



Commitment, Respect and Responsibility

Dates to remember

Tuesdays -School banking
-Assembly 2pm
Wednesdays- Principals Lunch
Playgroup 9am-10am
Thursdays- Drum Corp
Thursdays-Aboriginal Dance
Fridays -PUPs 9am- 11am

Thursday 23rd August

Young Teen Talk

Friday 24th August

Flanno for a Farmer Drought Relief Fundraiser

Tuesday 28th August

School Photo Day

Friday 31st August

Fathers Day Breakfast

Monday 3rd Sep

Thompsons Pie Drive Order Forms Due Back

Wednesday 5th September

Rugby League Pickers Cup

Friday 7th September

Colour Run Fundraiser

Tuesday 11th September

Pie Drive Delivery

Thursday 13th September

Touch Gala Day Yrs 3-6

Monday 24th September

Concert rehearsal

Tuesday 25th September

School Concert

Wednesday 26th September

School Concert

Thought of week

"The purpose of our lives is to be happy."

Dalai Lama

Metford Public School

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No assembly next Tuesday 28th August due to school photos.

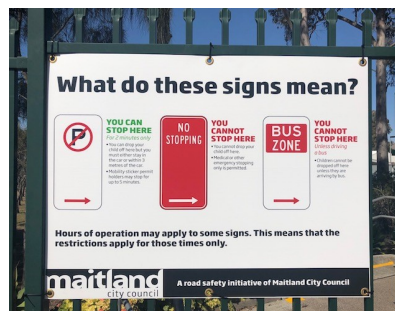
Parking signs and what they mean.

No parking - You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of 2 minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your car at all times. **Why** - To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

No stopping- You CANNOT stop in this area FOR ANY REASON. **Why**- to keep sight lines clear for drivers and children, so both have more time to avoid crashes.

Bus zone—You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why- To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of 'their' safety zone.



Smoking is Banned

Smoking is banned in schools and the area within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance or exit of the school in NSW. NSW Health Authorised Inspectors can enforce the ban within 4 metres of an entrance to or exit from a school under the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000*. On the spot fines of \$300 may apply to individuals who do not comply with the '4 metre law' from 6 July 2015

Why is this Act in place?

The number of people who gather just outside the entrances of schools can be significant. This has the effect of forcing people entering and leaving the grounds to walk through groups of smokers, exposing them to second-hand smoke. This is the smoke which smokers exhale after inhaling from a lit cigarette and the smoke emitted from a burning cigarette. In adults, breathing second-hand tobacco smoke can increase the risk of heart disease, lung cancer and other lung diseases. It can worsen the effects of other illnesses such as asthma and bronchitis. For children, inhaling second-hand tobacco smoke is even more dangerous. This is because children's airways are smaller, and their immune systems are less developed. These differences make children more likely to suffer health problems due to second-hand smoke such as bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma.



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School photo day

School photo day is 28th August. Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
- Credit card payments are available online— you will need your personalised shoot key located on your child's envelope to place your online order.

For all inquiries, please feel free to contact MSP Photography on 4966-8292 or admin.nhvcc@msp.com.au

Principals Lunch -

Congratulation to the following students— Kirana, Samuel, Meeka, Malakai, Kayleigh, Paige, Trent, Joshua, Elijah, Liam, Jye.



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Review of Current Report Format Please complete and return to school office.

1- Do you like our current report format? No YES

2- Why?

3- Do you think our reports are :

Informative

Too wordy

Easy to understand

Specific to your child

Difficult to understand

Well set out

4- Do you have any suggestions or comments to help us improve our reports?

5- Do you have a good understanding of the A-E scale?

No

Yes

Not Sure

Attendance Information

The importance of arriving at school and class on time:

Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day

Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine

Give students time to greet their friends before class

Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness and early departures are recorded as a partial absence and **MUST** be explained by parents/carers.

