

# MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 9, Term 2

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Wednesday 22nd June

MLC Leadership Day - Tenambit PS

### Friday 1st July

P&C Disco in school time - details to follow  
Last day of term

### Monday 18th July

Staff Development Day - no students

### Tuesday 19th July

Students return for Term 3

### Wednesday 20th July

MPS Athletics Carnival - details to follow

### Friday 22nd July

NAIDOC Day

Before and After School Care

Please call Will



(Co-ordinator)  
0447 430 811

## PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL ITEMS:

Cash - to Office

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Parent Online Payments  
(POP)

## Look What's Trending this week!

**Star Struck** On Saturday I had the pleasure of attending Star Struck's matinee performance at Newcastle's Entertainment Centre. This year, because of COVID complications, Star Struck has featured two casts that appeared across the four performances. Our performers, along with all members of the cast and crew, were absolutely magnificent. Star Struck really is an outstanding concept that features students from the Central Coast to Moree. The show flows seamlessly and highlights the incredible talent that we have in our schools. Congratulations to our students and everyone associated with the show. Big thanks must also go to the tireless Ms Strang, for expertly rehearsing and preparing our students, and to our generous parents and staff who assisted with transporting our students to and from rehearsals and performances.



**Leadership Assembly** Just a reminder that, next Monday, we will be holding our first whole school assembly for the term. Along with the usual announcement of merit and PBL certificate recipients, we will be presenting our Junior AECG executive members with their badges. The Week 10 assembly will begin in the MPC on Monday at 2pm, we hope that lots of our families will join us.

**Parent/Carer Workshop** As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are holding a workshop for parents/carers tomorrow afternoon. The workshop will feature an Occupational Therapist and a Speech Pathologist, who will provide an overview of the support and assistance that they are able to provide. The workshop, which will be held in our senior classrooms beginning at 3:20pm, is open to the parents and carers of students in all classes.

**Building Progress** This week we have really noticed the transformation in our office rebuild. All internal framing has been completed and we now have gyprock walls and external bricks walls. The building is really taking shape! Next week we expect that our windows will be fitted, along with our external doors. I have included 'before and after' photos that document the progress over the past week.



**Student Leadership Day** On Wednesday our four school leaders and our three AECG executive members will travel to Tenambit PS to attend a leadership workshop. The day will provide our students with the opportunity to interact with leaders from other local schools, listen to inspirational guest speakers and to learn about the art of leadership. We're sure our students will enjoy the experience!

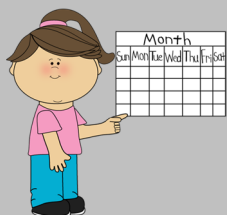
**Athletic Carnival** Our athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday of Week 1 of next term. In great news, we have been able to secure the world class athletics facility in Maitland for our carnival. The all weather complex boasts excellent track and field facilities which we are sure will inspire our students to perform magnificently! We have outstanding athletes at our school and it is only fitting that they get the opportunity to display their talent at such a wonderful venue. *Peter Edmonds*



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# P & C NEWS



## P&C Meeting -

Monday 1st August 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 1st August 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](mailto:morpethspandc@gmail.com)**  
**BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS - BSB No - 032 639 Account No - 287 512**

### Canteen News

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Tuesday 21.6.2022 Help needed

Wednesday 22.6.2022 Help needed

Thursday 23.6.2022 Help needed

Friday 24.6.2022 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

## Cheaper choices for lunchboxes



Buy in bulk and pack into smaller portions at the start of the week. Great choices include:

- Baked beans, reduced fat yoghurt, rice or corn cakes or tinned fruit in natural juice
- Swap a pre-packaged cheese and biscuit snack for wholegrain crackers and reduced fat cheese
- [Make your own popcorn](#) and pack into smaller snack containers
- Look for specials on Everyday foods like yoghurt, hommus, roasted chickpeas or fava beans. This could be a chance to try something new!



POPCORN RECIPE

Check out the SWAP IT [cost of healthy living](#) video to see just how easy it is to swap and save!

<https://www.swapit.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/resources/parent-resources/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.







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