A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL
WELCOME back to all our families returning to Metford Public School and a special welcome to all our new families who are beginning their learning journey here at Metford PS. We have enrolled 66 new students this year, 48 in kindergarten and 18 in years 1 to 6. Every class has at least one new student and some have 3. We have lots of new people to get to know!

We also welcome some new staff members. Ms Alexandra Slee is our new Instructional Leader working with Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students and teachers in the Early Action for Success initiative; Mrs Denise Foster is working 2 days per week in the Early Action for Success team, too; Mrs Cassandra Allison has joined our Learning and Support Teacher team on a permanent basis, 3 days a week; Mr Stephen Petersen has begun his first year as a permanent member of the teaching profession; and Rebecca Munday is filling a 2 day casual position in the Learning and Support team this term.

Some teachers have different roles this year. Miss King is working with Early Action for Success and is co-teaching in classrooms focusing on Aboriginal Education; Miss Pratten and Mrs Walton are job sharing a Year 1 class; Mrs Davis is still on leave and Miss Derwent will continue her 2014 role; and Mrs Zoneff has taken long service leave for this term and Miss Crouch is working in her classroom teacher role.

Our students have begun their year very well and have begun settling into learning routines and adapting to changes in the way their new teacher operates. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces sharing fun with their friends again and enjoying their new classes.

We have begun our coaching programs for drama, soccer, netball and cricket. We will lead into choir, Aboriginal dance, touch and rugby league later in the term.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
Give to the world the best you have and give your best to the world. The best will come back to you.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox
As part of our sport program, years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students have an opportunity to participate in Inter School sport on a Friday. Mixed teams of girls and boys will play in junior and senior netball, soccer and touch football at Maitland Park. Four schools are involved, Tenambit, Morpeth, Telarah and Metford. This will begin in Week 5 and conclude in Week 9 as a trial to even more schools participating. Mr West has worked hard at co-ordinating this initiative and we are excited about its implementation.

Due to changes in staffing and programs being implemented, our ASSEMBLY will now be held on TUESDAYs at 1:30pm. Parents and friends are more than welcome to attend and share in this weekly celebration of successes at school.

KISS and DROP SCHOOL ZONE:
Last week there were some people using this special area for dropping children at our school on Melaleuca Drive the wrong way. Between the hours of 8 – 9.30am and 2.30 – 4pm cars are only allowed to be parked for 2 minutes and drivers can only be 300metres away from the vehicle. This zone is patrolled by council and police and will lead to fines if used inappropriately.

I ask that you abide by the parking rules to support our students’ safety.

STAFF CAR PARKS:
I remind you that both the Melaleuca Drive and Schanck Drive staff car parks are for use by school staff, deliveries and work personnel for either Metford Public School or Hunter River Community School. Parents, carers and friends are NOT to use these areas to drop off or pick up children. They are Out of Bounds areas for our students so if you ask your child/children to use these areas, you are encouraging them to break our school rules.

These rules are in place to support safety issues and Work Health and Safety regulations. Thank you for accepting this.

Regards Cathy
SWIMMING CARNIVAL – WEEK 3 WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY
Welcome back to a big year of sport for 2015! Our first big sporting event will be our swimming carnival to be held on Wednesday the 11th of February at the Maitland Aquatic Centre. The carnival was a big success last year and we hope to have another great day of fun and competition this year.

We will be having our age races for students turning 8 and older starting at 9:30 am. We will once again hold our novelty events throughout the day and novelty races after our competitive age races.

If there are any parents and/or caregivers wishing to help out on the day, please see Mrs Newell or Mr West. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing everybody there for a great day in the water.
Mr West.

KINDER BOYS AND KINDER GIRLS DAYS
Our youngest members of our school began kindergarten on Thursday and Friday last week. They have had a wonderful start and are making friends and gaining confidence in this new environment. Well-done kindergarten.

SCHOOL HATS
A reminder to our families that school hats in small and medium sizes can be purchased for $6 at the school office every day.
**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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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.

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**METFORD MUNCHIES**

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

Name ___________________________ Phone: _____________________

Days I am available: ________________________________
COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS
Welcome back everyone and I hope you were able to enjoy some family time. We are all looking forward to an exciting year!

BREAKFAST CLUB = HAPPY STUDENTS READY TO LEARN

Greenhills Dental have committed to supporting our Breakfast Club Program again this year and we sincerely appreciate their help. We are asking for volunteers to run Breakfast Club – Can you HELP??
If you or a family member or friend are available on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 8.30am to 9am please leave your contact details at our office. All that’s involved is preparing some fresh fruit, cooking toast or serving cereal. Training will be provided. Our students love this program and look forward to it, so please spare the time to help keep this program running for them.

TAFE OUTREACH - Due to the success of last year’s program TAFE have offered to run another Computer Course here at our school. This is a wonderful opportunity for PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS to join this group to learn computer skills. This course is open for all members of the community and will run in our Computer Lab from 9am to 12pm every Friday from 27th February to Friday 19th June, providing we have sufficient numbers. (We will need at least 15 people to start this course)

Please note that due to Government implemented changes to TAFE, a course enrolment fee may apply. Please read the flyer included in our newsletter or feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

UNIFORM UPDATE – If you are interested in pre-ordering one of the new shirts please come to the demountable this Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from 2.30pm to 3.15pm. Shirts are priced at $25.00 each and we ask for payments to be made by CASH ONLY please. Expected delivery time will be 6-8 weeks.

