A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Welcome back to the final term of the 2015 learning year. As usual it will be busy with special experiences on offer for everyone, celebrating a wonderful learning journey. This term has started off very well, with our students settling into their school routines quickly and getting on with their learning with motivation and keenness. Our teachers have been very impressed. Thanks parents and carers for your support ensuring that the start to this term has been a good one for your children.

Staff Changes this term:
With Mrs Morrissey taking leave before she retires, Miss Derwent is teaching 5M this term and Ms Wong is fulfilling the Learning and Support Teacher role. We welcome both of these ladies to their positions. We know that they will bring new experiences to our students that will assist them to be the very best life-long learners they can be.

Tell Them From Me Survey:
This survey, which asks for your opinion about aspects of school life at Metford PS, is still open and will accept your input until 23rd October 2015. If you haven’t done so already, please share your thoughts as they are important to us and will guide our future directions.

Computers are available at school for you to complete the survey if you wish or you can access at home at the following link:
1. www.tellthemfromme.com
2. Username: parent18093
3. Password: Met4521

This Week’s Happenings:
Our Senior Boys Relay team, consisting of Jye, Noah, Zac F and Foni are heading to Sydney with Mr West and Mrs Kelleher to participate in the NSW PSSA State Athletics Championships. They will run in the heats on Thursday morning around 9:45am. This opportunity is a very special one as they will possibly see some of the best future big time athletes on show. Having been to this championship a few times in the past with relay teams, I know that it is a very special, exciting time. Make the most of this opportunity, boys, and whatever happens, you have done Metford PS proud.

Our Senior and Junior Choirs will perform at Greenhills Shopping Centre on Wednesday at around 12 noon. They will be singing outside Big W. If you can get to see them, they will be very pleased to see some familiar faces. They have been practising well and deserve to have this opportunity. Mr Petersen and Mrs Bailey have been very committed to ensuring that our choirs are the very best they can be. They will be travelling by bus.

Our senior cricketers will also be playing their first game of the Reg Kelly Shield PSSA tournament on Tuesday morning.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
“Wouldn’t it be nice, if the world was as peaceful as my garden.”
**Team Photos:**
As part of our MSP photograph day, we had team photos taken. They are on display in our foyer for you to view and decide if you want a photo. These photos can be ordered online or by seeing the office staff. They are $15 each until 25.10.15 after which an extra charge of $20 search fee will be incurred.

Regards

*Cathy Watt*

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**WEEK 10 COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S DISPLAY**

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**WEEK 2 LIBRARY DISPLAY**

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**GHANA BEAT MY DRUM**

Next Thursday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} October, our students have the opportunity to enjoy a drumming performance in our school hall. The cost will be $4 per student. Notes went home on Tuesday this week. This will be a wonderful experience to learn more about our world.
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Focus for Week 2 is Commitment: Setting a good example for others to follow

Mrs Christine Attard, Assistant Principal

PSSA BOYS TOUCH HUNTER FINAL

It takes a great team to beat a great team. Metford Public boys gave it their all in the final. Last Thursday our boys touch team took on Floraville in the PSSA Hunter area finals at Belmont High School where both teams put on a show of skills, sportsmanship and natural talent.

The game began with Metford behind by two after 3 minutes of play, but like all Metford students they didn’t give up. Both teams landed tries against each other and at one stage Metford were behind by 3. Then some amazing play and defence by our boys allowed them to score just before half time making it 5-3 Floraville’s way.

The half-time talk was positive. "Yes we are behind but we will win this”. The second half was a nail biter and again, like the first half, both schools were putting points on the board. Our boys were trailing by one then two, then again one then two, and again one then two and with one minute to go, our boys went over again to only be trailing by one. With less than a minute to go the boys rushed up in defence putting Floraville under a lot of pressure and this led to a turnover on their 4th. With the score 9-8 Floraville’s way, our boys powered on to set themselves up for one last attack with only ten seconds to go. Metres from the line, the boys again showed their skills with short sharp passing and put Jye over the line to make it 9-9 as the whistle went.

With all things tied up this lead to golden point. The game went for another 10 minutes or so and both teams had at least 3 chances to win the game. Our boys were leaping to make tags, diving for tries and flying through holes. However, unluckily the boys couldn’t hold Floraville out any longer and they went over to win the final. Mrs Watt and I couldn’t have been more proud of the boys and what they had given on the field. Our boys were totally spent as they had given their all. We were so proud of the sportsmanship and heart they had shown.

I would like to thank the girls touch team for helping out with training and all the parents that came to games along this long road to the finals. Without your support we wouldn’t have been able to get there. Finally, I would like to thank our boy’s touch team. The effort you have put into training in each game showed what great young men you truly are. I am honoured to have coached you this year. Good luck in the future.

Mr. Bruce
**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**YEAR 5 and 6 COOKBOOK**

These cookbooks are still available for sale at the front office for $10.
Hi everyone. We are looking forward to celebrating GRANDPARENTS DAY on Friday 23rd October (Week 3). This year’s theme is Moments that Matter and we are inviting our special Grandparents and Grandfriends to come along and have a picnic lunch at 11am. Our canteen is providing a Lunch Special that can be pre-ordered. From 11.30am Years 2 to 6 will have activities in their classrooms and Kinder and Year 1 will be in the Hall participating in the World of Maths expo. From 10.30 - 1pm, Year 6 will be running their coffee shop and Grandparents are welcome to a tea break. Invitations went home last week but if you need an extra copy there are more available at the office. We hope you can join us.

BREAKFAST CLUB – This great program that our students love is running again this term thanks to our very small team of helpers. If you can spare some time to help on a Tuesday morning from 8.20am to 9am we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact the office if you can help.

UNIFORM – As you are aware the new shirt is now available and we are working towards ensuring there’s sufficient stock. The transition to the new shirt will continue over the next year with a view to all students in this uniform by the start of 2017.
P & C are running the Uniform Shop and it will be open this week on Wednesday from 8.30 – 9am in the HALL. Cost of this shirt is $25.00 paid by cash only at the time of purchase.
Currently available are: SIZES 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, S, M.
The larger sizes of L, XL, and XXL have been re-ordered.

Have a great week,
Katherine Barr
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 **Wednesday, 28th October 2015**.

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 **Wednesday, 28th October 2015**.

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

Parent’s Name: …………………………………………