

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 7, Term 4

15th November, 2021

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 15th November 2021

Closing date for Book Club Orders

Monday 13th December 2021

Presentation Day
Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 14th December 2021

Party Day

Thursday 16th December 2021

Last day of Term 4 for students

Tuesday 1st February 2022

First day of Term 1

Year 1 - 6 Students return



Before & After School Care

Camp Australia
Before and After School Care

Please call Cameron

(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 Morpeth Public
School Website

Look What's Trending this week!



Remembrance Day Last Thursday our school acknowledged Remembrance Day with a brief ceremony at 11am. We believe that it is important that our students understand the significance and protocols of traditional ceremonies. The ceremony, conducted superbly by our school leaders Peggy, Colby, Issy and Dan, provided an explanation as to why Australians acknowledge the day. As we have come to expect, our students demonstrated incredible respect and behaviour throughout the service.

Year 5 Leadership Workshop Last Thursday Mr Irwin and Mr Scanlan provided a leadership workshop for students in Year 5 who are considering running for leadership positions in 2022. The whole day workshop provided students with an insight into the key components of leadership. Students, who intend to nominate for a position, will begin their election campaign this week, before voting takes place in Week 9. The names of our 2022 student leaders will be announced at our end of term Presentation Day assembly on Monday 13 December, Week 11. Best of luck to all candidates.

Writers' Competition Our school is full of talented students who excel in various curriculum areas. We believe that schools should provide opportunities for students to showcase their individual skills and expertise. Last year we introduced our 'Young Archies' art initiative and we were amazed by the quality of work we received. This year we offered a chance for our creative writers to enter our 'Young Writers' competition. Once again, we were incredibly impressed by the standard of entries we received. Initially, we were offering one prize but, because of the outstanding submissions, we decided to award a prize for the winning entry and two additional awards for our runners up. Congratulations to Will, who was adjudged winner for his work entitled 'The Beast and the Heart', and to our other recipients, Emma ('Sounds in the Night') and Blake ('NPC 4861 - Termination'). I have included an extract from Will's winning entry.



'As Jack grew up, Jemima would tell him mythical stories about the one and only dragon. She fed him broth made with anything she could find like grubs, weeds, and leftover scraps from the food cannery on the other side of town. She taught Jack how to write, spell and draw using stones, tree sap and oil from abandoned boats.'

School Photos Next Tuesday is our school photo day. Our service provider, MSP, will be on site throughout the day, ready to capture students in all classes. We ask that your child is in full uniform on the day. A selection of photo packages will be available to order, we anticipate that the photo envelopes, outlining the package options, will be delivered to schools in the coming days.

P&C AGM The Annual General Meeting for our P&C will be held next Monday— Monday 22 November . The meeting, which will be held via Zoom, will begin at 7pm. All executive positions will be declared vacant on the night and all current and intending members are encouraged to apply. I would like to thank our 2020-2021 executive and general committee members for the excellent support they have given to the school. In what has been a disrupted couple of years, our P&C has continued to be active, available and dedicated in their support of our students and school programs. Thank you. *Peter Edmonds*



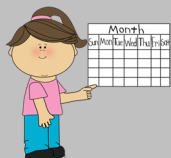
DON'T FORGET WHEN ORDERING YOUR LUNCH ORDERS TO USE 'www.QuickCliq.com.au'



P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting - Morpeth Public School P&C will be holding their AGM Monday 22 November 2021 at 7pm via zoom.

All members of the school community are welcome to join the meeting, however only financial members will be able to vote in the election of the 2021/2022 P&C executive. If you wish to become a financial member in order to vote at the AGM, or to stand for a position on the P&C board, please pay your \$1 membership fee to the Morpeth Public School office



If you would like to participate in the meeting via Zoom, please:
email morpethpspandc@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP IS NOW ONLINE ONLY

Uniform orders - PLEASE ORDER ON QUICKCLIQ

For any enquiries please contact: **Bec on 0413 771 181 or email morpethpspandc@gmail.com**
BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS - BSB No - 032 639 Account No - 287 512

Canteen News

Week 7 - Term 4, 2021

Tues:	16.11.2021	Online orders only using QuickCliq
Wed:	17.11.2021	
Thurs:	18.11.2021	The Canteen will not be open for
Fri:	19.11.2021	operation during play breaks



PBL

This week's focus lesson ...

MPC (Playing)

We will be talking with students about ...

Be aware of others

Speak and act positively

Clean and pack away your belongings

Own your own actions

Play fairly and by the rules Care for equipment and belongings

Be a good sport

Try your best

Participate and include others



School Banking update from Commonwealth Bank

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit. Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to your school after this year, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.



Good for Kids good for life

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

The United Nations has declared 2021 the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables!

Did you know that over 75% of Primary school aged children in NSW consume the recommended serves of fruit?¹

BUT...

Only 1 in 20 NSW primary school children eat the recommended amount of vegetables!!

Pack vegetables for Crunch&Sip® at school each day.
Here's a few ideas:

No preparation:

- Baby cucumbers or carrots
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Snow Peas
- Frozen Peas

Some preparation:

- Cucumber, carrot, celery or capsicum sticks
- Corn on the cob



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

2021



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

¹NSW School Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey, 2015

School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

Road safety



Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the **families** section on safetytown.com.au

Road safety



Wearing helmets and riding safely

Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades.

Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 16 and their

accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** procedure.

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Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

Messages to share with your children in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads