



**Commitment, Respect and Responsibility**

#### Dates to remember

**Monday 27th November till**

**Friday 8th December**

Yrs 2-6 Swim Scheme

**Friday 1st December**

Santa Shirt dress up day

**Tuesday 5th December**

MHS Yr7 2018 Orientation Day

**Friday 8th December**

Carols Under The Cola

**Monday 11th December**

Year 6 Farewell

**Wednesday 13th December**

P&C Meeting 6pm

**Thursday 14th December**

Year 6 Assembly 2pm

**Friday 15th December**

Students last day of school

# Metford Public School

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I can't believe we are nearly finished the 2017 school year.

Our swimming scheme has had a great start with 161 students attending. They are all keen to get into the pool and do their very best by listening to their instructors and enjoying their success. Don't forget to encourage your children to drink more water and pack some extra food, as swimming makes you hungry.

You will be given information about class parties very soon. These will be held in our last week of school.

Our year 6 farewell will be held in our school hall on Monday 11th December. The theme is 'white and gold'. Cost is \$25.00 per person attending. We are looking forward to celebrating seven years of primary school learning at this special occasion. We will also be holding a farewell to year 6 assembly on Thursday 14th December at 2pm. This will replace our normal week 10 Tuesday assembly. Families are welcome to share this occasion with us.

## STAFF NEWS

This week we congratulate Mrs O'Brien for graduating from Reading Recovery Professional Learning. We also have five teachers who can celebrate their success as Language Literacy Learning, L3, teachers after their 12 months of intensive professional learning. They are Ms Slee, Mrs Attard, Miss King, Miss Crouch and Mr West.

Congratulations everyone. Metford PS has excellent teachers who participate in best practice teaching using up to date methodologies.

## DRUM CORP TUITION

Our Drum Corp tuition will cease for the next two weeks. Col will do the last tuition day on Thursday 14th December at 9am for all drummers. This will be a fun lesson and all students who attend drums will receive a gift from Col.

## PRINCIPALS LUNCH

**This weeks recipients are—** Ryan A, Abbigail H, Rylee L, Dotti B, Allira K, Lilly K, Olivia S, Miakoda K, Bailey H, Hanna H, Wil R, Jake W, Kane N. for-Commitment – Having a positive attitude to school and learning.

## Thought of week

"Use the gifts you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you."





### **Positive Behaviour For Learning**

The following students are recognized for achieving their PBL award level.

**Bright Green Wristband**— Liueli V, Cale T, Abby H.

**Dark Green wristband**— Jacob M, Abbigail H, Lillian L, Brax L, James M, Porsha B, Mason A.

**Bronze Wings**— Claire A, Mahlia T, Tegan S, Nikitta H, Maddyson B, Ally T, Eliyas T

**Rocky Badge**— Malakai B, Miley K.

The Tuesday TAFE group, (pictured with their teacher Chris,) finished their first semester today, so we of course had cake! The students are undertaking a Certificate 3 in Education Support run by Maitland TAFE in our MPS computer lab. The group returns to complete their learning in Term 1 2018.



### CLO NEWS

The Christmas Tree bauble project that some of our students were involved in, were installed on a tree on the Levee (Maitland Mall) just outside of the Kmart entrance. If you're there, take a minute to have a look, as the students made an impressive effort with their decorating. Thank you to Maitland Council for the opportunity to be a part of this project





## Newsletter Term 4 Week 8

### Twins and Triplets Day





## Every day counts! It's not okay to be away!

**Every day counts...** because children achieve better when they attend school all day, every day.

**Every day counts...** because going to school means getting a chance at life.

**Every day counts...** because school helps children build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

**Every day counts...** because going to school is a legal requirement.

**School attendance is the responsibility of parents and caregivers.**

If your child is absent from school, parents are legally required to notify the school, explaining the absence, within 7 days. This can be done in many ways:

**Phone or email** – If you know your child is going to be away from school please contact the school via phone (02) 49332655 or email ([metfordp.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:metfordp.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) to explain the absence.

• **Letter** – on the day your child returns to school after an absence send a note explaining the absence.

