A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was with great pride that I read and received positive comments about Metford Public School last week. Our school is a wonderful school, where our students' learning needs are being catered for better than ever, where we are building upon our strengths in the cultural as well as sporting arena and we are well supported by teaching professionals and our school and wider community. Our values of commitment, respect and responsibility are displayed publicly every single day and we are proud of this. The motto, With Honour and Pride, is very evident every single day. Stand tall Metford PS and keep reaching for the stars in everything you do.

Senior Boys Relay team:

Our boys, Foni, Zac, Jye and Noah competed to their very best last Wednesday morning at the PSSA State Championships at Homebush in Sydney. They ran a personal best of 55.43 and missed getting into the semi-final by 0.02 of a second. So close! They are enormously pleased with their efforts and commitment to improving their abilities. We are very proud of you for giving your all and representing our school and the Hunter region so well.

Parking:

Please be mindful of the expectations of parking your vehicle in Melaleuca Drive and Schanck Drive as per council rules. There is a serious financial cost to not following the rules. Please take notice as there is Maitland Council and police enforcement of the rules. We want our students and their families to be safe and the parking signs are supportive of this. The Kiss and Drop zone is one where drivers can park between the hours of 8 – 9.30am and 2.30 – 4pm for 2 minutes and only be 300m away from the vehicle. This needs to be adhered to as it allows more drivers to be able to drop their child/children at school safely. Please read the chart on School Zone parking offences in this newsletter.

Kindergarten 2016 Transition:

Our PUPS, Popping Up to Primary School, children enjoyed their first wonderful hour in the kindergarten rooms on Friday. They will be joining in with school routines more frequently this term to prepare them for full time learning at 'big school'.

Ghana Beat My Drum:

Don't forget to send $4 for each of your children to attend this fantastic performance on Thursday at 1:45pm. All monies need to be into the office by Thursday morning.
World of Maths Expo:
This Thursday and Friday, all students will have an opportunity to attend a maths learning expo in our hall. This supports our mathematics learning in a fun and different way. Students will be moving around the hall in groups completing activities. 4N and 5M will be working on Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 and 5/6B and 6K will be learning from 11:30 to 1pm. On Friday, 3C and 3/4S will be in the hall from 9:30 to 10:40; KP, KS and 1PW will be maths learning from 11:30 to 12:40 and 1N, 2S and 2OB will be having their time from 1:30 to 2:40.
Parents, carers and family members are welcome to join in the fun with their children.

Grandparents Day:
Hopefully, you have put Friday on your calendar and in your diary so that our grandparents can share in learning with their grandchildren. This is always a very special day.

Regards
Cathy Watt

PUPS Transition
PUPS had their very first visit to the Kindergarten room last Friday and they are great students! They met some Kindergarten friends and we all shared the story “Thelma the Unicorn” on the big screen. We then used magical glitter to decorate our own unicorn horn hats. See you at the Kindergarten Expo on 6th November.

MPS Boys Relay Team Compete at State
On Thursday, 15th October we got up at 4:50am and drove to Sydney with our families to compete in the State Finals for Senior Boys 4 x 100m relay. When we got there the nerves kicked in and we went and sat with all the other kids from “Hunter”. Some of the other regions were “Sydney East”, ”North Sydney” and “Tamworth”. We went outside to warm up with Mr. West – we felt confident!

At 9:50am we headed to the marshalling area where we were sorted into our heats – we were all suddenly very nervous! About 5 minutes later we had to walk down to the side of the track. We remembered Mr. West’s advice – this is just another race, we shouldn’t let the nerves get the better of us and DON’T DROP THE BATON!

We were in heat number 5 – there were 8 teams in total in our heat. We made friends with the team in the lane beside us. Zac went first, then Jye, Foni and then Noah. The race finished in a flash! Our time was 55.43 seconds!! We had taken a whole 3 seconds off our personal best time from Regionals but unfortunately we needed a time of 55.41 seconds to qualify for the semi-finals! We came fourth in our heat!
After the race, our parents congratulated us on an awesome effort and then we took some pictures.
We are really proud of ourselves.

We would like to thank Mr. West for his support of us throughout our journey to State and also Mrs. Kelleher for coming along to Sydney to cheer us on, along with our parents who took us so early in the morning! The whole Metford School community have been behind us and we sincerely appreciate it – especially the Year 5 and 6 students whose fundraising efforts provided us with our new uniforms.

Noah, Foni, Zac and Jye
**SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES**

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2016

**NO STOPPING**

Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

- Maximum Penalty: $425 + 2 Demerit Points

**BUS ZONE**

Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

- Penalty: $319 + 2 Demerit Points

**DOUBLE PARKING**

You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: $319 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing: $425 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: $177 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: $531

*Note: These penalties are subject to change without notice. Current to 31 June 2016. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.*

**PRINCIPAL’S LUNCH**

15.10.15

**FOYER DISPLAY**

1PW
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Focus for Week 3 is Respect: Listen attentively to others

It is with pleasure we share the following students who received PBL recognition awards last week.

Mrs Christine Attard, Assistant Principal

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CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT GREENHILLS

Clap along if you feel that’s what you want to do! Because we’re happy!

