

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 1, Term 4

9th October, 2017

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 31st October

Sport Group Photos
Kinder Orientation - Day 1

Monday 6th November

P & C AGM Meeting : 9:10 in the Library

Friday 10th November

Maitland High School : Year 7 students
uniform fitting

Friday 3rd November

Final payment due for GABC
Souvenir money and order to be returned

Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th November

Great Aussie Bush Camp

Tuesday 14th November

Kinder Orientation - Day 2

Tuesday 28th November

Kinder Orientation - Day 3



Camp Australia - Before and After School
Care at Morpeth Public School.

Please call Melissa Curtis (Co-Ordinator)
0417 768 636 and leave a message.



Please update your Skoolbag app
to ensure you receive the latest
from our Skoolbag account.

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL ITEMS:

Cash - to Office

Credit/DebitCard- at Office or via POP

Parent Online Payments (POP)

- Credit/Debit Card via Website

**EFT / Bank transfers no longer
available - as directed by DEC.**

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome Back: Hopefully everyone has enjoyed a restful and relaxing break in readiness for Term 4. The term ahead promises to be incredibly busy, with a range of important events planned. As a school, we are looking forward to sharing the achievements and celebrations of our students and school with our families throughout the term. Over the coming weeks I will provide an overview of dates to keep in mind.

P&C Annual General Meeting: Our P&C will be holding their AGM on Monday 6 November - Week 5. The meeting will be held in the school's library and will begin at 9:10am. All positions will be declared vacant at the meeting and a new executive will be elected on the day. On behalf of our school and community, I would like to thank our 2017 members for their outstanding commitment to our school. We are extremely fortunate to have enjoyed the support of such an innovative, progressive and hard-working group of volunteers. Thank you.

Swimming School: Our swimming school begins today. The 10 day program, targeting our Year 2 students, will run daily during Weeks 1 and 2. The scheme operates with the support of a group of accredited swimming coaches, with additional supervision and support provided by Mr Stewart and Ms Strang. The format of the program has changed slightly from previous years; we will be sharing instruction time with our near neighbours, Hinton PS.

Staff Leave: Mrs Petersen will remain on Long Service Leave during Week 1 of the term. The highly experienced Mr Tarrant will be working with 1P during her absence. Teacher/Librarian, Mrs Whetham, will remain on leave until the end of the year. Mrs Baker, who has performed outstandingly as our temporary Librarian, will continue in the role.

Year 6 Fete: Thank you to our entrepreneurial students in Year 6 for their fabulous organisation of the Mini Fete on the last day of Term 3. The day provided lots of fun and laughs, along with significant funds for the Year 6 gift to the school. In total, more than \$2000 was raised on the day, which represents a wonderful effort! Well done to all involved and to our families for supporting the initiative.

Selective Schools: Some primary schools across NSW offer places in 'opportunity classes' for gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6. To be considered for placement, students must sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process, please visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools 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. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. The students sit the test in March of Year 6. To be considered for placement students must sit the Selective High School Placement Test.

For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Some selective high schools have vacancies in Years 8 to 12. Applications open in late June for placement the following year. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/years-8-to-12>.

Kinder Meetings and Orientation: Next Tuesday our 2018 Kindergarten transition begins. Ms Strang, Mrs Hanks, Mrs Touzell and I will meet our new Kindergarten students and their parents for a brief 'welcome' meeting. Our orientation program for our students will be held on Tuesdays during Weeks 4, 6 and 8. If you are aware of any families either new to the area or intending to enrol at our school, please contact me for further information.

Peter Edmonds

P & C NEWS



**P & C Meeting : Monday 6th November, 2017
9.10am in the Library - ALL WELCOME !**

This is your last chance to become a financial member prior to the November AGM : financial members are able to vote and hold a position on our P&C. All memberships to be renewed after the AGM.

UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C Uniform Co-ordinator will be available for fitting and uniform purchases at the following times:

Monday - from 8.45am

Friday - from 8.45am

Other times by appointment - Please contact school office for details

or email the uniform shop: morpethpublicuniforms@gmail.com

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS - BSB No - 032 639 Account No - 287 512

Canteen News

Week 1 - Term 4 2017

Tues 10.10.17

Pauline Webb

Wed 11.10.17

Elizabeth Gregor

Thurs 12.10.17

Kelly Redman

Fri 13.10.17

Angela Smith, **HELP NEEDED**

Week 2 - Term 4, 2017

Tues 17.10.17

Melanie Anderson, Kasey Flanagan

Wed 18.10.17

HELP NEEDED

Thurs 19.10.17

Rachael Flanagan

Fri 20.10.17

Jasmine Lancaster, Samantha



How can you make sure you see all our posts on the Facebook page? Click on ...

<https://www.facebook.com/morpethpublicparents/>



SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2017

WEEK 3, TERM 4

OUR VERY OWN

**FUNDRAISING COLOUR
RUN**

and GRANDPARENTS DAY



WHAT IS THE CUA SCHOOL FUN-RUN?

It's the greatest school fundraiser in Australia. It empowers kids, schools and communities to come together and raise money to improve school life.

Best of all, it's easy! In fact, thanks to our partnership with EVERYDAYHERO, you can even raise money while you sleep... and school fundraising doesn't get any easier than that!

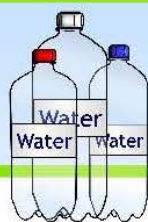
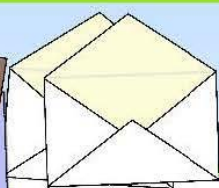
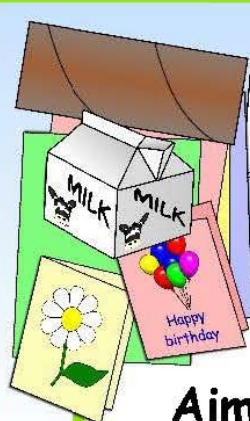
We're proud to have the support of a community-based, member-focused organisation in CUA, Australia's largest credit union, which shares our passion for communities, health and teaching kids about financial goals.



TEA GARDENS · KINCUMBER

***FINAL PAYMENT
DUE***

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER



Christmas Challenge

Aim: To design and create a Christmas themed item using recycled materials.

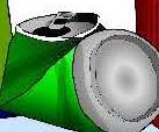


Bring your creation to school on Tuesday 12 December for "MAD Day" (week 10).

- All entries will be displayed in the Library.
- Awards for creativity and innovation will be awarded in ES1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3.



For further information see Mrs Fincher





**Beresfield Barracudas Swimming Club
Welcomes New and Existing Members to the
2017/18 season!**

**Friday Nights at 6pm
From Friday 13th October – March 2018
Come along for a try before signing up!**

Online registrations are now open – see website below

\$100 per swimmer

Under 7's are FREE, a part of the Optus Junior Dolphin Program

Costs include National, State and Local affiliation fees

All new swimmers must bring their birth certificate to the 1st club night

To register:

WEBSITE www.beresfield@nswswimming.com.au

For more information:

EMAIL barracudassc@optusnet.com.au

PHONE **0438 581 087** to speak with our Registrar, Jacqui

Alternate PHONE **0413 337 184**

FACEBOOK For all updates LIKE the Facebook page!

About Beresfield Swimming Club Inc

We are a family oriented swimming club which encourages members to develop their skills at their own pace. Our Club Meets are based on improving on your best times in each stroke. We have races suitable for beginners over 15m through to competent swimmers over 50m, 100m and 200m. Competency is assessed by times and proficiency, with swimmers being graded for each stroke from beginners in E-grade through to A-grade for the fully proficient swimmers.