A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope our school community enjoyed a great long weekend break and that you are all ready for the next three weeks of learning time.

It was wonderful to hear of the great time our Stage 3 students had in Canberra, learning about Australia and the world they live in. There were many positive comments about their interest to learn more, their behaviour and their manners at the venues they visited. It was lovely to be greeted with a big cheery hello when they arrived home after their adventures.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Morrissey and Mrs Schulha for organising the excursion and to Mrs Garland and Uncle Rob for supporting the teachers and the students over the three days. It takes special people to make such a commitment to ensuring that all our students were safe, well fed and happy. I appreciate your efforts.

This week is our Athletics Carnival. Join us on Friday for a day of fun watching our students running, throwing, jumping and supporting each other to do their best. See you there!

Regards Cathy Watt

PRINCIPAL’S LUNCH 5.6.14

Thought for the Week:

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Dreams are like stars.
You may never touch them but if you follow them, they will lead you to your destiny.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN 6M THIS LAST WEEK

6M's visit to Canberra was a wonderful success with the children experiencing Parliament and meeting our local member Mr Bob Baldwin. The class have been studying how rules are made and passed through the House of Representatives and then to the Senate. We were lucky enough to see a Bill introduced into the House of Representatives. Questacon was a huge favourite especially the Giant Slide. The class have also been busy painting new Parliament House and using textiles to make interesting pieces of art.

Deb Morrissey
Hi Everyone. NAIDOC week is celebrated nationally during the second week of the school holidays (6-13 July) with this year's theme being “Serving Country – Centenary & Beyond”. This is in honour of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of country. This will be a time to proudly highlight and recognise the role they have played in shaping our identity and pause to reflect on their sacrifice. We celebrate and honour their priceless contribution to our nation.

Metford Public School will celebrate NAIDOC next term and we are currently planning the day's activities. This will be held on Friday 18th July (Term 3, Week 1) and more information will come home soon. Please save the date.

TAFE is currently organising resources so we can run another computer course here at our school in Semester 2 (Terms 3 & 4). This course will be “Beyond Beginners” and will cover applications more in depth, such as PowerPoint, Excel Spreadsheets and Word, with consideration to learning skills that will assist you in helping your child at home. If you are interested in joining this group next term please complete the Expression of Interest form and return to the office as soon as possible please. It is planned this course will continue to run on Friday mornings in our computer lab. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Enjoy your week. Katherine Barr.

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**Expression of interest**

I am interested in attending the Tafe computer course being held in terms 3 and 4 at Metford Public School.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| Term 3 Week 1 July 14-18 | Staff Development Day | Students begin Term 3 | Naidoc Day |
| Week 2 July 21-25 | Stage 2 Aussie Bush Camp | Stage 2 Aussie Bush Camp | U12 Picker's Cup Rugby League at Thornton |
| Week 3 July 28-Aug 1 | Education Week | MPS Open Day |

## METFORD MUNCHIES NEWSLETTER  Canteen Roster Term 2 Week 6-7

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**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Metford Public School needs your help to assist with the running of the Athletics Carnival on Friday 13th June (Week 7). If you are able to assist on the day please leave your name at the front office. Thank you in advance.  
Sports Committee
‘Greet Grug at Morpeth’

Book Signing with Ted Prior
Author/Illustrator of
Australian Children’s Book series ‘Grug’.

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th June 2014.
Morpeth Gallery, 5 Green St, Morpeth, NSW 2321.
Free Entry. Ted signing books from
11am - 1pm & 2pm - 3pm.

Book Signing Offer: Spend $20 on Grug Books & receive a $5 Grug Book Free!

Grug has been loved by tens of thousands of children.

*Grug began his life as the top of a native Australian Burrawang tree. Resembling a small, striped haystack with feet and a nose, he is fascinated by the world around him and solves everyday problems creatively and without fuss. When for example dancing instructions are too difficult to understand, Grug invents his own dance and calls it “The Grug”. Novocastrian Ted Prior worked as a police officer and an art teacher, teaching at Newcastle TAFE for many years. He began to write and illustrate the original series of Grug books in 1979. As a result there’s a whole generation of thirty something’s in Australia who grew up loving Grug!* 

Grug then went out of publication in 1992, skipping a generation, before being published again from 2009. Grug now has 30 adventures in the Australian bush along with his friends Snoot the Echidna and Carla the python snake. Children are discovering Grug for the first time. Babies and toddlers are fascinated with the bright pictures & adventures of Grug.

Stories include Grug and His Garden, where Grug discovers a snail eating his garden, so he plants more so they can both be happy; Grug Goes Fishing, Grug Plays Soccer, where Grug and friend Cara the carpet snake play a game. Recent editions include, Grug Goes to Hospital, Grug Learns to Fly, Grug & His Imaginary Friend. There’s a plush Grug toy with a board book and CD to introduce your children to Grug for the first time, buggy books and a Grug puzzle book.

Over the weekend of 28th & 29th June Ted Prior will be in residence at Morpeth Gallery, to sign any books purchased in store. (Just $5 each.) View some of Ted’s original artworks from the Grug series. Grug may even make an appearance.

New release Grug book due in-store first week of October: Grug the Superhero. $5 each. If you’d like to be the first to receive the new Grug book, fill out the coupon and place it in the box in-store or post/email us your details. We’ll notify you as soon as it arrives at Morpeth Gallery.

Name: 
Address: (if you’d like us to regular post your book/s for an extra $2)
Email: 
Number of Superhero Books Required: 

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