This note is to be handed in at the school

Administration Office or to Class Teachers.

**Reply to SMS** – the school sends out an SMS message each day to notify parents that their child is absent. Please reply to the SMS stating if your child is sick or absent due to family business.

**Please note** – you can only reply to an SMS on the day it is sent, as the SMS number is only active for that day.

**K - 6** **All activities FREE**

**FUN PARK**

**TUESDAY - FRIDAY, 10AM - 12NOON**  
**9 - 19 JANUARY 2018**  
MRAG tutor-led activities for children and families indoors and out and outdoors and in! For 0-6 years and 6+ years Fun Park is accessible and inclusive.

- Machine-making
- Box sculptures
- Draw your own portrait
- Create your own zoo for Lions' Place
- Lantern making

**TWEEN +**

**DROP IN AND DRAW**  
**Saturday 6, 13, 20, 27 January**  
1pm - 3pm, ages 10+  
Adults and teens keen to improve their drawing skills will be able to learn tips from MRAG Art Tutors each week of January.

**ROVER ROBOTICS WORKSHOPS**  
**Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 January**  
10am - 12noon, ages 10 - 14  
Learn how to write and install coding for a Rover Robot and move it around the Gallery. FREE, but bookings essential, maximum 10 per session. Bookings open 2 January 2018. Phone MRAG: 02 4934 9859

**TEEN +**

**CURATORIALY CURIOUS?**  
**Friday 12 January**  
11am - 12noon, ages 14+  
Ever wondered how exhibitions are created? Come and meet Kim, Gallery Curator, for a behind-the-scenes chat.

**INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR GOODS STOCKED IN THE MRAG SHOP?**  
**Tuesday 16 January**  
11am - 12noon, ages 18+  
Meet Ashley, MRAG Merchandise Officer, for a friendly how-to.

**HOW TO LOOK AFTER ARTWORKS AND MORE**  
**Wednesday 17 January**  
11am-12noon, ages 14+  
Join Cheryl, our Collection Curator, for a casual chat about how to look after and conserve artworks.

**DESIGNER COFFEE**  
**Thursday 18 January**  
11am - 12noon, ages 14+  
Bring your coffee & meet Clare our Gallery Graphic Designer to gain an insight into designing a catalogue & exhibitions on display.

**SIP & SKETCH IN THE GALLERY**  
**Friday 19 January**  
5 - 8pm, ages 16+  
Come for a twilight drawing session with music and a cool drink.

**ALL AGES** **All activities FREE**

**FUN TRAILS**

**ALL DAY! • EXHIBITIONS GALORE!**

- Code Breakers 1.0, 2.0 & Colour
- Design Detective
- Search for the Golden Poo
- 4 x Art Sunday activity sheets
- Stand & Draw: easels, pencils and paper throughout the Gallery
- 6 exhibitions

**FREE Activities**

**FREE ART SUNDAY**  
**Sunday 7, 14, 21, 28 January**  
11am - 1pm, all ages

**FREE Community art projects**

**FLOWER-MAKING**  
**Tuesday 23 January**  
10am - 2pm, all ages  
Join artists Mandy Robinson and Jen Denzin and learn how to make paper flowers for their upcoming exhibition at MRAG *All that Glitters* from 19 May - 2 September 2018.

**LANTERN-MAKING**  
**9 - 19 January**  
**at FUN PARK**  
Come and create your own floating lantern to be one of many launched at the Riverlights Multicultural Festival in Maitland on Saturday 10 February 2018.

**SEEDLING GIVEAWAY**  
**Wednesday 24 January**  
10.00am  
Come along to the native seedling giveaway and do your bit to improve and protect the biodiversity of your suburb. 1,000 seedlings to be given away from 10am till gone!  
Limit of four seedlings per residence applies & bring proof of residency.

