A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Here we are at the end of another term of learning, learning new skills in and out of the classroom, with our peers and our friends and others in our learning community. I will take this opportunity to thank all our families for their commitment to Metford Public School and to working together with us to ensure that our students are happy and safe at our school. Our values of commitment, respect and responsibility are strong and this will lead us to further enhance student learning and opportunities for all in our community.

Semester One Reports:
The student reports for semester one will be distributed this week hopefully. There has been a problem with the program that we use to develop the reports. They are all ready for printing but we are unable to print them correctly. IT has been working with us to eliminate and fix the problem, however, there hasn’t been a solution as yet. We will send them home with our students as soon as we have a solution to the issue. Our apologies to you all for any inconvenience caused.

Debaters win again:
Congratulations to our debating team of Ben, Michael, Jaimi-Lee, and Thalia for their efforts last Thursday defeating Rutherford Public School in a closely fought debate. The team is making the most of every opportunity to improve and enjoying the process. Their next debate will be in early term 3.

Public Speaking Opportunity:
On Monday and Thursday of this week all our classes will be involved in participating or listening to students who will give a speech to the school. Monday will be Stage 2 and 3 students and Thursday will see Kindergarten and Stage 1 students participate. The best 2 speakers from each stage will go on for another opportunity to speak in front of an audience in Term 3. These speeches will be given along with other students from local schools in the Hunter; a much bigger stage for them but what an opportunity to shine!

Sport News:
Our boys touch team performed admirably last Thursday, going down 3-2 against a team that had many more bench players than us. Mr West was very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship. We will have another try at running our Athletics Carnival on Wednesday. Let’s hope the weather is kind to us this time.

The MPS Indoor Soccer World Cup initiative is very popular and being enjoyed by many of our students. There is lots of cheering, laughter and skill being shown in our hall each lunchtime.

Be safe this holiday period. Enjoy this special time with your children without the regulation of school routines being a priority. It is a special time for families and a special opportunity to build family culture by having fun and doing different things. See you all back to start term 3 on Tuesday 15th July. Term 3 is 10 weeks and will conclude on Friday 19th September.

Regards Cathy Watt

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequence of your choice.
K6L

We have had a lovely term in K6L. We have been looking at different types of celebrations. These are our favourites:

My favourite celebration is Christmas because I open presents and see my family. I like the stocking with my name on it.

Joshua Nadilo K6L

My favourite celebration is football State of Origin when the blues win.

Malakye Saunders K6L

My Favourite celebration is my birthday because I get presents.

Jeffery Kassing K6L

I love Easter because I pick up eggs on the easter hunt.

John K6L

I like mother’s day because I give presents to mum.

Jye O’Loughlan

Ms Linn has been very proud of all our awards and our progress in spelling, counting to 100 and using Mathletics. We were all very proud of Jeffery getting his Rocky wings! Next term we have another class member – Welcome Ryan!!

We have been spending time with our buddy classes, soccer teams and playground friends.
WINNING DEBATING TEAM
Metford Public School debated against Rutherford Public School yesterday with the topic of “Australian Circuses should not use animals in their shows”. Metford were the negative team and won the debate. This win is due to the dedication shown by the Debating Team by giving up their lunch times to train to perfect their debating skills. They have shown the wider community that they are proud to be a Metford Public School debater.
A big thank you to Miss Crouch for adjudicating the debate.
Well done everyone!

GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL
On Monday 16th of June the ‘Girls Touch Team’ took on Tenambit Public School. Unfortunately, the girls didn’t come away with the points, losing 3-2. Win or lose we will be competitive. This statement truly reflects the effort shown by each girl in the team to training and the game against Tenambit. At the start of the year the girls didn’t know the rules, didn’t know you had to defend, didn’t know how to pass, didn’t know how to play the ball, however, watching the girls play shows how much they have learnt from their dedication to training. I couldn’t be more proud as their coach/teacher. The greatest highlight for me was after the game, watching the girls laughing amongst one another and talking with parents about how much fun they had. Well done girls, I truly couldn’t be more proud of your effort. Mr. Bruce

DAY SUPPORT MEETING
Our Day Support group will be meeting on Monday 21st July (Week 2) in the demountable room at 9am. Please come along to help with the preparation of the Fathers’ Day stall.

MCDONALD’S FUNDRAISER
A huge thank you for all families and friends who supported the fundraiser at East Maitland McDonalds recently. $295.00 was raised for Metford Public School. Well done to everyone.

PRINCIPAL’S LUNCH 19.6.14
METFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL is fundraising with Entertainment books

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Pre-order your Entertainment™ Membership online and receive over $245 in bonus offers!

