



Apple Distinguished School



Newsletter

A small school where big things happen...

Week 2, Term 2

Wednesday, 9 May 2018

Upcoming Events

May

Thu 10	Mother's Day stall
	Book Fair begins
Fri 11	District Cross Country
Tue 15	NAPLAN begins
Fri 18	Walk Safely to School Day
Mon 21	Multi-cultural day
Tue 22	Cupcakes for cancer
Wed 23	Debating competition
Thu 24	Stage 2 Royal National Park excursion
Wed 30	Canberra excursion

June

Fri 1 Regional cross country

July

Tue 3 School athletics carnival

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MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Our Mother's Day stall will be held in the assembly hall tomorrow. Children should bring in either \$5 or \$10 to purchase a gift. This year the focus has been on sourcing gifts locally and local businesses have been very generous. A list of those businesses has been included on the Community News page of this newsletter.

BOOK FAIR

Our first Book Fair for 2018 begins tomorrow and runs for two weeks. Books and stationery items will be available for purchase and families will also be invited to donate a book to either the library or their child's classroom. The Book Fair will be open during the second half of lunch, as well as for half an hour after school each day. EFTPOS facilities will be available.

DOGS ON SITE

As a general rule, dogs are not permitted on school grounds, whether leashed or otherwise controlled. This is Department of Education policy and it ensures everyone's safety and comfort. If dogs are walked to school, they should be tied up outside the premises, in a place that doesn't impact on people entering or exiting the school. Thank you for your cooperation.



AIR CONDITIONING

A proposal was put forward at last night's P&C meeting for a major solar and air conditioning installation, to be funded jointly by the school and P&C. Here is the back story.

Over many years, we have funded various initiatives to reduce summer temperatures in classrooms. These have included the installation of roof vents, insulation, blinds on all windows, window tinting on all north facing windows, and more recently, an awning that shields our main northern wall from direct sun.

Data recorded over summer show average midday temperatures in classrooms are still in the high twenties, despite all of the interventions. On our hottest days, temperatures peak at 39 degrees in some rooms. Clearly, more needs to be done.

A visit to UOW's sustainability centre earlier this year led us to look at solar panels as a responsible way of incorporating air conditioning into our solution.

The NSW Government is offering schools dollar for dollar funding on solar installations, and we are currently collecting data which will inform us on how large a system we need, to meet and go beyond current energy demands.

Should we proceed with a solar installation, it will offset any additional carbon emissions generated by air conditioning and negate any increase to our electricity bills.

Our intention is to be both environmentally and financially responsible, so the solar and air conditioning projects go hand in hand. We would expect that the solar installation would pay for itself within a period of about five years, and after that, would create a cost benefit for the school.

As this is such a large and costly initiative, we are seeking feedback from all parents. A short, [online survey](#) has been created for you to share your views, on whether or not you support the proposal to air condition the school and install solar. The survey will be open for a fortnight, closing on Wednesday 23 May.

MULTICULTURAL DAY

On Monday 21 May we're celebrating World Day for Cultural Diversity with an international food festival. We'd like families to join us at lunchtime (please come to set up at about 11:15am) so we can acknowledge the different cultures we have at MOPS.



Just like last year, please bring some food to share, which represents your family's heritage. We'll arrange tables, plates and cutlery.

We are expecting the food festival to take the place of normal lunch on this day.

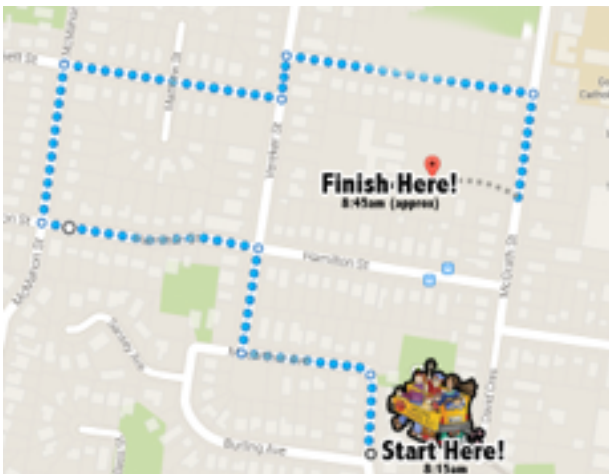
Students are also encouraged to wear clothes representing their cultural background and will have an opportunity in class to talk about what they're wearing. Children will participate in other multicultural activities during the day. It's going to be a great day and we hope you'll be able to join us!

CUPCAKES FOR CANCER

We're planning to support the Cancer Council with a cupcake day on Tuesday 22 May. Please send in donations of cupcakes on the 22nd, which will be sold for \$1 at recess. Thank you.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 18 May is Walk Safely to School Day. On this day, we encourage all students to walk either some or all of the way to school in order to promote pedestrian welfare, healthy lifestyles and environmental sustainability. As part of this event, we will again organise the Walking Bus. This will involve students joining a human “bus” and walking to school as a group along the route identified in the map below. The bus will leave from the corner of Strone and Burling Avenues at 8:15am and arrive at school around 8:45am. Students can join the bus at any point along the route; wherever is most convenient. Teachers will be present to lead and supervise the walk, but parents are of course welcome to join in.



AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION AWARDS

We were recently notified that Mount Ousley PS has been selected as a finalist in the Australian Education Awards in three separate categories: Primary School of the Year (Government), Regional School of the Year and Best Use of Technology. We look forward to the awards night in Sydney in August, where the winners will be announced. Whatever the result, this is a great acknowledgement of the outstanding things that happen at our school. Be proud; we are!

