PRINCIPAL’S NEWS AND VIEWS

NRMA: Last Tuesday representatives from the NRMA presented an excellent science and road safety workshop for our students. The sessions, presented to classes in age appropriate stages, were informative and highly engaging for all who attended. Our presenters stressed the importance of personal safety while providing important advice for our students. A parent workshop was also held in the afternoon.

Zone Touch Football: Congratulations to Jed (year 5) and Katelyn (year 6) on their who have been selected in their respective Zone Touch football teams. Touch football is a very popular sport in the local area and it is a great testament to the skill and ability of both students to be selected from such a large pool of trialists. Jed and Katelyn will represent the Maitland Zone at the Hunter trials, to be held in Newcastle on 30 May.

Woolworths Food sample Day: Last Thursday staff from Woolworths at Stockland Green Hills presented a series of fantastic workshops for our students. The very helpful staff from the store provided interesting information about a range fruit and vegetables, gave our students a chance to taste a variety of different fruits and also gave demonstrations about making healthy snacks. At the end of the class session, all students were presented with a tasty lunch, comprising of a wrap, piece of fruit and a bottle of water. The day was a great success and we look forward to continuing our productive partnership with Stockland Green Hills.

Active After School Communities: I sent a letter to parents last week informing them that there has been a forced change to our AASC activities for term 2. As from today, Mondays will feature Fitness Activities with Touch football / ball skills on Wednesday. We apologise for the change, but an unavailability of coaches has forced the change. Miss Coyle will once again be coordinating the program that includes a healthy snack and water for those involved.

NAPLAN: Our students in years 3 and 5 will be sitting for NAPLAN this week. The assessments will be held over three days; Language / Writing on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. Results are usually made available to schools and parents in September. As in past years, our school will be offering information sessions for parents to provide information about the assessments after the results have been made available. A catchup day is scheduled for Friday to allow students who may have been absent to sit the missed exams.

Asthma Medication: Students who are in years 3 to 6 and suffer from Asthma are allowed to carry their ‘puffer’ with them to enable speedy treatment in the event of an attack. As this medication is carried personally it is not listed on the Office medical register (expiry date etc) and as a result can not be tracked by office staff. As we head into the cold months we ask that parents take the time to check the expiry date of their child’s ‘puffer’ and replace where necessary. Please note that all documentation is kept with the office however medication expiry dates are not once students take possession of their own puffer.

Drumming make up lesson: Last Friday our drumming teacher, Col, conducted an additional lesson to makeup for the one missed due to the swimming carnival. Parents who pay for lessons weekly are asked to forward the $10 to cover this lesson to the Office. This week we will be making up lessons in both Drumming and guitar for students that were at Zone Cross Country or Rumbalara (Stage 2). Please also forward payments for these weeks.

Biggest Morning Tea: On Thursday 22 May, our P&C will be presenting a ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ in the school’s MPC. Starting at 10am, the event promises to be a lot of fun and we would love to see a large number of our families and friends attend the morning tea.

Smartboard in Demountable: On Thursday morning of last week our 1/2T class was finally presented with their Smartboard. After a lengthy delay, due to problems with the supplier, the projector was installed and switched on and, as the look on the faces of Brady, Darcy and Max demonstrate, the students were very excited!
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Small tight sizes now available.

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Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App.

To install it, just search for our school name "Morpeth Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

Thank you to the P&C for helping fund this initiative.

**Tip of the Week**

To print items that you see on Skoolbag simply click on the link of the front page of the school website.

This link contains all items and their attachments that are forwarded to our families via Skoolbag.

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## ECONOMY NEWS

*Jane Fincher - Economy Co-ordinator*

**Interest Cheques:** Interest cheques at the rate of 100% on bank balances as at 11th April have been issued. Students from years 3-6 will need to complete a deposit slip to ensure that their account is credited with their interest. Our friendly bankers have deposited cheques for K-2 students.

**Recycling:** Congratulations to all those students who have brought in recycling items to the Economy. I have delivered another box full of used prescription spectacles to East Maitland Lions Club for World Vision and Mrs Shepherd collects a full wizbin full of plastic bags each week and delivers then to Woolworths. Our can crates are full and we have booked a collection with Mai-Wel, which will generate real income for the Economy. These funds are used to purchase auction prizes and gardening equipment for the students.

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

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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:** .................................................................
RUMBALARA EXCURSION

STAGE 2 - Thursday 10th April 2014
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps"; your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

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5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! 📞 Like

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
Does your child order their lunch?
We now have re-useable lunch order bags available to purchase as part of a P & C fundraiser.

Stickybeaks “Lunch Wallets” come in black with your choice of PINK, BLUE, GREEN, RED, YELLOW, GREY or PURPLE binding.

Whether it is daily, once a week or once a month, most children will get the opportunity to order their lunch. If this is your child, we would like you to consider purchasing a Stickybeaks Lunch Wallet.

Not only will you help the P & C raise much needed funds for our school, you will also be rewarded with the ease of using the lunch wallet along with helping to reduce our paper waste.

Keep and reuse the lunch order & name slips. They are available to print for FREE from the Stickybeaks website.

The lunch wallets fold flat, and have a separate zipper pocket to keep money separate from food and provide a re-usable bag for your child’s lunch.

*SAMPLES ARE IN THE CANTEEN FOR YOUR VIEWING*

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM AND MONEY BY THE 27TH MAY

LUNCH WALLETS ORDER FORM

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Child’s Class: ____________________________________________________________

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GIRL GUIDES
meet in your area!

Come and join in the fun,
make new friends and learn skills for life!

WHERE: St John the Baptist Hall,
Cnr John & Church Street, Largs

For enquiries about joining, please contact:
Sandra Hebert
ph: 49301780 or 0418160402
email: HERBSHAVEN@bigpond.com

For more information about Girl Guides visit:
www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

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