

THE MORTLAKE MESSENGER

Mortlake Public School



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TERM 2		CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Week 1		NOTES/PAYMENTS THIS WEEK School Invoices The school invoices for the year went home with your child last term, pertaining to incursions, in-school activities and resources. We would greatly appreciate if payments could please be finalised.
30 April	Staff Development Day	
1 May	Students return	
Week 2		
9 May	SRC Mufti Day	
Week 3		
15 – 17 May	Naplan	
Week 4		
22 May	Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals	
22 May	P&C Meeting @ 7pm	
23 May	Zone Cross Country	
24 May	Stage 1 Public Speaking Finals	
29 May	Stage 2 Public Speaking Finals	

Principal's Message

Welcome back to another fun filled term of innovative learning opportunities for our students. I trust everyone had a relaxing break and I look forward to catching up with you about your holidays.

Playground Equipment

During the holidays, the playground equipment was dismantled and removed due to Work Health and Safety concerns that were raised over the Christmas break. We are looking forward to the installation of the new Moduplay. As yet, we are still waiting for a date of instalment. Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter. The safety and welfare of our students is always first and foremost paramount.

Excitement over the K-6 Playground

Lunchtime at Mortlake Public School is abuzz with excited and beaming students. As part of our new school plan and strategic direction, 'Culture', we have now opened up both the north and south playgrounds for the students to socialise together across all grades of the school. What an exciting moment for our community - happy and engaged students!

Anzac Bears

In the Office area, we have a display of Anzac Bears. Each bear is accompanied by a story card to help students connect with the stories of service that we commemorate at special times around Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. Students can listen to the bear's story and see related images at AnzacBears.com.au. Thank you to the Rossi family for their generous donation.



We educate the whole child of today to become the successful person of tomorrow.

Anne Claro

Relieving Principal

Anzac Day Dawn Service

I would like to thank Mrs Cantali, as well as the parents and students who attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service. We have a fine tradition here at Mortlake Public School which sees our school leaders represent us each year by laying a wreath at the Concord RSL Dawn Service. Many other students also attended the Dawn Service. I would like to acknowledge and thank them for giving up their time to represent the school.



On Wednesday 2 May, to help raise awareness for Starlight Day, Mortlake Public School was involved in the biggest national fundraising event for 'The Starlight Children's Foundation'. The children wore a touch of purple and yellow and purchased cupcakes, biscuits and merchandise, raising \$1241.75 which was an amazing effort by all who contributed. Special thanks to Imogen, Isla, Luke, Jack and Charlie who ran the stands. Thanks again for allowing this to happen as it is a cause close to our hearts and you have all helped a lot of children and their families.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Emma and Natalie



STEM

On Monday 30 April, our teachers engaged in beneficial mandatory professional development on CPR and Anaphylaxis as well as professional development on **STEM**. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics also known as STEM is at the forefront of our new school plan at Mortlake Public School. Our teaching staff thrived during professional development on these topics. Look out for exciting learning opportunities in your child's classroom. They also took the opportunity to liaise with their stage colleagues about engaging learning programs in the classrooms this term.



NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted over three days from 15 - 17 May 2018. For students in Years 3 and 5, there are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day stall will be held on Wednesday, May 9 from 9.30am. Gifts will be \$6.00 and orders need to be received by Monday, 7 May. They may be bought using Qkr or by cash placed in the blue P&C box outside the school office.

Year 5 entry to an Opportunity Class in 2019

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **1 August, 2018**. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 Opportunity Class entry, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online is available from **1 May, 2018** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. The application website opens on **1 May, 2018** and closes on **18 May, 2018**. No late applications will be accepted. There are no paper application forms. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **1 May, 2018**. You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

2018 Parent Volunteers – WWCC Declaration

We are very appreciative of all our parent volunteers in the classrooms and around the school. Please ensure you have completed a 2018 WWCC 'Declaration for Volunteers and Contractors' (Appendix 5) at the school office. You will also need to ensure you complete the 'Proof of Identity' that meets the 100-point check. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Cross Country

On the 5 April, on a bright sunny autumn day, the students in Years 3-6 took off at a great pace in the Annual Mortlake Public School Cross Country Carnival held at Majors' Bay Reserve. It was a highly successful day. The students ran well and all houses demonstrated wonderful war cries and were well behaved all day. Thank you to Mrs McKeon who organised the event and Mr Watson who assisted along with our amazing competitors, teachers and to the parents that came along to help and support, making the day a great success. We have such a special community at our school. Well done to all involved. Congratulations to all our winners and we wish them all the best for the upcoming Zone Cross Country on the Wednesday, 23 May 2018. The following students placed at our cross country and proceed to the Zone, not including the 7 year olds.

8/9 years: Jake, Jack, Ethan, Ryan, Lauren, Ayla, Mia, Natalia; **10 years:** Hayden, Yusuf, Cody, Benjamin, Anna, Natalie, Kim, Jessica, Imogen, Kari; **11 years:** Tom, Harry, Will, Matthew, Angelina, Elizabeth, Alana, Luana; **12/13 years:** Damien, Ronan, Lachlan, Joshua, Elsie, Sofia, Annalise, India; **7 years:** Santiago, Lino, Riley, Aurelio, Alexia, Alya, Jessica, Olivia.

SRC NEWSLETTER

May 2018

Issue #1

Dates to Remember...

