A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This year all public schools in NSW will be developing their directions for teaching and learning for the next three years, 2015-2017. As part of this process it is expected that principals and school leaders collaborate with our community of students, staff, families and parents. We will be asking you for your input in developing a shared vision for Metford Public School that will identify three strategic directions that will form the basis of the upcoming three year planning cycle. This will support collaborative leadership and community consultation ensuring that the educational priorities of the school reflect the goals and learning needs of our students, staff and parents.

To this end, I will be working closely with our school community to make informed decisions that ensure educational priorities are enhanced at Metford PS. This partnership will assist us to build a culture of high performance and shared trust by working together to achieve the goals of public education. Look out for information and sharing sessions this term that will give you the opportunity to have your voice heard about what you want for your child/children and their learning experience at Metford PS. This may take the form of a survey, a conversation with a teacher, a group share session or a telephone conversation. We want as much input from you as possible. I am looking forward to developing this very important partnership with our families.

5/6S FOYER DISPLAY

This week’s foyer display features Buttercup the fibreglass cow which has been recently repainted by 5/6S as their entry in the Dairy Australia program. The theme chosen for painting the cow is ‘Farm to Plate’. The students studied all aspects of milk production and the benefits of dairy foods in their daily diet. They also produced power point presentations about the dairy industry processes from the tasks in the pasture through to milking, the products produced and the economic benefits of this industry.

The Maitland Mercury was able to visit our school and have published a great article on Monday in the paper.
STAGE 2 & 3 SPELLING BEE
On Monday this last week the Stage 2 and 3 Premier’s Spelling bee finals took place. We were extremely proud of the manner in which the students participated, even though some nerves were evident they conquered their fears and performed amazingly well. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Spelling Bee and special congratulations to the many students who made the finals.

There were over thirty students in Stage 3 in the finals and nearly as many in the Stage 2 finals. Our winners go on to the next round of the competition, to be held at Tenambit Public School, towards the end of the month.

Our winners were:

Stage 2: Michael Brazier and Hope Roberts
Stage 3: Ben Duffey and Haley Cashman

Congratulations to these students and I know they will represent our great school with pride. We are very proud of them. Lee Schulha
The ‘Sliming’ event at assembly last Wednesday was a resounding success. Mrs Schulha and Mr Bruce gave us a most entertaining performance as we all laughed and screamed with delight. Funds raised from this with assist our school for concert expenses.
**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**FATHER’S DAY**

The P&C are seeking donations for gifts for our Father’s Day stall, which will be held on 5th September, the same day as the Father’s Day breakfast.

We would appreciate your help with suitable donations for this special day that your child would love to purchase.
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**Metford Munchies**

**Please Help!**

We are becoming such a busy canteen that we urgently need helpers. Please consider giving up a little of your time as it would be very much appreciated. Your children get so excited when they see you helping in the canteen. Have a look at the roster, fill out the form below and return it to me as soon as possible.

Thank you

Kathy

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**We Want YOU!**

Volunteering at our school canteen is not a chore, it’s easy!

Your duties for the day will be:
- Making simple healthy canteen lunches for our fabulous students and staff.
- Meeting students at recess and lunch.
- Having a good laugh, lots of fun and a chat.
- Make the day even more fun and bring a friend or two.

Please contact Kathy on 04502168249 or fill in the slip below and send it back to school.

Thank you

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I would love to volunteer to help in the school Canteen.

Name __________________ Phone __________________

Days I am available _____________________________
Hi Everyone. Please remember to send in your Expression of Interest form for Parent Workshops. We have the opportunity for Maitland Family Support Scheme to come to our school and run a workshop depending on your interest. The workshops mentioned last week were 123 Magic, Triple P Positive Parenting, Keeping Children Safe and Bringing Up Great Kids. Please indicate on the tear off slip in this newsletter which workshop you would like to attend. If enough interest is shown in a particular workshop it will run at our school either in Term 4 this year or Term 1 in 2015. Please contact me if you would like more information.

TAFE COMPUTERS - Our computer group is going well with the class currently learning detailed aspects of PowerPoint. The group is working hard this semester and will gain TAFE Accreditation for this course. A great effort by all!
Key points to remember around schools

1. In and out of the car

To comply with national child restraint laws, your child should be restrained in the car as follows:

- 0 – 6 months
  Approved rearward-facing child car seat
- 6 months – 4 years
  Approved rearward-facing or forward-facing child car seat
- 4 – 7+ years
  Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.

Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.

Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the ‘safety door’. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.

Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.

When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

A child that is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.

NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to danger.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

NSW government Transport for NSW Centre for Road Safety