

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 10, Term 3

20th September 2023

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 21st September 2023

Year 5 Maitland High taster day

Friday 22nd September 2023

Year 6 Mini Fete

Last Day of Term 3

Monday 9th October 2023

Students return for Term 4

Wednesday 18th October 2023

Infants excursion to Oakvale Wildlife Park

Friday 27th October 2023

Colour Fun Run

Friday 1st December 2023

Carols at Closebourne House

Monday 11th December 2023

Presentation Day - whole school

Tuesday 12th December 2023

Party Day - all grades

Wednesday 13th December 2023

Year 6 Farewell

Friday 15th December 2023

Last day for students for 2023 - Yr 6 clap out



Before and After School Care

*Please call Luke
(Co-ordinator)
0447 430 811*

Look What's Trending this week!

Year 6 Mini Fete

Just a reminder that our mini fete will be held on Friday. Our Year 6 students have been busily organising their stalls in readiness for what promises to be a fun day. The mini fete is always a term highlight and this year's event promises to deliver more of the same. Thirteen stalls will be in operation at the fete, with activities including food and drink stations, face painting, hair braiding, lucky sticks, laser tag and book sales. Our students, staff and families will meet briefly in the MPC, prior to the commencement of the mini fete, where Mrs Cowan will provide an overview of the fete and we will be entertained by student performances. Please be reminded that we ask our students and families to bring cash on the day. Students are also invited to come to school out of uniform.

Mrs Julie Sullivan

Next term we will be welcoming Mrs Julie Sullivan to our school. Mrs Sullivan will become a permanent member of our staff, replacing Mr Irwin who has been appointed to Stroud Rd PS at the beginning of Term 3. Mrs Sullivan joins us from Singleton PS and will bring great experience and expertise to our school.

Year 5 'Taster' Day

Our Year 5 students will attend Maitland High School's 'taster' day tomorrow. The visit will provide an opportunity for our students to experience some of the subjects on offer when they begin high school in 2025. Our students will travel to Maitland High by bus and under the supervision of Mrs Cowan.

School canteen

The operation of our school canteen will undergo a significant change over the coming months. In recent years, the canteen has been under the control of our P&C. The P&C employed Mrs Bec Buehler to manage the service. However, due to a number of financial and logistical considerations, it has been decided that the P&C will no longer manage our canteen. Our school is investigating a number of options to ensure the service can continue under an alternate management structure. At this stage, however, we are uncertain as to what this will look like and when a decision will be made. Please be assured that we are considering all options to ensure that a quality canteen service is available to support our students. We have been extremely fortunate to have had Bec Buehler as our canteen manager. Bec has always been very available to support our students and school in her dual roles of operating the canteen and our uniform shop. She has always gone 'above and beyond' in her roles and, on behalf of our school, I would like to thank her for commitment, energy and professionalism.

Scripture

Scripture has finished for Term 3. Big thanks to Allan and his team for supporting our students and we look forward to recommencing SRE in Term 4.

Term 4 Dates

As mentioned previously, Term 4 will begin for students and staff on Monday 9 October; there is no staff development day (pupil free day) to begin the term.

On behalf of our staff, I would like to thank our students and families for contributing to a great term of achievement and celebration. I hope you are able to enjoy a restful and enjoyable break.

Peter Edmonds

P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting Monday 6th November 2023

The P&C invite all members to attend our monthly meeting on 6th November at 6pm at school and via Zoom. We would love to see you join our team for 2023. Meetings are monthly during school term so only takes an hour or two of your time - and remember becoming a member does not require commitment to attend every meeting - or hold an executive position. It is an opportunity for you - mums, dads, carers and grandparents - to learn more about what is happening at our school and to be involved in exciting events.

The P & C is there to support school initiatives as well as fundraise.

We would love to welcome the community to be involved in our future fundraising activities.

Please consider becoming a part of a fabulous group of families who worked to achieve some huge results in the last year including significant funds passed to the school.

Please ensure you like the <https://www.facebook.com/morpethpc> page to get the latest and greatest.

If you have any questions regarding the P & C please feel free to contact the President Sharyn on:

0402 543 627 or email us at: morpethpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

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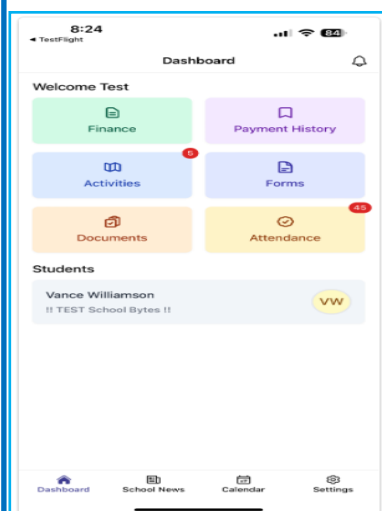
We will be talking with students about ...