**SENSORY BAGS**  
Available for Gallery visitors with sensory processing needs at Gallery Reception

**FOR ACCESS INFORMATION**  
Please see our website [mrags.org.au/visit-us/how-to-get-here/](http://mrags.org.au/visit-us/how-to-get-here/) or give us a call on 02 4934 9859

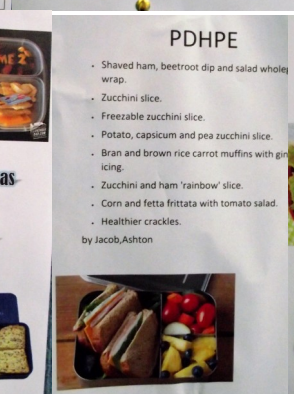
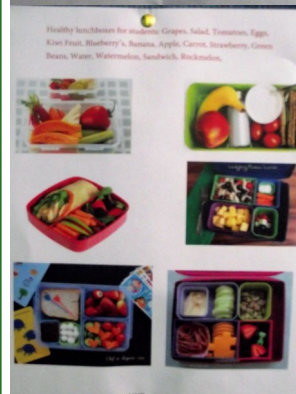
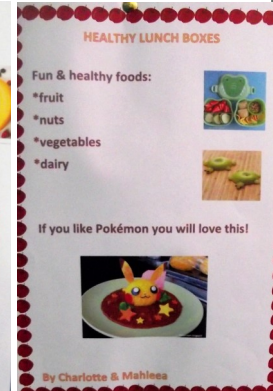
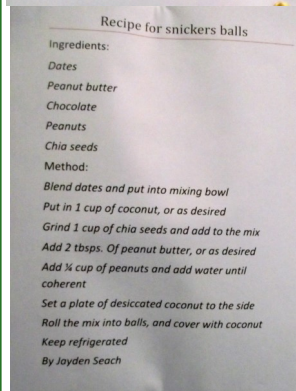
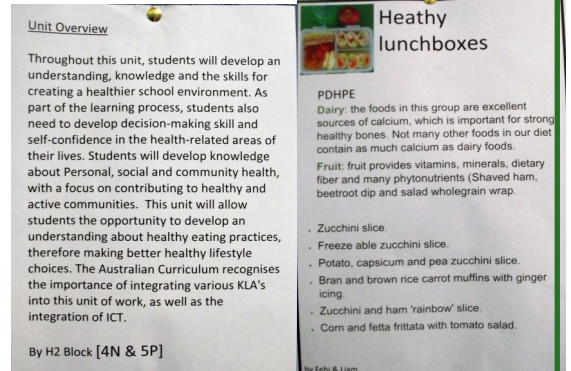


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## FOYER DISPLAY

4N & 5P

Healthy Lunch boxes



**HUNTER DENTAL GROUP**  
CESSNOCK, GREENHILLS & DUNGOG DENTAL  
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## Child Dental Benefits Schedule

An Australian Government Dental Scheme

**YES WE BULK BILL!!**

Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments can receive **\$1000** basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare **132 011**  
For appointments call us today!



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**FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 6PM**  
**METFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**Carols Under The Cola**

Class Items, Choir, Raffles,  
 Face painting, Steak Sandwiches,  
**SAUSAGE SANDWICHES, Twilight Markets,**  
 Candles, Giftware, Tutus,  
**JEWELLERY, FOIL SIGNS ,JAMS ,**  
**BALLOONS, CAKES, LOLLIES,**  
**ABORIGINAL ART, AIR BRUSH TATOO,**  
**SKIN AND BODY PRODUCTS**  
**AND MANY MORE STALLS**

**Wear your favourite Santa Shirt!**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**50c donation**





All money raised goes toward the purchase of items for the P&C Christmas Raffle

Raffle drawn at the Carols Under the Cola

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

2017 Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Every Week			Principals Lunch		Student banking
WK 9 Dec 4-8	Swimming Scheme	Swimming Scheme  MHS 2018 YR7 Orientation Day	Swimming Scheme	Swimming Scheme	Swimming Scheme  Carols Under the Cola
WK 10 Dec 11-15	Year 6 Farewell	No Tuesday Assembly this week	P&C Meeting 6pm staffroom	Drum Corp 9am Year 6 Assembly 2pm	Last Day of Term 4

## NOTES AND PAYMENTS DUE

Event	Date due	Amount due
Year 6 Farewell	4/12/217	\$25.00
Drum Corp	Last session 14.12.17	\$10.00