri	30	Katrina L, Ally H

CANTEEN CAMEOS

Canteen Cameos

Extra helper needed on the following dates:-

15th, 21st, 22nd 28th November

If you're available, please contact Amanda by email – amandalawler77@gmail.com

No experience, no worries!

All you need to do is shadow our regular and help out serving.

#mopssquad



The 'Freedom of Entry to the City' is an honour that dates back to medieval times and was granted to military units that earned a city's trust. For more info, contact Council's Customer Service on (02) 4227 7111 or list the website at www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

at BALGOWNIE VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

FIRST AID FOR BABIES & CHILDREN
FREE Information Session

Come along for a look, learn & listen morning.
Topics covered include CPR, choking, poisons, head injuries, burns, bleeding, broken bones, bites, allergic reactions.

This 3 hour session is being held on Tuesday 20 November from 9.30am.

Please do not bring along any children to this event.

To book your spot –
Phone Balgownie Village Community Centre on 42853225 or
Email bvcc1@optusnet.com.au

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Phone the Centre on 42853225 or
Email: bvcc1@optusnet.com.au

