A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL
I hope you managed to keep warm over the weekend. It certainly was a change to what the weekends have been like so far this autumn. It is time to get those jumpers and long pants out!

Read More in May:
It is National Family Reading Month in May which encourages you to read together as a family and be involved in one of the most important activities you can do to assist your child's learning. It doesn't matter what you read, comics, magazines, newspapers, library books, story or fact books; you will be sharing quality time with your children and linking with their world. This is one of the joys of parenthood.

Look out for a reading log with cheese wedges on it to track the amount of time you have read together this month. Any time spent together reading is worthwhile.

Year 5 entry to opportunity class in 2015:
If you would like to take the opportunity to apply for an opportunity class in 2015 for your current year 4 child, please see the attached information for online application forms. They are due by 16th May 2014.

Drum Beats Workshops:
This program begins this week, on Wednesday from 11:30 to 12Noon in our band room. We have 10 students who are keen to get started and can take more. If you would like your child/children to participate in this great learning, please contact the office for details.

PSSA Activities:
This week, we have some very excited boys and girls who will be representing our school at Rugby League and Netball. We have worked hard to make these opportunities available to our students and they have been training hard to give their best on the day.

We have been strongly encouraging sportsmanship, commitment, best effort and fun in coaching sessions and our squads have been responding well to this. Soccer, Touch and Basketball players will have opportunities to compete against other schools later in the year.

On Monday our boys played Beresfield Public School in a Rugby League knockout game.
On Friday at 12 Noon our girls will play Netball against East Maitland Public School. They are very excited to be representing our school and playing on our court. Some of our classes will be watching and cheering them on to their best effort.

National Assessment Program in Literacy And Numeracy, NAPLAN:
Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, our year 3 and 5 students will be participating in these assessments. These assessments are a moment in time indication of what these children can show of their learning. It is a national assessment program which is carried out in all schools in Australia. At Metford PS, we conduct many other assessments to ensure our students are learning skills and knowledge to stand them in good stead for their future. Our teaching and learning programs do not solely revolve around NAPLAN.

Please ensure that your child/children eat, drink and sleep well beforehand and during the assessment process. This will help them cope with the change to their learning routines while these assessments take place.

Results will be distributed to families in September or October.

Principal's Lunch:
This well regarded event returns this week with lunch for a student from each class being provided by me in my office. This week’s focus is respect in the playground. I am looking forward to sharing a special time with classroom representatives who display this value.

Enjoy a great week.
Regards Cathy

STEWART HOUSE DRIVE
From the numerous charity organisations who request our support, we support only one – and that one is Stewart House Donation Drive. Your donation supports the 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. We are asking you to please give a $2 coin donation in the envelope provided. You will be in the draw to win a holiday, and for your generosity when you drop your envelope in to the front office, you will receive a sweet treat. Envelopes will be sent home this week to each family, and we request that they be returned by Friday this week.

MOTHER’S DAY IS THIS WEEK (11th May).
There will be a Mothers’ Day stall for our students to purchase gifts this Friday 9th May. Any donations will be gratefully received at the office up until midweek. Please help if you can. A huge thank you to the many families who have donated wonderful gifts for us to sell. Prices of gifts will be between $1 and $7.

STAGE 2 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP
On the Thursday 29th May (Week 5) at 3pm in Mr Bruce’s room, there will be an information afternoon about the Aussie Bush Camp for Stage 2. A spokesperson from the Aussie Bush Camp will be hosting the session. The spokesperson will be informing you about the camp and is happy to answer any questions. Please try to come along to this session.

Mr Bruce

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Just a reminder to our school families who may not, as yet, paid the school contribution.
One student  $25
2nd student    $20
Family rate   $45    Thank you to all our families who have already paid.
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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**HUNTER DENTAL GROUP**

**YES WE BULK BILL!!**

Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments can receive $1000 basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011

For appointments call us today!
In 2S we have been learning about 3D objects. We have had lots of fun making cylinders, cubes and cones. We have also been looking at spheres and prisms. We have investigated the faces, corners and edges of these objects.

We had lots of fun and made lots of mess printing with the faces of a cone and cube and discovered that the faces of these objects are a 2D shape. Come and see our great printing.

### METFORD MUNCHIES NEWSLETTER

**Canteen Roster Term 2 Week 2 - 3**

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NEW GOVERNMENT DENTAL SCHEME - one thousand reasons to smile!

Have you heard about the new government dental scheme “Child Dental Benefits Schedule”? From January 1st 2014, it is providing eligible kids with $1000 to spend on selected dental services over a 2 calendar year period. This great initiative expects to help around 3.4 million Australian kids between the ages of 2-17 years.

To benefit from this scheme, children must be eligible for Medicare and the family must be in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A or receive a relevant Government payment. Services that will be covered include: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits will not be available for services carried out in hospital, or for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work.

To see if your kids are eligible, call your local Dentist who can look up the information for you. 

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au

COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

Hi Everyone. This Wednesday 7th May we will celebrate Mother’s Day with a special Afternoon Tea. If you would like your photo taken with your children please meet us at 1pm in the Hall, then stay for the Assembly at 1.30pm. Afterwards we will move to the Library for refreshments and a sweet treat all just for our special Mum and Mother figures who are a very important part of our students’ lives. If you can make it please return the tear off slip provided.

The opportunity for students to purchase a special gift will be this Friday 9th May at our Mother’s Day Stall held by our P & C in the hall.

A reminder that 123 Magic will run at Tenambit Public School starting next Friday 16th May. Please contact the school on 4933 7196 if you are interested in attending this highly recommended program for parents.

Have a wonderful Mother’s Day on Sunday and hope you all have a great week. Katherine Barr.

MOTHER’S DAY AFTERNOON TEA – WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2014

Yes, I will be attending the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on 7.5.14

NAME ............................................. Contact Number: .............................................

PLEASE RETURN TO OFFICE BY 6.5.14
Apply Online

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/applyplacement

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry in 2015?

High Performing Students Unit

Government of New South Wales

Key dates

- Application opens Monday 28 April 2014
- Online application opens or
- Application Information and
- Forms are available in schools
- Application closes Friday 16 May 2014
- Test Centre advice received by parents or carers
- Opportunity class placement test Wednesday 23 July 2014
- Outcome advice sent October 2014

Before Applying: Please read information about applying
Keep saving to win a family adventure holiday.

Major prizes:
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Adventure and VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World;
- A $2,000 travel gift card to get you there.

Plus, in the case of $150 or above, you could win any of a selection of fun prizes, simply by saving at least $150 per month. To enter, visit: www.deepseasavers.com

Win a share of the sunken treasure from the Lost City of Savings.