

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 2, Term 4

17th October 2022

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 19th October

Stage 3 Excursion Information session

Saturday 22nd October

School Garden Working Bee

Wednesday 26th October

Kinder Orientation

Book Club (Issue 7) closes

Thursday 27th October

Music Showcase

Wednesday 2nd November

Kinder Orientation

Wednesday 9th November

Kinder Orientation

Wednesday 16th November

3 day Great Aussie Bush Camp

Monday 28th November

Year 5 Leadership Campaigning Week
K - 2 Excursion to Hunter Wetlands



Before and After School Care
Please call Will

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL ITEMS:

Cash - to Office

Credit/Debit Card - at Office or via

Parent Online Payments
(POP)

Look What's Trending this week!

Assemblies Our Term 4 whole school assemblies begin today. As a reminder, our assemblies for students in K-6, are held on 'even' weeks of each term. The whole school assemblies include the presentation of merit and PBL certificates, general information about school activities/events by staff and usually a class or student performance. The assemblies are hosted by our four school leaders. On alternate Mondays, our 'odd' weeks, an assembly is held for students in K-2/3 classes.

All assemblies are held in the MPC and begin at 2pm. We encourage our parents and carers to attend and share in the wonderful achievements of our students.

Please note that, occasionally, we will hold special assemblies; these may include sports, leadership and acknowledgement of days of significance.

Stage 3 Excursion Information This Wednesday afternoon, 19 October, we will be holding an information session about the upcoming Great Aussie Bush Camp, Wednesday to Friday (Week 6). Students and their parents/carers are invited to attend the meeting to find out about what is on offer for the excursion. The meeting will be held in Mr Scanlan/Mrs Cowan's room and will begin at 4:30pm.

K-2/3 Excursion On Monday 28 November (Week 8), our K-2/3 students will be attending an excursion to Hunter Wetlands. More information will be made available closer to the date.

Music Showcase Just a reminder that our Music Showcase will be held on Thursday 27 October (Week 3). The day, the brainchild of our talented music teacher Mrs Jack, will feature performances by students in all classes and will include a number of solo performances. The action will begin at 10am, we encourage our families to arrive at 9:45am and make their way to the COLA area. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Canteen manager Bec, will be offering a meal deal on the day. We hope you can join us.

Kinder Orientation Our Kinder orientation program will begin on Wednesday of next week, 26 October. The three session program will provide an opportunity for our 2023 Kinder students to experience 'big school' while their parents/carers attend information workshops with our staff. During the final week of last term and on Tuesday of last week, we met with our new students and their families and welcomed them to our school. At this stage we will enrol approximately 26 Kindergarten students in 2023.

Upcoming Term Events Term 4 is historically busy so, to help our families plan for important days, I will continue to provide reminders of upcoming events.

Our Year 5 students, who will be seeking leadership positions in 2023, will be involved in a workshop in Week 7 before hitting the campaign trail in Week 8. Our leadership election assembly is scheduled for Monday 5 December (Week 9).

Our swimming school, for students in Stage 1, will be held in Week 9, with our Christmas Carols evening locked in for Thursday 8 December (Week 9).

Monday 12 December (Week 10) is our sports assembly while our traditional presentation day will be held on Wednesday 14 December.

MADD Day and party day will follow on Thursday 15 December (Week 10).

Semester 2 student reports will also be sent home in Week 10.

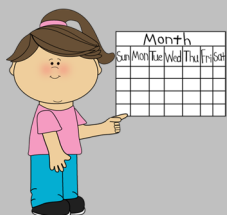
Please note that Term 4 for students will end on Friday 16 December. This represents a change as, originally, students would also be required to attend on Monday 19 December, this is no longer the case. *Peter Edmonds*



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P & C NEWS



P&C Meeting -

Monday 7th November 2022 at 6pm. (NEW TIME)

Meetings will now be held in person at the school,
And for those who can't make it in person, also via zoom link.

The next P&C Meeting is scheduled for Monday 7th November 2022 at the NEW TIME of 6pm to be held in person at the school, and for those who can't make it in person, also via zoom link.

We would love to welcome all members of the school community to be involved - parents, carers, grandparents. With a simple \$1 membership fee which can be provided to the school office, the canteen or now by Quickcliq (locate it under the uniforms tab!), you will be able to attend meetings, receive minutes, and keep your finger on the pulse of our wonderful school! Don't worry being a part of the P&C doesn't mean you have to attend every meeting or hold a position!

Any questions regarding the P&C feel free to call the President Sharyn on 0402 543 627. We would love to see you all!

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 2 - Term 4, 2022

Tuesday 18.10.2022 Help needed

Wednesday 19.10.2022 Help needed

Thursday 20.10.2022 Help needed

Friday 21.10.2022 Help needed



Online orders only using Quickly. If you would like to volunteer please contact Bec on 0413 771 181 or click on the link below to our online roster where you are able to sign up for days that you are available. <https://signup.com/go/ZBkQLdn>

PBL

We will be talking with students about ...

Eating Time

Sit in designated area

Put rubbish in the bin

Wait for the play bell to ring

Sit down for the ten-minute eating time

Wear your school hat

Eat healthy foods first

Speak politely to others

Follow teacher instructions

Pack away your lunchtime before you play



Save the Date - School Garden Working Bee

22nd October 2022 9.30am - 12.30pm

The School and P&C are holding a garden working bee on Saturday 22nd October between 9.30 and 12.30. We are encouraging all families to help out with a range of activities as part of our sustainable schools grant for biodiversity and food production . Volunteers are needed to assist with the construction of garden beds, installation of irrigation, moving soil, weeding and mulching. Jesse Clarke from Phoenix Park Farm will also be assisting on the day. If you would like to be involved and meet some new school families, please complete the Operoo eForm to confirm your availability, activities and tools needed on the day.





Is healthy eating really more expensive?

Packing healthy everyday snacks doesn't need to be expensive. In fact, everyday foods can often be a lot cheaper.

Here are some tips to help choose healthy snacks at the supermarket:

- **Shop the seasons:** choose fruit and vegetables that are in season
- **Buy in bulk:** pack into smaller portions at the start of the week
- **Make your own:** popcorn, pikelets, muffins, scrolls
- **Choose frozen, dried or canned:** berries, beans, corn, fruit
- **Use leftovers:** fried rice, pasta, salad
- **Shop the specials**
- **Look for 3.5 health star ratings or higher**

See lots of ideas on our Tips To Save Money | Good for Kids, Good for Life (nsw.gov.au):
www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/tips/tips-to-save-money/





Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

