

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 2, Term 3

25th July 2022

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 29th July

PSSA Zone athletics carnival

Monday 1st August - 5th August

Education Week 2022

Monday 1st August

The NED show

Monday 1st August

P&C Meeting - 6pm

Tuesday 2nd August

Public Speaking

Friday 5th August

Open Day

Tuesday 23rd - 25th August

Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday & Friday

1st - 2nd September

Just Like You - Disability Awareness



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!

Athletics Carnival Last Wednesday our students attended the newly refurbished Maitland Athletics Centre for our annual athletics carnival. Despite ominous weather warnings leading up to the day, the carnival took place under a blue sky and in picture perfect conditions. The format of this year's carnival was amended to ensure that all students were able to experience the world class track and field facilities on offer. Our students loved the opportunity, and this was reflected in the wonderful performances by our talented athletes on the day. It goes without saying that the carnival also featured outstanding behaviour, commitment and resilience by our students. Great work everyone!

NAIDOC Last Friday's NAIDOC celebration was an outstanding success. Members of our Junior AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group), thoroughly planned the day and coordinated a broad range of tabloid activities for all students. We were also joined by MHS Aboriginal Education Officer, Chantal Tanna, and a group of students from Maitland High School who presented additional activities. The rotations enabled our students to experience traditional dance and cultural activities.

Education Week NSW State schools will be celebrating Education Week from next Monday, 1st August. Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our students and schools. The theme of Education Week 2022 is 'Creating Futures - Education Changes Lives' and our school has lots of activities planned, including our NED Show program, public speaking, parent and teacher interviews and an open day for families.

NED Show Next Monday, day 1 of Education Week, our school will be presenting in class NED Show for students. This year, rather than a live in school performance, the program will be presented via a live stream. The NED Show (**N**ever give up / **E**ncourage others / **D**o your best) provides practical and age appropriate strategies to support positive behaviour and attitudes in young people. The presenter takes our students on an interactive and engaging journey filled with story telling, illusions, yo-yo tricks and humour! The NED Show has become a staple on our incursion calendar, and we are once again looking forward to the presentation.

Public Speaking Our Public speaking assembly will be held next Tuesday, day 2 of Education Week. A total of 22 students will present speeches on the day. Because of the large number of contestants, our speakers will be split over two assemblies, with Years 3-6 speaking during the morning session followed by our K-2 speakers from 12pm. To help choose the two students from each stage who will progress to the Maitland Zone competition, we have enlisted the expertise of external adjudicators to assist on the day.

Open Day We are inviting our parents and carers to join us on Friday of Education Week, 5th August. We have a number of activities planned on the day, including a brief whole school assembly, live performances, a combined Zumba activity and visits to classrooms, where every student in every class will receive a personalised Education Week certificate. The fun begins from 10am.

Reports and Parent Interviews Our student reports will be sent home this week. Parent/Teacher interview schedules have been sent home via Operoo profile, this will allow our parents/carers to select a time to meet with class teachers. If you are unable to come to the school, please be reminded that phone interviews are available as an alternate option.

Young Archies—Art Competition In recent years we introduced our Young Archies competition for our budding artists. In what was a great recognition for our school, our inaugural competition was judged by former Archibald Prize winner, Ben Quilty. We would like to once again invite our students to participate in this year's competition. Students are asked to create a portrait of a person known or of significance to them. Please be reminded that entries must be painted. We will distribute further information in the coming days.

NAPLAN results We have received our 2022 NAPLAN results. The preliminary data, which proves a summary overview of school performance in the four assessment areas, reading, writing, grammar/punctuation and numeracy, was distributed to schools last week. We are extremely happy to report that our students have, once again, performed strongly in all areas. Individual and itemised reports will be available for parents/carers in the coming weeks.

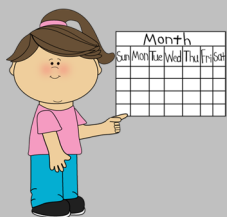
Peter Edmonds



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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**
BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS - BSB No - 032 639 Account No - 287 512

Canteen News

Week 2 - Term 3, 2022

Tuesday 26.07.2022 Help needed

Wednesday 27.07.2022 Help needed

Thursday 28.07.2022 Help needed

Friday 29.07.2022 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 Classroom

We will be talking with students about ...

