

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 7, Term 4

21st November 2022

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 28th November

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

Monday 5th December

Swim school
Leadership election

Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Carols in the COLA

Thursday 8th December

Yr 3 & Yr 4 Excursion to Glenrock Lagoon

Monday 12th December

Sports Presentation Day

Wednesday 14th December

Presentation Day
Yr 6 Farewell

Thursday 15th December

MADD (Music, Art, Dance, Drama) 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!

Morpeth Bicentenary

Morpeth's Bicentenary celebrations, held over the weekend, were a resounding success! On Saturday morning, our students performed for the large crowd that had assembled in the area. Students, from all classes, entertained the masses from the main stage while Year 3 student Heath Muir, was presented with a certificate to acknowledge the wonderful creation he made to acknowledge Arnott's Biscuits. The award was presented by a member of the Arnott family. Our P&C volunteers were kept extremely busy over the weekend, through their operation of a popular lemonade stand. Thank you to our talented students, our teachers and our generous family members who supported our students and stall.



Stage 3 Camp

Our Stage 3 campers returned on Friday, safe and sound after three days of action-packed fun. Our students enjoyed everything the camp had to offer and experienced activities that developed resilience, team work and problem solving. Speaking to our students and teachers on Friday afternoon, it is obvious that lots of great memories were made... I'm sure they all slept very well on Friday night!

Ethics

Our school offers ethics as an alternative to scripture and non-scripture on Friday afternoons. A majority of our students choose ethics but, unfortunately, there is a shortage of volunteers to deliver the program. In ethics, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to listen closely to each other, disagree respectfully without using putdowns and to think carefully as they form their opinions. Training for the program is free. If you would like to become a qualified ethics teacher, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Sandra Banta at Sandra.Banta@primaryethics.com.au for details.



Stage 3 Drama Performance

On Wednesday our Stage 3 students will be attending Maitland High School for a matinee performance of 'Becoming George'. The production involves students from the high school's drama department, including a number of ex Morpeth students.

Year 5 Aspiring Leaders Workshop

Our Year 5 students, who would like to be considered for leadership positions in 2023, will attend a workshop on Thursday. Our students will learn about the important qualities needed to be an effective leader, while also learning about some of the roles and responsibilities associated with the role. Following this week's workshop, students will be campaigning in Week 8, in readiness for our Week 9 election assembly. Students will deliver speeches at the assembly to support their claim for a leadership position. At the conclusion of the assembly all students and staff will vote. Our four-person leadership team will be announced at our Week 10 presentation day assembly.

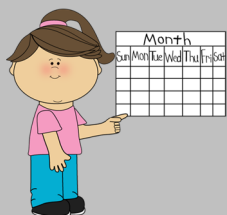
Peter Edmonds



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P & C NEWS



P&C Meeting -

Monday 5th December 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 5th December 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

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Tuesday 22.11.2022 Maiwel Volunteers
Wednesday 23.11.2022 Beth Harkness
Thursday 24.11.2022 Help needed
Friday 25.11.2022 Keah Tilbrook, Amy Thompson



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 ...

Revisit Lining Up

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



Festive everyday snacks

We all love to share food to celebrate, even at school. You can avoid the sugar high and over indulgence on sometimes foods by adding more everyday foods to your festive spread.

There are lots of bright, colourful and healthy options for your festive snacks including:

- Homemade mini pizzas made with English muffins or wraps
- Frozen fresh juice or yoghurt ice blocks or cups
- Fruit platters or kebabs with dipping yoghurt
- Cheese, veggie sticks, rice crackers and dips
- Water with fresh frozen berries or lemon
- Mini savoury pinwheels or wraps
- Fruit or veg scones and muffins
- Triangle sandwiches
- Pikelets
- Popcorn





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.

