A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy, safe holidays everyone.

Where has the term gone? It has been so busy from day one to now. We have all shown lots of resilience over the past ten weeks. I hope you have a restful break that ensures you will be ready for another great term of learning for us all.

Semester 1 Student Reports:
The report compiled by your child’s teachers will be distributed at the end of this week. You will notice that they look a little different. This is because we are using a new computer software program to generate them. We hope you like the format as much as us.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be organised for early in Term 3.

100 Years of Women in the Force
Next week recognition is given to our police women for 100 years of service, and the Central Hunter Local Area Command is holding a colouring competition for students. The page was sent home with your child on Monday this week and needs to be returned by Wednesday. It will be taken to the local station for you. A baton relay will take place in Maitland on 29th June. Please see more information in this newsletter.

Term 3 Return Dates
• Staff return to school on Monday 13th July
• Students return to school on Tuesday 14th July

Regards

Cathy

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The only way to succeed is to not worry about what anyone else is doing
SPORT REPORT

Rugby League

Congratulations to our senior boys Rugby League team who defeated East Maitland Public School 26-6 at McKeachie’s Sporting Complex on Monday 22nd June. Once again, the team’s defence was outstanding, only letting in 1 try for the entire game. Jye Townsend scored a great length of the field try to start us off. Noah Nailgolivia, Isaac Korbi, Foni Pole’o and Zac Fernance also scored great tries. Caleb Mahony, Hayden Hackney and Noah Nailgolivia were outstanding in defence. Our team are now the PSSA champions for Maitland.

We now play the winner out of The Junction Public School and Stockton Public School at a local field in week 1 of next term. If the team wins that game, they are through to the final of our PSSA Hunter region draw. Well done boys! Outstanding result.

Athletics

After the success of our Athletics Carnival we now have a number of students who will be representing our school at the Zone Athletics carnival held on Friday, 31st July, 2015 at Fred Harvey Oval, Woodberry. These students will receive coaching in the first 3 weeks of next term in their event/events during recess and lunch.

The students who will be representing our school at the zone carnival are:- Kobi Jones, Blade Mahony, Dre Smith, Sima Pole’o, Isaac Curry, Jamie Millington, Ethan Merritt, Jacob Griffiths, Tylar Webb, Zachary Morgan, Jayleb Karaman, Jacob Carroll, Foni Pole’o, Dean Hogan, Gerome Caldwell, Spencer Tupou, Jye Townsend, Noah Nailgoliva, Zac Fernance, Xali Lowe, Kierra Griffiths, Lilly Webb, Emilia Livingston, Ellie Cranston, Ashwariya Kumar, Chloe Rogers, Sinead Mullaly, Shontai Rowe-Laing, Hayley Griffiths, Jasmin Miller, Rhea Blair-Kearins, Kyana Patten, Madison Mech and Thalia Beeby.

Due to rain, we are yet to complete our 800m races. These will be done as soon as the ground is opened, one day this week.

Congratulations to all our students for a fantastic athletics carnival.

Sports Assembly

Our biggest sports assembly for the year will be held on Tuesday 21st July 2015 (week 2 of next term). At this assembly we will award our 2015 athletics age champions, as well as crown the winning house of the 2015 Athletics Carnival. We will be running a competition on stage, as well as interviewing a very special guest. Please keep this date free in the calendar as we recognise the hard work and sporting achievements of our students.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there, Mr West.
K-2 EXCURSION TO THE IRUKANDJI SHARK AND RAY ENCOUNTER
K-6L and Kindergarten have been looking at stories about the past and discussing how they can be written or oral. They have also looked at Aboriginal artefacts and are looking forward to the Mindaribba excursion on Thursday.

Year 1 have been comparing things from the past to the present. They have discussed how toys and games are different from those of Aboriginal children long ago. Making shelters from sticks, bark and leaves was a favourite activity.

Year 2 have been learning about significant places around the world and in Australia. They were surprised to know that there are sites of importance to Aboriginal people in their local area.
Stage 2 have gained an understanding about the importance of land to the Aboriginal people. They also discussed the Stolen Generation and wrote Sorry cards.

Stage 3 have discussed Democracy and the effects it has had on the Aboriginal people. Groups of students have been researching the Stolen Generation, the Freedom Rides, 1967 Referendum and the Mabo Decision.

