



Newsletter

A small school where big things happen...

Week 6, Term 4

23 November 2018

Events

November

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| Tue 20 | Sean Choolburra incursion |
| Thu 22 | White Ribbon Day |
| Fri 23 | S2 + S3 Gala Day |
| Tue 27 | S1 excursion |

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

As mentioned in our last newsletter, our Twilight Concert 2018 comes with a new format this year. We have decided to embrace the opportunity for our community to come together to socialise, and to celebrate our kids, our school and another beautiful year. So we will be starting a bit earlier to enjoy family, friends, food trucks and picnics together in our Outdoor Learning Area. We will be ready to go at 4:30 and continue through to 7pm. We have split the concert into two parts. Session One will be Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2, and will start at 6:00pm with the K-2 Raffle, then finish around 6:30pm. Session Two will involve Years 3 to 6, beginning at 6:30pm with the 3-6 Raffle and finishing around 7:00pm. You are welcome to come along to your child's session. If you do not have a child in one of the concert halves, you may continue to enjoy the picnic during that time.



LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

I am so proud of our Year 5 students who delivered their Leadership Speeches last week. There were lots of important leadership qualities spoken about and modelled during the speeches, such as kindness, empathy, respect, responsibility and being a good listener. I really loved the support and encouragement the candidates showed towards each other. It tells us that we have a lot of fantastic leadership potential at MOPS. Congratulations! The leadership team will be announced in classes during Week 8 and then officially at the Presentation Day Assembly on Wednesday 12 December.

P&C MEETING

Thanks to all the parents that come along to our last P&C meeting for the year last week. We received much-appreciated parent feedback on our review of our School Discipline Policy. A small team including parent representatives will continue to meet to review and refine the document in the final parts of the process. We are intending to publish the 2018 version by the end of the year.

OBSTACOOOL

What a fabulous community day we had at Obstacool last Friday! It was great to see mums, dads, siblings and grandparents joining in the fun too! A few of us got to chat with David Forrest from The Fathering Project as well. It sounds so interesting and valuable, and I'm looking forward to getting it underway at MOPS. Thanks again to our generous P&C for subsidising Obstacool Day to help make it accessible to all!

THE FATHERING PROJECT (@ MOPS) will be holding their first community event for parents and caregivers next month. We would like to invite everyone to an information evening on Tuesday 4 December at 6:30pm in the library.

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

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

**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 Gensun M-H, Max S, Christian S and Sharna H 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 their obvious care for others and what it means to be empathetic. They wanted to model this for others and decided that drawing more attention to them standing up for others may influence others to do the same. They have decided to form an 'Upstander Crew' and are currently designing badges for themselves and others who would like to join. I'm so proud of our amazing kids!



PERFORMANCE

Sean Choolburra was a big hit! Here are some of the reactions...

“Oh my goodness... it was so fun. My favourite part was the Gumboot Dance” ~ Shelby B.



“It was fantastic. I really loved the humour.” ~ Ada W.



“I loved it when he was shaking his bum!” ~ Ruaridh M.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Just a reminder, 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

A big shout-out to our thoughtful, caring community! I’m so inspired by the amazing acts of kindness that you might think go unnoticed... (they don’t!) You help make a difference in some of our kids’ and families’ lives. #mopssquadawe #breakfastclub #homecookeddinners #hugs

REFLECTIONS

I’m writing this in the midst of a ferocious wind storm that has hit the Illawarra and is rattling all the windows and doors! The trees are bending over and dropping sticks, and the wind is howling around the buildings. We have decided to keep the kids off the playground. This poses a problem of extra staff cover, kids missing out on much-needed fresh air and exercise, and by the afternoon, *all* of us feeling a bit stir-crazy. But when I was having a chat to a couple of Kindy children earlier today, they said, “At least it isn’t a tornado! In America they get tornadoes and you might get picked up and blown away... and the school too!” I loved this reminder about perspective and finding a positive way to look at a seemingly negative situation. We can sometimes get so caught up and worried about something we are finding tricky, but sometimes it helps to think, “It could be worse.” Thank you, Aila and Sabrina, for Miss Sinton’s learning for the day!



