A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Athletic Carnival Success:
What a fantastic day of running, jumping, throwing and having fun we had at Friday’s athletics carnival. The weather was kind and our students had a wonderful day. There were many smiling faces and so much great sportsmanship shown throughout the day. We saw many friendly rivalries that I am sure will continue well into the future. Friendships like these stay with us forever and we are proud that some of our students have had an opportunity to experience these. There were plenty of photos taken by our staff and these will be checked before posting on face book and also publishing in our next newsletter. Every child had an opportunity to take part in a sporting event, including our PUPS who had their morning events at school, too.

Unauthorised Entry to Our School:
On the weekend, neighbours informed us that there were people in our school grounds who should not have been there. The police and security were called and our great police force responded immediately and apprehended young people as they were jumping over the fence.

THANK YOU to our neighbours and families who regularly pass our school and keep an eye on it for us. Your commitment to ensuring that the resources that make our school so fabulous are looked after is greatly appreciated by our Metford Public School community.

A reminder as the school holidays approach that it is illegal to enter school grounds without permission when the school is closed. Police and School Security will be called and actions will be taken to protect our school resources. The same policy is actioned by Hunter River Community School as well.

Semester One Student Reports:
Next week, our students will receive their reports on their learning progress over terms one and two. It has been wonderful to see how each boy and girl has grown over the past 20 weeks of learning through the committed support from their teachers to ensure that each child’s potential is being met. These reports are about the learning that has occurred in this 20 week period only. Interviews will be organized early next term so that parents/carers can receive explanations and increase their understanding of where their child is academically and discuss what the focus will be for semester 2 learning.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Wouldn’t it be nice if adults laughed as often and as easily as children.
Term 3 Happenings:
Teachers return to school on Monday 13th July 2015.
Students return on Tuesday 14th July 2015.
Wk 1 Wednesday and Thursday Stage 2 Zoo Snooze excursion to Sydney July 15 & 16 2015.
Wk 4 Stage 2 Wetlands excursion Thursday 7th August, 2015.
Wk 7 School photo day Tuesday 25th August 2015.
Wk 9 FETE Saturday 12th September 2015.
Wk 10 Stage 3 Dubbo excursion 15 – 17th September 2015.

Metford Public School Community Newsletter:
Once again, we are working towards a snapshot flyer recognizing the activities that we participate in at Metford PS. This will be distributed to families, shops and letter boxes in our community. The theme for this term’s news is Sport at Metford PS. Look out for it and share with your neighbours and friends to get out the good word about the wonderful things we do at Metford PS. We are proud of our achievements and the opportunities we provide for our students and want our broader community to know what we are doing. Keep an eye out for it!

Regards
Cathy

WEEK 9 FOYER DISPLAY FROM THE LIBRARY
Come and check out the library display in the front office foyer called “I’ve been caught reading!” It shows some of our Infant students engrossed in the best activity - READING! Whilst also making wonderful use of our new library furniture.
As always it has been very busy, yet engaging time for our students in the library. Our little marshmallows in Kindergarten have made the most stupendous start to their library journey, discovering all the different genres of books and developing their own personal choices. Kindy boys have even been making their own book!
Stage 1 students are currently constructing beehive booklets which show the features of non-fiction texts. They have certainly been buzzing around with this activity.

Students in stage 2 and 3 are developing skills in digital information. Stage 2 are researching how two local communities, on opposite ends of the world, supported our ANZACs during WW1. Stage 3 are researching “When did we first think we could fly like birds?” There are some budding Wright Brothers and Da Vincis designing and constructing paper planes to complete in the challenge.

Book Club. Orders for issue 4 cannot be accepted after Wednesday 16th June as the orders will not be delivered before the school holidays. Orders can either be given to Mrs Wright or the front office.

Premiers Reading Challenge. Children in kindergarten and Stage 1 have nearly completed the challenge. We have had a fantastic time reading and exploring the books. Students in Years 3-6 are being encouraged to attempt the challenge. Each week in the library lessons students are reminded of the PRC books and how to complete their Personal Reading Logs. Please support and encourage your children to attempt this challenge. A letter will be home at the beginning of term 3 with further details. If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wright.

5c Friday. Wow! The money that has been raised so far is amazing. Needless to say I have had a lot of fun shopping. The books we have purchased will certainly add to the library collection and support our student learning. Keep an eye out on the library foyer for a display of the new books. Well done everyone and thank you for your support. Keep up the good work!
**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)**

**Focus for Week 9 and the Principal’s Lunch is Respect:**
Caring for our school environment

It is with pleasure we share the following students who received PBL recognition awards in week 8.

Mrs Christine Attard, Assistant Principal

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| Djikorra Walker |  |

**PRINCIPAL’S LUNCH 11.6.15**

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**DON'T FORGET - THE FETE IS COMING**

**SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER**
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 12.6.15 WAS A FANTASTIC DAY
SCHOOL CALENDAR

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P & C NEWS

**DISCO** - The disco permission form is attached in the newsletter. If any parent is able to assist with supervision on Thursday evening 25th June, please let the office know.

