

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 8, Term 1

19th March, 2018

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 20th March

Zone Soccer trials

Wednesday 21st March

Colouring In Comp closes

Thursday 22nd March

Ethics starts today

Thursday 29th March

East Hat Parade

Friday 30th March

Good Friday - no school

Monday 2nd April

Easter Monday - no school

Thursday 12th April

Cross Country (Note to follow)

Friday 13th April

Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 1st May

Students return for Term 2



Skoolbag

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

Parent Online Payments (POP)

- Credit/Debit Card via Website

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

MONDAY MEMO!

Harmony Day - Our school will be celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday. Harmony Day celebrates cultural diversity by focussing on inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians. The ongoing theme of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'. I'd like to think that our school celebrates the sentiment of Harmony Day every day at our school. Students are asked to come to school wearing an item of orange clothing, the colour traditionally linked to the day, and to bring a gold coin donation if possible. Our canteen will be offering a range of different foods during the week in further support of the Harmony Day.

Responsible Pet Visit - We enjoyed a visit from a representative of Responsible Pet Care this morning. Our K-2 students were presented with practical ways to care for pets and also ways to interact safely with our furry friends.



Badging Assembly - Next Monday morning our Year 6 students, who have recently been selected for portfolio leadership roles, will be presented with their badge. All Year 6 students will now hold leadership roles for the year in areas of interest and expertise. The presentation will begin at 9:30am in the MPC. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

Start Smart - Our school has offered Start Smart workshops for students during recent years. This year the sessions will be held on Thursday and Friday of this week. Students will be presented with age appropriate information about how to develop sensible attitudes to managing their money.

PRD Sponsorship - Thank you to our incredibly supportive families for their active 'liking' of the PRD Facebook page. As mentioned, PRD came to our school to present a cheque for \$200 to support our Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program that is operating predominantly in Years 5 and 6. PRD also offered to pay \$2 for every 'like' on their page. Incredibly, after four days, we were able to hit the \$1000 mark in additional sponsorship. Thank you so much to our families and friends—the funds will be directed to the purchase of resources to support our students.

Upcoming Dates - Our K-2 staff will be presenting workshops for parents on Monday afternoon, 26 March. Starting at 3:20pm, teachers will provide an overview of some of the software packages that are students use in class and at home. Our staff will provide a practical demonstration of Reading Eggs, Sunshine Online, Matific and a range of maths games. Hopefully lots of our parents can attend the session.

In the coming weeks, we will also be holding a walk / ride safely to school day (28 March), Easter hat parade (11am on 29 March) and our cross country carnival (Thursday 12 April).

Zone Touch - Congratulations to Year 6 student, Olivia Gregor on her selection in the girls Zone Touch Football team. Olivia attended trials last Friday and impressed selectors with her skills.

Olivia is an outstanding student at our school who is a high achiever in a number of fields. As a result of her selection, Olivia will represent the Maitland Zone against other zone representative teams. Well done Olivia!

Ms Touzell on Leave - Just a reminder that Mrs Touzell will be on leave until the end of the Easter break. During her time of leave, Mrs Amanda King will relieve as our acting school admin manager. Mrs Andrea Price will support Mrs King during Mrs Touzell's absence.



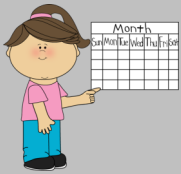
Peter Edmonds



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P & C NEWS



P & C Meeting : Monday 7th May, 2018
Week 2 ~ Term 2
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

Canteen News

Week 8 - Term 1, 2018

Tues 20.03.18

Wed 21.03.18

Thurs 22.03.18

Fri 23.03.18

Fiona Leary

Pauline Webb and **HELP NEEDED**

Kirstin Machan and **HELP NEEDED**

Sarah Thurgood



Week 9 - Term 1, 2018

Tues 27.03.18

Wed 28.03.18

Thurs 29.03.18

Fri 30.03.18

HELP NEEDED

Elizabeth Gregor **HELP NEEDED**

Rachael Flanagan **HELP NEEDED**

GOOD FRIDAY



EASTER
HAT
PARADE

THURSDAY
29th MARCH

P&C MEETING - AGENDA ITEMS

Parents are welcome to forward items they wish added to the meeting agenda to :

morpethpspandc@gmail.com

All items received before C.O.B on the last day of the month will be added to the meeting agenda for the following Monday



Skoolbag 

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Things you may have missed

- ♦ Cross Country information note and sponsorship form
- ♦ Infants Excursion - save the date
- ♦ Cross Country - save the date.
- ♦ Harmony Day Meal Deal order form - online only
- ♦ Like PRD Nationwide Hunter Valley and the school receives \$ per like



Economy News Week 8

Economy Opening: The Economy is now open for trading, so start bringing in your recyclables now.

