



Newsletter

A small school where big things happen...

Week 4, Term 4

Wednesday, 1 November 2017

Upcoming Events

Nov

Fri 3	Obstacool
Wed 8	Book Fair begins
	Kinder orientation (2)
Tue 14	Y5 leadership speeches
Wed 15	Kinder orientation (3)
	Keira HS info evening
Fri 17	Gala day, Stage 2 & 3
Fri 24	White Ribbon Day
Wed 29	Science Fair, UOW

Dec

Wed 6	Presentation Day
Thu 7	Year 6 farewell
Wed 13	Twilight concert
Fri 15	Talent show & last day

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PRIME MINISTER'S PRIZE FOR SCIENCE

Congratulations to Neil Bramsen who was awarded the Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Primary Science Teaching. Neil was selected as the sole Australian primary teacher to receive this award for 2017. We're all very proud to have such a prestigious award bestowed on one of our very own teachers here at MOPS. [You can read all about the prize here.](#)



NEW SCHOOL SHIRTS

Our new bottle green polo shirts are now available for purchase from the uniform shop. The shop is open on Thursday mornings between 8:45 and 9:15am, and shirts cost \$26. Please feel free to continue wearing mint green shirts until they are no longer serviceable.

OBSTACOOOL

Obstacool is booked for Friday this week. We hope you'll be able to join us sometime during the day. Feel free to try out the course for yourself! The timetable for the day follows:

9:00 to 9:30	K & K/1
9:30 to 10:00	Stage 1
10:00 to 10:45	Stage 2
10:45 to 11:30	Stage 3
12:20 to 12:50	K & K/1
12:50 to 1:20	Stage 1
1:20 to 1:50	Stage 2
2:15 to 3:00	Stage 3

The course will be open during lunch and recess. Parents with toddlers may join in at anytime it's safe to do so!

A barbecue lunch will be held, with sausage sandwiches (\$2.50) and drinks (various prices) for sale. Pre-orders are not required. Once again we thank Ray White, Fairy Meadow for their support of our barbecue.

Proceeds from barbecue sales will go towards covering the cost of the day, so please support this initiative and enjoy a sausage sandwich for lunch!



BOOK FAIR

The final Book Fair for 2017 begins next Wednesday in the library. The Fair will be open for the following week and purchases may be made after school. Please come in and have a look through the Fair.



COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Jasmine R, Aisha T, Bridget B, Bellana F, Andy B and Yadin H whose efforts have won the school a brand new [Promethean ActivPanel](#). The team of six students created a video which had to persuade the judges of why we would be worthy recipients. It turns out that they were very persuasive! Their winning video entry [may be viewed here](#).

LIGHT UP

At least one of our students at MOPS is a theatrical star in the making (actually it's way more than one)! Bellana F recently starred in a music video clip for a song called Light Up by Fletcher Gull. You can read more about it in this week's edition of KidSpace and [watch the performance here](#).

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Year 5 students will present leadership speeches on Tuesday 14 November from 12:30pm in the assembly hall. Parents are of course welcome to attend.

INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL

Congratulations to all of our band students who performed so well at last week's Instrumental Festival at UOW. MOPS is gaining a reputation as "the fun band" and that's a tag we're proud to have!

GOLD AWARDS *(repeat message)*

Any student wishing to be presented with a school medal at the end of this year should bring their five gold awards to school by no later than Tuesday 14 November.

After this date red merits will continue to count towards further gold awards, but not towards a 2017 school medal.

LEARNING LABS *(repeat message)*

UOW is again offering the Learning Labs program in the upcoming January school holidays. Learning Labs is 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 also available on the [Notes page](#) of our website. Applications close on Tuesday 7 November.

SELECTIVE HS *(repeat message)*

Online applications for placement in selective high schools in Year 7, 2019 are now open. Applications close on Monday 13 November.

Information and applications are available on the [selective high schools website](#).

The selective high school placement test is scheduled for Thursday 15 March 2018.

DEADLY ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

The Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group recently held an awards afternoon where students from across the district came together and received “Deadly” awards. Congratulations to Will T in Stage 1 who received a Deadly for his enthusiasm and commitment to being a self-directed learner. We’re very proud!



