



**Commitment, Respect and Responsibility**

### **Dates to remember**

**Tuesdays-** School banking  
- Assembly 2pm

**Wednesdays-** Principals lunch  
Playgroup 9am-10am

**Thursdays-** Drum Corp

**Fridays-** PUPs 9am- 11am

#### **Wed 9th May**

Zone Cross Country –Tocal

#### **Friday 11th May**

Mothers Day breakfast

Book club orders due

#### **Monday 14th May**

K-1 Fire Brigade visit

#### **Wed-30th May Thurs 1st June**

K-6 Dinosaur incursion

#### **Thurs 7th June**

Open Newcastle Knights Knock-out

Yr 4 Gala day MHS

#### **Friday 6th July**

NADIOC Day

### ***Thought of week***

Build your dreams or someone else will hire you to build theirs.

**Farrah Gray**

# Metford Public School

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### **Student absences**

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.

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 (02 49332655 or email (metford-p.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.

### **7 new traffic offences you need to know about**

1. Stopping in intersection - Under the changes drivers If a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.

2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.

3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.

4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.

5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.

6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

7. Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.



## Newsletter Term 2 Week 2

**Principals Lunch**— This weeks recipients are, Tayden, Tessa, Kayden, Storm, Becca, Cayden, Bailey, Phoebe, Blade.



### NAPLAN for Year 3 & 5

NAPLAN testing will be held at Metford Public School in weeks 3 and 4. This is the first year that our children will be doing the tests online. Each child will sit 4 tests; Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy. All tests for both grades will take place in the computer lab over nine days, except for Year 3 Writing. This test will still be with pencil and paper in the classroom.

MPS has successfully completed all computer system checks and we are confident that all will go smoothly. As with all years, this is a 'snapshot' of children's understanding so please reassure your child to do their best and not to worry about the outcome.

Due to the size of the computer lab, students in year 3 & 5 will be sitting tests on different days and catch-up sessions will be provided for anyone who is absent. If you have any concerns regarding your child and the testing days please speak with your child's teacher.

MON 14	TUE 15	WED 16	THU 17	FRI 18	MON 21	TUE 22	WED 23	THU 24	FRI 25
Prep Day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9

### NSS is getting closer!



Now in its 18th year NSS engages students and is a wonderful event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. At 11am on Wednesday the 23rd of May K-6 students will come together in our school hall to share this year's book written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator. The countdown is on!

### Our Dinosaur incursion is coming up.....

This incursion will bring prehistoric life into our school and take our children back millions of years to discover the wonder of the dinosaurs and life long ago.

**When:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**Cost:** \$7 per child.

**Where:** Our school hall.

**Notes and money need to be returned to the school office by the 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**



## Newsletter Term 2 Week 2

### **We have been notified by a parent of a student with a confirmed diagnosis of Whooping Cough.**

Whooping cough affects people of all ages. It can be especially serious for babies. Vaccination reduces the risk of infection.

Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies. Whooping cough in babies can lead to apnoea (pauses in normal breathing), pneumonia, feeding problems and weight loss, seizures, brain damage and, in some cases, death. Older children and adults can get whooping cough too and pass it on to babies.

### **What are the symptoms?**

Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.

The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a "whooping" sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.

Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.

Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

### **How is it spread?**

Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.

Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

### **Who is at risk?**

Anyone can get whooping cough. People living in the same household as someone with whooping cough are especially at risk.

Immunisation reduces the risk of infection but immunity fades over time. You can still get whooping cough even if you've been immunised.

### **How is it prevented**

Whooping cough vaccines provide good protection from infection but immunity fades which means that boosters are needed.

### **Immunisation for babies**

Babies need to be immunised at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 18 months. The first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age.

Getting your baby vaccinated on time gives them some protection when they are most at risk of severe illness.

If your baby's vaccines are overdue, see your GP now to catch up.

### **Immunisation for older children**

A whooping cough booster is needed at 4 years of age.

Check if your child has been vaccinated. Look at their Blue Book, speak to your GP or ring the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

A second whooping cough booster is given in high school through the NSW School-based Vaccination Program.

### **How is it treated?**

Some babies may need treatment in hospital or in intensive care.

Antibiotics are used to treat whooping cough in the early stages and can help prevent spreading whooping cough to others. People who are not treated early with the right antibiotics can spread the infection in the first 3 weeks of their illness. After 5 days of antibiotics, you are normally no longer infectious.

The cough often continues for many weeks, despite antibiotics.

# Newsletter Term 2 Week 2

**Positive Behaviour For Learning-** The following students are recognised this week for achieving a PBL award.

**Dark green wristband-** Riley

**Bronze wings-** Tylyn, Abigail

**Bright green & white wristband-** Matthew

**Dark green & white wristband-** Mia



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

2018 Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Every Week		Student Banking	Principals Lunch	Drum Corp 1.40pm	
		School Assembly 2.00pm			
2018 Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WK3 May-14th-18th	K-1 Fire Brigade visit				
WK4 May 21st-25th					
WK5 May-28th-June 1st			K-6 Dinosaur incursion	K-6 Dinosaur incursion	
WK6 June 4th-8th				Open Newcastle Knights Knockout  Yr 4 Gala day MHS	
WK7 June 11th-15th					
WK8 June 18th-22nd					
WK9 June 25th- 29th					
WK10 July 2nd-6th					NADIOC Day