A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As you may have heard, we postponed our athletics carnival to Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} June due to weather considerations and the closure of Metford Oval by Maitland City Council. All organisation will be the same on this new day as it would have been for the Friday. If you child/children are unable to attend the carnival on this date please inform the office or the class teacher so that this can be correctly recorded.

This week we have work experience students from Maitland High School working in our school. We welcome, Hayden, Tanya, Laura, Vika and Isabel and hope you learn lots about our profession of teaching.

We also welcome two practicum students from Newcastle University who are participating in the real life job of teaching for the last two weeks of this term and the first two weeks of term 3. Mr Druce will be working with Mrs Kelleher and 4/5K and Ms Mulligan will be working with Mrs Schulha and 5/6S.

It is time for another debate for our senior students, this time against Rutherford PS. Our team performed very well against Maitland PS last week but were not the winners in a very close contest. Every debate brings more experience and increased confidence. We wish the team of Ben, Jaimi-Lee, Destiney, Tahlia and Michael all the best on Thursday.

Hopefully the wet weather will hold off and our girls Touch team can play their game next Monday.

Your child’s semester one learning report will go home with them at the end of this week. Teachers will organise Parent Teacher Interviews for early next term so that you have the opportunity to discuss the learning from this semester and be informed of what semester two learning will be focused on. Please keep an eye out for this information over the next two weeks.

Regards Cathy Watt

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“We often set out to make a difference in the lives of others only to discover that we have made a difference to our own.”

Ellie Braun-Haley
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN 5/6S
This term 5/6S have been reading the novel “Fat and Juicy Place” by Diana Kidd. We have had many conversations about our identity, learning about our ancestors and our ethnic roots. We were able to find out that the students of 5/6S have relatives that came from 29 different countries overseas. We are a truly multicultural class.

We have looked at The Stolen Generation and its consequences. Mr Rob Wallace was our guest speaker and the students asked so many questions that Rob thought he was on Hot Seat. Thanks Rob you were really patient.

Our Government unit, “Making Informed Choices”, is progressing. I think we have some budding politicians in the class, due to the amount of conviction in their arguments.

One minute and two minute speeches have been continuing. If your child has not yet had their turn it will be soon. Homework goes out on Mondays and is due on Fridays. Thanks to the students of the class who completed their Botswana assignment.

The class asked me to thank Rob and Mrs Nikki Garland who both accompanied us to Canberra. Their contribution to the excursion ensured its success.

There are some other photos in our classroom if parents want to take a peek.

Lee Schulha
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Contact Susan Wright at school for more information at: metford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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COMPETITIVE DEBATING by Metford Public School Students

Last Tuesday, 10th June, Metford Public took a part in a heated debate against Maitland Public School. The topic was that parents should ban children from using networking sites. Metford Public debaters were the affirmative (for) and Maitland Public debaters were negative (against). The debate was very close, with the final score going 2-1 in Maitland Public’s favour. Metford Public debaters should be proud of their effort within this debate. Students showed improvement in their debating skills since the previous debate again Branxton, and this is because of their dedication to training. Win or lose this debating team from Metford Public will be competitive and hard to beat. Keep up the great work!

Mr. Bruce

STAGE 3 GALA DAY

Our Gala Day is approaching fast, and families are reminded to please have the permission notes and money back to the school office as soon as possible.

METFORD PUBLIC SOCCER WORLD CUP

The Metford Public Soccer World Cup will kick off this week. I have had an overwhelming response from all students in years 2-6 and everyone involved is very excited about the 5-week tournament. Students can check the notice board outside my room to see when they are playing and whom they are playing against. 24 teams will play in a round robin competition over 5 rounds and the top teams will go through to the finals. There will be a boys and girls tournament for years 2, 3 and 4, and a boys and girls tournament for years 5 and 6. 4 winners of each group will be crowned and the 2 top boys and girls teams will face off against each other for the World Cup title. 2 overall champion teams will be crowned and will face teachers at the conclusion of the tournament. Congratulations Metford on a fantastic response and looking forward to seeing some great games of indoor soccer.

Mr West
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**METFORD MUNCHIES NEWSLETTER**

**Canteen Roster Term 2 Week-8 & 9**

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**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL POSTPONED TO 25TH JUNE**

If you are able to assist on the day please leave your name at the front office.

Thank you.

Sports Committee
Maitland TAFE
Pathways Courses
FREE
Career Education & Employment for Women (CEEW)
Skills for Work and Training (SWAT)
Certificate II
Course code: 10697
National course code: 10089

Both are 18 week courses designed to build confidence and help you gain the skills to either re-enter the work force or return to study.

MONDAY to THURSDAY

Information & Enrolment sessions
24th & 25th June 2014 – 10.30am
Maitland TAFE Campus, Block C, Level 1, Room 23

Contact Course Coordinator - Donna Clark
Ph: 49382926 or email: donnal.clark@tafensw.edu.au

or

Head Teacher – Jeannette McKenzie
Ph: 49302827 or email: jeannette.mckenzie@tafe.nsw.edu.au

Courses start July 2014
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES SPORT AND RECREATION

The department has holiday hockey clinics running at Maitland, and netball clinics running at Medowie. Applications can be made by phone 131302 and online at http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/activate/whatson.asp?region=hunter

You may also pick up an application at the school office if you wish.
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.

Thank you
Metford Public School P&C

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.

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, 26th June, 2014.
I have discussed the rules with my child.

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

Parent Volunteer Note (to be returned to school as soon as possible)
I would like to be parent volunteer at the disco on Thursday, 26th June, 2014.

Child’s Name: .................................................. Class: ........
Parent’s Name: ..................................................