May 9 "Dream Job" Fundraiser

* Healthy Recipe *

Veggie Pikelets

Ingredients:

- 2 cups self raising flour
- Eggs
- 5 cups of finely chopped mixed vegetables
- 1 cup grated cheese

Playground Play

SRC has a peer mediation program, where 3 representatives help out in the playground each day. This week they have been guiding some fun games, such as, Giant Connect 4 and Giant Jenga, in the K-2 playground.



The value for the month of
May is...

INTEGRITY

People with integrity tell the truth and act sincerely. They treat others equally and in a trustworthy manner. They act ethically and take responsibility for their own actions and feelings.

Integrity is often described as "doing the right thing, even when no one is looking." This is especially important in the digital age. Often plagiarism, cyberbullying, cheating with mobile phones are done anonymously and without witness. Integrity is an important character strength for our students to build over time. This secures the foundation for our interconnected relationships both online and off.

Multilit/Minilit Phonics Program

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This year our Multilit/Minilit program will start during Week 5, Term 2. We are asking for parent volunteers to assist with the program. Multilit/Minilit caters for students who have not acquired the basic skills needed to become functional readers. The program is designed to be used with individual students, on a one to one basis. By asking for volunteers we are able to cater for a larger number of students who qualify for this scheme.

If you are able to assist with this invaluable program, please complete the form below and return to the front office. Please note that it is required for parent helpers to hand in the Appendix 5 which is available at the school office or on the school app.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY TUESDAY, 3 APRIL 2018.

Multilit/Minilit Phonics Program Volunteers

Name _____

Contact Number _____

Days of the week I can volunteer (please circle)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Appendix 5: Attached Handed to the office previously

Could you be an ethics teacher at Mortlake Public School?

All it takes is a commitment of around an hour a week and you (or a relative or family friend) could teach your child and their friends important skills for life.

Ethics classes support children in developing the skills they need to voice their opinion, consider the ideas of others and to make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

In ethics classes, children discuss ethical issues using an approved curriculum designed for each age group that includes topics such as laziness, voting, disagreeing in a respectful way, and empathy.

We are seeking volunteers for all years but especially year 1, year 2 and year 5.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. All lesson materials are provided.

If you are available on Wednesday mornings to teach a half hour class and are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please contact Jessi Towns on msjessitowns@gmail.com or visit www.primaryethics.com.au for more information.

PSSA WINTER DRAW – 2018 (Updated: 3/4/18)

Term Wk	Date	Team	vs	Venue
Term 1 Wk 11	13.4.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	Concord West	Majors Bay Reserve, Concord
		Girls Soccer	Strathfield North	St Luke's Oval, Concord
		Touch Football	BYE	Majors Bay Reserve, Concord
Term 2 Wk 1	4.5.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	Haberfield	Majors Bay Reserve, Concord
		Girls Soccer	Concord West	St Luke's Oval, Concord
		Touch Football	Croydon	Pratten Park, Ashfield
Term 2 Wk 2	11.5.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	Newington	Majors Bay Reserve, Concord
		Girls Soccer	Ashfield	Ashfield Park, Ashfield
		Touch Football	Newington	Mason Park, Homebush
Term 2 Wk 3	18.5.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	Homebush	Bressington Park (2), Homebush
		Girls Soccer	BYE	Majors Bay Reserve, Concord
		Touch Football	BYE	Majors Bay Reserve, Concord
Term 2 Wk 4	25.5.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	Burwood	Majors Bay Reserve, Concord
		Girls Soccer	Dobroyd Point	Timbrell Park, Five Dock
		Touch Football	Five Dock	Mason Park, Homebush
Term 2 Wk 5	1.6.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	Abbotsford	Campbell Park (1), Chiswick
		Girls Soccer	Abbotsford	Timbrell Park, Five Dock
		Touch Football	Abbotsford	Mason Park, Homebush
Term 2 Wk 6	8.6.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	Homebush West	Majors Bay Reserve, Concord
		Girls Soccer	Marie Bashir	Timbrell Park, Five Dock
		Touch Football	Croydon	Pratten Park, Ashfield
Term 2 Wk 7	15.6.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	Russell Lea	Campbell Park (3), Chiswick
		Girls Soccer	Haberfield	Ashfield Park, Ashfield
		Touch Football	Summer Hill	Pratten Park, Ashfield
Term 2 Wk 8	22.6.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	Strathfield North	Majors Bay Reserve, Concord
		Girls Soccer	Burwood	Timbrell Park, Five Dock
		Touch Football	Burwood	Pratten Park, Ashfield
Term 2 Wk 9	29.6.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	To be advised	To be advised
		Girls Soccer	To be advised	To be advised
		Touch Football	Strathfield North	Mason Park, Homebush
Term 2 Wk 10	6.7.18	Netball		
		Boys Soccer	To be advised	To be advised
		Girls Soccer	To be advised	To be advised
		Touch Football	Strathfield South	Mason Park, Homebush
Term 3 Wk 1	27.7.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	To be advised	To be advised
		Girls Soccer	To be advised	To be advised
		Touch Football	To be advised	To be advised
Term 3 Wk 2	3.8.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	To be advised	To be advised
		Girls Soccer	To be advised	To be advised
		Touch Football	To be advised	To be advised
Term 3 Wk 3	10.8.18	Netball		Cintra Park, Concord
		Boys Soccer	To be advised	To be advised
		Girls Soccer	To be advised	To be advised
		Touch Football	To be advised	To be advised