



Newsletter

A small school where big things happen...

Week 4, Term 3

Wednesday, 9 August 2017

Upcoming Events

August

Thu 10	Visit to Aspect
Fri 11	Spelling Bee
Mon 14	District athletics
Sun 20	ToM performance
Tue 22	Book Week activity day
Fri 25	Southern Stars performances begin
Tue 29	Father's Day stall
Wed 30	Berry Camp, Stage 3

Sept

Thu 7	Regional spelling bee
Fri 8	Gala day, Stage 3
Mon 11	NAPLAN Online readiness test

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OPEN DAY

Last Thursday's Open Day was a beautiful event. It was wonderful that so many families were able to attend and make our day the huge success it was.

A short slideshow of families participating in the activities may be [viewed here](#). Thanks for supporting our school and demonstrating how much you value your child's education.

NEW UNIFORM SHIRT

Have you had a chance to pop into the school office and see the new polo shirt that's being put forward as the replacement for the current mint green shirt? Come and have a look and let us know what you think.



Please be aware that the mint green shirt will be replaced towards the end of the year. The mint polos may still be purchased until then (dependent on stock) and children may continue to wear them when the new shirts become available. The older shirts will be gradually phased out over the coming years.

PLANNING SURVEY

All NSW public schools are beginning to consider strategic directions and planning for the next three years, 2018-2020. We're interested in your feedback as to what sort of school you want for your child. We intend to publish a survey in the very near future via our Skoolbag app to gain your feedback.

It's important that all parents participate in this survey, so that any future planning decisions are made with the collective views and aspirations of our community in mind. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts and help guide our school over the next three years.

Hard copies of the survey will be made available on request and parent meetings will be arranged to explain the survey and provide help to complete it.

KINDERGARTEN 2018

Anyone with a child starting Kindergarten next year should collect an application to enrol from the school office and return it in the near future. Please spread the word around the neighbourhood and ask anyone intending to enrol their child to stop in and see us. Kindergarten orientation will occur in Term 4 on the following dates: Wednesday 1 November, Wednesday 8 November and Wednesday 15 November. Details will soon be published.



BAND

Congratulations to the Mount Ousley school band for their sensational performance at our Open Day last week. If you'd like information about joining the band, please pop in and ask. We're always on the lookout for new members from Kindergarten right through to Year 6!



BANKBOOKS

We are in need of a parent volunteer who can take student bankbooks to Bendigo Bank each Tuesday and then return them to school. Are you able to help? Please contact us if you can.

NAPLAN ONLINE READINESS TEST

Students in Years 3 and 5 will trial an online version of NAPLAN in week 9 this term. The trial requires the use of a special locked down browser that ensures students can only see the NAPLAN assessment. A note will be sent home this week with those students who use their own iPad or laptop, with instructions on how to download the browser.

SPORTS UPDATE

Two weeks ago our girls and boys touch football teams played in the first round of the PSSA state knockout against Corrimal East PS. Both teams showed exceptional levels of sportsmanship and teamwork, and their skills improved markedly throughout the games. Sadly both teams lost but it was a fun experience nonetheless!

DEBATING UPDATE

Our debating teams have had recent success with wins against Mount St Thomas PS and Lindsay Park PS. Congratulations!

VISITING EDUCATORS

Our school has recently hosted a number of departmental visitors. It's a great acknowledgement of the work we do, having senior personnel from The Department of Education wanting to come and see for themselves how education is delivered at Mount Ousley and learn from our experience.

ETHICS *(repeat message)*

Ethics classes are offered each Wednesday morning as an alternative for children who would otherwise be in a non-Scripture group. We currently have volunteer Ethics teachers for Stages 1 and 2, but would like to train parents or grandparents to teach our other stage groups. If you would like more information, please contact the school or visit the [Primary Ethics website](#).

STAFFING

Jane Rath will be a new face in the school office from next week, with Natalie Magyar heading off for a while on a secondment. A big welcome to Jane!

SOUTHERN STARS

With only a couple of weeks now until the Southern Stars performances at Wollongong Entertainment Centre, there’s a lot going on. There are quite a few rehearsals coming up and costume preparation is well underway. Thank you to everyone who’s helping out and making our involvement in the show a reality. We couldn’t do it without you!



BOOK WEEK

We’re celebrating Book Week with an activity day on Tuesday 22 August. The day will begin with a book character parade, so everyone is encouraged to dress up as a favourite character. The theme for Book Week this year is “Escape to Everywhere”.

