



MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 4, Term 1

19th February, 2018

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 19th February

Assembly (Commonwealth Bank)

Tuesday 20th February

Zone Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 21st February

Year 7 - 2019 Parent Information Evening at Maitland High School in the MPC

Monday 26th February

School Photos

Monday 5th March

P & C Meeting - 9:10 in the Library (ALL WELCOME!)

Monday 12th March

Young Leader's Day (Information and note to follow)



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/Debit Card- at Office or via

Parent Online Payments (POP)

- Credit/Debit Card via Website

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

MONDAY MEMO!

Swimming Carnival: Last Thursday our students made the trek to Maitland Aquatic Centre for our 2018 Swimming Carnival. The day was a resounding success, with the carnival characterised by high levels of participation, peer encouragement and outstanding individual and team performances. A large group of parents also attended to support our students. This year's carnival proved to be an extremely keenly fought affair, with very few points separating the houses at the conclusion of the carnival. I will announce the winning house at today's whole school assembly.



Swimming Carnival Record Breakers: Huge congratulations to Ben W and Chase P, who have written themselves into our Morpeth PS record books after outstanding performances at last Thursday's carnival. Ben broke his own record in the junior boys 50 metres Breaststroke, clocking the excellent time of 53.95, while Chase shaved seconds of the previous record in the 9 years 50 metres Freestyle, finishing with 42.83. Well done boys!

Zone Swimming Representatives: A team of 15 swimmers will represent our school at the Maitland Zone Carnival tomorrow. The students have been selected based on their impressive performances at last week's school carnival. Ms Strang will accompany the group. Best of luck to our swimmers!

Scripture and Ethics: Scripture lessons will begin on Thursday of Week 6. As in previous years, scripture will be provided by volunteers, with lessons available to students in all classes. Our school also offers non-scripture for students who have been 'opted out' of scripture by parents. This year, due to demand and an availability of trained presenters, our school will be offering Ethics in Education (SEE) sessions. K-2 Ethics provides an opportunity for students to discuss core skills such as listening to others, taking turns to speak and giving reasons. Stories, poems and rhymes prompt children to discuss ethical issues such as hurting someone without meaning to, telling the truth, being kind, forgiving, ownership, fairness and empathy. Topics for this age group include asking and answering questions, disagreeing, changing your mind, working out what is true, and more. Ethics classes in Years 3-6 aims to develop the critical thinking and discussion skills of students. Stories, contemporary issues and real life scenarios form the basis of discussions on ethical issues such as selfishness, how we should treat living things, promises, greed, friendship, teasing and fairness in society. Skills-based topics for this age group include respectful disagreement, inferring or figuring things out, generalising, proving claims, structuring arguments... and thinking about thinking! The role of Ethics Teachers is to facilitate student-led discussion and not impart their own opinions. If you would like your child to be involved in Ethics, please contact the school. Please be advised that, for students to be involved in Ethics, parents need to first 'opt out' of scripture and then 'opt in' to Ethics. Please contact the school for details.

Peter Edmonds.



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P & C NEWS



**P & C Meeting : Monday 5th March, 2018
Week 6**

9.10am in the Library - ALL WELCOME !

UNIFORM SHOP

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

Mondays ONLY - 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 1, 2018

Tues 20.02.18

Wed 21.02.18

Thurs 22.02.18

Fri 23.02.18

HELP NEEDED

Fiona Emmett, Rowena Horn

Kelly Redman, Lisa Johns

Mark Hulbert

Week 5 - Term 1, 2018

Tues 27.02.18

Wed 28.02.18

Thurs 01.03.18

Fri 02.03.18

Fiona Leary

Rachael Flanagan, Pauline Webb

HELP NEEDED

Carol Nelson



CANTEEN SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK!

ONLINE ORDERS ONLY

Beef & Chicken Burgers

\$3.00



Things you may have missed

- ◆ MPS Hoodie pre-order - last day for orders / payments this Friday 23rd February—complete e-form on Skoolbag
- ◆ Girls Winter Tunic pre-order - complete e-form on Skoolbag
- ◆ Year 7– 2019 attending Maitland High School—Info evening Wednesday 21st February (note was sent home with Yr 6 students)
- ◆ **Please note: Uniform shop will now only open on Monday mornings.**



Economy News Week 4

Bank Book Design Competition: I would like to thank our students for the fantastic entries submitted in our annual bank book design competition. The decision to select just one design from the many I received was extremely difficult. The results will be announced at Monday's assembly, where the successful students will receive certificates and cheques to commence their 2018 bank accounts. The chosen artwork will appear on the 2018 bank book cover and the artist will receive a cheque for \$2 000(P). Second and third place winners will receive cheques for \$1 000(P) and \$500(P) respectively.

Economy Opening: The Economy will open for trading on Monday 5th March (week 6), so start collecting recyclables now. ***Please ensure that recyclables are clean, counted and clearly labelled with the student's name and class.***

What do we recycle? The 2018 list of recyclables is available from the Economy Office, the school office or via the SKOOLBAG app. ***The Economy only accepts items on our list of Recyclables.***

To view a short film about our Economy, please log into the following link:

<http://www.mydls.com.au/morpethtv/>

If you have any questions regarding Economy operations, or would like to assist, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jane Fincher
Economy Coordinator.