School starts at 8.55 am

School finishes at 2.45 pm

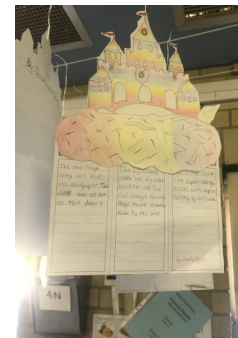
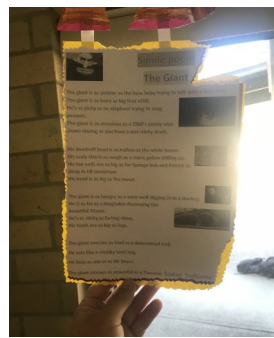
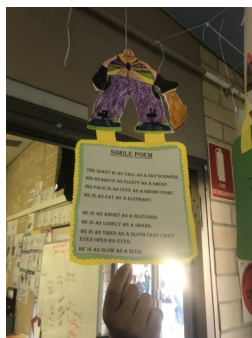
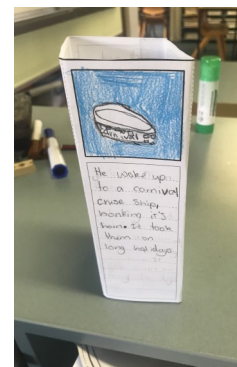
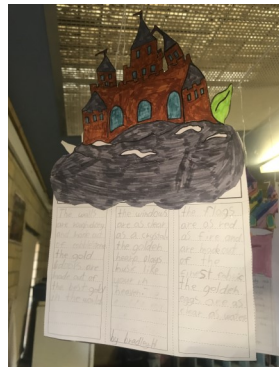
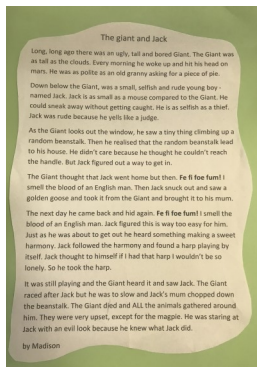


Let's work together to help our students get to school on time!

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Foyer Display-

H2 Block have been exploring the world of fairy tales, come down and see our magical display of Jack and the Bean Stalk.



Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair last week. We sold \$1934.35 worth of books and school supplies. We have been able to purchase some quality books for our library and accumulate points to use for purchases in the future!





DUST OFF YOUR FROCK DROUGHT RELIEF

Formal dresses needed

Every girl deserves to celebrate the completion of thirteen years of public education with an amazing Year 12 formal dress. The current drought situation in rural NSW makes it very difficult for many families to realise this dream.

If you have a formal dress in good condition please consider donating it and we will ensure that it is delivered to a deserving recipient.

Please give your dresses to your local school and we will collect and coordinate the distribution.

**Wanted: pre-loved
Formal Dresses**

**Australians
helping
Australians**

**City supporting
NSW
Country**

**Donations
appreciated by 10
September 2018**

**NSW DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION**

Steve Harris
Director, Educational Leadership

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Gateshead West, 2290

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Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program

Stage 3 students recently attended an education tour of Canberra. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

2018 Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Every Week		Student Banking	Principals Lunch		PUPs 9.00am-11.00am
		School Assembly 2.00pm	Possums Playgroup 9.00am- 10.00am	Drum Corp 1.40pm Aboriginal Girls Dance Group 1.40pm	
Wk5 Aug 20th– 24th		Week of Tastes Year 4	Book Week Parade	Young Teen Talk Stage 3	Flanno for a Farmer Drought Relief Fundraiser
Wk6 Aug 27th-31st		School Photos			Fathers Day Breakfast
Wk7 Sept 3rd-7th	Pie Drive Order Forms Due Back		Rugby League Pickers Cup		Colour Run fundraiser
Wk8 Sept 10th -14th		Pie Drive Delivery		Touch Gala Day Yr 3-6 boys & girls	
Wk9 Sept 17th– 21st					
Wk10 Sept 24th– 28th	School Concert Rehearsal	School Concert “Better when I’m dancing”	School Concert “Better when I’m dancing”		Last Day of Term

Notes and Payments due

Thompsons Pie Drive Order Forms	3-9-18	
School Photo Orders	28-8-18	