

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 9, Term 3

12th September 2022

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Friday 16th September
Maitland High School - Yr 7
2023 Transition Day

Tuesday 20th September
School Photo Day

Friday 23rd September
MHS Year 5 taster day
Last day for Term 3

Monday 10th October
First day back Term 4

Wednesday 26th October
Kinder Orientation

Wednesday 2nd November
Kinder Orientation

Wednesday 9th November
Kinder Orientation



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!

World of Maths On Thursday and Friday our students will be involved in 'World of Maths' workshops. The popular incursion provides an opportunity for students to move through a series of maths activities that support inquiry, exploration and consolidation of key concepts. The 'hands on' activities promote fun and engagement as students solve real life maths problems.

Transitions and Orientations Our orientation/transition programs for students beginning Kindergarten and those starting Year 7 in 2023 will be rolled out over the final weeks of Term 3 and the early weeks of Term 4. Our Year 6 teachers will meet with colleagues from Maitland High today and the first round of our interviews with the parents/carers of our 2023 Kinder students will begin in Week 10. Our three session Kinder orientation visits will be held in Term 4 from Week 3 to Week 5. At this stage we expect to enrol approximately 33 students in Kinder next year.

As is usually the case, our Year 6 students will be spread far and wide next year as they begin their secondary education, with enrolment at selective, Catholic and local public schools. All schools will offer their own individual transition program.

Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (AP C&I) Our school recently held interviews for the newly created AP C&I position. All NSW public schools have been provided with a staffing entitlement for the role, with our school receiving a 0.8 (four days per week) allocation. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mrs Lee Moore was the successful applicant. Lee brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and relevant leadership expertise to the role and we are excited to welcome her to our team.

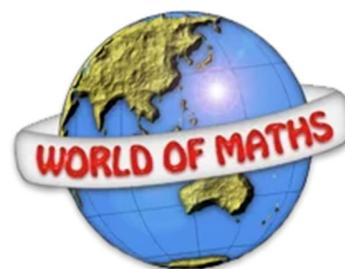
Tenambit - Morpeth Cricket Visit On Wednesday, Shane and Damien will visit our school to provide a cricket skills and drills session for our students. Shane and Damien, stalwarts of our local Tenambit-Morpeth cricket club, will work with students in all classes. Any intending players (of all ages) are asked to contact Damien on 0412 681 192 or contact the club via the club's web page <https://www.playhq.com/.../tenambit-morpeth.../08183c05>

Please be reminded that a \$100 voucher is available to subsidise registration fees.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/.../apply-active-kids-voucher>

Music Showcase We had intended to hold 'Music Showcase', a wonderful concert to highlight the incredible dancing, singing and general musical prowess of our students, on Thursday of Week 10. However, because of the proposed public holiday in honour of the Queen on that date (22 September), we will reschedule the concert to early next term. The concert will feature students in all classes performing for our families and fellow students. Music Showcase is the brainchild of our music teacher, Mrs Jack, and we are hoping that lots of our parents and carers will come to our school to enjoy the entertainment on offer. We will provide information about the new date in the coming days.

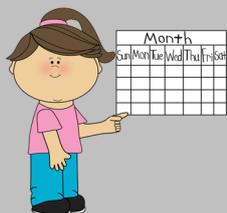
Important Term Dates Just a reminder that the final day for Term 1 is Friday of Week 10 (23 September). Term 4 will begin for students and staff on Monday 10 October. Please note that there is no Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) to begin Term 4 - we all return together. *Peter Edmonds*



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P & C NEWS



P&C Meeting -

Monday 7th November 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 7th November 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 13.09.2022 Help needed

Wednesday 14.09.2022 Help needed

Thursday 15.09.2022 Help needed

Friday 16.09.2022 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 ...

Toilets and Bubblers

Enter and exit quietly and quickly

Take care of property

Turn off taps and bubblers

Keep toilets tidy

Report damages

Use toilets and bubblers during breaks

Return to class promptly



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>





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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2022/23

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Our production for 2022 is the much loved story written and adapted for the stage by Tanya Hennessy.

Stevie has a brilliant plan. She's going to have fun, make money, and most importantly, guarantee that the Brooke Street kids stay best friends forever. Then a new neighbour arrives and threatens to derail all of Stevie's plans. And then real disaster strikes. But the show must go on. After all, Stevie is a professional.

Join us for some school holiday fun - a gorgeous story about friendship, fear and believing in yourself!

5 - 8 October. 3pm & 6pm @MRAG

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FAMILY HISTORY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER
10am to 2pm

The BARRACKS,
17 Lindesay St, East Maitland

Family History & Local History Information Stalls.

Female Convict Bonnets Display.

BBQ. Coffee. Slices. Succulents & Craft.

Raffles & Lots More.

All welcome. Free Entry.



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