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing begins next Tuesday for our Years 3 and 5 students. The testing continues through the week. Good luck everyone!

LEARNING LABS

Learning Labs are once again being held at UOW during the July holidays. The Learning Labs are a holiday enrichment program, targeting high achieving students from Year 1 to Year 6. Online applications and further information may be found [here](#). A brochure is available on the [Notes page](#) of our website. Applications close on Wednesday 30 May.

DEBATING

We have two teams this year competing in the Premier’s Debating Challenge and they have been working hard polishing their debating and public speaking skills. Our first debate is scheduled for Wednesday 23 May against Mount St Thomas PS. Good luck!

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is now open on Monday afternoons between 3:00 and 3:30pm, instead of Thursday mornings.



ACADEMICALLY GIFTED CLASS

Congratulations to Sam O who was successful in gaining entry into the North Wollongong Academically Gifted Class. The AG class which runs every Tuesday is available to Year 5 students from across the Illawarra.

OPERATION ART

Congratulations to Jillian B and Fatimah M, whose artworks were selected for entry into Operation Art. When returned to us, their framed artworks will be added to our gallery in the stairwell outside the office.



Fatimah’s artwork



Jillian’s artwork

BAND

This term we’ll have nine weeks of band tuition, so that’s a total of \$90 per participating student. Some families are owed a credit from last term, and we have a couple of excursions lined up on Thursdays later this term which will affect different groups of students.

An invoice for term 3 will be sent home to clarify how much is owed.

Band has been cancelled next week due to NAPLAN.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to all students participating in the district cross country carnival on Friday.

CLASH OF DATES

The Stage 3 excursion to Canberra clashes with the regional cross country. For those students involved in both activities, the school will be in touch to discuss arrangements. We apologise for the clash which was unfortunately unavoidable.

FOR SALE

We have a piano for sale in good working condition (the one that sits in the Empathy Zone). If you’re interested, come and have a look and make us an offer. You’ll need to arrange and pay for the piano’s removal of course.

CANTEEN ROSTER

MAY

Wed	9	Jess T
Thu	10	Tareyn V, Katrina O
Fri	11	Katrina L, Ally H

Tue	15	Anthea G
Wed	16	Kate H, Sarah B
Thu	17	Sarah S
Fri	18	Andy L, Greg F

Tue	22	Anthea G
Wed	23	Amy W
Thu	24	Jenny L
Fri	25	Leanne N, Mel H

Happy Mother’s Day to all of the mums on Sunday. Have a great day!

Peter Holmes
Principal



RED MERIT AWARDS



- Kinder Belong:** Rusul A, Ben M, Tobias S, Jillian B
- K/1 Grow:** Azooz A, Dema A, Lexi M, Alizei T
- 1/2 Inspire:** Jenna M, Tayla G, Nate B, Amy A
- 1/2 Wonder:** Ishym S, Eilidh M, Gwen S, Hussein A
- 3/4 Explore:** Jeramey L, Vesna D, Kinda H, Ayah M
- 3/4 Create:** Jamie B, Seattle B, Karim I, Jed P
- 3/4 Shine:** Ahmed A, Lochlan S, Reem A, Shelby B
- 5/6 Unite:** Talon H, Amelia R, Mia B, Jumana A
- 5/6 Together:** Luca W, Tabarek A, Izayah B, Zoe F
- Library:** Liam H, Samuel W, Jenna M



GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Phoenix B, Jacob F, Marli S, Georgia T, Lucas F
 Congratulations!



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Congratulations Max Barnes for his collaboration in minecraft.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations Mohammed A, Aliesha F and Max S for each receiving the
 Principal's Award, all for showing care and concern. How beautiful!



CLASS ITEM

Class items have not yet been scheduled for 2018.



MOPS FM

The MOPS FM crews should be back with another episode at our next assembly.



KIDSPACE

1/2 Inspire Digital Art

We have been creating artworks using different apps on our iPads and are hoping one might be selected to enter Operation Art. Come to our classroom and have a look at our fabulous artworks.



Jacob F: I made a digital artwork for Operation Art. I went around the school and took pictures. It was challenging to put the material on the crocodile. I enjoyed making the crocodile. I am proud that I finished.

Penelope T: It was challenging work. First I had to find an animal. I chose a sausage dog because I think they are clever dogs. I took photos of textures in the outdoor learning area and put them on my dog. I really enjoyed this challenge.



Stage 3 Excursion to North Wollongong Beach



Rade D: We went to Fairy Meadow to look for rubbish on the beach. We wanted to see how much we could find. We did an emu walk where you walk in a straight line looking for rubbish. Everything we found, we collected.



After that, we went on a bird watch walk through Stuart Park. We found mostly seagulls, miner birds and a cockatoo. It was a fun and worthwhile morning at the beach.



Smith's Hill Girls High School Reunion
Class of 1974-76

Our 20 year reunion was back in 1994!
Time for another get together!
When: **Saturday 25 August 2018**
Where: **The Builders Club**
Church St Wollongong
Time: **6:30 pm until late**

- . **Finger Food \$35 per head**
- . **Partners welcome!**



*Let's reconnect and swap memories!
Most of us are turning 60 this year! RSVP to Lesley
Matthews (Nicholson) lesmatt@optusnet.com.au by 30*

IMB Account Name: **L K Matthews -School Reunion Class of 1974-76**
BSB: **641 800**
Account No: **200815567**

Please identify yourself using your maiden name when depositing into the account then send me an email so that name tags can be made up on the night!



Term 2
Circus Classes

Use your active kids rebate!



Book now at <https://www.trybooking.com/UPYL> or
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Thank you to the following local businesses and individuals who generously supported our Mother's Day stall:

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