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following students from our school athletics carnival:

- Georgia T - Junior girl champion
- Isaac V - Junior boy champion
- Jessie V - Senior girl champion
- Spyro K - Senior boy champion

CANTEEN ROSTER

AUGUST

Wed	9	Jess
Thurs	10	Tareyn & Katrina O
Fri	11	Katrina L & Alistair

Wed	16	Kate H & Sarah B
Thurs	17	Sarah S
Fri	18	Andy L

Wed	23	Amy W & Barbara K
Thurs	24	Jenny L
Fri	25	Leanne N & Mel H

Good luck to everyone participating in Friday’s spelling bee. Good luck also to our team of students competing in Tournament of Minds on Sunday 20 August. Our students do some truly amazing things!

Peter Holmes
Principal



RED MERIT AWARDS



Kinder: Pippa W, Penelope T, Hussein A & Phoenix B
K/1D: Sienna G, Ryan M, Amy A & Azooz A
Year 1/2C: Tzeh L, Soolaf A, Mousa A & Kane B
Year 1/2F: Saleel A, Mohammed A, Onaya E & Alexis L
Year 2/3M: Jeramey L, Phoenix B, Ryder B & Des F
Year 3/4A: Breanna R, Eli C, Ruby P & Elijah W
Year 3/4S: Shilah T, Jeorgia M, Ghasak A & Obie R
Year 5/6B: Aisha T, Jackson B, Rafal S & Jess B
Year 4/5/6S: Max B, Talon H, Armita A & Lucy C



GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Zali W and Will C. Congratulations!



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Congratulations Will C for being a caring and friendly student and Arvin S always taking initiative to help others.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to Mandela K and Emma B for receiving the Principal's Award; Mandela for always thinking of others and Emma for being helpful and kind.



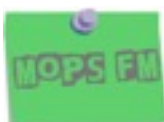
CLASS OF THE FORTNIGHT

The Class of the Fortnight was awarded to K/1D. Congratulations!



CLASS ITEM

The 3/4A class will present at assembly in a fortnight. At this week's assembly we showed a [slideshow](#) of what occurred at our Open Day. Hope you like it!



MOPS FM

The MOPS legends have created their next episode of MOPS FM, highlighting more of the amazing events that occur at our school. [Click here to watch it.](#)



KIDSPACE

Choral Festival Reflections

Our school recently participated in the Wollongong Choral Festival. Over 30 of our Years 3-6 students performed on stage at the town hall and, as usual, were brilliant! Some of them were asked about the experience and here's what they had to say ...

Tien M: "It's scary when you go up onto stage because there's a lot of people watching. It's cool as well, having everyone there to watch. I was nervous but also excited. I was a bit worried about mucking up my solo because you only get one shot at it. As I sang, my nerves calmed. I was really happy that I had the experience and I'd recommend it. It's a really fun thing to do with everyone listening to you. The best part is that I know I have so much more confidence than I used to. My friends were there to support me and that makes it a bit easier too. I would never have done this in the past so I'm really proud of myself."



Ruby P: "It's a good experience for everyone to get rid of their stage fright. It's really good fun but it's also tiring because the festival goes so late. It's cool to be with the other schools. I knew one of the Bulli girls and it was good catching up with her. Before I went on stage my tummy was twisting; it felt like it was doing somersaults! But once the show started I felt a whole lot better."

Zoe F: "It was a good show but it was a bit sad because some kids were sick and couldn't be there. I was in the Choral Festival last year so I didn't get too much stage fright which was good! I got some confidence from having done the show before. I'd definitely encourage others to do it because it's fun."

Elijah Z: "The whole experience was pretty good for the first time. Before the show I felt pretty nervous because I thought I might do something wrong and muck it up. But afterwards I felt great because I did it! You know when after you've done something big, you feel really proud. That was me! I'm glad I had the opportunity and I'll probably join again next year. The song I enjoyed the most was Footloose. I don't know why; I just liked it. It's a happy song and makes me feel like dancing."

Michael T: "It was very hot on stage with all the bright lights. I enjoy singing and in particular, it's great getting together with everyone else in the choir. Our practices on Wednesdays have been really good. I was in the choir last year so I wasn't nervous about it. I just got up and had a great time with my friends."



Fit4Life Program

Do you have a child aged 4-7 who is above a healthy weight?

Help them gain skills to get fit for life!

We are offering you and your child the opportunity to enrol in a free 10-week interactive program.

You will learn about healthy eating, physical activity and sleep and be involved in cooking sessions.

Your child will play active games each week, learn skills and meet new friends.

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