PRINCIPAL’S NEWS AND VIEWS

Kindergarten Students
Today we proudly welcome our 2014 Kindergarten students. Our new students came to our morning assembly and we were all extremely impressed by their very grown up behaviour. I visited the rooms this morning and was greeted by lots of smiling faces. Our buddies have also been actively involved in assisting our kinder students by helping with lunches and playground routines. On behalf of everyone at Morpeth PS, we would like to welcome our new students and their families to our school. We hope you have enjoyed your first day!

Assembly on Friday
Our first assembly for the term will be held on Friday. Hopefully lots of parents and friends of our school will join us as we celebrate the achievements of our students. Our guest speaker will be a representative of the Commonwealth Bank who will provide information about school banking procedures. (School Banking will commence in 12th Feb)

Tenambit Soccer Club
This morning Luke, from Tenambit Sharks Soccer Club, spoke to our students about procedures for registering for the club. Soccer is a great game for both boys and girls and is a fantastic way to make friends while having fun. I have attached an information flyer that provides information with this week’s newsletter.

Rugby Union and Netball
While on the subject of sports, we also have information about Rugby Union and Netball for students who would like to try these sports. The Maitland Rugby Club is one of the oldest sporting clubs in the state and has an excellent reputation in the wider Maitland area while netball continues to be an extremely popular sport in our area. Registration information for both sports can also be found with this week’s newsletter. Our school is committed to developing links with our local sporting clubs and we are happy to provide information about the respective groups.

Medical Information and Contact Details
At the moment we are compiling information about students enrolled at our school who may have a health condition that requires specific management. If your child falls into this category or if the management of an existing condition has changed, please contact the school immediately so we can update our health plans. It is essential that we have current information so as to best support the needs of our students. It is also important that we have accurate contact details for parents / carers. If your details have changed, please contact the school.

PSSA Sporting Trials
In the coming weeks senior students will have the opportunity to trial for zone sporting teams. The trials will be held on various dates and at venues in the Maitland area. Dates and venues for the respective trials will be made available next week.

Active After School Communities
Our very popular AASC program will begin Week 4 (17th & 19th February). This term we will be offering touch football on Monday afternoons with Luke, and netball with Rachel on Wednesdays. Information about the program is available from the admin office. All students who attend are provided with fruit and water and there are no costs to families. The program begins after school and concludes at 4:15pm. Mrs Coyle will again coordinate the program and supervise our students.

Parent and Teacher Meetings
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we would like to invite parents to meet with their child’s teacher next Wednesday (12 February). There will be two sessions offered: 3:30pm and a repeat session at 4:00pm. The sessions will allow parents with more than one child at our school to meet with the respective teachers. If you are unable to attend and would like to meet your child’s teacher, please contact the school so an appointment can be scheduled.

Please speak to me if you have any concerns about your child’s schooling or if you require any clarification on school matters.

Peter Edmonds
CLASS REQUIREMENTS FOR 2014

Payments due before end of Week 2 - lesson commence in Week 3 from these resources.

These lists have been included on the “Notes and Info” tab of the school’s website this week.

The School Contribution has also been kept at $1 per week or $40 for the year.

Your support of this initiative is greatly appreciated as all funds from the school contribution are spent on class resources for our students.

DRUMMING & GUITAR LESSONS

Students interested in participating in these programs in 2014 are asked to obtain a note from the school office.

Lesson costs remain at $10 per week

Drumming commences:
Thursday 13th February
(makeup lesson will be done for 20th February)

Guitar commences:
Thursday 6th March (TBC)

Canteen News

Week 2 - Term 1, 2014
Monday 3.2.14  Sally Godwin, Gaby Whelan
Tuesday 4.2.14  Angela Smith, Kylie Brand
Wed 5.2.14  Pru Wolfe, Mel Anderson
Thurs 6.2.14  Emma Ramm, Petah McGaw
Friday 7.2.14  Sallyann Rumbel, Sam Cook

Week 3 - Term 1, 2014
Monday 10.2.14  Lainie Hopkins, Sharon Watson
Tuesday 11.2.14  Tara Porter, Belinda Duffey
Wed 12.2.14  Louise Vercoe, Natalie Hutton
Thurs 13.2.14  Tracey Baker, Tammy Gakovic
Friday 14.2.14  Nicki Shepherd, Roslyn Hay

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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: ..........................................................................................................................

Reason for Absence: .............................................................................................................

Parent Name : ..................................................................................................................

Parent Signature : .......................................................... Date : ..............................................