Wait your turn
Use appropriate language,
Follow teacher instruction
Safe hands and feet
Walk in the classroom
Be organised for activities
Produce quality work
Learn from your mistakes
Be ready to learn



The original
NEDSHOW.

Hello Families!

Our school is hosting **The NED Show** a live streaming all school event. An engaging performer takes our students on an interactive educational journey filled with storytelling, illusions, yo-yo tricks and humour. NED's message inspires students, promotes academic achievement, and supports our school goals.

Never give up Encourage others Do your best®

Our school received this programme at no-cost because another school community has paid-it-forward to us. Now it's our turn—you can help by purchasing a NED-messaged yo-yo and accessories. A yo-yo is both a mindset tool and tangible reminder of NED's message. While learning to yo, children will make mistakes, try again, and improve. Read more at bit.ly/why-yos.

Collectible yo-yos for all ages

SHOW DATE/TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

SALE DATES: _____

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: _____

CLASSIC YOS

Learn the basics of yo-yoing with assorted fixed axle yo-yos.

AUS14



SUPER SPINNERS

Great for basic and intermediate tricks. With a strong throw, these auto-return yo-yos 'sleep' at the end of the string & then come back to you automatically.

AUS16



SPECIALTY SELECTION

Assorted professional long spin yo-yos for next level tricks.

AUS22



REPLACEMENT STRING PACK

Ten assorted strings to change color or replace a worn out yo-yo string.

AUS5



YO-YO HOLSTER

Keep track of your yo and have it ready to go. Attach it to your belt loop or backpack (yo-yo not included).

AUS11



Order Form:

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Amount Due: _____

Make cheques payable to our school.

Ordering from Home?

1. Select item(s) for each child
2. Fill out the form on the left and email in your order
3. Items available at school for pick-up



Items available will vary. Prices include tax (where applicable).



Screen time and physical play

Movement and play are important for kids development



Choose small screen games and Apps that reduce kids sitting time and encourage physical activity.

- Choose videos, games or Apps that get your kids moving e.g. dancing, sports, yoga. Join in using the App or game with your kids
- Plan a walk using a digital map. Take photos of interesting things along the way
- Video your kids learning a new skill e.g. hopping, a new skateboard trick. Replay the video to track their progress over time
- Be a role model! Show your kids how to track their physical activity. Talk about how being active is fun & feels great! Show them how far you walked or swam last week!

Source: Screen time & physical activity; kids|Raising Children Network: <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/play-media-technology/screen-time-healthy-screen-use/screen-time-physical-activity>





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.





**Meet the Principal, See the School,
Ask any Question!**

**Small Group, Afternoon Tour of MHS
with Paula Graham**

**Fridays, 4:30 - 5:30pm
Throughout the Year**

Please phone MHS on 49 337 933 to book in!

East Maitland Little Athletics



WE RUN FOR FUN
East Maitland

Come Run, Jump and Throw with us.

Has your child shown incredible talent, resilience, determination, or sheer enjoyment from competing in the school athletics carnival? Little Athletics is a fun, laid back and approachable introduction to Athletics for children of all ages.

6pm Tuesday Nights at Maitland Regional Athletics Track

1st night of fun for the season - 6th September 2022

Online Registrations Opening Soon

Stay up to date via Facebook with what is happening for the upcoming season.

B.P.A.C

WEEKLY DRAMA CLASSES

Do you have a child who loves drama and acting? Or perhaps you have a little one who would benefit from learning some confidence building skills?

LOOK NO FURTHER!

**TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
48 GREY STREET, CLARENCE TOWN**

- Ages 6-9
4:15- 5:00 Tues & Weds
- Ages 9-13
5:00-5:15 Tues & Weds
- Ages 13-16
5:45-6:30 Tues Only



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Call Allira on 0477140999