

# MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 7, Term 2

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday 1st June**

Athletics Carnival

**Wednesday 2nd June**

Young Teen Talk - Yr 6 students only

**Friday 11th June**

Field Events Carnival

**Friday 18th June**

Starstruck

**Saturday 19th June**

Starstruck

**Friday 25th June**

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Before & After School Care

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Parent Online Payments (POP)

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## Look What's Trending this week!

**Regional Rugby Selection Trials** Last week we mentioned that Cooper and Max had been selected in the initial PSSA Regional Rugby Union squad of 30. The boys returned to the field on Thursday for the final trial, where the squad was reduced to 22. In incredible news, Cooper has been selected in the squad and will now represent the Region at a three day carnival in Mudgee in August. I have also been informed that Max was also extremely close to gaining selection as well, which is an outstanding achievement for a student in Year 5. Well done!

**P&C Membership** Our innovative and progressive P&C is always on the look out for new members. We have lots of great skills, knowledge and expertise in our community and we'd love for you to be involved. If you have an idea you'd like to share, please contact the school for further information.

**Semester 1 Reports** Our Semester 1 reports will be available in Week 10. The reports will provide an overview of your child's achievement in all key learning areas and will be assessed against an A-E scale. A to E reporting has been in existence for many years now, but it continues to cause some confusion for parents. Under the current system, students are graded against all students in the state, they are not graded according to class placement. The grading system is designed to provide consistency in assessing and describing student performance; in other words, a 'C' grade at Morpeth is the same as a 'C' grade on Sydney's North Shore. In using the 'C' example, please be aware that a 'C' grade confirms that the student is achieving all expected learning outcomes. A 'C' grade represents a 'sound and solid' performance in the subject area.

**Athletics Carnival** Just a reminder that our whole school athletics carnival will be held at Metford Oval tomorrow. The tabloid nature of the carnival means that all students will be participating in age and gender based events throughout the day. Students will rotate around 14 activity stations, that will cater for all abilities and will also include age races and long jump. Students are able to wear their house colours (Sturt - Green, Hume - Blue, Oxley - Red and Eyre -Yellow), but please ensure that shirts have sleeves and that all clothing is clearly labelled. We also ask that students wear their usual wide-brimmed hat and that sun screen is applied prior to and during the carnival. We would love to see our families join us at the carnival to witness out talented athletes in action—the carnival will commence at 9.30am.

**Purple Pear Farm** Our students in 5/6O and 5/6S enjoyed a fantastic day at the Purple Pear Farm at Anambah on Wednesday. Students were involved in a range of activities that provided 'real life' information about permaculture, farming ecosystems and sustainable practices. Our students asked excellent questions and were thoroughly engaged in the activities on offer.



**Photography Survey** Our school photography survey has closed and the results are in! Thank you to the 86 families (54% of our families) who responded to the survey. Master School Portraits (MSP) has once again been selected by our families to provide the service. We will provide information about dates in the coming weeks.

**Attendance** I mentioned last week about the importance of regular and high levels of student attendance to support academic growth and the establishment of friend groups. Attendance levels are regularly monitored by our school executive and externally by Home School Liaison Officers (HSLO). Low levels attendance may necessitate an intervention by the school or the HSLO, please be reminded that we are always available to help and support our families to improve student attendance. Our recently developed Strategic School Plan (SIP) includes an attendance target, expressed as the percentage of students who attend school 90% or more of the time. Currently 76% of our 233 students attend school 9 days per fortnight or more.

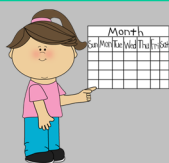
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# P & C NEWS



## P&C Meeting - T.B.A.

ALL WELCOME

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

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## Canteen News

### **Week 7 - Term 2, 2021**

Tues:	01.06.2021	Athletics Carnival
Wed:	02.06.2021	Kasey Flanagan, Beth Harkness
Thurs:	03.06.2021	Keah Tilbrook
Fri:	04.06.2021	Sharyn Mclean, <b>Help Needed</b>

### **Week 8 - Term 2, 2021**

Tues:	07.06.2021	Sally Richards
Wed:	08.06.2021	Carley Fidock
Thurs:	09.06.2021	Kristen Jack, Sam Presland
Fri:	10.06.2021	Carol Nelson, <b>Help Needed</b>



## PBL

This weeks focus lesson ...

### **Lining Up**

We will be talking with students about ..

Sit quietly in two straight and settled lines  
Wait quietly for our teacher  
Keep our hands and feet to ourselves  
Are on time to lines  
Listen and follow instructions

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## **NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

Book Club Issue 4, has been distributed and will close on 10 June 2021.

### **Items that require payment:**

Student invoices sent home via email from Schoolbytes.

Backflips against bullying - now overdue.

Excursion (for each student) - now due.

Mindfulness - now overdue.



# ATTENDANCE CONSIDERATION

## What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

*Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?*

*That's when every minute counts the most!!*

# ***EVERY DAY COUNTS!***

# Good for Kids good for life

## GET ACTIVE WITH YOUR 'DISCOVER NSW' VOUCHERS!

Have you heard about the recent NSW Government "Dine and Discover NSW" initiative? Every adult in NSW is eligible to receive 2 x \$25 vouchers to spend on registered entertainment and recreation venues.

Why not consider using your vouchers to get active with your kids? Here are a few ideas:

- Indoor Rock Climbing
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Putt Putt/Mini Golf
- Ice Skating
- Lawn Bowls
- Trampoline Park
- Sport and Recreation Centre



To see a full list of registered businesses near you and to apply for your vouchers, head to the ServiceNSW website.

Get in quick – vouchers expire 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021!



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