Pedestrian/Road Safety:

*Hold an adult's hand when crossing a road (under 10),
Stay to the left when riding on a road or path, Follow instructions*

*Stop, look and listen before crossing a road safely,
Wear a helmet when riding a scooter or bike, Wear a seat belt*

*Cross at a pedestrian crossing, Walk promptly across the road,
Demonstrate safe behaviours*



SCHOOL BYTES PARENT APP IS COMING

We are pleased to announce that the School Bytes team is currently developing a parent app for Apple and Android devices.

This app is designed to complement our existing parent portal, and makes it easier for parents to use School Bytes on their mobile devices. In addition, a key feature is the addition of push notifications so you can receive alerts through the app in addition to emails.

School Bytes expect to carry out trials with some schools during Term 4, with a general launch at the start of 2024. Further communications will be sent to our parents when the app is ready.

The School Bytes Parent app will be available on Apple App and Google Play stores.



Weekly News



TERM 3 WEEK 10



THANK YOU
SO MUCH

Thank you to all my
volunteers and to
all the families who
have supported the
canteen.

REMINDERS

All Uniform orders
need to be made
before 12pm
Thursday 21st
September for
delivery this term.



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Week 10 Term 3

Tues 19th Sept - Help Needed
Wed 20th Sept - Justine M.
Thur 21st Sept - Jemma M
- Help Needed
Frid 22nd Sept - Closed

As we head to
the end of term
stock will be
limited please
check The
Spriggy schools
app for
availability



COMMUNITY WEAVING CIRCLE

Saturday, September 30th

10-12PM | ALL AGES

@ Lorn Park on the Esplanade

ALL AGES

PREPAYMENT TO BOOK
15 SPOTS AVAILABLE

RSVP BY 24TH SEPT @

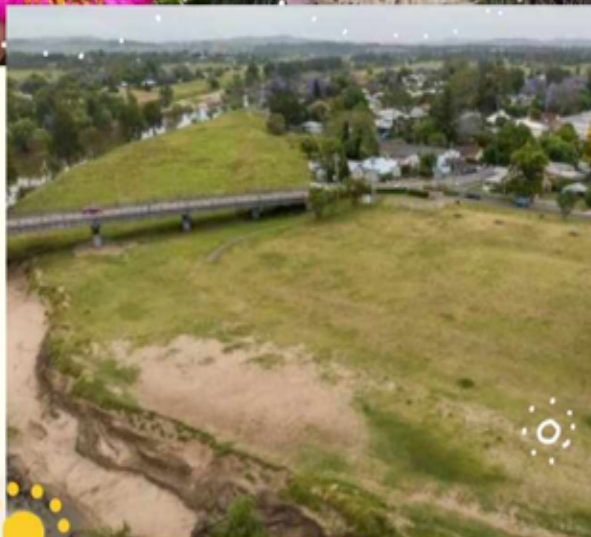
Community Weaving Circle FB Group

OR

0483 209 418

∴ YOU NEED:

- Rug or Chair
- Water
- Morning Tea
- Sun Protection
- And a smiling face!



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Your Feedback Matters

We at Morpeth TheirCare strive to deliver the best quality care we can.

If you have any feedback or suggestions, please talk to our staff or complete our feedback cards at sign in.

Spring Holidays

Our bookings for the Spring School Holidays

Theme: Weird Sceince

- Join us on a trip to the hunter valley Zoo or the Movies
- Make some new friends while we Participate in a Intergenerational Program

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Glowtopia

This Friday 15th September is our Glowtopia glowstick dance party During ASC

This celebrates the work we have done raising money for the Starlight Children's Foundation.
Be sure to book in early on fullybooked to guarantee you a spot for the fun! There will be lots of dancing and party games.



TIMES

Before School: 6:30AM - 8:30AM
After School: 3:00PM - 6:00PM
Holidays: 6:30AM - 6:00PM

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Challenge Royale
Are you up for the challenge? Test your science skills using magnets, ice, and balloons. Who will be victorious?

Additional fac: Screaming balloons, ice building, double doors, plus plenty of time to choose your own challenge.

From our how up \$5.85 with the maximum Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$50.00 without the Child Care Subsidy.



Duty Gravity with Magnets

Additional fac: Screaming balloons, ice building, double doors, plus plenty of time to choose your own challenge.

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MONDAY
25
SEPTEMBER

NO SERVICE

Public Holiday!

