Break In at School

Unfortunately our school was broken in to over the weekend. Other than two smashed windows and what appears to have been a fairly frantic search of the premises, everything appears to be in tact. The school’s admin office was the target of the attack and it is clear that cash was the motive. There has been some disruptions to operations today but hopefully our school will be operating as normal by close of business today.

Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday we have an exciting day planned for our students and hopefully a large number of our parents. We will start the day with a combined scripture service in the MPC starting at 10:20am. At the conclusion of the service our students will return to their rooms and collect their Easter hat creations. At 10:50am our hat parade will begin in the MPC. At the conclusion of the hat parade, at approximately 11:20am, our students and their families will enjoy a picnic lunch in the school’s grounds. Also at this time, the Easter raffle prizes will be drawn. We would love to see our parents and family members join us on the day – parents are welcome to attend from 10:20am if they wish to attend the service. The canteen will be selling tea and coffee from 10:30am. If our parents would like to order a lunch from the canteen, please complete an order form, or send details in an envelope by Wednesday or Thursday morning. We would also appreciate if parents could donate slices and/or cakes for the morning tea. They can also be dropped off.

Thanks for the Generosity

A big thank you must go to our generous parents for their fantastic support of our Easter Raffle – we have been overwhelmed by the number of eggs we have received and I’m sure our prize winners will be very pleased. Thank you.

Gymnastics Day

Our year 6 students will be attending a transition gymnastics day on Wednesday at Maitland High School. Our students will travel to and from MHS by bus with students from Largs and Hinton schools. I’m sure our students will enjoy the day and also the opportunity to have experience high school life! Mr Hamilton will accompany the students. Students should wear sport uniform for the day on Wednesday.

PSSA Sport

Congratulations to Thomas Forbes who has been selected in the Maitland Zone hockey squad. Thomas, who is also a talented cricketer, will play in a series of trial games at Newcastle Centre for selection in the Hunter Regional squad.

In Rugby league trials, Luke Knight and Jasper McGill attended Lakeside Complex in Raymond Terrace on Friday. Jasper has been selected in the possibles and probables squad as a result of his impressive showing. On Wednesday, the talented utility back will play in the next phase of the trials for final selection in the Hunter team.

Still on sport, Aliah Field, Rachael Sinclair and Roeshene Chilby attended the PSSA netball trials at Maitland Federation Centre on Friday. All of the girls performed impressively, with Aliah and Rachael being selected to progress to the second round of the trials. However, the girls were not selected in the final squad.

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SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

$40 per year - $10 per term
Families who have paid for the entire year ($40) prior to the end of term will go into the draw to win $100 Reading Movie Money Voucher
School Contributions assist in the running costs and resource purchases for schools each year.
Your support of this state initiative is greatly appreciated.

STUDENT BANKING

Could all students who bank please include with this weeks banking a note with your preferred prize token - this will allow us to pre-order the items and have them ready for when you have collected all your tokens.

PAVING PAINT NEEDED

The P&C are organising to repaint the artwork on the concrete in the playground. We are applying for paving paint donations at 6 local businesses. If any families having paving paint that they wish to donate please contact Jodi on 0438 131 447 or leave at the Office.

SPORTS SHIRTS - WINTER UNIFORM ORDERS

New sports shirts are now in stock
Winter Uniform orders are currently being taken. Order forms are located on the school website or from the Office. As we are only able to stock a small number of each uniform item we request that families pre-order to avoid disappointment.

Canteen News

Week 9 - Term 1, 2013
Monday 25.3.13  Jo Kennedy, Mel Battle
Tuesday 26.3.13  Belinda Duffey, Rob Hanson
Wed 27.3.13  Aileen Robb, Prue Wolfe
Thurs 28.3.13  Petah McGaw, Louise Vercoe
Friday 29.3.13  Good Friday - No school

Week 10 - Term 1, 2013
Monday 1.4.13  Easter Monday - No school
Tuesday 2.4.13  Helen Sinclair, Petah McGaw
Wed 3.4.13  Natalie Hutton, Jodi Lovell
Thurs 4.4.13  Maiva Metcalf, Mel Anderson
Friday 5.4.13  Tanya Piggott, Fiona Emmett

Eastside Uniting Churches    Holiday Kids Club

Who? Children from Kindergarten to Year 6
When? Thursday, 18th April - 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Where? Uniting Church Hall, William St, E. Maitland (Opposite East Maitland P.S)
What? Stories, songs, games and craft
   Morning tea A lunch provided
Cost? $12 per child - $30 per family of 3 or more
For registration forms phone: Lesley - 49996307    Registrations close: Monday, 8th April
BBQ

Congratulations to 5S for winning the ‘Class of the Term’ award. The students, and Mr Scanlan, were treated to a delicious BBQ lunch prepared to perfection by local identity Chef Harmes.

Cricket

On Wednesday our cricket team played the highly rated Bolwarra 11 at Seaham in Round 1 of the PSSA competition. Our boys performed superbly on the day and came away with an impressive victory. Morpeth compiled a competitive total of 6 / 68, with Luke Knight (23), Jasper McGill (15) and Cameron Klumpp (8no) the main contributors. In reply, Bolwarra managed 7/56 with Luke Knight completing a fine all round performance taking 3/8 and Thomas Forbes chipping in with 2/7. At one stage Thomas was on a hat trick but his attempts were thwarted by the Bolwarra batsman who dug out his well-directed Yorker. Well done to all boys for a great team effort, with special thanks to Mr Hamilton for his coaching and our parents who assisted with transport.

Young Leaders’ Day

Our school leaders, Rachael, Kate, Luke and Cameron are attending the Young Leaders’ Day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. The day has an excellent reputation for providing a great selection of inspiring and motivating speakers and I’m sure our leaders will take great benefit from the day. Thank you to dedicated parents for transporting our students. – Peter Edmonds

I have included an iDevice Update from Mr Scanlan

The children have been making excellent use of their idevices in class. The school's wifi network provides fast and reliable access to educational apps and the Internet. This use of technology has really enhanced the stage 3 learning environment and we have noticed higher levels of student engagement. Feedback about the use of devices at school from parents, students and teachers has been very positive.

Some families have reported increases in the use of social media between students out of school hours. Unfortunately, not all of the feedback has been positive. In some cases, children are contacting each other very early in the morning and late at night. It may be that parents may not even realise that their child/children are using their device to engage in messaging conversations. I have learnt this from personal experience with my own children and have had to remind myself just to check when and how they are using their devices. A number of parents are turning off the wifi router at home to give their family a break from constant communication.

The following website has some useful information for parents to help manage the use of technology.

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology

We will be looking to expand the use of devices to the stage 2 classrooms in term 2. Thank you for the support we have received for this exciting new phase in the educational history of Morpeth Public School.

Anthony Scanlan - Computer Co-ordinator

In the event that your child is absent from school, feel free to use the form below. This can be copied as many times as necessary.

STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE - Please return to class teacher

CHILD’S NAME : ............................................................................................................ CLASS: ..................................................

Absence Dates: ..................................................................................................................

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