

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 4, Term 3

8th August 2022

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 23rd - 25th August
Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday & Friday
1st - 2nd September
Just Like You - Disability Awareness

Thursday & Friday
15th & 16th September
World of Maths

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 Overview

Last Friday's Education Week activities highlighted the fantastic talents and achievements of our students. Our Monday The NED Show's live stream was well received by our students, our yoyo sales have gone through the roof since then! Mr Scanlan is convinced that his expert demonstration and execution of such essential yoyo tricks as 'Walking the dog' and 'Rocking the baby' has significantly contributed to the spike in sales!

Tuesday's Public Speaking assembly provided an opportunity for our talented speakers to present their speech to our students, families and special guests. A group of eight students (see below) have been selected to represent our school at the Inter Schools Public Speaking Competition, which will be held at various schools during Week 6.

On Friday our students attended a special Education Week presentation in the MPC where selected students (see below) were presented with certificates acknowledging attainment in or Academic Excellence or Citizenship. Further awards were also presented to a school program, a community member and to a student who has demonstrated great potential and promise in our Junior AECG program.

During what was an extremely busy week, our teachers met with parents and carers to discuss school reports.

Public Speaking - Inter-School Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who were selected by our adjudicators to progress to Week 6's Inter Schools round of the Public Speaking competition. Early Stage 1 (Hugo and Macy), Stage 1 (Sylvie and Arria), Stage 2 (Lily H and Jordie) and Stage 3 (Maddie and Abigail).

Education Week Award Recipients

Congratulations to our 2022 Education Week award recipients:

- Academic Excellence - Georgia (ES1), Cecilia (S1), Heath (S2) and Isabel (S3)
- Citizenship - Isabelle (ES1), Sofika (S1), Lily F (S2) and Austin (S3)
- Community Member - Karen Fitzherbert
- School Program - Junior AECG
- Junior AECG Encouragement - Kden Randall

Staff absences

Our school, like the wider community, has been impacted by the various viruses that are currently prevalent. This week we have five staff members who are unwell and off site. Unfortunately staff absences create disruptions to classes and it may mean that a casual teacher is engaged to fill the void.

School Disco—Rescheduled

Our school disco, scheduled for Friday, has been rescheduled to Friday 26 August (Week 6). Further information about the disco, including ticket and meal deal options, will be made available closer to the date.

Tenambit Morpeth Bulls—Cricket Registration

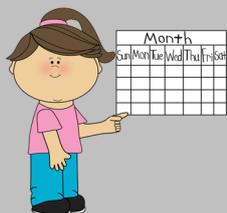
This morning Shane and Damien, stalwarts of the local Tenambit-Morpeth Bulls cricket club, visited our school and spoke about registration pathways for the coming season. The players have left flyers, to be distributed to interested students, and they will return in the coming weeks to conduct skills workshops for students in all classes. If you would like your son or daughter to register for the club, please attend Morpeth Oval on Friday afternoon at 4pm or phone 0412 681 192 for further information. *Peter Edmonds*



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P & C NEWS



P&C Meeting -

Monday 5th September 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 September 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 4 - Term 3, 2022

Tuesday 09.08.2022 Help needed

Wednesday 10.08.2022 Help needed

Thursday 11.08.2022 Help needed

Friday 12.08.2022 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

Good for kids
good for life



Drink water for healthy teeth

Make water your family's drink



Tap water is free, good for your skin, digestion and helps protect your teeth!

- Teach your kids to enjoy water. Drink water throughout the day
- Take refillable water bottles on outings and car trips
- Serve water with meals and snacks. Change it up by adding sliced fruit, mint, cucumber or serve in a decorative jug
- Choose water when playing sport
- Pack a water bottle with lunchboxes. Freeze water bottles in summer. They make a great ice-brick and double as chilled water

Source: Choose Water as a Drink | NSW Health: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/health/schools/Documents/for-parents/Choosewaterasadrink.pdf>



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



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.

TMCC Registration Days



12

AUG

FRIDAY-MORPETH OVAL

4:00 PM

19

AUG

FRIDAY-MORPETH OVAL

4:00 PM

26

AUG

FRIDAY-MORPETH OVAL

4:00 PM

Teams available in:
Junior Blasters, Juniors,
Seniors & Ladies

Register in August &
go into the draw to:

- 1) Win 1 x Senior
\$100 Rebel Sport
voucher
- 2) Win 1 x Junior
\$100 Rebel Sport
voucher



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