**DAY SUPPORT MEETING** – Our next day support meeting will be held this Wednesday at 9am. We would love to see you there.

SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER Week 9 and 10

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Hi Everyone. NAIDOC Week Celebrations are held officially from 5th to 12th July and Metford Public School will have their celebrations on Friday 17th July (Week 1 Term 3). Our day will consist of a Smoking Ceremony, classroom activities followed by a wonderful bush tucker lunch. After lunch there will be performances including dancing by guest students from Maitland High School. Families and friends are welcome to attend the day’s activities especially lunch. Order forms for lunch have been sent home – please return your order to school as soon as possible. Keep the date free! Mindaribba will be hosting NAIDOC Week celebrations from the 5th July. A program of events is available at our office.

Last year our celebrations included activities with staff and students from Maitland High School and an artwork involving our students was done. This artwork will be mounted in our Library foyer by the end of this term and we thank Chantal Tanna, Andrew Brown and the dedicated students who gave their time to help us complete the artwork Foot Steps To The Future.

Foot Steps To The Future
This Mural is called Foot Steps To The Future and the symbols all have meanings. The circles represent the many different community groups that make up the whole school community. The boomerangs are moving the students forward into the future. The hands represent the teachers who strive to encourage our youth to succeed in everything they do. The feet are the children who walk together in the right direction.

Katherine Barr

WE’RE FUNDRAISING WITH ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Metford Public School
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METFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

K – 6   TERM 2 DISCO

When: Thursday 25th June 2015
At: Metford School Hall
Time: 5pm – 7pm
Cost: $3.00 per child

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.

Thank you
Metford Public School P&C

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.

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 Thursday 25th June 2015.
I have discussed the rules with my child.

Signed: ……………………………………    Contact Phone No: ………………
(Parent / Guardian)

Parent Volunteer Note (to be returned to school as soon as possible)
I would like to be parent volunteer at the disco on Thursday 25th June 2015.

Child’s Name: ………………………………………………… Class: ………
Parent’s Name: …………………………………………………
On Wednesday 3rd June, students at Metford Public School attended recycling workshops presented by Hunter Resource Recovery. Students learnt about the importance of recycling and its impact on the environment, as well as which items from our everyday lives are recyclable. At Metford Public School, we currently have a paper recycling program in place, however, we are hoping to expand this to recycling plastics, glass and aluminium. It is our aim to get this up and running by the end of the term. I am so proud of all the students at Metford who have displayed an enthusiasm and interest in recycling and the environment.
Meg Derwent.

thoughts from Hannah and Leticia of 4N...

If you do recycle just remember NO plastic bags or lawn clippings! If you put those things in the recycle bin you will get a orange card on your bin saying you have put the wrong things in your bin.

In my opinion Metford should start recycling more. I think this because, if you recycle you save energy, save trees and stops pollution. So just encase I forget never chuck or throw plastic bags in the recycling bin because it could cause a fire or explosion. So that is it remember reduce, reuse, recycle right.

Remember to: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Right!
SAFE SCHOOL TRAVEL
Last week this leaflet on the right was distributed to students of our school families. It is a very important reminder to us all about the safest ways to teach our children about car safety around schools. Please read and discuss this information with your children so that we all practise the safest way to get to and from school.

CHILDREN CROSSING
This brochure will be handed out to all note takers this week. On the back page is this sticker which is a handy reminder to stick on your rear passenger side car window. Help your children to stay safe by talking about exiting the car on the passenger side. Research has found children up to year 3 need reminders to always use the passenger side door to exit safely. If your children are past the reminder stage, please pass this sticker onto someone with younger children.

CHILD DENTAL

Benefits Schedule
An Australian Government Dental Scheme
YES WE BULK BILL!!
Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments can receive $1000 basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011
For appointments call us today!

Finding life as a parent or young person hard? Is it tricky for you to know the difference between normal adolescent development and emerging mental health concerns? Want to know what to look for and how to talk to each other?

You are invited to a Mental Health Information evening where young people, parents and families can learn more about mental health, mental illness and how to talk about it.

Our discussion on the night will aim to cover:
- signs, symptoms and risk factors of mental illness
- how to communicate with your parents/young people
- impacts of social media
- how and where to access support

Mental Health Information Evening

13th June, 5-7:30pm Cost: FREE
Maitland High School Supper provided!!

Our guests for the evening who will be part of an informal panel discussion include: Dr Yolanda Goodyear - Advanced Trauma Psychiatrist (HR CAMHS); Rosanne Shields - Mental Health Clinician; LW CAMHS; Natasha Anderson - Clinical Nurse Specialist / Project Officer - YNHP; Felicity Scott - Adolescent and Family Counsellor - headspace Maitland; Sue Mackenzie - District Guidance Officer Maitland Area; Bronwyn Dyason - Youth Development Officer Maitland/Dungog; Kate Brown - Student Support Officer Maitland High School

RVP! For more information contact Kate Brown at Maitland High School on (02) 4931 7632 or email 0417 932 008 by June 11th. Places will be limited so get in early!