A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The weather disrupted our plans for Cross Country last week and we have endeavoured to give our students opportunity to participate in the Maitland Zone PSSA trial on Thursday this week. Those students who wish to participate at zone level will run on Tuesday at either lunch or recess. The rain, though, has certainly been very much appreciated in ensuring our new grass and plants continue to be nourished.

Crazy Hair Day will be celebrated on Friday, 4th April. This is a fundraiser for Year 6. I look forward to seeing some interesting hair dos.

Teacher Professional Learning:
This week, we are continuing our program of ensuring our teachers are catering for all students in their classrooms by collaboratively planning for learning over the next 5 weeks. Teachers have tracked each student’s learning over the past 5 weeks and will discuss the best way to keep the learning journeys of each child on track and moving positively forward. This means that on Tuesday, for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes, and Wednesday, for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes, there will be different teachers at our school.

Congratulation to Miss Freund:
This Thursday Miss Freund is getting married. We wish her and her new husband all the very best for a long and wonderful future together. She will return to school to start Term 2.

Drum Corps Workshops:
On the 21st March, we enjoyed a live performance from Col Hatchmann, the drummer from the Screaming Jets. He has offered to teach our students drumming in school time, using recycled materials as drums. Cost to families will be lessons and a set of drum sticks. At this stage we don’t have enough students expressing interest to go ahead. If you would like your child/children to participate in this learning please complete an expression of interest form, which are at our office. We want to start the program in term 2.

Regards
Cathy

Thought for the Week:
There will be a time when we must choose between what is easy and what is right.
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The Easter Raffle is now underway, 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. **You will find raffle tickets attached at the back of this newsletter.** Money and tickets can be returned to 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 the P & C to provide a wonderful range of choices for our children. Please help if you can. Any donations will be gratefully received at the office up until the second week of next term.

Disco night is on again this term on Thursday10th April (Week 11). Parent volunteers to help out on the night are vital to the disco going ahead. Please respond if you can help. Insufficient parent volunteers will unfortunately mean no disco. **The disco note is included in this newsletter.**

Parents who may be interested in joining discussions about school uniforms are invited to leave their name and contact details with the school office. A committee will be formed for these discussions.
3P

3P have been working hard to learn how to structure a narrative. Here are some published stories from the class.
We have also been learning how to identify and use fractions in whole objects and groups.
During art we have been learning how to create balance and harmony in our art with different techniques, colours and shapes. Come and see our self-portraits in the office foyer.

Ghost House by Hannah Armstrong

One night Kiara went to Hannah’s house for a sleep over. They were playing Hannah’s iPod when they heard footsteps in the hallway. They were scared! It was Michael Jackson, a ghost and a vampire. They started to dance the thriller! Kiara had an idea and said “How about we dance with them?” So we danced with them and we became best friends.
The next day Shontai went over for a play. The house was a big mess! “What happened?” said Shontai. “We had a big party” said Hannah. “I don’t believe you, I’m going home” said Shontai. “OK” said Kiara “Bye!”

Lachlan, Ethan and Oscar by Lachlan Kent

Three days ago Lachlan, Ethan and Oscar went quad riding in the bush. The bush was quiet and there were lots of lizards, snakes and bugs.
Lachlan, Ethan and Oscar were doing jumps when Oscar ran into a tree. He bent the front end and broke the rim!
Lachlan quickly went and got the Hilux and they put the quad in the back to take it home and sell so they could buy a new one.
The End

The Rainbow Kitten by Emilee Necakovski

Once upon a time in Candy Land there was a girl named Emilee. She was a nice girl who had two cats. One was a Birman and the other one was a white moggy. Their names were Mindy and Micki. One day Emily saw a rainbow, so Emilee pick up her golden jetpack and flew to the top. She saw a rainbow kitten. Emilee said “She’s beautiful”. Suddenly the rainbow kitten jumped off the rainbow and ran to her candy kingdom but when the kitten got there its rainbow butler touched the castle and it fell apart. Luckily a Peppermint butler had magical powers and used them to fix the castle and they lived happily ever after.

