A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week I have been reading about Stephen Dinham’s research that aligns parenting skills and teaching leadership. The parallels are very interesting. The parenting and leadership styles are known as:

Uninvolved … makes little impact of a positive nature
Authoritarian … traditional concept based on obedience and respect for status
Permissive … high degree of discretion and indulgence
Authoritative … responsive, sensitive, collaborative high expectations

As we work together as a school community to ensure our school, Metford Public School, provides the best learning opportunities for all our students, we will take on board all parenting and leadership styles. This will ensure that we can sustain changes that will put Metford Public School as a leader in education for all the right reasons. We will be supportive, consultative, committed, set high standards, students and their learning will be at the centre of our school, all students will experience success, give timely and appropriate feedback, have an emphasis on professional learning and the school community will have an opportunity to flourish.

A big vision, but one I strongly believe in and want you to be a part of. During this year I will be focusing on bringing about quality systems to reinvigorate our school’s vision and plan for improvement for Metford Public School. I invite you to join me on this journey.

Regards
Cathy Watt

PRINCIPAL’S LUNCH 13.3.14
1/2F DISPLAY BOARD ON SHOW IN WEEK 7
Beautiful craftwork on display in the office foyer.

The focus for Week 7 for our students above was to show Responsibility by making good choices. The focus for Week 8 will be to show Commitment by displaying a willingness to learn.
Congratulations to our very first Rocky High Flyer badge recipient Shontai Rowe-Laing. Shontai represents true commitment to our PBL school values and has received 90 High Flyer tokens for displaying commitment, respect and responsibility towards her learning. Well done Shontai.

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Congratulation also to our recipients for Rocky wings pin, and dark green wrist bands this term.

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Sinead Mullaly  
James Wallace  
Michael Owen  
Tremayne Sylvester  
Tylar Webb  
Kaiden Carr  
Emison Dixon-Crawford  
Thalia Beeby  
Cooper Preece  
Marlie Hunt  
Lachlan Kent  
Jemma Borland  
Marnie Kemsley  
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Haylee Haden  
Hazel Miller  
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Tyler Davey  
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Alex Harvey  
Kelsey Mason  
Michael Brazier  
Nicholas Bittner  
Maia Tuatara  
Alexander Carr  
Emmy Ballard  
Katie Shaunessy  
Varshini Chiruveru  
Joseph Sales  
Alexandra Britten  
Jasmin Borland  
Adam Brown  
Munarra Walker  
Emilee Necakovski  
Britteny Moy |

Mrs Christine Attard  
Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning  
PBL school coach & PBL network coach
GUMBALL NEWS- 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL
Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have been busy counting the days that they have been at school so far in 2014. In the last week of term 2 we will be celebrating “My First 100 Days at School" for Kindy and “I’m 100 Days Smarter” for Years 1 and 2. Please help us build the excitement leading up to the 100th day by talking about it at home and asking about our class gumball machine. Each day another number is added to our gumball machine. Watch for the ‘Gumball News’ in future newsletters.

DEBATING
Metford Public was a part of a fantastic debating day at East Maitland Primary. Students had a lot of fun learning all about debating and even had chance to have a small debate against each other. Each student showed respect, commitment and responsibility towards Metford Public because of how well they behaved. A group of teachers from another school commented to me about how well dressed and well-manned Metford Public students were.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS AT MAITLAND HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS LAST WEEK
What’s happening in the Library?

It has been a very entertaining time in the library so far this year. The ‘little Marshmallows’ in K-2 have been uncovering rhyming words in books. They have put their detective skills and listening ears to the test and with the help of the Pout Pout Fish, Hairy Maclary, The Cat in the Hat and Superworm, those Little Marshmallows have been spotting them in abundance. They even had time to pose for photographs!

“I’m a Pout pout fish,
With a pout pout face.
I spread the weary dreary
All over the place.”

Extract taken from the Pout Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen.

Can you spot the rhyming words in these extracts from some of the books that we have been uncovering?

“Superworm is super-long.
Superworm is super-strong.
Watch him wiggle! See him squirm!
Hip, hip, hooray for SUPERWORM!”

Superworm by Julia Donaldson

“Schnitzel von Krumm with a very low tum,
Bitzer Maloney all skinny and bony,
Muffin McClay like a bundle of hay,
Bottomley Potts covered in spots,
Hercules Morse as big as a horse
and Hairy Maclary from Donaldson’s Dairy”

Scan the QR code to listen to the Pout Pout Fish song on youtube.

Scan the code to read a book review about Superworm and follow the link to print out a colouring activity of the wiggliest, squiggliest superhero in the world!

Scan the code to watch a charming video of Hairy Maclary.

All the photographs from K-2 will be displayed either in the Front Office or Library foyer.

