



MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 3, Term 3

1st August 2022

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 1st August - 5th August

Education Week 2022

Monday 1st August

Last day for Book Club orders

The NED show

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!

Education Week This week is Education Week for all NSW Department of Education schools. The theme of this year's celebration is 'Creating futures - education changes lives'. Our school continues to celebrate the journey students and learners take throughout the NSW Education system, focusing on how we are creating futures for our students, staff and families. From the first days in child care to post-school pathways, our education system is preparing young people to be agile thinkers and lifelong learners. We celebrate all types of learning that occurs at all levels across our education system and we have a shared responsibility in helping to shape the lives and create the future of today's learners. Public education can change the lives of not just our students, but also the lives of our teachers, staff, families and communities. During the week, we have lots of family friendly events planned to celebrate the great achievements of our students and school. Today our students enjoyed a live stream of the NED Show and our K-2 assembly. Tomorrow, 22 students will present speeches at our Public Speaking assembly. Eight students, two from each stage, will then be selected to represent our school at the Maitland Zone Public Speaking competition, scheduled for Week 6. On Friday we are inviting our parents and carers to come to school for a whole school assembly, starting at 10am, that will feature the presentation of Education Week achievement awards and student performances. After the brief assembly, our families are invited to join in a fun Zumba activity and then visit classrooms, where every student will be presented with a certificate. Parents and carers are then invited to stay for lunch, our Canteen manager Bec will be offering a meal deal option for families and students. We hope you can join us!

Parent Teacher Interviews Student reports have been sent home and, this week, our teachers are offering interviews with parents and carers. Please be reminded that, if you are unable to attend the face-to-face interviews, our teachers are able to offer phone interviews as an alternative.

Young Archies - Art Competition Information about our Young Archies art competition has been sent home with students. The competition, which invites our artists to create a portrait of an important person in their life, has proven to be extremely popular in recent years. In last week's newsletter I suggested that only painted portraits would be accepted. We have since loosened the restrictions to enable students to use a range of mediums to create their masterpiece! The winning entries will receive art supplies to encourage and support their budding skills.

Annual School Report Each year our school reports on our achievements and performance in a range of school operation areas. The Annual School Report (ASR) reports against school and system generated targets. A mandatory performance target for all public schools is student growth and attainment. NAPLAN performance continues to represent the common measure of student performance. Pleasingly, we were able to meet our targets in Reading and Numeracy. To provide clarification about our school's performance, 50% of our students are placed in the top two NAPLAN bands (proficiency) for NAPLAN Reading. This is an outstanding achievement and one that places our school near the very top of school performance in the area. For more information about our ASR, please visit our webpage (Google Morpeth Public School), click on 'About our School' and then 'School Planning and Reporting'. This will provide access to our ASR information.

P&C Meeting tonight - Special Guest Our P&C meeting will be held on site at 6pm tonight. Tonight's meeting will provide the latest information about our school garden design, developed by local Jesse Clarke from Phoenix Park Farm. The redevelopment of our garden is funded by our 'Sustain and Maintain' Grant. Jesse will provide details about the plan and how we will grow food and plant natives shrubs to attract birds and increase biodiversity at the school.

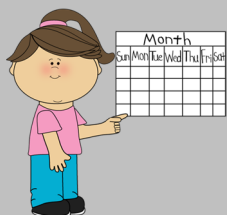
Peter Edmonds



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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 02.08.2022 Help needed

Wednesday 03.08.2022 Help needed

Thursday 04.08.2022 Help needed

Friday 05.08.2022 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 COLA (Playing)

We will be talking with students about ...

- Are aware of others
- Share and take turns
- Own my actions
- Respond to the bell
- Care for equipment and belongings
- Accept referee decisions
- Be kind and patient
- Try my best and play fairly
- Participate and include others



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).

Good for kids
good for life







Start your day with breakfast

Breakfast refuels your body, ready for the day!



Kids who eat breakfast have more energy to be physically active. They can concentrate, problem solve and focus better at school.

-  Involve kids in planning, shopping and making breakfast. It teaches kids how to plan, prepare and cook meals
-  Prepare the night before e.g. get out kitchen utensils, plates, cups, cut up fruit
-  Sleep in? Try healthy grab and go options; fruit, trail mix, fruit smoothies, bag of wholegrain cereal, reduced fat yoghurt, baked beans
-  Encourage your kids to start the day with breakfast. Make time to sit and enjoy eating breakfast together

Source: Breakfast: encouraging children to eat and enjoy it/raisingchildren.net.au
<https://raisingchildren.net.au/toddlers/nutrition-fitness/breakfast-lunches/breakfast>



HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Developed by Hunter New England LHD





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.