A WORD FROM THE RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

Personal Responsibility:
“The reason people blame things on the previous generations is that there is one other choice.”
Doug Larsen

Our executive and teachers have been working on redrafting the Student Welfare Policy for Metford Public School. This will encompass the Positive Behaviour for Learning processes as well as the values that are held by the Department of Education and Communities and our own community. At this month’s Parents and Citizens Association meeting, the current draft was explained and was well received by those attending. It contains procedures that will be consistent across the school both in the classroom and playground. The policy will be implemented before the end of this term and will be able to be accessed by our community via the school website or in hard copy if requested.

Phones, I pods, tablets and other electronic devices:
It has come to our notice that there are quite a number of children who are bringing electronic devices to school that are very valuable, both personally and monetarily. It is school policy that these should only be brought to school if they are for a specific school educational purpose in your child’s classroom. If this is the situation, you will be informed of this in writing by the class teacher. Please do not bring phones, Ipods or other electronic devices to school as we cannot guarantee their safety. If your child does bring a device to school, it is their responsibility to look after it.

Crazy Hair Day:
We had fun on Friday with our crazy hair styles, wigs and colourful hair. Congratulations to everyone who participated or had a laugh. Some mums, dads and carers must have spent a good deal of time preparing their children for the day. The donations went to the Leukaemia Foundation and were collected by some of the P and C members.

Cross Country:
It was great to see so many students participating in our Cross Country event. The efforts they put in were rewarded with increased self-confidence and the knowledge that they achieved a goal for themselves. Thank you to all of our community who came down to watch and help out in the morning. Your time and commitment to your children was very much appreciated by your children but also by their teachers.

A BIG day of fun on Wednesday this week:
This Wednesday is the day we celebrate Harmony Day, Grandparents Day and Literacy with our Book Fair. I am looking forward to seeing our students work on display in the hall, a great display of books for children to purchase and to meeting those important people in our children’s lives, their grandparents. Year 6 are running a café as part of their fundraising efforts to purchase a farewell gift for the school. Each class has a country they are representing and will have work displayed in their classrooms. A BIG day, but a very special one for all of us to enjoy.

Regards
Cathy Watt
Principal
**SCHOOL FEES**

School Fees are now due to be paid. The cost of General Contribution is $26 for the first child $19 for second. If you have 3 or more children, $45 total for family. There is also a paper levy of $10 per student due and payable. Please note that if you have purchased a book pack from the P & C, the paper levy is waived. We would appreciate your promptness in attending to payment of these fees.

**STUDENT BANKING**

The Westpac Bank has sincerely apologised and wishes to advise that their banking service is no longer available to our school. Families will now have to visit a branch to do their banking. If your child has their bank book at school, please visit the office to collect it.

**SCHOOL SECURITY**

The Central Hunter Police Command advise there has been a recent trend in break and enters into schools located outside the city centres. They are asking that families and students in our neighbourhood be vigilant in reporting any unusual activities and recording registration numbers of vehicles seen around schools particularly at night.

**MAITLAND MERCURY**

The Maitland Mercury will be featuring the Class of 2013 Kindergarten pictorial, on Wednesday March 20th. Each year the colourful lift-out is an extremely popular feature, which we all look forward to.

**P & C NEWS**

**Easter raffle**
tickets are still available at the office. Donations of Easter raffle items will be most welcome, please hand into the office. Wrapping of Easter raffle prizes will be done on Friday 22nd March.

Donations are needed for **Mothers’ Day stall** as well and are very much appreciated. These can also be left at the office. Thank you. Wrapping of Mothers’ day gifts will be done on Friday 3rd May and the Mothers’ Day stall will be held on Friday 10th May.

Help is needed with both these fundraisers, come along for a fun day. It’s a great way to meet new people. If you are able to help please leave your name and number in a book at the office and a P & C member will contact you.

A page of raffle tickets is included in this newsletter, so please buy as many as you wish and return your money and tickets to the office.

A colouring competition is also being held in conjunction with the Easter activities. Your children will be bringing their page home today. Please ensure they are returned by 25th March (week 9). Winners will be announced during the Easter hat parade, when the raffle is drawn.