ROAD SAFETY

Thank you for driving safely around our school and keeping everyone safe. Council rangers and police, however, will continue to do random patrols and enforce road rules when necessary.

CANTEEN ROSTER

NOVEMBER

Wed	1	Amanda L
Thurs	2	Amanda P, Jenny V
Fri	3	Mel M, Donna F

Wed	8	Jessica T
Thurs	9	Tareyn V, Katrina O
Fri	10	Katrina L, Alexandra H

Wed	15	Kate H, Sarah B
Thurs	16	Sarah S
Fri	17	Andy L, Layla J

We have the most amazingly talented students at our school. It’s for very good reason we say that this is “a small school where big things happen”. We can all be immensely proud!

Peter Holmes
Principal



RED MERIT AWARDS

- Kinder:** Isla S, Dema A, Bat-Erdene D, Alizei T
- K/1D:** Nate B, Oliver G, Pippa W, Jenna M
- Year 1/2C:** Tzeh L, Mousa A, Soolaf A, Kane B
- Year 1/2F:** Kinda H, Hunter D, Massaia F, Thang N
- Year 2/3M:** Zali M, Max S, Thanaa A, Ada W
- Year 3/4A:** Lucy L, Eli C, Zain A, Preston H
- Year 3/4S:** Billy B, Jeorgia M, Ghasak A
- Year 5/6B:** Yadin H, Michael T, Shelley C, Bridget B
- Year 4/5/6S:** Duong N, Mandela K, Darby T, Max B
- Library:** Sophie D, Stefanie R, Jacob F



GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Keira G, Ruby L, Seattle B, Billy B, Lavanya C, Bridget B, Talisha C, Kataraina P, Rafal S, Jessie V
 Congratulations!



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Congratulations Rafal S for being a caring and trusting friend and Malachy R for being a upstanding community minded person.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to Stefanie R and Nick O for receiving the Principal's Award; Stefanie for being a fantastic role model and Nick for enthusiasm for learning.



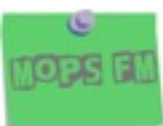
CLASS OF THE FORTNIGHT

The Class of the Fortnight was awarded to 4/5/6S. Congratulations!



CLASS ITEM

Kindergarten performed a [song and dance](#) of theirs about taking photos, and then showed us some [creative "I Wonder" investigations](#). 1/2C will present in Week 6.



MOPS FM

The MOPS Legends are back with stories to inform and entertain. [Click here](#) to watch their latest episode.



KIDSPACE

Kinder & K/1 STEM Activity

Last term for Outdoor Classroom Day, Mr Marshall read "The Patchwork Bike" by Maxine Beneba Clarke to Kindergarten and K/1. Then everyone went outside with materials from the Kinder Makerspace to redesign some regular bicycles. Kids came up with ideas for improvements like: extra seats for friends, flags and decorations, and even a computer so you can look up anything you need when you're riding!



Light Up

We have a movie star in our midst! Recently, Bellana F was invited to star in a music video clip for a song which is now available on iTunes.

A family connection led Bellana to work with Fletcher Gull, a local musician who had composed a song called Light Up. Fletcher needed a video clip to feature with his song and it went from there.

Bellana: "When you watch YouTube clips it looks so easy ... you think people just to have to say their lines. But I learned you have to get up REALLY early and you film every scene so many times! It's amazing how much they film for a video that runs for less than four minutes.

We had several days of filming and before each scene, the directors would explain what they wanted me to do. I'd then know the sorts of facial expressions I needed to have.

And it wasn't just me in the video; see who else you can recognise when you watch it!"

[Click here to watch the video](#) and listen to Light Up.





BOOK FAIR

The Christmas book fair will be held in the library from Wednesday 8th - Monday 20th November. A number of books and stationery items will be on sale. This could be a great opportunity for some Christmas shopping! The fair will be open 2nd half of lunch and after school each day. Parents interested in some "kid free" shopping would be welcome to pop in from 2:15 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Hope to see you there!

EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO SMILE THIS CHRISTMAS

Over 898,000 children across Australia and New Zealand won't receive a gift this Christmas.

Drop a present into our office from 1 December and we'll make sure it gets to a deserving family in our community.

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