Regards
Katherine Barr
TAFE OUTREACH COURSE

AT METFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

COURSE DETAILS:

Introduction to Computers
FRIDAYS each week
From 27th February to 19th June (School Holidays NOT included)

WHERE:
Metford Public School COMPUTER LAB

TIME:
9am to 12pm

COST:
Enrolment fee may apply**

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

A great way to learn more about computer applications – eg: Word, PowerPoint, Excel Spreadsheets Internet/Emailing and more.

RECEIVE TAFE STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT UPON COMPLETION OF COURSE

TAFE Outreach Courses 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

**No enrolment fee for Indigenous students
**People with a confirmed disability or on the disability support pension get one free course enrolment per year need confirmation they are on DSP or a letter from their Doctor.
**People on centrelink, or the partner or dependent of someone on centrelink pay $80 for outreach courses
**People NOT on centrelink but have less than a Certificate IV level qualification pay $220
**People not on centrelink who already have a Certificate IV level qualification will have to pay $2,340 for the course.
Children’s Crossings - Families are reminded that children crossing flags are displayed for the school zone times 8-9:30am and 2.30-4pm. The fixed road signage supporting children’s crossings, unless part of a combined zebra crossing, only reflects the school zonetime. Outside these times drivers are legally permitted to park in the area of the crossing (unless other permanent signage exits).

Parent behaviour – This is one of the most difficult issues concerning schools with many parents/carers not adhering to road rules and common sense around schools. Principals and P & C groups reinforce the issues of child safety near schools however some individuals still fail to comply. Council Rangers regularly patrol streets surrounding schools to enforce parking concerns with fines issued.

PARKING in Melalueca Drive
Please note that there is a Kiss and Drop zone at the front entrance to our school. There is a dedicated zone where parents can stop for 2 minutes only and be 300m only away from their vehicle. This zone applies between the hours of 8:00am and 9:30am and then again in the afternoon between 2:30pm and 4:00pm. It is signposted and monitored by Maitland City Council. Parking is allowed in the zone outside these Kiss and Drop times.

ATTENTION METFORD RESIDENTS
You are welcome to attend a community meeting.
When - Sunday the 8th February 12pm.
Where - Metford Community Baptist Church.
Why - Formation of Metford Neighbourhood Watch.

From the Facebook group "Metford Residents against Crime"
We are having a meeting to look toward the formation of an Official Neighbourhood Watch program. The afternoon will see guest speakers and an open mic session for any concerned residents to discuss their concerns.
light refreshments will be provided, feel free to bring a plate.
We aim the meeting will be around 1 1/2 - 2 hours with a meet your neighbour session to follow.

Please come along all welcome.
If you have any questions dont hesitate to email to metfordnhw@outlook.com
### Metford Munchies - Menu - From 28th January 2015

#### Hot Food
- Pies, large: $3.00
- Potato: $3.50
- Party pie: $2.00
- Sausage roll: $2.50
- Chicken Fingers: $0.50 each
- Noodles: $2.50
- Cheese Burger: $3.50
- Chicken Burgers:
  - Lettuce & mayo: $3.50
  - Salad: $4.50
- Chicken finger wrap: $3.50
- Pizzas:
  - Ham & pineapple or Ham & Cheese: $2.50
- Garlic Bread: $0.80

#### Sandwiches & Wraps
- Vegemite: $2.00
- Cheese: $2.00
- Tomato: $2.00
- Egg: $2.00
- Salad: $4.00
- Ham: $2.50
- Ham & salad: $4.50
- Extras: $0.50 each
- 2 slices of bread: $0.50
- Bread roll: $0.50 extra
- Toasted: $0.20 extra

#### Salad Boxes
- Small: $4.50
- Large: $5.50
- Lettuce, cheese, cucumber, Tomato, Beetroot, Pineapple, carrot, Boiled egg.
- Chicken Caesar salad: $6.00
- Caesar salad: $5.00
- Small Side Salad:
  - Lettuce, cheese & tomato: $2.00
- Fruit Salad box: $4.00
- Small fruit Cup: $0.50

#### Drinks
- Milk lite 300ml:
  - Chocolate, Strawberry: $1.60
- Juice:
  - Apple, Orange: $1.60
  - Apple & Blackcurrant: $1.60
- Sparkling water:
  - Lemon, strawberry: $1.60
  - Watermelon, grape: $1.60
- Iced Tea: $1.60
- Water: $1.20
- Milo: $1.00

#### Snacks
- Seasonal Fruit: $0.50
- Cheese & bacon roll: $1.50
- Choc Chip Muffin: $1.50
- Finger bun: $1.50
- Chips-Honey soy:
  - JJ's - chicken, pizza: $1.20
  - S&V: $1.20
- Popcorn: small $0.20
  - large: $0.80
- Milky Pops:
  - Rainbow, Banana, Chocolate: $1.00
- Frozen juice cup:
  - Apple Mango, Apple Blackcurrant, Tropical: $0.50
- Bombs:
  - Chocolate, Banana, Strawberry, Tropical, Apple/blackcurrant, Apple/mango: $0.20
  - Mony: $0.60
  - Ice cups: $0.60
  - Slushie: $1.60
  - Fandangles: $1.50

#### Sauce
- Tomato, BBQ: $0.30