**PBL**

WOW!!!!!! What a close voting result we had between two logos for our school.

**ROCKY THE EAGLE** has FLOWN IN and LANDED, he is our school logo METFORD HIGH FLYERS. Well done to our students as you have played a big part in choosing the school logo.

The PBL team are in the process of setting up a reward system for non-classroom areas, the team is also in the process of making non-classroom posters consisting of our three core values RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and COMMITMENT. Keep an eye out for these posters they will be all around the school, they are of Metford students setting examples of what they have learnt in their PBL class lessons.

**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1 2013**

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CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL REPORT

Our annual Cross Country Carnival run was staged on a glorious autumn day last Wednesday and was another great success. Once again, the children were very well behaved whilst being very keen to compete.

I am able to report that there were no casualties from start to finish except race fatigue, thirst and a few blisters.

Congratulations indeed to all of the winners who deserved their individual championship, but also to all of the participants who made the winners think about what they were there for. Their names will be announced in the next newsletter. Participation Certificates were awarded to all participants.

I’d like to thank all of the staff for assisting me before and on the day with questions, reminders and suggestions as well as being on hand to assist on the day. Thank you to all of the parents and relatives who turned out to support this event, watch their children race as well as those who offered invaluable assistance by being guides and spotters around the track. The Zone Cross Country will be run on Thursday, 4th April at Tocal Agricultural College near Paterson.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2013

Each year Stewart House hold a donation drive to raise funds for 1,800 children to attend this holiday opportunity from public schools across NSW and ACT. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Envelopes are being sent home with your eldest child today. Please return your envelope by 10th May, to the office.

APPLICATION FOR HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL 2014

In 2014 Hunter Sports High School will offer 15 sports:

- AFL
- Athletics
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Boys Cricket
- Girls Cricket
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Lawn Bowls
- Netball
- Rugby Union
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Football
- Rugby League

If your child has an interest in the Targeted Sports Program at Hunter Sports High the following information needs to be considered.

Placement in the Program is Dependent on:
- An ability, interest and potential in the nominated sport
- A recognisable commitment to school studies and academic performance
- An excellent record of school conduct and attendance

Continuation in the Program is Dependent on:
- Continued development and improvement in the nominated sport, satisfactory academic performance, acceptable levels of attendance, payment of TSP fees and adherence to the schools’ code of conduct.

Any further enquiries should be directed to Mrs Schulha or Mrs Barry in the school administration office.

Lee Schulha
Stage 3 Co-ordinator
ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
These books will be available again this year for purchase through our school. The books are filled with hundreds of discount vouchers for parents and families to use, and will be on sale for $60. If you would like to purchase one of these books please see enquire at the office. Please pay cash to the office, or complete the eftpos slip on the form.

PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY
Tuesday 26th March is Purple Day. This day raises awareness for people that live with epilepsy. Merchandise can be purchased at the office. There is a variety of merchandise, ranging from ribbons to pens and key chains with prices ranging from $3 to $8. Please support people living with epilepsy by making a purchase, as all money goes to Epilepsy Action Australia. Thank you.
Robyn Dunn

BOOK CLUB
Issue 2 book orders should be in school this week. Issue 3 will be going out to students this week and contains an 'On Sale' special edition. Lots of bargains. Please return orders by Monday 1st April.

BOOK FAIR
Don't forget to visit the library on Wednesday 20th May as we will be hosting our Scholastic Book Fair. Students will have time this week to browse the books and compile their wish lists. Books can be ordered on the day if the title you want has been sold. We look forward to seeing you there.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2013
There will be a note going home shortly outlining the aim and rules of the Premiers’ Reading Challenge and how Metford Public School library supports this Challenge. There will be a permission slip attached to this so please keep an eye out for it.

