A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are looking forward to a wonderful day of swimming and fun on Wednesday when we go to Maitland Pool for our swimming carnival. This will be the first leadership role for our House Captains and Vice Captains and they are excited about leading the house war cries and encouraging their teams to try their very best.

Thank you to those people who have parked in the right places when dropping off their little people. There are still some who are parking in the NO PARKING zone which is between the Kiss and Drop and The Hunter River Community School entrance. Please follow the rules of the signs so that you don’t end up fined. Most importantly, we need our school community to be safe.

This week, our Kindergarten and Year 1 families have the opportunity to come into school and find out what is happening in these classes at an Information Evening. Year 1 is at 5:30pm and Kindergarten is at 6pm. I look forward to meeting up with as many people as possible.

Regards Cathy

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“You can accomplish anything if you do not accept limitations. Whatever you make up your mind to do, you can do it.”

PRINCIPAL’S LUNCH 5.2.15
INFORMATION EVENINGS
An information evening will be held for classes 1PW and 1N at 5.30pm this Wednesday in their classrooms. Parents and carers are invited to attend. Kindergarten parents and carers are also asked to attend the information evening on 11th February at 6pm in the Kindergarten classrooms.

INFORMATION EVENING STAGES 2 and 3
An Information evening will be held for Stage 2 and 3 parents and caregivers on Tuesday 17th February at 6pm.
Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will meet in the open classroom of Mr Bruce and Mrs Kelleher while Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) will meet in Mrs Schulha’s and Miss Crouch’s rooms (I Block).
We look forward to spending some time together to explain class structure, excursions for 2015, homework and projects and any other issues you would like us to address.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE
General Contribution:
For 2015 the school has again purchased the majority of the stationary goods that students needed to start their schooling which at this time of the year it is a great saving for all our families.
The School General Contribution for 2015 has been set as: $25 for the first child and $25 for the second child a maximum of $50 per family will be charged.
General Contribution is a voluntary fee, however it is greatly appreciated and it is used for resources to benefit your child’s schooling.
The General Contribution can be paid at the school office by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

Office Closed: The school office will be closed every Friday morning until 8.45am due to staff meetings.

Late or early leavers:
Start time for school is 8.55am. Students who arrive after 9.05am must come to the office, sign in and collect a pink slip to give to their teacher.

Finish time is 2.45pm. If you need to pick your child up early please come to the office, sign your child out and take a pink slip to their teacher.

Updating details:
If you have had any changes to your phone number, address, student medical conditions or emergency contacts please contact the office so we can update your child’s details.

MORNING MADNESS TIPS
Create a morning routine (and stick to it!)
Help your child to follow the same routine every day. Routines make things predictable and help keep your child on track. Younger children may enjoy using a picture chart to illustrate their morning schedule. For older children who are reading, a written schedule or tick chart is often helpful.
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COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER’S NEWS

Hi Everyone. Just a reminder to leave your contact details at the office if you are interested in attending the TAFE OUTREACH COURSE. The course is planned for every Friday from 27th February until 19th June at 9am to 12pm in our computer lab. The course will be an Intro to Computers and is an opportunity to learn more about Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Internet/Emailing plus more. All parents, grandparents, carers and your friends are welcome to attend. An enrolment fee may apply and if you need more information please give me call.

BREAKFAST CLUB – Will run every Tuesday at this stage as this is the only day we have help. If you can spare some time between 8.30am – 9am on a Monday or Wednesday, we would sincerely appreciate your help. Please leave your details at the office. Thank you!

UNIFORM – Payments and pre-orders for the new shirt are now being accepted. Please visit the demountable this week from 2.30pm to 3.15pm to place your order. Shirt price is $25.00 and we now have sizes from 4 to XL. Payments are to be CASH ONLY please. Expected delivery time will be 6-8 weeks.

Have a great week!

Regards

Katherine Barr

FOYER DISPLAY FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

This week our foyer display features a snapshot of some of the activities that are taking place in our school involving students, families and our local community. We aim to continue strengthening these wonderful links which is important in running some of the programs featured in the display. Call in and have a look at the display and see the great work Metford Public School is doing for our students and their families and our community.

METFORD MUNCHIES Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 3 & 4, 2015

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Are you interested in a
COMPUTER COURSE?

TAFE OUTREACH COURSE
AT METFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

COURSE DETAILS:
WHEN: 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.