MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS AND VIEWS

19th May, 2014

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 22nd May 2014
Biggest Morning Tea - P&G Charity fundraiser

Tuesday 27th May 2014
Yr 6 Parent meeting : 3.15pm

Monday 2nd June 2014
Maitland Art Gallery Excursion

Friday 6th June 2014
Planet savers excursion - Yr 3 to 6

Friday 13th June 2014
Athletics Carnival - All students

Monday 20th June 2014
Athletics Carnival - Back up date

Thursday 26th June 2014
NAIDOC Week performance : No cast

UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C Uniform Co-ordinator will be available for fitting and uniform purchases at the following times:
Monday - 8.45 to 9.30am
Friday - 8.45 to 9.30am
also Assembly Friday from 2pm
Other times by appointment
Please contact Jodi Lovell on 0438 131 447
or email the uniform shop
morpethpsuniforms@gmail.com

Direct Depositing
SCHOOL Payments

Account Name - Morpeth PS
BSB No - 032 001
Account No - 143579

Woolworths Visit: On Friday morning a selected group of students from our school visited Woolworths at Green Hills. The five students, Maggie (KW), Liam (1C), Emily (2/3L), Patrick (3/4F) and Molly (5/6S) were selected as the winners of the recent student recipe competition held in conjunction with Woolworths. Woolworths staff followed the recipes to produce a delicious display of food housed inside a stall erected in the premises. Our students then served customers in the store. Having sampled the wares, I can genuinely claim that we have some very capable young chefs in our midst! The feedback from store patrons was extremely positive with many, yours truly included, returning for seconds! Mr Andrew Laird, (pictured below) representing Woolworths, presented our school with a recipe book that contains the creations of all students who entered the competition. The day was an outstanding success and I’m sure it is an initiative that will become a fixture in our school’s calendar. Friday was also World Food Revolution day.

Yr 6 Parents

Are invited to attend a meeting with Miss Stevens next Tuesday 27th May at 3.15pm. The aim of the get together is to inform parents of the ‘happenings’ being planned for this year. Look forward to seeing you all in Miss Stevens’ room!

NAPLAN:

Congratulations to our students in years 3 and 5 for successfully completing the NAPLAN assessments. Held over three days, the program assesses each student’s performances in areas of language, writing, reading and numeracy. Results from the assessments will be made available to schools and parents in the final weeks of term 3. We will be offering parent information sessions to provide an understanding of the test format.

Knights’ Knockout Open Division:

Tomorrow our open division Rugby League players will be travelling to Newcastle to take part in the annual Knights’ Knockout competition. Coach, Miss Stevens, has the team primed for a great performance and I’m sure all players will have a lot of fun in the process. Thank you to all parents who have kindly offered to assist with transport.

Biggest Morning Tea:

On Thursday morning (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. Those in attendance will be asked for a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council.

Assembly:

Just a reminder that our awards assembly will be held this Friday in the MPC starting at 2:10pm. The assembly will feature the presentation of merit certificates to students and also a special presentation to our school from a student who will sadly be leaving the area.

Peter Edmonds
P & C NEWS

NEXT MEETING - NEXT MONDAY, 2nd June 2014 at 9.30am in the school Library

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WINTER ITEMS

FOR THE CANTEEN MENU

- Sweet and Sour chicken with rice - $2.50
- Fried Rice - $2.50
- Beef and Gravy roll - $3.00
- Chicken and Gravy roll - $3.00
- Chicken patty - $2
- Soup (Tomato & Pumpkin) - $1
- Bread roll - 50 cents

P & C Email

The P&C now have their own email address. Families who wish to receive a copy of the meeting minutes can do so by sending a request to the Secretary. Likewise if you would like to have something added to the agenda please feel free to email your request to the email address below.

morpethpspandc@gmail.com

The P&C will be holding an event in our MPC 10am on Thursday 22nd May to raise money for the Cancer Council. Please bring a cake / slice or biscuits to share. Tea and Coffee will be supplied.

Canteen News

Week 4 - Term 2, 2014

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Week 5 - Term 2, 2014

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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.

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.

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 them 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.

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 : .................................................................................................
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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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! 😊
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

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LUNCH WALLET 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

GIRL GUIDES

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
ARE COMING

Email the P&C
if you would like to
reserve your copy now

KINDER
2015

Please contact the
school office
now to register
your child
for Kinder
next year

ZERO TO JOIN!
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY!
Ask for Jordan Manu

CALL 4932 3222 NOW!

LIMITED TIME ONLY!