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Eastside Uniting Churches
Holiday Kids Club
Never Too Young

Who? Children from Kindergarten to Year 6
When? Thursday, 18th April - 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Where? Uniting Church Hall, William St, E. Maitland
(Opposite East Maitland Public School)
What? Stories, songs, games and craft
Morning tea & lunch provided
Cost? $12 per child - $30 per family of 3 or more
Places are definitely limited to the first 50 children.
For registration forms phone: Lesley - 49996307
Registrations close: Monday, 8th April
Raising 21st Century Kids

Show some respect!

"Kids have no respect for anything these days."

This appears to be a common lament from many adults but it is not true.

Children and young people may not automatically respect their elders as they once did however the notion of respect is still the basis of civil behaviour. Those children and young people who act respectfully toward others have a huge advantage over their peers in terms of social acceptance and cooperative work skills.

Showing respect means that a child protects the basic human rights of others to safety and fair treatment. The most basic way to show respect for others is by the use of good manners. In fact, manners are respect in action.

The use of good manners is the most important social skill that adults can teach children. Manners help children navigate effectively through their social world and also help them influence others. Good manners begins with the use of 'please', 'thank you' and 'excuse me'.

It extends to an array of social conventions, including: how to eat in public, how to win and lose gracefully and how to answer a telephone call.

Sometimes adults need to insist that children treat us in respectful ways. That means that we don't respond to disrespectful treatment. So if a child yells at his mother to get some food a wise parent would remind that child that cooperation only comes with respectful treatment. We need to get across to children that treating others like doormats is not an appropriate way to get their needs met.

Respect also needs to extend to the treatment of the environment. It is reasonable to expect children to treat their home, their neighbourhood, their school and the natural environment in ways that ensures that they are protected and preserved.

Self-respect is also important for children. When they treat themselves respectfully they tend to be more careful about how they allow others to behave towards them as well as being mindful of how they treat their minds and bodies.

Respect when shown for others, self and the environment is the basic value for all successful interactions in a civil society. It is definitely a value that parents should preach and live by, and a value that children should practise.

What’s your child like?

Does your child show respect?

DOES HE

1. Generally use manners when he interacts with others?  Yes 2 No 0
2. Let others finish what they have to say rather than interrupt? Yes 2 No 0
3. Leave toys and things around the house rather than respect the rights of others? Yes 2 No 0
4. After his behaviour when around older people or those having difficulty or ill-health? Yes 2 No 0
5. Focus on his own needs at all times at the expense of the needs of others? Yes 0 No 2

SCORE:
10. Shows healthy respect for himself and others.
0-5: Maybe not aware of what is expected at all times.
0-0: Very self-aware but may need to learn a little about respectful treatment of others.

Try This . . .

Putting it into practice

To ensure your children develop social conventions and understand the notion of respectful treatment:

1. Insist that they use ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ and variations of these terms in all family interactions.
2. Practise communicating with each other using eye contact. The notion of eye contact ensures openness and understanding and leads to respectful treatment.
3. Discuss the ways that people should be treated at home and at school. Help children identify and elaborate on respectful behaviour and what it means to them.
4. Establish some simple rules with your children to ensure that they, you and your home are treated respectfully.

Action Plan

First Step . . .

Next Step . . .

For more ideas about promoting respectful treatment, the use of manners and promoting positive behaviours visit www.parentingideas.com.au

Quote

‘Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners no matter what fork you use.’ Emily Post
We understand that many parents are unable to attend P&C meetings, therefore we thought it would be nice to keep them updated and informed on any news that may be of interest to them by having a page in the fortnightly newsletter. We hope this is a great way to help everybody feel more involved in what is happening around the school.

The P&C AGM was held last Wednesday. All executive positions were open and then filled. Congratulations to the elected members.

President : Lisa Malone  
Vice President: Erika Tooth  
Treasurer: Kathy Gillies  
Secretary: Paul Smith

The P&C and Canteen are sharing the costs for new, much needed, air conditioning in the computer lab. The children will now be able to enjoy their computer sessions in comfort. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to fundraising, whether it is buying a raffle ticket or donating gifts to raffle, every little bit counts.

The P&C have other fundraising ideas in the pipeline so watch this space for future events. We are considering a change in the current school uniform and would like to hear your thoughts on the matter. If you are interested in taking part, please fill out the survey below and return it to the school ASAP.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 10.3.13 at 6pm in the staff room. Anyone is welcome to come along and join us.