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:

Eleni F, Sabrina B, Kathy L

K/1 Grow:

Alizei T, Abdullah A, Sienna G, Matilda K

Year 1/2Inspire:

Amy A, Alexis L, Zahra A, Leo C

Year 1/2Wonder:

Jay L, Maggie B, Oliver G, Marcus R

Year 3/4Shine:

Coco T, Daisy K, Ebtihal A, Miriam O

Year 3/4Explore:

Thanaa A, Daniah K, Mohammed A, Onaya E

Year 3/4Create:

Lola C, Stefanie R, Noah B, Seattle B

Year 5/6Unite:

Nikita T, Alexis P, Brenda M, Blake W

Year 5/6Together:

Aisha T, Ava M, Hendrix H, Raihana S

Library:

Stefanie R, Casey P

GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Hussein A, Tabarek A, Georgia T, Khaled A.

Congratulations!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Congratulations Sharna H and Christian S.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations Max S for empathy and citizenship and Gensun M-H for empathy and genuine care for others.

CLASS ITEM

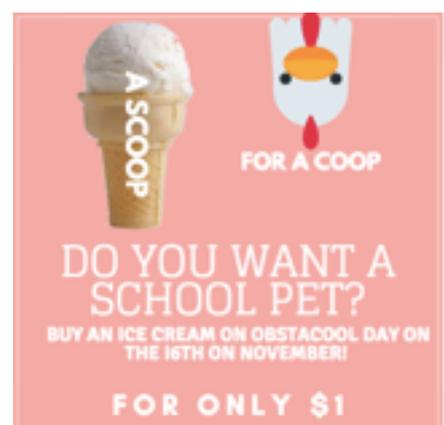
Thank you 5/6 Together for your lovely performance! There will be no assembly Week 8 in preparation for our Presentation Day and Twilight Concert. Please join us for our Presentation Day Assembly on Wednesday 12 December!



The Empathy Project!

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

Hi,
 I just wanted to say a big thank you to all of the people that bought an ice cream last Friday on Obstacool day. We raised a total of \$178 to go towards the purchase of chickens and a coop for our school. I was overwhelmed by how many people supported my cause.
 Thank you!
 Brenda



Hi, we are Tejasvi and Jumana. We believe that young people don't take sun safety seriously enough, so for our Empathy Project we decided to teach people about sun safety. We focused on a specific type of skin cancer, melanoma, since this is one of the most dangerous and common types of skin cancer. We taught a sun safety lesson to every class in the school, so that they understand how important it is to protect yourself from our harsh sun. Don't forget to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide this summer!



Hi, I'm Lavanya and I'm Duong, and we are the Warriors for Women Foundation. For our Empathy Project, we have done some research and realised that there are women all over the globe that are in need. These women are either homeless or disadvantaged. They might have been through difficult times, they could have kids and not have a job to provide for them. They don't have access to appropriate work clothing to attend work interviews or meetings, and this is preventing them from getting a job to help their families. We are looking for donations to open a second-hand stall. There will be a box in the canteen area available for donations. We are looking for second-hand clothes or accessories that are in good condition that people will pay money for. We will be holding a stall at the Friday Foragers market on the 14th of December at Crown St Mall in Wollongong. We are donating the money we raise to Dress for Success so that they can buy nice work clothes for these women. Please support our cause and donate some clothes today or buy an item from our shop on Friday the 14th.

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 is why for our Empathy Project we have 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 ageing from newborns to teenagers. All new donated toys will be given to families that have fled domestic violence and are temporally located at the local women's shelters. Other toys will be given to vulnerable families who are receiving assistance through 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. Thank you.



COMMUNITY NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER

NOVEMBER

Tue	27	Anthea G
Wed	28	Amanda L
Thurs	29	Anthea G
Fri	30	Katrina L, Ally H

DECEMBER

Tue	4	Anthea G
Wed	5	Jess T
Thurs	6	Tareyn V, Katrina O
Fri	7	Katrina L, Ally H
Tue	11	Anthea G
Wed	12	Kate H, Sarah B
Thurs	13	Sarah S
Fri	14	Andy L, Greg F

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

UNIFORM SHOP

WE HAVE NEW WINTER UNIFORM TOPS IN STOCK FOR \$30.

