

# MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 5, Term 4

7th November 2022

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 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

### Monday 5th December

Swim School  
Leadership election

### Thursday 8th December

Christmas Carols in the COLA

### Monday 12th December

Sports Presentation Day

### Wednesday 14th December

Presentation Day  
Yr 6 Farewell

### Thursday 15th December

MADD DAY  
Party Day

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!

**River Team Rugby League** Last Thursday, five students from our school joined forces with students from Hinton and Largs to form our river schools Rugby League team. The team, which included Max, Eli, Jack, Sacha and Angus, competed in the Rebels 9's carnival at Mt View in Cessnock and performed outstandingly throughout the tournament. The river schools combination played against Maitland, Thornton, Tenambit and Metford, winning all four games. We have heard wonderful feedback regarding the skill, commitment and team spirit that was displayed by the players. The river schools format enables smaller schools to field a competitive team and participate in genuine contests against the schools with much larger student enrolment. Well done boys!



**Garden Project** Our garden project, under the watchful eye of Jesse, continued on Friday. As well as working with students in Years 2 and 3, Jesse assisted our garden group with the relocation of some plants in readiness for Saturday's working bee. Speaking of, thank you to the energetic group of parents/carers, students and staff who turned out in force for the working bee.

The team created a new collection of garden pods and a designated worm and compost area.

**Fun Friends** Last Tuesday our KH and K/1B students came together to celebrate their 'Fun Friends' graduation. Students came to school dressed as their role model and received a graduation certificate acknowledging their achievements. The Fun Friends program assists students to learn about important social skills and how to develop and sustain friendships.



**Art work** Our talented artists in 2/3D have been busily creating some wonderful work. Inspired by legendary artist Vincent Van Gogh, the students have been creating pictures of sunflowers. I'm sure you'll agree that even Vincent, himself, would be impressed with the results!



**Koori Konnections** A group of 22 students and parents attended a workshop today that provided hands on information about aspects of Aboriginal culture. The workshop, an initiative of Koori Konnections, allowed students to learn about traditional Aboriginal tools, clothing and to experience some bush food cooking. Our students also asked some insightful questions that deepened their knowledge and understanding about our first nation people's culture and identity.



**Scripture/Ethics and Non Scripture** Just a reminder that our scripture, ethics and non scripture programs will begin on Friday. 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. As a result, some students, who have requested ethics, will be placed in an alternate non scripture group. Students will attend the same group as 2021, unless a variation has been received in writing to indicate a change.

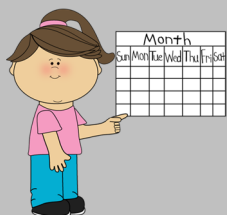
Peter Edmonds



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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](mailto:morpethpspandc@gmail.com)**  
**BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS - BSB No - 032 639 Account No - 287 512**

## Canteen News

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| Tuesday 08.11.2022   | Help needed      |
| Wednesday 09.11.2022 | Elizabeth Gregor |
| Thursday 10.11.2022  | Help needed      |
| Friday 11.11.2022    | Sharyn McLean    |



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 ...

### Toilets and Bubblers

Enter and exit quietly and quickly

Take care of property

Turn off taps and bubblers

Keep toilets tidy

Report damages

Use toilets and bubblers during breaks

Return to class promptly



## Freeze food for fresh summer lunchboxes

Save time in the mornings by making food ahead of time and storing it in the freezer! Try out these ideas:

- Sandwiches with cheese, vegemite, roast meat or egg are great for freezing until ready to use.
- Make a batch of everyday snacks on the weekend and pop them straight from the freezer into the lunchbox. Try banana pikelets or zucchini slice.
- Keep yoghurt cooler for longer by adding in frozen berries.
- Cut an orange into quarters and freeze for a delicious cold snack.



Find more ideas at: [www.swapit.net.au](http://www.swapit.net.au)





# 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.