Watch this space for news and information about the adventures of Years 3-6 in the Library.
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| Breakfast club | Breakfast club | Breakfast club | **Harmony Day 11am**  
**Picnic lunch with children 11am**  
**Grandparents Day & Coffee Shop 12 – 1pm**  
**Open Classrooms 12pm**  
**Book Fair all day** | **9.15am Day Support meets in demountable** | **Tafe Computer course** |
| **Week 9** Mar 24-28 |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Parent teacher interviews K-2 | **11.30-11.45am Parent info meeting for cross country duties in hall** | **Zone Cross Country**  
**Gabby Mead parent Workshop 9.15am in library** | **K-6 Cross Country**  
**Crazy Hair Day Yr6 fundraiser**  
**Tafe Computer course** | **Tafe Computer course** |
| **Week 10** Mar 31- Apr 4 |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| **P & C 6pm** | **Gabby Mead Parent Workshop 9.15am in library** | **Tafe Computer course**  
**Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle drawn**  
**Icecream Spider Yr6 fundraiser**  
**Last day Term 1** | **Gabby Mead Parent Workshop 9.15am in library**  
**P & C Disco** | **Tafe Computer course** |
| **Term 2** Week 1 April 28 – May 2 |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| **Staff Development Day** | **Students first day for Term 2** | **The foyer display is wonderful, be sure to come and see it.** | **The foyer display is wonderful, be sure to come and see it.** | **The foyer display is wonderful, be sure to come and see it.** |
CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Metford Public School needs your help to assist with the running of the Cross Country on **Friday 28th March 2014**.
The entire school will be participating in the event from 9:30am at Schanck Drive Oval.

Students will wear their *house colours*, which is the sports uniform and they require appropriate footwear for running (no spikes).

If you are able to assist on this day please leave your name at the front **office, where there will be a book to enter your name**.

There will be an information day on Thursday 27th in the hall at 11.30am – 11.45am to advise parents of their roles and responsibility for the cross country run.

Thank you for your assistance
Sports Committee

P & C NEWS

Our energetic P & C Day Support group are currently very busy organising several fund raising activities that are coming up this term and next term.

😊 **Day Support meeting** will be held this Thursday 20th March at 9.15am in the demountable. Everyone is most welcome to attend, discuss and assist in all the fundraising for our school.

😊 **The Easter Raffle** will shortly begin, and donations for this are now being requested to make this a wonderful event. Several prizes will be prepared for the drawing of this raffle, which will take place on the last day of this term at the Easter Hat Parade. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the office.

😊 **Mothers’ Day** is the 2nd weekend of Term 2 (11th May). The Day Support group will be holding a stall for our students to purchase that ‘something special’ for the mum in their life. Donations are now being requested to assist them to have a wonderful range of choices for our children. Please help if you can. Any donations will be gratefully received at the office up till the first 2 weeks of next term.

😊 **Disco night** is on again this term on Thursday 10th April (Week 11). Parent volunteers to help out on the night are vital to the disco going ahead. Please respond if you can help when the disco notes go home with your children soon. Insufficient parent volunteers will unfortunately mean no disco.
COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

Hello Everyone. An exciting week is in store for all this week with our HARMONY DAY and GRANDPARENTS DAY celebration this Wednesday 19th March. Our families are invited to attend school starting with a Picnic Lunch from 11am then open classrooms and special activities for our Grandparents from 12-1pm. Years 5/6S and 6M are running their Coffee Shop, so please support them by paying them a visit in the Hall. Call into the Book Fair in the Library all day, and then stay for a The Assembly at 1.30pm with the 5/6S performance. Hope to see you!

PARENT WORKSHOP – There will be 2 workshops on Building Positive Relationships in Weeks 10 & 11. All our parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend on Thursday 3rd & 10th April from 9.15 to 11am in our Library. Gabby Mead returns to us this term and she brings a wealth of knowledge with many years’ experience working with families to build positive links between home and school. Please return the tear-off slip if you plan on attending as Morning Tea will be provided.

TAFE COMPUTERS – What a wonderful group of parents, grandparents and friends we have attending. There’s lots of happy faces and I’m sure when the course is finished this group will be able to show their children things they didn’t know!! If anyone is interested in joining this group please contact the office this week.

Enjoy your week. Katherine Barr.
Metford Munchiesnews Letter
Canteen Roster Term Week 8 & 9

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Metford Munchies welcomes our new volunteers: Josephine, Melanie, Lahra, Megan and Brooke. The time you give is very much appreciated. We now have a lovely full roster.

This Wednesday 18.3.14 is Harmony Day/Grandparents Day/Book Fair. Don’t forget to order your ‘Fun Surprise Picnic Box’ for $6.50 per person. We can’t tell you what is in it because it’s a ‘surprise’, but it is good value and a little bit of fun.

If you haven’t already heard, we have been working with the Healthy Kids Association, Hunter New England Health to update our old menu to a Green menu. We have been commended on our efforts as we are one of only a few schools in the Hunter that now have a Green menu. Metford Public School Canteen was used in a case study and published in the Healthy Kids Association Magazine. So we should all be proud about having such a wonderful canteen at our school.

Keep an eye out for our yummy winter menu which starts first day back after the school holidays. Delicious nachos, lasagne, spaghetti bolognaise, shepherd’s pie, garlic bread and Milo, all homemade and very healthy.

Kathy & volunteers
Metford Munchies

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Metford Public School – Parent Workshop 3rd & 10th April
Building Positive Relationships with Gabby Mead 9.15am – 11am

I would like to attend the Parent Workshops on 3rd and 10th April in the school library.

Name.......................................................... Contact number .............................................

PLEASE PRINT

My child is ..................................... in Class ......................................

Please return to Katherine Barr in the office.