MONDAY
2
OCTOBER



Silly Science
Time to get silly in the name of science! Have a ball making silly string, slime, rainbow handkerchiefs and then play colorful dodgeball!

Additional fac: Rainbow plants, colorful dodgeball, rainbow handkerchiefs plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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String Time

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TUESDAY
26
SEPTEMBER



Growing Friendships
Spring is here and the gardens are starting to bloom. We will be welcoming our community guests as part of our Generation Connection program as we build community gardens, plant seeds to take home, and learn about our friends.

Additional fac: Seed pots, paper flower crafts, people maps, skills: Chromatography plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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Generation Connection Program

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TUESDAY
3
OCTOBER



Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken
A shy adolescent learns that she comes from a famed royal family of legendary sea monsters and that her destiny lies in the depths of the waters, which is bigger than she could have ever imagined.

Additional fac: LEGO stylings, epic trivia, huggs, huggs, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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Movie Excursion

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WEDNESDAY
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SEPTEMBER



Fantastic Forces
3.21 BLAST OFF! Join forces with your friends and get ready for an electric science experience. It's going to be intergalactic, interactive and interesting fun for most scientists of all ages!

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Science Workshop

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WEDNESDAY
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OCTOBER



Chain Reaction
Geo-Flux! Test mix ingredients to create chemical reactions to make your own homemade fizzy gubbs! Then explore the magic of electricity by sending your lever plate into orbit!

Additional fac: River plates, lever huggs, chain huggs plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

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Fizzy Art

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THURSDAY
28
SEPTEMBER



Add a Little Magic
Magic! That's right! Inspire your imagination today whilst you learn how to be a magician. Witness objects fly and meet the magical sugar cube robots Wanda and Zola.

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Magic Workshop

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THURSDAY
5
OCTOBER



Marks Up
Hear the roar of the crowd as the stars sound! Today marks all things football with a jam-packed session of marking and kicking goals. Show your footy colours to show your true spirit!

Additional fac: Dancing marathons, magical water blasters, pass the dance move, plus time to choose your own adventure.

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Footy Workshop

Additional fac: Dancing marathons, magical water blasters, pass the dance move, plus time to choose your own adventure.

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FRIDAY
29
SEPTEMBER



Farmyard Fun
Today's adventure is an interactive and fun experience to explore what life is like on the farm. One of our favourite animals including huggs, huggs and scaly friends.

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Farmyard Excursion

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FRIDAY
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OCTOBER

Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/dietary intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8:30am – 8:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days *	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your family's circumstances.

If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.

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TIPS TO SAVE MONEY \$\$

Packing an everyday lunchbox doesn't need to be expensive. In fact, everyday foods can be cheaper than sometimes foods. Here are some tips to make your everyday lunchbox budget friendly.

1. SHOP THE SEASONS

- Choose vegetables and fruit that are in season. They are usually displayed at the front of the supermarket and are often on special. [See our seasonal vegetable and fruit guide.](#)

2. BUY IN BULK

- Buy in bulk and pack into smaller portions at the start of the week.
- Great everyday options include baked beans, reduced fat yoghurt, corn cakes, tinned fruit in natural juice, dried fruit, cheese and crackers.

3. MAKE YOUR OWN

- Pre-packaged snacks are quick, easy and convenient but can increase the price of your shopping trip.
- [Popcorn](#), [flavoured yoghurt](#) and [pikelets](#) are simple to make yourself.
- Instead of pre-packaged cheese and biscuits, make your own by cutting slices of reduced fat cheese and adding wholegrain crackers in a small container.

4. GO FROZEN OR CANNED/TINNED

- Try canned or frozen vegetables and fruit. These can be equally nutritious and can be stored for much longer.
- Frozen berries make a great addition to reduced fat natural yoghurt. They also help keep the yoghurt cooler for longer.

5. LEFTOVERS FOR THE LUNCHBOX

- Using leftovers from dinner the night before is a great way to reduce costs.
- Use leftover roast meat on a sandwich, baked sweet potato as a snack with hummus or leftover pasta or fried rice as the main item instead of a sandwich. Remember to pack an ice brick to keep the food safe.

6. CREATE A TASTING BOX

- You may find yourself running low on everyday lunchbox items by Friday. Instead of packing a traditional 'main' or ordering from the canteen, make a 'tasting box' with a combination of all your leftover ingredients from the fridge. Waste not – want not!

7. SHOP THE SPECIALS

- Look out for specials on everyday products like reduced fat yoghurt, hummus, roasted chickpeas or fava beans and different varieties of bread. This will add interest in the lunchbox and is a great time to try new products.