

Metella Road Public School

Growing and developing to our full potential



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Term 4 - Week 6

Monday, 11 November 2013

Calendar

What's On

Week 6

Tuesday, 12 November	Student Leadership Speeches P & C Meeting at 7.30pm
Friday, 15 November	PSSA

Week 7

Monday, 18 November	House Leaders Speeches
Tuesday 19 November	Mufti Day
Wednesday, 20 November	Stage 3 Camp Parents Auxiliary Meeting @ 2.00pm
Thursday, 21 November	Stage 3 Camp
Friday, 22 November	Stage 3 Camp Final PSSA

Week 8

Wednesday, 27 November	Christmas Scripture Assembly
Thursday 28 November	Big Breakfast

Principal's Distinction Award

Congratulations to:

Jessica G	3M
Erin M	3N
Shivank G	3-4Y
Sophie M	3-4Y
Sanskriti S	3-4Y

Principal's Message

Resource Allocation Model

As part of the Local Schools, Local Decisions Reform school communities and their principal are given a greater say over how they allocate the use of their available resources to best meet the needs of their students.

The new Resource Allocation Model (RAM) is an important part of Local Schools, Local Decisions. It is designed to provide a simpler, fairer and more transparent distribution of government school funding. It will change the way resources are managed in the school system. It recognises that students and school communities are not all the same; they have different needs and require different levels of support.

Schools are funded on three components: Targeted Funding, Equity Funding and Base Funding. The new system focuses on the Equity loading. Equity loading has four components: socio-economic, aboriginal background, disability and English language proficiency.

In summary the equity funding is now better. It is based on the needs of our students. Accurate enrolment data is critical to successfully accessing socio-economic funding.

A more detailed explanation will be given tomorrow evening at our P&C meeting. All welcome, the meeting is held in the staffroom beginning at 7.30pm.

Student Leadership Expo

Today our school is preparing to host the very first Student Leadership Expo for the combined learning communities of the Warali Wali Education Group and the Blacktown Learning Community. Student leaders from twelve schools from across these learning communities will participate in this expo. Mr Rick Seretis, Director NSW Public Schools will give a keynote speech on leadership. Then Metella Road PS, Blacktown South PS and The Hills Sports HS will give a major presentation. Other schools will be setting a table display and discussing their leadership opportunities at their school throughout the afternoon.

A very special thank you to Miss Ada Cheung for her exceptional coordination of this special event.

Mr P. D'Ermilio
Principal

Morning MultiLit Reading Program

Our Morning MultiLit Reading Program has had some excellent results this year. We have had many students successfully graduate the program with improved skills in Word Attack and

an improved Sight Word vocabulary, as well as increased fluency in Reading.

Much of this wonderful work could not be achieved without the support of our parent volunteers. To continue this program in 2014 we are seeking an increase in our number of volunteers in order to bring this program to even more children and help them on their way to becoming better readers.

I will be running some training workshops for the Morning MultiLit Reading Program in the Palace over the next few weeks for parents.

Wednesday 20 November 3:15-3:45pm "Teaching Word Attack Skills"

Wednesday 27 November 3:15-3:45pm "Teaching Sight Word Skills"

Wednesday 4 December 3:15-3:45pm "Teaching Reinforced Reading Skills"

You are welcome to come along if you want to learn how to be a MultiLit tutor.

Mr A. Hands
Reading Recovery & MultiLit Co-Ordinator

PSSA

The summer PSSA competition games will be played as follows:

Friday, 15 November

Softball vs Westmead PS @ Parramatta Park
Newcombe Ball vs Darcy Rd PS @ Darcy Rd PS
Cricket vs Toongabbie PS @ Bathurst Street
T-Ball vs Westmead PS @ Parramatta Park
AFL vs Darcy Rd PS @ Binalong Oval

Friday, 22 November

Softball vs Darcy Rd PS @ Parramatta Park
Newcombe Ball - Bye
Cricket - Bye
T-Ball vs Warriors @ Parramatta Park
AFL vs Blues @ Binalong Oval

Mr T. Calnan
PSSA Sport Coordinator

November

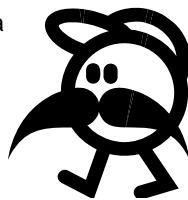
It's Movember, the month formerly known as November, and the time for change is now. As a part of Generation Mo, the male staff at MRPS have donated our faces to the cause and will be growing a moustache for the entire month of Movember (November) to raise funds and awareness for men's health.

If you'd like to support us as we fight the good fight you can donate to our moustache by:

1. Donating online to an individual at:
<http://mobro.co/MrC> (Mr Calnan)
2. <http://mobro.co/petedermilio> (Mr D'Ermilio)

Or you can donate to the team as a whole:

3. https://www.movember.com/au/donate/payment/team_id/1101149



Your donation will support world class men's health programs that combat prostate and testicular cancer and mental health challenges.

These programs, directed by the Movember Foundation, are focused on:

- awareness and education
- staying mentally healthy
- living with and beyond cancer
- living with and beyond mental illness
- research

All working to achieve our vision of an everlasting impact on the face of men's health.

These funded programs are spread across Australia, please visit the Funded Programs page for all the hairy details:

<http://au.movember.com/programs>

Thanks in advance for supporting our Mo's and helping to change the face of men's health.

United we Mo!