Metford Public School Uniform Survey

1. Would you like to change any part of the current school uniform? Yes/No

2. If yes, what part would you like changed? Shirt/Pants/Other ________________________________

3. Reason for change ___________________________________________________________________

4. Any other comments __________________________________________________________________

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Thank you for your time.
COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

Hello everyone. Our PLP (Personalised Learning Plan) afternoon was a great opportunity for our Aboriginal families and their children’s teacher to come together to discuss learning goals. Thank you to those who attended, and a sincere thank you to Kathy, Lisa and Grant in our canteen who prepared afternoon tea. It was greatly appreciated!

Our Canteen and Breakfast Club are in need of volunteers, so if you or a relative can spare 1 day to support these important services for your children, please leave your contact details at the office.

As we all know, Head Lice is something we would prefer not to talk about, and that is understandable. However we can often find solutions by talking to other parents. I have included some information about this frustrating issue and hope it may help. Please if you would like to talk about this or other matters that may relate to your child’s learning, feel free to phone or call into see me. NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) will be on in Term 2, Week 3. This Assessment is for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. I have included an information sheet for parents and some tips.

A reminder that Harmony Day is this Wednesday 20th March – All parents, carers and Grandparents are welcome to attend. The day will incorporate our beloved Book Fair and Grandparents Day. Year 6 will be running their Coffee Shop, classrooms will be open with loads of activities for all. Families are also invited to stay for lunch with our canteen operating to cater for this event.

Another reminder is for our Parent Teacher interviews next Tuesday 26th March from 3pm to 6pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s progress.

HEAD LICE

Head lice can be a frustrating experience for parents and their children and there can often be a perception that some treatments do not work. Often it can be a case of not completing a treatment cycle ensuring all eggs are removed. It is difficult to kill all eggs that are present when you do the first treatment.

- Head lice are the size of a sesame seed and will attach themselves to hair.
- They rely solely on humans to exist and will lay eggs (nits) on the hair shaft.
- Each louse can live for up to 5 weeks but is capable of laying up to 120 eggs.
- Eggs will hatch in 6-10 days then maturing into adults, mating again and then the process of egg laying begins again.
- The cycle needs to be broken.

Effective treatment

Understanding the life cycle will help your chances of eradicating lice. It is making sure you remove ALL of the eggs. There are many treatments available however MOOV has a very good range and these will be available at your local pharmacy. Please ensure you follow the instructions on the package. The metal lice comb is the most important piece of equipment to have as this will catch the eggs. Often it can help if you talk with other parent’s and share solutions. This was something I did, and I was able to break the cycle with my own children by ensuring I combed through their hair 3-5 days after the first treatment. This would catch any eggs that may have been left behind on the first comb through. (I also did comb throughs just using conditioner). My child would wash their hair, and then put a large amount conditioner through hair, leaving it in, which makes it easier to use the lice comb. Comb their hair through in sections, starting at the base of the neck. So if you have a child with very long hair (as I did!) use a big clip to hold the top section up, and let down small sections at a time. Wipe excess from comb onto paper towel so you can see what it coming out of the hair. Repeat the process again as suggested 3-4 days later, and if you are still seeing eggs, repeat again another 3-4 days later. If you child has a reinfestation this usually means there has been eggs left behind and given the opportunity to hatch.

HEAD LICE MYTHS

Myth: Head lice is a sign of poor personal hygiene
Fact: FALSE - Head lice don’t care if the hair is clean or dirty.

Myth: Head lice can jump from head to head
Fact: FALSE – Head lice are unable to jump, fly or hop. They will be caught by close contact or sharing hats, brushes or combs.

Myth: To completely remove head lice you will need to wash and disinfect bedding
Fact: FALSE – It is not necessary but may be a personal preference

Myth: Head lice can be caught from animals
Fact: FALSE – Human head lice will only live on human hair.

