

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 8, Term 4

28th November 2022

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 28th November

Year 5 Leadership Campaigning Week

Friday 2nd December

Mini Fete

Monday 5th December

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

Tuesday 13th December

Infants Party Day
Primary Party Day

Wednesday 14th December

Presentation Day
Yr 6 Farewell

Thursday 15th December

MADD (Music, Art, Dance, Drama) DAY
Xmas raffle drawn

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!

K-2/3 Excursion Students, in classes from Kindergarten to our two 2/3s, attended the Hunter Wetlands Centre today. The Wetlands Centre is a vibrant wetland ecosystem bursting with life. The site is regarded as a wetland of national and international importance and the centre enjoys a growing reputation for excellence in wetland conservation, education and ecotourism. We are sure our students will enjoy the hands on experience of learning about nature's incredible ecosystem.



Year 5 Campaigning Week Our Year 5 students, who are seeking leadership positions in 2023, begin their election campaigns this week. Students have created posters, supporting their claim for a position, and will place them in key vantage points around the school. On Monday of next week (Week 9), our aspiring leaders will present speeches to students and staff at our election assembly. Immediately following the assembly, our students and staff will vote for the leaders of their choice. The names of our four person leadership team will be revealed at our Presentation Day assembly in Week 10. On behalf of our school, I would like to wish all candidates the best of luck.

Year 6 Mini Fete On Friday our Year 6 students will be holding a mini fete. The fete, held on site, will feature traditional stall activities including coin toss, ping-pong bounce, lucky dip, guessing competitions and hair colouring. Our industrious students will manage the stalls and activities. The annual mini fete is always lots of fun and we invite our families to join us on the day. Parents/carers, who wish to attend, are asked to come to school at 11:15am, and enjoy the fun of the fair. All proceeds raised will support our Year 6 and gift to the school program.

Rugby Cup Our Stage 3 Rugby players travelled to Speers Point last Friday to compete in the PSSA 'Celebration of Rugby' Cup. Our players, many of whom turn out for the Maitland Blacks, performed strongly throughout the carnival, winning all three of their pool games, against Glendore, Wirripaang and Edgeworth, respectively. Our players then progressed to the semi final, where they were narrowly defeated by eventual winners, Dungog. Well done to our players and big thanks to coach, Mrs Cowan and our parents and carers for providing transport and support.



Engineers Without Borders A team of engineers will visit our school tomorrow to work with students in Years 4 and 5. The visitors, representing Engineers Without Borders, are committed to assisting communities around the world by improving the standard of living conditions. EWB provides support in areas of hygiene, water quality, sanitation and utilising clean energy to enable sustainability. Tomorrow's workshop will include expert discussion about the science of climate change and how we can act in a responsible and positive way.



Classroom Teacher Position We have been conducting a merit selection panel, during the past week, to appoint a permanent teacher to our school. This term we have been active in areas of recruitment, employing Mrs Lee Moore (APC&I), Mrs Deanne Lee (transfer) and our soon to be announced teacher in a permanent capacity. We expect to be able to announce the name of the successful candidate tomorrow.

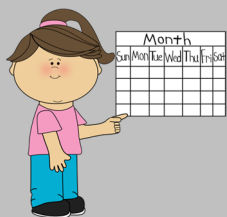
Peter Edmonds



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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 morpethspandc@gmail.com**
BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS - BSB No - 032 639 Account No - 287 512

Canteen News

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Tuesday 29.11.2022 *Maiwel Volunteers*

Wednesday 30.11.2022 *Help needed*

Thursday 01.12.2022 *Help needed*

Friday 02.12.2022 *Mini Fete*



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 ...

COLA (Playing)

*Are aware of others
Share and take turns*

*Own my actions
Respond to the bell*

*Care for equipment & belongings
Accept referee decisions*

*Be kind and patient
Try my best and play fairly
Participate and include others*





Importance of sleep for growing kids

Did you know that primary school-aged children need between 9 - 11 hours of sleep every night?

Poor sleep quality and insufficient sleep has been associated with a range of physical and mental health problems that can impact on a child's health and development.

Here's some sleep tips to help make sure your kids are getting their zzz's...

- Have a consistent sleep schedule and bedtime routine to help your child relax and wind down each night.
- Switch off all screens (TV, tablets, computers, phones) an hour before bed, and no screens in the bedroom!
- Encourage daily exercise and time outdoors to promote good sleep.
- Make sure your child is getting plenty of physical activity throughout 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.

