Welcome Back: I hope everyone has enjoyed a relaxing mid-year break. Last term was extremely busy with the nine weeks tightly packed with activities. This term is shaping up to be similar!

Year 6 Mini Fete: A huge thank you to our students and their families who contributed to our extremely successful mini fete that was held on the last day of last term. Ms Stevens and her students planned and organised the various stalls and running order of what proved to be an outstanding day. The fete was filled with lots of fun activities, with lots of things to do, see and buy. The day was the major fund raising event for year 6 with all proceeds used to purchase an end of year gift to the school. At the end of the day I visited the 5 / 6S classroom to congratulate students and Ms Stevens on their fantastic efforts. I was completely overwhelmed when the students informed me that their combined efforts had raised over $2000 for their gift. Well done Ms Stevens and students!

Kye Ninness: During the school holidays local Rugby League Club, The East Maitland Griffins, travelled to Ipswich near Brisbane to take part in the annual carnival that takes place between the two area. Players from the under 11’s were billeted with families from the Ipswich club with some spirited games taking place over a number of days. The partnership between East Maitland and Ipswich has a long history, with some very prominent players of the past being involved. A young Allan Langer and the Walters boys, who collectively enjoyed outstanding careers at the very highest level, were involved in the games as youngsters. Our very own Kye Ninness played in this year’s carnival. Kye, who is a talented forward was awarded player of the series. This is an outstanding achievement by a great young sportsman. Well done Kye!

Thomas Forbes: Speaking of great sporting achievements, congratulations to Thomas Forbes who has recently returned from a visit to Canberra where he represented Hunter Region’s hockey team. The four day carnival was held during the last week of last term. Thomas is an extremely talented young sportsman who has also represented the region in cricket. This is also the second time Thomas, a hardworking midfielder, has represented at Regional level in hockey; last year he attended a week-long carnival in Sydney. Well done Thomas!

Spelling Bee: This term we will be holding our annual Spelling Bee competition. The competition is available to students in years 3-6 with pre-testing taking place this week. Miss Lambert is coordinating the competition which allows our talented spellers a chance to showcase in the area.

Peer Support: Our year 6 students, under the guidance of Miss Stevens and Mrs Fincher, will be involved in Peer Support training on Thursday and Friday of this week. The students will then run workshops for students in all classes over the coming weeks. Thank you to our wonderful P&C for funding this program for 2014.

Education Week: Public schools in NSW will be celebrating Education Week in term 3 of this term. Our school has lots of great activities planned, including an awards assembly / open classroom day, a ‘Green Day’ where we will showcase our environmental programs and a formal assembly at Maitland High School. We would love to see our parents join us for our celebration. Notes for Green Day and the Waste as Art Project have been sent home today and more information will follow regarding our Formal Education Week Assembly.
Week 1 - Term 3, 2014
Monday 14.7.14
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tuesday 15.7.14  Petah McGaw, Jodi Lovell
Wed 16.7.14  Belinda Duffey, Denise Dykyi
Thurs 17.7.14  Beth Campbell, Natalie Carpenter
Friday 18.7.14  Melissa Armer, Rachael Perry

Week 2 - Term 3, 2014
Monday 21.7.14  Sally Godwin, Gaby Whelan
Tuesday 22.7.14  Kerrie Wilesmith, Kylie Brand
Wed 23.7.14  Prue Wolfe, Mel Anderson
Thurs 24.7.14  Emma Ramm, Louise Vercoe
Friday 25.7.14  Sallyann Rumbel, Mel Armer

Canteen News

The Uniform shop located in the storeroom in the Library.
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

ATTENTION:  ALL GOLFERS

The time has come again for the "MPS Social Golf Day - 2014" - booked for Sunday 31 August 2014 at Maitland Golf Club.

For those involved in previous events we will be using the same format - which is a 9 hole / 4 man ambrose. Tee off time will be 11am, with players to arrive at 10am for a meet and greet.

The cost of the event will be remain at $55.00 per head (reduced cost for club members and juniors), which will include a bacon & egg sandwich to start and sausage sizzle at the end, green fees, cart hire and comps.

Please again register your interest via text message with Barry McGaw – 0405 196801 (as per last year fees will be collected on the day of the event).

Also, we have had a terrific response from parents and others involved in the event in obtaining prizes and if you are able to assist by donating or inquiring at your place of employment about donating prizes, it would be much appreciated (please let Barry know).

This is the fourth running of the event, which was almost full to capacity last year and given the level of interest already shown, it may become necessary to limit the numbers (to be advised).

Thanks to all for your terrific support of this MPS fund-raising event.

A full flyer will be published nearer to the event.
ECONOMY NEWS
Jane Fincher - Economy Co-ordinator

Recycling
The Economy can no longer accept steel cans or PET bottles as our recipient for these items no longer requires them.
I would deeply appreciate a volunteer to collect the filled bags of ink cartridges and drop them off at an Australia Post office. This service would only be required approximately twice per term.

Commonwealth Bank Foundation Awards
Our Economy program has been announced as a finalist in the annual awards from the Commonwealth Bank Foundation [https://www.teachingawards.com.au/]. Fifteen teaching programs are selected from across Australia to receive a $10 000 grant to support their financial literacy teaching. Winners are announced on the 25th July.

Green Day: On Friday 1st August, Morpeth Public School will celebrate “Green Day” during Education Week. On that day, students will participate in sustainability workshops run by visiting presenters and have the opportunity to enter our “Waste as Art” competition. A picnic lunch with family and community members is also planned. Further details will follow soon.

Waste as Art Competition: The design brief -
To design an artwork using recycled materials.
To create something amazing out of materials that might otherwise have ended up in land-fill.
To inspire others to reduce, reuse and recycle.

For inspiration with our environmental art competition, please go to the Chris Jordan website [http://www.chrisjordan.com/gallery/rtnt/#silent-spring] or Pinterest [https://www.pinterest.com/].
I look forward to seeing some amazing ideas and designs.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Notes are being sent TODAY for the Active After School Care program being run in Term 3.

Activities for Term 3 are:
Monday: Soccer  Wednesday: AFL

Students who have not participated this year will have priority when placements are given.

The program begins in Week 3.

STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE - Please return to class teacher

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

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

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

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

Parent Signature: ................................................................. Date: ..................................................
Waste as Art Competition

Aim: To design and create something amazing from recycled items and to inspire others to reduce, reuse and recycle.

- Create your artwork and bring it to school on Friday 1st August for “Green Day” (week 10).
- All entries will be displayed in the MPC. Awards for creativity and innovation will be awarded in ES1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3.

For further information see Mrs Fincher
You are invited to

MORPETH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Green Day
(Incorporating Jeans for Genes Day)
1st August 2014

Morning tea will be available for parents / visitors from 10:45am. Parents can share a picnic lunch with students—parents may pre order lunches from the canteen.

• Recycling, energy and water-saving workshops
• Waste as Art Competition display and announcement of winning entries
• Wear something green and your jeans.