

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 4, Term 4

30th 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

Monday 4th December

P & C Meeting - 9:10 in the Library

Thursday 7th December

Carols Evening - details to follow

Monday 11th December

Presentation Day

Tuesday 12th December

MADD Day

Wednesday 13th December

Year 6 Farewell

Thursday 14th December

Party Day



Before & After School Care

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

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

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL ITEMS:

Cash - to Office

Credit/Debit Card- 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

Colour Fun Run

A huge 'thank you' to our wonderful school community for supporting our inaugural Colour Fun Run fundraiser. Despite Friday's cloudy skies and the odd shower, the event went ahead as planned.

And what a day it was!



Starting with Ms Strang's Zumba energiser, students then walked the course in preparation for the colour explosion that was to follow.

It is fair to say that almost everyone in attendance soon became awash with an assortment of colours as students and spectators joined in the action.

The Colour Fun Run was the brain child of Mrs Caffery and she was the key figure in all aspects of the organisation of the day.

Thank you Mrs Caffery!

I would also like to thank our P&C, all of the dedicated parents who assisted and to the large group of parents and grandparents who came along to share in the fun.

Along with the great fun had by all, the event raised more than \$13000 for our school. This is a tremendous achievement by our generous families.

Thank you!



FINAL PAYMENT FOR CAMP DUE THIS FRIDAY

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS AND VIEWS (Cont'd)

Kinder Orientation Program: Our Kindergarten Orientation program begins tomorrow. Our 2018 students will visit classrooms with Mrs Hanks while their parents are presented with an overview of school routines and practices. During tomorrow's session, parents will be treated to a dance performance by our 'Rockabye' group and they will also find out a little about office procedures, our uniform shop, the role of the Learning and Support Teacher and a brief overview of school programs. The session will conclude with a general Q and A with Ms Strang, Mr Scanlan and myself. The orientation program also provides a perfect opportunity to welcome our new families to our school. Our Canteen Manager, Mrs Buehler, will provide morning tea on the day.



Helpers in the Community: As mentioned last week, K-2 students have been learning about helpers in the community. Last Wednesday our gates were thrown open to welcome members of the Morphett Fire Service and their impressive fire engine. Students were presented with a very informative talk by a group of our local firemen before being given a guided tour of the truck and its features. I know our students enjoyed discovering a little about the role of our fire-fighters and how they assist our community. Thank you to Ms Strang for coordinating the visit.

Parent Surveys: I will be sending home surveys for parents this week. The survey asks for feedback on areas of our school's operation and the types of activities / events we offer. The document also provides an opportunity for parents to suggest potential opportunities or ideas we could explore. Our goal is to provide the best possible learning environment for students, so feedback and opinions from our families is a critical component of the planning and review process. Information received from the survey, along with the recently completed **Tell Them From Me** survey, will be used in our Annual School Report and to inform our 2018-2020 School Plan.

Super Jam: This afternoon 15 of our talented drummers will attend a 'Super Jam' at Garden City, Kotara. Our drummers will perform with students from other local schools in a showcase performance of Col Hatchman's Drum Corp. Students will perform in the cinema complex in front of a sold out audience. This is a fantastic achievement by our drummers and I'm sure they will enjoy the experience.

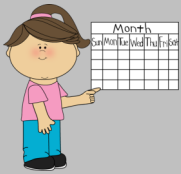


P&C AGM: Just a reminder that our 2017 AGM will be held next Monday 6th November. The meeting will be held in the school's library and will commence at 9:10am. All positions will be declared vacant on the day before the election of our new executive and establishment of nominated positions. I would like to publicly thank this year's members for the incredible support provided to our students and school. I am extremely grateful for the progressive and innovative ideas generated throughout the year and for the commitment and work of our members.

Thank you!

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: morpethpsuniforms@gmail.com

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

Canteen News

Week 4 - Term 4 2017

Tues 31.10.17

Pauline Webb, Kasey Flanagan

Wed 01.11.17

Elizabeth Gregor

Thurs 02.11.17

HELP NEEDED

Fri 03.11.17

Peta Purcell, Louise Griffiths

Week 5 - Term 4, 2017

Tues 07.11.17

HELP NEEDED

Wed 08.11.17

Fiona Emmett

Thurs 09.11.17

Rachael Flanagan

Fri 10.11.17

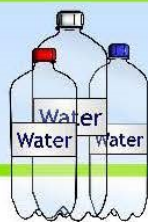
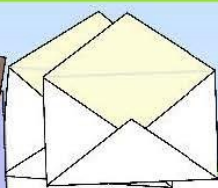
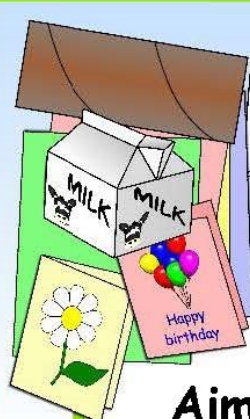
Jasmine Lancaster, Samantha