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Order your new 2014 | 2015 Newcastle, Central Coast and The Hunter Entertainment™ Membership from Metford Public School and 20% of your Membership purchase goes towards our fund-raising!

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.

METFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL
NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS
PROGRAM

- 8.55am  Marking of Roll
- 9am    Proceed to Hall for Welcome to Country,
     Dance Performance by Maitland High School,
     Smoking Ceremony – Mr Leigh Ridgeway
- 10am   Student Activities
- 11.30am Picnic Lunch
- 12pm   Assembly with Guest Speaker
     2014 Naidoc Theme – Serving Country –
     Centenary & Beyond
     Dance Performances by MPS & MHS
- 1pm    Recess
- 1.30 – 2.30pm  Student Activities
COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’ NEWS

Hi Everyone. We extend our sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who have given their time to help with a range of activities throughout the term. Without you many activities can’t run and we greatly appreciate your help. Thank you!

BREAKFAST CLUB - This successful program has been putting big smiles on many students faces. We hope to continue running this program in Term 3 providing we have volunteers. Greenhills Dental continue to support Metford Public School through this program. Next term we will need someone to assist us on Mondays otherwise Breakfast Club will not open on this day. From around 8.20am to 8.55am is all the time that’s required to make toast, serve fruit and cereal. Please consider helping us next term and if you can, please call into the office and let us know. Thank you to Mrs Tina Korbi, Mr Grant McGinty, Mrs Kathy Gillies and Ms Megan Christie for helping out.

TAFE COMPUTERS – Please return the EXPRESSION OF INTEREST form ASAP if you are interested in joining our TAFE group for Semester 2 (Terms 3 & 4). This course is Beyond Beginners and will look at covering finer aspects of Word, PowerPoint and Excel. It will run here at our school in our computer lab on Fridays from 9am, and it is FREE and is open to all parents, grandparents, carers and your friends. If you know someone who is interested ask them to contact us.

NAIDOC - We will be celebrating NAIDOC on Friday 18th July (Term 3 Week 1) and the day will include a Smoking Ceremony, Assembly and activities for the students. Further details are provided in this newsletter. Families and friends are welcome to attend throughout the day, or join their child for lunch, then onto the Assembly.

MINDARIBBA are celebrating NAIDOC Week from Sunday 6th July to Friday 11th July. An outline of the program is provided in this newsletter and a full program is available from the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS – Maitland Regional Art Gallery is worth a visit during the school holidays with programs running throughout the two week break. They also currently have the ArtExpress exhibition which showcases art work from 2013 HSC students and is highly recommended viewing. Entry to the gallery and exhibition is FREE and further details about holiday programs and opening times can be found on their website www.mrag.org.au or by phoning 4934 9859.

We also thank our community supporters including Greenhills Dental, Brad Sangster & The Good Guys, St Vincent De Paul and East Maitland Bowling Club.

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NAIDOC WEEK at MINDARIBBA

Sunday 6th July – 4pm to 8pm: Corroboree at Mindaribba Corroboree Ground

Monday 7th July – 9am from Maitland Court House: March

Tuesday 8th July – 10.30am to 2pm: Elders Luncheon (Invite Only)

Wednesday 9th July – 6pm to 9pm: Kids Disco (Children need to be accompanied)

Thursday 10th July – 6pm to 7.30pm: Museum ReLaunch at Mindaribba LALC

Friday 11th July – 10am to 2pm: Family Fun Day at Mindaribba LALC

Friday 11th July – 6.30pm to 11pm: Black & Deadly Masquerade Ball at Maitland Leagues Club
BEYOND BEGINNERS

Computer Course

TAFE OUTREACH COURSE

AT METFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

COURSE DETAILS:
WHEN:
Beyond Beginners
From July to November (School Holidays NOT included)
Every FRIDAY
WHERE:
METFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER LAB
TIME:
9am – 11.45am
COST:
FREE

An invitation to interested PARENTS, CARERS,
GRANDPARENTS and FRIENDS.

Build on those computer skills you already have using
Word, PowerPoint, and Excel Spreadsheets.

RECEIVE TAFE ACCREDITATION UPON COMPLETION OF COURSE

TAFE Outreach Courses are FREE and can assist in linking you into further Education at TAFE

- Build on computer skills
- Gain confidence - Meet new people
- Help your child at home

INTERESTED? Please contact us with your details as soon as possible.

METFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL
Phone: 4933 2655
### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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### METFORD MUNCHIES NEWSLETTER

Canteen Roster Term 2 Week- 9 and Term 3 Week 1

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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

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**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)

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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, 26th June, 2014.

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

Parent’s Name: ………………………………………..