** Some information taken from www.moov.com.au**

**NAPLAN**
(National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy)
*Information for Parents*

**NAPLAN provides**
- An opportunity for students to show what they have learned in class.
- Provides information on how students are progressing against national benchmarks.
- Support for improvements in teaching and learning.

**WHEN IS IT?**
Term 2 – Week 3
For Students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9.
Students across Australia will do the same test on the same day.

Tuesday 14th May - Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday 15th May - Reading
Thursday 16th May - Numeracy

- All students are encouraged to participate, and provisions are made to meet the needs of students with special needs.
- If your child misses a test, the school will try to organise for the student to complete missed test/s where possible.

**WHAT IS TESTED?**
- Reading - Students will be given a text to read then are required to answer questions
- Writing - This year Students are required to complete a persuasive* writing task
- Language Conventions – includes spelling, grammar & punctuation
- Numeracy- includes number, algebra, space, measurement, chance, data

**TYPES OF QUESTIONS**
- Multiple choice
- Fill in a word
- Short answer
- Extended answer (writing)

**HOW PARENTS CAN HELP?**
- Ensure your child gets plenty of rest, eats well, and try to have breakfast each morning especially on test days.
- Take a positive view. Rather than seeing it as something that places undue pressure on your child, look at it as an opportunity to rise up and meet the challenge. Be resilient. Treat it as a good learning experience.
- Naplan test days should be treated as another routine school event.
- Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety.
- The tests provide valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance.
- Talk with your child – Encourage them to:
- Be organised - have their equipment (pencils, rubber, working paper)
- Take their time
- Keep going and come back to questions they are unsure of

*The purpose of persuasive writing is to persuade a reader to a point of view on an issue. Persuasive writing may express an opinion, discuss, analyse and evaluate an issue. It may also entertain and inform. It will need to have structure including an introduction, body (opinions and reasons), finishing with a conclusion.

### CLASSROOM BLURB

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<td>Ms Brooke Owen</td>
<td>KO are keen readers and writers! In Maths we have been working hard on time and numbers.</td>
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<td>KP</td>
<td>Ms Jane Power</td>
<td>KP are Pirates! AHHHR!! We are making treasure maps and reading Babette Coles’s counting Stories. In Mathematics we are counting, counting, counting!</td>
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<td>S1O</td>
<td>Ms Rachael O’Neile</td>
<td>We are looking at Australian Animals. But for Week 8 we are working like crazy to be ready for Harmony/Grandparents Day on Wednesday.</td>
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<td>Ms Blaire Freund</td>
<td>Our theme is “Under the Sea” and are reading the Runaway Whale. We are busy writing poems for Grandparents’ Day, and learning about Vietnam for Harmony Day.</td>
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<td>S1P</td>
<td>Mr Stephen Petersen</td>
<td>Hola Amigos! This week S1P will be expanding their learning by visiting Spain within the classroom through fun activities books, pictures and videos. We will be building on our knowledge of number patterns in math and getting ready for Harmony Day on Wednesday. Vamonos!</td>
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<td>Ms Belinda Crouch</td>
<td>Our persuasive writing topic is “write a letter to your parents to ask them to buy you an animal”. We are studying maps and ‘google’ images relating to the Great Barrier Reef.</td>
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<td>Ms Jodi Pratten</td>
<td>We are currently watching’ Nemo’, and will look at the effects and concerns about coral. In Maths we are working on multiplication.</td>
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<td>Mr Corey Bruce</td>
<td>In English our persuasive writing practise is Dog vs Cat, and in Maths we are looking at measurement – “how long”? For HSIE we are looking at animals that live in a reef and learning to draw “Nemo”.</td>
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<td>S2/3N</td>
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<td>Continuing with our study on China and learning 21 important facts regarding this country, such as the cultural tradition of binding women’s feet. Our kite project is due in Week 11.</td>
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<td>Mrs Lee Schulha</td>
<td>In recognition of Ireland’s St Patrick’s Day we will be cooking “Tasty Potato Soup”. We are continuing our work for Grandparents Day and Harmony Day. Year 6 have had their first orientation activities here at school and at Maitland High School. School leaders have undertaken a leadership course at Tenambit Public School where they have formulated a project for our school which is very exciting! Our leaders represented our school well and worked as a united team. Well done leaders!</td>
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<td>Mrs Wendy Zoneff</td>
<td>We are busily working on Grandparents Day and Harmony Day projects. To continue with our craft we still require kind donations of magazines please.</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>Mrs Sue Wright</td>
<td>Crazy doodles after reading “The Clever Stick”. Book Fair cartons have arrived! Students creating their “wish list” for purchases at the Boo kFair this Wednesday 20th March. Seniors working on shadow puppet plays, and others are looking at the pro’s and con’s of the Three Little Pigs building materials</td>
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PLAYGROUP
Every Monday 9am to 10.30am
In Metford Public School Hall
For children 0-4 years
Gold coin donation
ALL WELCOME!