Auctions: The Economy will conduct its first auction at Assembly in Week 8 on Monday 19 March. Students must have a bank book and have at least \$50 (P) in order to bid. Economy bank book applications are available from the Economy office, the school office or the SKOOLBAG app.

Recycling: 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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Economy only accepts items on our list of Recyclables.

Banking: All students are paid by cheque and all cheques must be paid into an Economy bank account. Cheques are not transferrable to another student. Students from K-2 have their banking done by our Economy bankers. Students from 3-6 **MUST** complete a deposit form to credit their cheques into their own account. Our friendly bankers are always available to assist any student who is unsure of the process.

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

Jane Fincher *Economy Coordinator*

Why you should play Uno

One lunch time I was feeling a bit bored. All of a sudden Miss Kearney yelled, "Hey, do you want to play Uno? Then I was locked in a fierce Uno battle with Miss Kearney. The game was so much fun that we play against each other over and over again.

You can meet people from all over the world playing Uno online. The game is exactly the same except you are playing with people who are in other places. When you're playing online you can also play in games with different rules which is lots of fun.

Since it's an easy game to play, everyone can quickly learn how to play. When you are teaching a new person how to play it doesn't take very long. All you need to know are colour, numbers and the rules for the action cards like "reverse", "plus 2", "plus 4", "wild" and "skip".

You can make plans to take down your friends that you are facing. It takes a lot of thinking for every move you make. You can wait to play your action till the end of the game or play every card you have and more.

Imagine how much fun you can have making new friends and challenging old friends to this great game of strategy.

By Reb

2018 Cross Country-a-thon

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT OUR YEAR 6 GIFT FUNDRAISING
BY PARTICIPATING IN OUR MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL
CROSS COUNTRY-A-THON ON THURSDAY 12TH APRIL !!
SPONSORSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE.
THE CROSS COUNTRY-A-THON WILL BE FOLLOWED
BY A PICNIC LUNCH @ 12.00PM



MORPETH PS P&C ASSOC EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Multiple Hampers of Easter treats on offer
+ Vouchers from our local business partners

\$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5



**DRAWN :
29th March 2018
at Easter Hat Parade**

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK



Bonus
Early Bird Offers

PREVIEW THE VALUE



Newcastle, Central Coast
and the Hunter
Entertainment
2018 | 2019

SEE WHAT'S INSIDE



Learn about
the Entertainment
Digital Membership

WATCH VIDEO



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We are raising funds and you can help. Order the NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting our School. **PLUS**, order now to receive **over \$200** of bonus Early Bird Offers (hurry, these sell out quickly).

MAITLAND - WE'RE COMING TO YOU!

Our goal, through taking Hunter Drama On Tour is to increase your accessibility to the magical world of musical theatre education, with our brand new production of Disney's Aladdin JR.

It is with a huge amount of excitement that we announce auditions for an entirely Maitland based cast of talented young actors, singers and dancers all under the age of 18. If you'd like the chance to star in this brand new musical, to be staged at Maitland Town Hall in July 2018 we'd love to meet you!

(Directors and teachers are also encouraged to apply for our Hunter Drama Creative Team Mentorship professional development program; email - admin@hunterdrama.com.au)

To audition and learn more: <https://form.jotform.co/80352262804855>

PENS FOR KIDS



Give us your pens...



... we pay for sending them...



...to those who need them !

Willow Shepherd from 3/4F is seeking assistance from the Morpeth Public School community to collect pens, pencils, rulers, erasers and other writing utensils, both new and used, to support Pens for Kids. She would like to encourage everyone to clean out their pencil cases and pen tins and donate any unwanted items to this worthy cause.

Pens for Kids is a charity project based 100% on volunteer work. Its aim is to help kids in developing countries, primarily in Africa, to get an education.

Willow is to be congratulated for her social conscience and willingness to help children less fortunate than herself. Collection tubs will be situated in 3/4F classroom and the school office.

All donations will be gratefully received.



If you require further information, please see Mrs Fincher or go to <http://www.pensforkids.co.uk> .

SAVE THE DATE :

Thursday 29th March : Easter Hat Parade & Easter Raffle drawn

Thursday 12th April 2018 : Cross Country Carnival

Friday 4th May 2018 : Mothers Day Stall

Friday 18th May 2018 : Infants excursion to Civic Theatre (note to be sent home next term)