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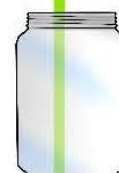
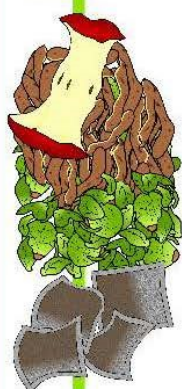
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Christmas Challenge

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





GREAT FUN

- Outdoor games and sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Playing with friends
- Great Educators
- Food and Cooking
- Indoor Activities



Are you maximising your Government rebates for Outside of School Hours' Care?

If not, you could be paying more than you should. With Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) you could save 50% off the price of after school care.

What's the CCR?

The Child Care Rebate offers a 50% reduction on your after school care fees. It is paid by Centrelink directly to your service, which means your out of pocket costs are halved. The CCR is currently NOT means tested and so long as you meet Centrelink's minimum work standards, you should be eligible to apply.

What Exactly is the CCB?

It's a Government allowance aimed at helping low income earners with the cost of out of school care. Paid by Centrelink, the CCB is means tested so you'll need to be assessed for your eligible allowance rate. The maximum allowance you can receive from CCB will cover 85% of your after school care fees.

Maximise Your Rebates, Here's How!

How Do I Find Out If I Am Eligible?

For more information on Government rebates, how to locate your family Customer Reference Numbers (CRN) and how to claim, please call the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.

You can link your CRN's to your Camp Australia account via the Parent Portal, alternatively you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343.



Program Details

For information about our program and to book visit www.campastralia.com.au or stop by and visit us in the program and see for yourself how we make kids smile.

From the Team at Camp Australia

* Out of pocket expenses to be used as a guide only as rebates are based on individual circumstances and are subject to change.

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**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.



Maitland Area Parishes in the CHISHOLM PASTORAL REGION

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Dear Parents,

Our parish communities wish to support families who would like their children to be Confirmed and receive their first Holy Communion in 2018.

If your child has been baptised a Catholic and you would like them to receive the other sacraments of Initiation next year then you are asked to attend two Parent Information sessions in November this year.

Session 1 will present an overview of the process. Our preparation is parish based, family centred and school supported. After parents have heard what is involved at Session 1, then if they feel their child is ready and they are ready as a family, then parents are asked to attend Session 2 where resources for preparation will be given.



By **Session 2** parents will be required to produce a copy of their child's baptism certificate for the child to be registered in the preparation process.

It will be necessary for parents to attend both Parent information sessions for their child to receive the sacraments next year. To begin the process the child needs to be 7 years of age or older.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child is not baptised please contact the Regional office ASAP before the 1st Information Session—(49338918 or SO1chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au)

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION 1 - 7.00PM:

- Tuesday 14th November at St Paul's Church Rutherford OR
- Wednesday 15th November at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Beresfield, OR
- Thursday 16th November at St Joseph's Church East Maitland

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION 2 - 7.00PM:

- Tuesday 21st November at St Paul's Church Rutherford OR
- Wednesday 22nd November at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Beresfield OR
- Thursday 23rd November at St Joseph's church East Maitland.

These meetings are for any parents from the eight churches of our region:

Our Lady of Lourdes, Cnr Delprat Avenue & Anderson Drive, Beresfield

St Joseph's, Cnr King Street & Newcastle Road, East Maitland

Immaculate Conception, Cnr George & James Streets, Morpeth

Holy Family, 11 John Street, Largs

St Columba's, Cnr Church & Prince Streets, Paterson

Sacred Heart, New England Highway, Campbell's Hill

St Paul's, 10 Young Street, Rutherford

St Patrick's, 55 New England Highway, Lochinvar

On behalf of Fr Paul O'Neill and the Sacramental team
October 2017

PARISHES (established)

1835 East Maitland – 1841 Maitland – 1871 Morpeth - 1905 Lochinvar – 1947 Beresfield – 1961 Rutherford