MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 7, Term 1 10th March, 2014

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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS AND VIEWS

Kinder Photos: Our proposed Kinder photo shoot didn’t go ahead today. We received a phone call this morning from a representative of the Mercury to explain to us that the photographer assigned to the job was ill and wouldn’t be able to attend. We have rescheduled the shoot to Wednesday of this week.

Painting of Admin Rooms: Towards the end of last year our school’s admin office and entry foyer was given a make over with both areas being painted. We have been informed last week that the resource room, that houses our photo copiers and resource kits, will also be painted along with my office and the meeting room outside my office.

High School Expression of Interest: Just a reminder about the ‘Expression of Interest’ document that was sent home for students who will transition to high school in 2015. Could families please complete and return the form as soon as possible please. Transition programs have begun and an early return of information assists with planning and organisation processes.

Stage 1 Walking Excursion: Just a reminder that our Stage 1 walking excursion through Morpeth will be held on Wednesday. Students in years 1 and 2 will be involved with notes providing information about the day recently sent home. Students will have the opportunity to speak with shop employees to discover interesting facts about business in the area.

Cricket on Friday: On Friday our senior cricket team will play Round 1 of the Reg Kelly Shield. Our team is drawn to play Gresford at Vacy and I’m sure all players will enjoy the experience. Coach, Mr Scanlan, has been running a series of practise sessions on Thursday afternoons to prepare the players for the game. Good luck to all involved.

Thomas Forbes: Last week Thomas Forbes was involved in the PSSA State Cricket Carnival held at Wyong. Thomas was a member of the Regional team and the young allrounder performed well in the 4 day carnival taking three wickets and scoring some important runs for the team. This is an outstanding effort as cricket in the area is extremely competitive with many outstanding young players trialling for a position in the team. Thomas is a very talented young sportsman who also attended the State hockey carnival in 2013. Well done Thomas!

St Patrick’s Day: Next Monday we are inviting our students to come to school wearing green. We will be holding an out of uniform day with a green theme in acknowledgement of St Patrick’s Day - 17 March. The day will also feature selections of green food that will be on sale at the canteen. We ask that our students bring a gold coin to support the day.

Tackling Bullying: On Thursday representatives from NRL will visit our school to talk to students about bullying. The initiative, ‘Tackling Bullying’ involves players, both past and present, speaking to students about strategies for dealing with bullying issues. Two sessions will be conducted on the day with students split into K-2 and 3-6 groupings.

Stage 2 Bring Your Own Device Trial: Our school is committed to providing the best possible learning experiences for our students. In particular our current technology programs are innovative and utilise current applications. Our computer coordinator, Mr Scanlan, is widely acknowledged as a leader in this field and we are fortunate to be able to benefit from his expertise in this area. During the past year we have been conducting a Bring Your own Device program—students bring their own device to school and use the device to support and complement their learning. On Tuesday of next week Mrs Fincher will be holding an information session about the program for parents of stage 2 students. The session will begin at 6 pm and will be held in her room—I encourage parents to attend to gain an insight into the ways technology is used at school.

Peter Edmonds

UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C Uniform Co-ordinator will be available for fitting and uniform purchases Friday mornings at 8.45am.

Please send in a completed order form with payment and the order will be filled and returned home via your child’s class.

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Account No - 143579

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www.morpeth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 10th March 2014
Fete Sub-Committee Meeting

Wednesday 12th March 2014
Morpeth walking excursion: 1C, 1/2T, 2P and Yr 2 students from 2/3L

Monday 17th March 2014
Green Day : Green food at Canteen
See Mr Edmonds’ newsletter article

Monday 31st March 2014
Young Leaders Day : Sydney

Wednesday 2nd April 2014
CSIRO Show in MPC - All students

Thursday 3rd April 2014
PSSA Cross Country Carnival - Tocal Disco

Tuesday 8th April 2014
Interrelate Family sessions
STOCKLAND STARS IS BACK !!!

Our star will be on display at Greenhills (above the Customer Care Centre) from Monday 3rd March to Sunday 6th April 2014. Please vote for our school and help us win the cash prize!

Registration cards are being sent home with today’s newsletter.

Canteen News

Week 7 - Term 1, 2014
Monday 10.3.14  Sarah Worthington, Carly Fiddock
Tuesday 11.3.14  Sharee Oldham, Kerrie Wilesmith
Wed 12.3.14  Belinda Duffey, Natalie Hutton
Thurs 13.3.14  Sam Cook, Kellie Upton
Friday 14.3.14  Sallyann Rumbel, Tracey Forbes

Week 8 - Term 1, 2014
Monday 17.3.14  Peter White, Kelly Mate
Tuesday 18.3.14  Sharee Oldham, Jodi Lovell
Wed 19.3.14  Belinda Duffey, Natalie Hutton
Thurs 20.3.14  Sam Cook, Kellie Upton
Friday 21.3.14  Sallyann Rumbel, Tracy Forbes

2014 FETE
SUB - COMMITTEE

A meeting will be held on
Monday 10th March 2014 (TONIGHT)
at 7pm
at the Commercial Hotel, Morpeth

To commence organisation of our 2014 Fete. Come along and join the discussion to help make this a great event for our school

STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE - Please return to class teacher

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

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

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

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

Parent Signature: .......................................................... Date: ..........................................................
Thank you to the 122 students who have opened Economy bank accounts and many more who have begun recycling or working in the Economy. Please remember, you MUST have a bank book to begin saving. Forms are available from the Economy office.

Our list of recyclables is available on the school website or in hard copy format from the Economy office. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept other items e.g. soft drink bottles, cardboard boxes and milk cartons as we do not have the space or facility to dispose of them.

In anticipation of our Economy auctions, I would appreciate donations of items suitable for auction prizes. Toys, books, drink bottles, games and balls have all been the focus of spirited bidding at previous assemblies. If you can assist, please see Mrs Fincher. Any donations will be very much appreciated.

Auctions will commence from Week 8 at the 21st March assembly. Students from years 3-6 MUST have deposited their cheques into their Economy bank account to be eligible to bid. All students with an account balance of $(P)50 or more will be eligible for the lucky draw.


If you have any questions regarding Economy operations, or would like to assist, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jane Fincher - Economy Co-ordinator

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BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE WED 19TH MARCH 2014

Please return orders to your class teacher. Payment may be made online, by credit card or cheque (made payable to Scholastic Australia — NOT Morpeth PS) or cash which is receipted by the school. Details are on the back of all brochures. Additional forms are available from the school Office.

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SAVE THE DATE

MORPETH P&C DISCO

Thursday 3rd April 2014

Permission note will be sent home this week.
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