



MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 8, Term 4

22nd November, 2021

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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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!



School Leadership

During recent weeks our Year 5 students, who have indicated that they wish to stand for 2022 leadership positions, have been busily preparing for our upcoming election. Last week was campaigning week, where our potential school leaders provided students in all classes with information about their leadership style. Student posters have been proudly on display around the school and our students have been

introduced during morning assemblies. Once again, our voters will be faced with the extremely difficult task of selecting our captains and vice-captains from what is an outstanding field of aspiring leaders.

In previous years, our students have presented brief speeches to students and families at our annual leadership assembly. Because of COVID onsite management considerations, we have been forced to modify our 2021 leadership process. As a result, students will present their election speeches via video. The videos will be played to students in all classes on Wednesday morning, with elections to follow. Mr Scanlan has been busily preparing student videos this morning in readiness for Wednesday's big day. As a result of the voting process, a four student leadership team will be announced; two boys and two girls. The names of our captains and vice captain will be announced at our Week 11 senior presentation day assembly.

School Photos

Just a reminder that tomorrow is school photo day. Master School Portraits (MSP) will be on site for most of the day to photograph all students in all classes. After some uncertainty, we are extremely happy to be able to welcome our school photographers on site. School photos create a wonderful keepsake and we were determined to ensure this year's memories were captured. Thanks also to MSP, who promised that we would be 'first cab off the rank' once we were given permission to proceed.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten orientation is scheduled for next Tuesday 30 November. At this stage we will be welcoming 27 kinder students to our school in 2022. The orientation will provide an opportunity for our new students to meet teachers and to familiarise themselves with our site and surrounds. We have already met our students and their families, during individual meetings held earlier in the term, but next week will be the first time our students will be together as a cohort. We look forward to next Tuesday where we can welcome our class of 2022 to our school.

P&C AGM

The Annual General Meeting for our P&C will be held tonight. The meeting will be held via Zoom and will begin at 7pm. All executive positions will be declared vacant and all current and intending members are encouraged to apply. As mentioned previously, I would like to thank our current executive and all other members of the P&C for their wonderful support of our students and school throughout the year. I look forward to working collaboratively and productively with our 2021—2022 team.

End of Year—Key Dates

Just a reminder that we are in the midst of an eleven week term. Our key end of year events will all take place during Week 11. Our presentation day will be held on Monday of Week 11, 13 December. Because of current restrictions, we will be holding split presentations; K-Year 2 (12pm) and Years 3-6 (9:30am). Our Year 6 farewell, held on site, will also be held on 13 December. Party day will be held on the following day, Tuesday 14 December. We envisage that Semester 2 reports will be sent home on party day.

Peter Edmonds



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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 8 - Term 4, 2021

Tues: 23.11.2021
Wed: 24.11.2021
Thurs: 25.11.2021
Fri: 26.11.2021

Online orders only using QuickCliq

**The Canteen will not be open for
operation during play breaks**



PBL

This week's focus lesson ...

Lining Up

We will be talking with students about ...

Be aware of others

Walk quietly

Respond to the bell

Make positive choices

Model high quality behaviour



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

TV FREE TUESDAY

You might have heard about 'meat free Monday', how about introducing TV-free Tuesday into your week?

A whole day with no screen time will provide encouragement for your kids to 'think outside the box' for activity ideas!

Some ideas include:

- Backyard Play
- Charades or board games
- Indoor or outdoor treasure hunt
- Writing and practicing a performance to showcase every Tuesday evening
- Art and craft
- Hula hoop competition
- A family game of Twister

Allow space for your kids to come up with their own idea. TV-free Tuesday can quickly turn into a family favourite tradition.



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

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

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



40km/h school zones

40km/h school zones slow traffic on the roads around schools. This is to help protect children on their way to and from schools at the times and places where they are often in high numbers. Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8.00am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all notified school days including staff development days (student-free days). While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be followed during NSW Government determined school terms.

You can find the school term dates on the following websites:

- roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
- educationstandards.nsw.edu.au
- education.nsw.gov.au

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular 'dragon's teeth' road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

Fines and a loss of demerit points will apply if the 40km/h speed limit isn't followed. For more information on fines and demerit points, visit transport.nsw.gov.au

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

Road safety



Keeping safe around school crossings

For your child's safety, it's very important to ensure they use the school crossing.

At all crossings you must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road.

If there's a School Crossing Supervisor, wait until they have stopped the traffic and called you to cross.

If you are driving, you must not proceed until the School Crossing Supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that you may proceed through the crossing.

Children's crossings

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. They can also operate at other times when children use the crossing for excursions or during break times. When 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed, you must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians.

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