Kim, Chloe and Alex’s Adventure by Chloe Rogers

On cold days Kim, Chloe and Alex like to drink hot chocolate. One day it was so cold they could wear 5 jackets! So they played board games and drank hot chocolate in Santa’s room. Santa said to Kim “I’ll be back in fifteen minutes” but he didn’t come back so Kim began to not believe in Santa! The three of them went looking for Santa to help her believe again. On the way they found a cute little elf and asked him if he knew where Santa was. He led them to him. Once Kim saw Santa she believed again so they lived happily ever after.

Travis the Werewolf by Jake Ledwidge

Fifteen hundred years ago there lived a werewolf named Travis. He had lots of friends to play with.
One day they were playing soccer. When the ball went into a trap Travis walked into it to get it without knowing. Suddenly he started sinking down lower and lower. Oh no, quicksand!
His friends came over to help. They worked together to pull him out of the quicksand then they lived happily ever after.
COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

Hello Everyone. Term 1 has been a very busy one and with only 2 weeks to go, we still have more happening. This week invitations have gone out for our Easter Hat Parade which will be held on Friday 11th April (last day of Term 1). Activities will start from 11am where you can join your child for lunch then at 11.30am head down to the COLA for the Parade. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at this time, so be sure to get your tickets in. P & C are asking for your help in a donation of an Easter Egg please. The more they have the more prizes that will be available to win! Please drop in your donation to the office – thank you for your help.

THIS WEEK we have our guest presenter Gabby Mead delivering the first of two workshops for parents, carers and friends on Building Positive Relationships. Please join us in the Library on Thursday 3rd April for this free workshop which starts at 9.15am and finishes at 11am with morning tea provided. We all want to see our children be the best that they can, and we can help them reach that potential by networking with other parents and build on the skills we already have. Attending parent workshops such as this one with Gabby is great place to build on those skills. Hope to see you there!

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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.
Metford Public School

K – 6 TERM 1 DISCO

When: Thursday, 10th April, 2014
At: Metford School Hall
Time: 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Cost: $3.00 per child

The disco is run by the P&C Association. The disco is for students of Metford Public School only (no High School or pre school siblings allowed).
Both male and female parent volunteers are needed to supervise and assist with the canteen during the disco. (Please complete volunteer note at the bottom of page and return it to school prior to the disco). If we DO NOT have enough volunteers the disco may be cancelled.

Snack foods and drinks will be available for purchase.

Parents are reminded that they must bring and collect their children from the hall. Children are to be picked up by 7.00pm.

Children must bring the completed permission note below to the hall on the night of the disco. A contact number must be supplied in the space provided on the permission note.

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**Rules for Attending the Disco:**
- Children will not engage in any activity that endangers either themselves or others. (No sliding, running or jumping in the hall)
- Children will not interfere with the property of others.
- Children will obey instructions given by the adults supervising the disco.

Children who choose to ignore these rules will be withdrawn from the disco and parents will be contacted to collect their children.

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Thank you
Metford Public School P&C

**Disco Permission Note (to be brought to the hall on the night of the disco)**

I give permission for my child/ren ……………………………………………………………
To attend Metford Public School Disco on Thursday, 10th April, 2014.

I have discussed the rules with my child.

Signed: …………………………………………………….. Contact Phone No: …………………
(Parent / Guardian)

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**Parent Volunteer Note (to be returned to school as soon as possible)**

I would like to be parent volunteer at the disco on Thursday, 10th April, 2014.

Child’s Name: …………………………………………………….. Class: …………………

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METFORD MUNCHIES NEWSLETTER
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We’re fundraising with entertainment

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The traditional books will be available from early April, will be $60, and is valid until 1 June 2015. If you choose the Apple or Android device membership, you can search for businesses, show your phone to redeem and keep track of your savings. Order either membership type before April 3, and you’ll receive over $245 worth of bonus offers, which you can use straight away! Find out more »

Contact Susan Wright at school for more information at : metford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Please remember to reference Metford Public School when registering your 2014/2015 Entertainment Membership.
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