Miss King
**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.

**5c FRIDAY**

Donations are steadily coming in each Friday from our students. Thank you very much. Mrs Wright is very excited to have these funds for more books in the library. Week 7 raised $22.15.

**SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER Week 10**

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Hi Everyone. The planning for the Yarning Circle design has begun. Parents and students of Years 3 to 6 were part of a workshop last week and to help with design we were visited by Chantal Tanna and Maitland High School students Emma and Zoe. Students were encouraged to draw some design ideas which will be carved into the 12 sandstone blocks that will make our Yarning Circle. The next workshop will involve community members, staff and students from Kinder through to Year 6. Each year group will have a design to work on.

**TAFE COMPUTERS** – This course is still open with very high hopes to start next term. Are you interested in attending an introduction to computers here at Metford Public School in our computer lab every Friday from 9am to 12pm? Please leave your contact details at our office as soon as possible if you can attend or would like more information.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** - was a great success for our students this term. Thanks go to Mrs Jan Davis, Mr Grant McGinty, and Mrs Katrina Necacovski for their help this term. Thank you goes also to Emily and Faith who gave us a helping hand as well. We will still need a hand next term and if you have some time free on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 8.30am to 9am please contact the office. We would greatly appreciate it, especially our students. Special thanks to Greenhills Dental for supporting our Breakfast Club.

*Katherine Barr*
WE’RE FUNDRAISING WITH ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Metford Public School
To purchase a printed copy please see the office staff. Books are $60.
To order your Book or your Digital Membership securely online visit:

Choose the Membership that suits you!
Choose the printed Entertainment™ Book with Gold Card and Vouchers, or the Digital Membership that puts the value of the Book on your Apple or Android device.

DON'T FORGET - THE FETE IS COMING
T3 Wk 9
SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Trash and Treasure

Do you have any pre-loved and unused items that you could donate?

On Saturday September 12, 2015 Metford Public School will be holding a fete. One of our stalls will be a Trash and Treasure stall. Donations such as toys, home wares, books, crockery, appliances, kids clothing etc would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them in at the school office before September 12.
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

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: ………………………………………
To support and show recognition to **100 years of women in the police force** students are invited to participate in a colouring competition, which has been sent home this week with your child. Please return the completed page to school by Wednesday, so we may take them to the local Police Station.
Children’s Discovery Day
Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
Visit the NPWS tent & meet an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger. See the cultural/animal displays & join in some art activities! Various children’s activities will run throughout the day!

When: Tuesday 30th June
Time: 10am-3pm
Meet: Hunter Region Botanic Gardens-2100 Pacific highway, Heatherbrae
Cost: $4 per person/children under 3 free!

Wildabout Whales
Awabakal Nature Reserve & Glenrock State Conservation Area
Are you Wild About Whales? Whale watching session in NSW runs from June 1 to 30 November each year, so now’s the time to migrate to your local coastal park to catch a glimpse of these amazing animals on their own migration.

Join a Discovery Ranger for a short walk to spectacular coastal areas to watch as these creatures of the deep journey north for the warmer waters to breed. Pick up some helpful tips for successfully spotting these majestic creatures and learn about the Wild About Whale App.

wildaboutwhales.com.au

When: Tuesday 30th June
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm Grade: Easy
Meet: GlenrockSCA- Leggy point Carpark, scout camp road, Off Burwood Rd, Kahibah
Cost: $8 Child, $10 adults, $28 family

When: Tuesday 9th July
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm Grade: Easy
Meet: Awabakal NR- NPWS carpark-End of Ocean Street, Dudley
Cost: $8 Child, $10 adults, $28 family

Westerlies NAIDOC Week
FAMILY FUN DAY!
Come and enjoy an action packed day & celebrate NAIDOC Week at Toronto Foreshore. Children’s activities throughout the day, including live entertainment and displays by local service providers. Drop into the NPWS tent and say hello to our Aboriginal Discovery Ranger.

When: Tuesday 7th July
Time: 12 – 3pm – Flag raising ceremony prior
Meet: Toronto Foreshore area, Lake Macquarie
Cost: FREE

Eastlakes NAIDOC Family Fun Day will be held on Friday 10th July from 12-4pm at Pelican Foreshore, Lake Macquarie

For bookings and information call: NPWS LOWER HUNTER AREA on 49464112