Can you HELP??
BREAKFAST CLUB needs

Parents and Carers
Weekdays 8.15 to 9am
Please leave your contact details at the office if you can help. Thank you!

Vacation Care
Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc.
Ph 49391840 83 - 85 Weblands St Rutherford 2320 Fax 4939 1849

15th April 2013 - 26th April 2013
Pupil Free Day: 29th April 2013 (Available at Ashtonfield, Rutherford & Thornton)
Open 6.30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
ALL CENTRES CLOSED THURSDAY 25TH APRIL - ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Quality care for Children 5-12 years, who attend infants or primary school.
Organised activities such as Craft, Sports, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Movies and Excursions.

4 convenient locations - Rutherford, Thornton, Metford and Ashtonfield.

“Child Care Benefit (CCB)” and Child Care Rebate (CCR) is available pending eligibility
Full fees will apply until CCB and/or CCR is authorised by “Family Assistance Office” (adjustments will then be made)

Daily fees after CCB range from $4.38 (1 child with 100% CCB) to $42.50 per child
Plus excursion fee if applicable. Fees to be paid on first day of care each week.

Bookings can be made at our centres From Monday 18th March, 2013
Sorry no phone bookings

Please note: Bookings are essential and 5 FULL WORKING DAYS written notice must be given to book out or else full fees will be charged.

Supported by Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services NSW
Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc – “showing Jesus’ love to the Community”
Crazy Hair Day 2013
**Metford Munchies**

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- Thank you to all of our volunteers. Your time and effort is very much appreciated.

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## Metford Munchies Newsletter

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NAIDOC WEEK 2013 – July 7th – 14th 2013

KOORI KIDS has again offered a range of items for sale at our school. All items are priced very reasonably. If anyone is interested in purchasing these items, could you please fill in the attached order sheet and return it to school with the money enclosed. Any school ordering wristbands (Respect) will be assisting KOORI KIDS to help students experiencing difficulty at school. Our school could also win a performance of “The Aunty Peach Show”.

Orders need to be finalised by Friday 24th May. No further orders will be made after this date.

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Mrs L Schulha
Student Engagement/Community Participation
Team Leader

NAIDOC WEEK MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Due back to Metford Public School by 24th May 2013

Name: _____________________________    Class: _____________________________
Parent Name: _____________________________    Contact number: _____________________________

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Signed: _____________________________    Date: _____________________________
PLAYGROUP OPEN DAY!

Discover the joy of fun and play at this FREE event!

In conjunction with National Playgroup week,
Metford Community Playgroup is hosting a free open day.

WHEN: Wednesday 20th March, 10am to 12pm
WHERE: Metford Community Hall, Cnr Ingall and Lowe Streets
WHO: Birth to school age and their carers
BRING: A hat and drink for your child. Morning tea provided (please no eggs, kiwifruit or mango)
CONTACT: Liz McCann on 0405 420 011 or find us on facebook for more information

Activities and games on the day. Playgroup NSW supports play based learning.

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Metford-Community-Playgroup
http://www.playgroupaustralia.com.au

Hunter Academy of Performing Arts
Offering Classes in:
- Jazz
- Tap
- Ballet
- Cheerleading
- Contemporary
- Tiny Tot Classes
- Ladies Classes
- Boys Hip Hop

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