Last Wednesday the junior and senior choir had the privilege of representing Metford Public School at Greenhills Shopping Centre. Both groups bravely performed a number of songs to a large audience of parents, family members and shoppers.

We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who came to listen and support our singers.

Great job Metford Choir!

GHANA BEAT MY DRUM

This Thursday, 22nd 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 last week. This will be a wonderful experience to learn more about our world.
YEAR 5 & 6 COFFEE SHOP for GRANDPARENT’S DAY
Our school is hosting Grandparent’s Day this Friday, and our Year 5 and 6 students will be holding a coffee shop for the grandparents from 10.30 – 1pm.
Donations of cakes and slices would be most appreciated for our coffee shop.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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YEAR 5 and 6 COOKBOOK

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METFORD MUNCHIES
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 0450 166 199 or fill in the slip below and send it back to school.
Thank you.

METFORD MUNCHIES
I would love to volunteer to help in the school canteen.
Name ___________________________   Phone: _____________________
Days I am available: ____________________________________________
COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

This week we celebrate Grandparents Day with a special day planned this Friday 23rd October starting with a picnic lunch at 11am. This is our way to say ‘thank you’ to all of our special Grandparents and Grandfriends who contribute so much to many of our students lives. Grandparents contribute so much to their grandchildren’s lives. They may be involved in dropping off and picking up children, attending sporting events, volunteering in the classrooms and much more. This year’s theme is Moments that Matter so we are encouraging everyone to think about a special time shared with their Grandparents.

Years 5 and 6 will be running their coffee shop from 10.30am through to 1pm at a cost of $4.50 per person. Our special guests will receive unlimited refreshments plus a gourmet plate of sweet goodies! This will be situated in Mrs Kelleher’s and Mr Bruce’s room and it will be well worth the visit. All money raised goes directly to cover expenses for our Senior Relay Boys Team.

GRANDPARENTS DAY PROGRAM:

10.30am - Coffee shop open
11am – Lunch orders from the canteen will be delivered to classrooms
11.30am - Visit to Hall for World of Maths Expo – KP, KS & 1PW
            Classroom visits – YEAR 2 – 6 STUDENTS
1.30 – 1N, 2S, and 2OB in hall for World of Maths

Grandparents are welcome to attend the World of Maths Expo at any time.

Have a great week,
Katherine Barr

YEAR 5 and 6 COFFEE SHOP

Friday 23rd October
Grandparents Day

COST : $4.00 each
WHEN : 10.30am to 1.30pm
WHERE : 5/6B & 6K classroom

Unlimited refreshments with a plate of gourmet cakes

All money raised will assist expenses for Senior Boys Relay Team
CREATIVE CANVAS
Are you a young artist that wants to express yourself?

Then this is the competition for you!

Creative Canvas is an art competition available to all school students in the Maitland area. It is being run by a student as a community project for the Youth Frontiers mentoring program.

Enter this competition to have your artwork displayed at an exhibition at Maitland High School on Thursday, November 5th from 3:30 – 4:30pm. Make sure to invite your family and friends to the exhibition to see how talented Maitland students are!

Awards will be given to winners in both Primary and High school categories, along with runner ups by a guest judge on the day of the exhibition. All participants will receive a certificate.

Artwork can be on canvas, cardboard or paper and should be no bigger than A3.

INSPIRATION: What makes you happy?

Please submit your art to your school’s front office along with the attached form by Monday November 2nd. Exhibition date – Thursday, November 5th in the Maitland High school hall from 3:30 – 4:30pm

Name:
School:
Title of Art:
Year:
MIA AND THOMAS GILLESPIE COMPETING IN MARTIAL ARTS

On Sunday 11th October 2015, Mia and Thomas Gillespie travelled to the new State of the Art Netball Centre at Sydney Olympic Park to participate in the National All Styles NSW State Championships. After having already qualified to enter the State Championships the excitement was high and for Thomas seemed impossible. Mia competed in Forms (traditional kata), Points Sparring and Continuous Sparring events. Thomas competed in Points Sparring and Continuous. Thomas was exceptional in his efforts and did his team proud. He showed resilience under pressure and stepped up big time! Now it was Mia's turn. Mia put on a near perfect display to take out ALL 3 events she entered in, and is a triple NSW State titleholder. This is a very rare occurrence in the martial arts world and we are all very proud of her. The remainder of the team came away with 14 State titles for the competition! They now turn their attention to the National Championships on the Gold Coast in December.

UNIFORM SHOP - OPENING TIMES – IN THE HALL

MONDAY morning 8.30am – 9am
TUESDAY morning 8.30am – 9am
WEDNESDAY morning 8.30am – 9am
WEDNESDAY afternoon 2.30pm – 3pm

Alternatively you may make a pre-order by bringing in the exact amount with the order form and the shirt will be delivered to your child as soon as possible. The shirt cost is $25.00 paid by cash only. Order form is included in this newsletter. Currently available are: SIZES 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, S, M Larger sizes of L, XL, XXL have been re-ordered.
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: ……………………………………