

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 4, Term 4

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 2nd November

Kinder Orientation
Maitland High School Yr 7, 2023
Information evening

Saturday 5th November

Garden Working Bee

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

Thursday 8th December

Christmas Carols in the COLA

Monday 12th December

Presentation Day

Thursday 15th December

MADD DAY
Party Day
Reports home

Before and After School Care

Please call Will

(Co-ordinator)

0447 430 811



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!

Read-a-thon Our Read-a-thon starts this week. Students in all classes are encouraged to read age and reading level appropriate quality books or spend time being read to. We then ask that family members 'sponsor' the students for time allocated to the reading activity. All funds raised will be used to purchase new books for the school library. The books will also be used in classrooms for independent reading and reading groups. Please support our read-a-thon so that your child has more books to read, share and enjoy. If you require additional information, please contact the school.

Music Showcase Last Thursday's Music Showcase was a resounding success. A large crowd of parents and carers were entertained by our talented students, who performed singing, dancing and solo routines. The day started with a presentation to our generous community members, Ray and Joy from the Commercial Hotel. Ray and Joy held a fund raiser to support our school's music and dance programs. As a result of the initiative, we were able to purchase a state of the art PA system that was used at Thursday's concert, thank you Ray and Joy! After the presentation, the action started in fine style, with students in all classes included in the concert. The day concluded with a shared lunch in the playground. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Jack, our music coordinator, and Ms Strang for their incredible organisation of the day. Thank you also to Bec for arranging the meal deal and to our incredible families for supporting the event. Finally, thank you and congratulations to our students for your incredible performances.



Kinder orientation Last week's Kinder orientation was a great success. Our 2023 students settled beautifully as they engaged with Mrs Hanks and Mrs Baker at their first day at big school. Parents and carers attended the library where our staff provided an overview of key areas of our school's operation. The orientation will continue on Wednesday.

Sustainable garden project Jesse, from Phoenix Park, came to our school on Friday afternoon to provide an overview of our garden project. Jesse spoke to our students about biodiversity and the importance of developing a garden that is cooperative, using planting techniques that enable plants to work together. Jesse will return this Friday and continue to oversee our planned redevelopment of the garden area.

Scripture/Ethics and Non Scripture Just a reminder that our scripture, ethics and non scripture program will recommence on Friday of Week 5. Please note that parents/carers have the option of choosing one of the three groups. At this stage, we have a shortage of volunteers to present ethics classes. Unfortunately, some students who have requested ethics will be placed in an alternate non scripture/ethics group. If you are interested in becoming an ethics presenter, please contact the school for information. Students will attend the same group as 2021, unless notified in writing by a parent.

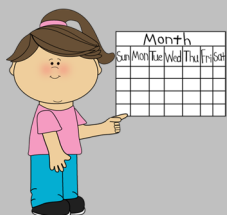
Peter Edmonds



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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 4 - Term 4, 2022

Tuesday 01.11.2022 Help needed

Wednesday 02.11.2022 Help needed

Thursday 3.11.2022 Help needed

Friday 04.11.2022 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 ...

MPC (playing)

Be aware of others

Speak and act positively and politely

Clean and pack away your belongings

Own your actions

Play fairly and by the rules

Care for equipment and belongings

Be a good sport

Try your best

Participate and include others



Keeping active and cool in summer

Physical activity makes kids stronger and fitter, they can concentrate and learn better at school, and sleep better at night.

The weather is warm, and it's a great time to get outdoors and get your 60 minutes of activity each day. Just remember to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide!

Some fun ideas to keep active and cool in summer are:

- Create a slip and slide in your yard with a tarp, water and detergent.
- Go for a bike or scooter ride.
- Go out for a picnic and pack the soccer ball with you.
- Turn on the hose or sprinkler in the backyard.
- Use chalk to draw on the path/driveway and play games like hopscotch, or draw a target.
- Use wet sponges or water balloons.



Save the Date - School Garden Working Bee

9.30am - 12.30pm

The School and P&C are holding a garden working bee on Saturday 5th November between 9.30 and 12.00. 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.





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.