Mr T. Calnan and
Team Metella Mo Bros

Parents Auxiliary News

Fete News

2013 Spring Fete was a huge success once again. We would like to say a special thank you to all teachers, staff and parents who volunteered their time to help.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 2pm in the staffroom. We welcome everybody to come along and find out what's new at school and discuss fundraising. We would love to see some new parents.

Mrs A. Steele
Parents Auxiliary

Christmas Scripture Assembly

The annual school Christmas Scripture assembly will be held on the Wednesday, 27 November, during normal Scripture time. This event is only for students. If you do not want your child to attend this assembly please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter, cut it off and return it to Miss Diamond. Thank you!

Clair Diamond
Scripture Coordinator



I wonder what your favourite thing about this year was?



Stage One Review

1M

"I like that we got an awesome teacher!" Chloe

"I liked learning new things in Science this year" Sudharsan

"I liked learning new things in Maths, especially patterns" Ritikka

"I like that we get to do Silent Reading everyday" Jonah

"We have lots of fun work to do and the Spelling Test on Friday" Girish

"I like going to the computer room and playing on computers" Archunan

"I like playing sport and going to drama" Blake

"I like doing Sentence A Day and writing interesting things" Ben

1D

"I like soccer because we get a fair number of people in each team" Tasha

"The Spring Fete because I got to perform and go on rides" Chrissy

"I liked Maths because we got to make groups" Joel

"The Mini Fete because people were selling things they didn't want" Cameron

"The soccer because we score goals" Palash

"Drama because we get to act" Malavika

1J

"I like drama because you can pretend to be someone else" James

"I like Writing because you get to work hard and your brain gets bigger" Alex

"I love doing handwriting because we get big stickers and lollies if we do a beautiful job" Nadelle

"I love playing Puppet Pals with the IPADs in Literacy Groups" Ashton

"My favourite thing is making skeletons in art for Halloween" Viren

"My favourite thing was writing about how to be a superhero" Ryan



I wonder what your favourite thing about this year was?

Stage One Review

1F

"My favourite experience was science because we learned about buildings around our school" Arjun

"I liked the Year 6 Mini Fete because I got my nails painted and got sherbet" Keira

"I liked sport and I liked the warming up exercises" Jamie

"I liked the Spring Fete because of the huge swing that went in circles. That was so much fun" Jaymee.

"My favourite thing was Maths because I got to learn interesting things and new things I didn't know before" Ella

"I felt happy when I was with my friends and I enjoyed playing with them" Anish

"Art" Tara

"Playing on the Smartboard and all the fun activities we did" Aajna

"It was fun to be with our friends and our teacher" Harini

"The best thing was Reading Groups as there were lots of fun activities" Keith

"Making new friends" Jessica

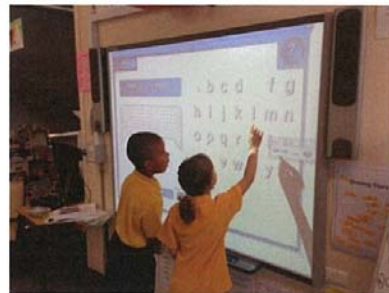
"When we got to make fun art things" Rihanna

"Speeches because you get to talk in front of people" Ronit

"Everything!" Gia

"The excursion to the Wannabees" Kathy

1/2C





Are you looking for something to do!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO TIE KNOTS?

Is camping for you?

Have you ever been in a canoe?

Have you cooked on a campfire?

Would you like to earn badges?

Go on trips into the bush and into the city?

Have fun playing games and learning skills?



Then Cubs is for you

You need to be 8-11 years of age

The Website is <http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/cubs>

Come and meet us on Monday nights at 7:00PM till 8:30PM

At 99 Bungaree Rd,

Pendle Hill NSW

Phone Akela On :


0409043759



Community Noticeboard

Metella Road Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events that may be of interest.

Metella Road Public School does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events.



Gooden Reserve Netball Association

Northmead Uniting Netball Club

Northmead Uniting Netball Club is a member of the Gooden Reserve Netball Association. This is a local community competition held on Saturday afternoons at Gooden Reserve in Baulkham Hills. We are committed to maintaining a low cost competition that has a friendly, safe and welcoming environment where girls (and boys under 12) of all skill levels can participate.

2014 REGISTRATION COSTS

These fees are a one-off payment which covers the **entire season**.

Fun Net: \$50
Under 16's: \$70
Over 16's: \$75

Season starting 5 April 2014

Registration day will be held on Saturday 9th November at Winston Hills shopping centre from 10am-2pm near the food court. Come along to register or ask any questions!

Or register now at: www.goodenreservenetball.com
or call 0424 193 495

REGISTER NOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!
Registration closes the end of February

Fun Net
 For ages 5 – 7 we have Fun Net, which teaches ball skills, the rules of the game and teamwork. Fun net is held every Saturday at 12.30.

Junior Competition
 Our junior competition is open to everyone, including those who have not played previously. Games are held every Saturday between 12.30 and 3pm.

Adults Competition
 Our adults division is a social competition with a fun, friendly atmosphere. We have players who join after not having played for years and even those who have never played. This is the perfect competition to join with a group of friends for some exercise and fun! Teams and individual registrations welcome.

Mixed Competition
 In 2014 we will be starting up a mixed adult competition. Games will be played at 4pm every Saturday. Men and woman aged 16 and up are welcome to join. Teams and individual registrations welcome.

RE: CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE ASSEMBLY

Return this slip to Miss Diamond. Thank you!

I do not want _____ of class _____
 _____ of class _____
 _____ of class _____

to attend the Christmas Scripture Assembly to be held at Metella Road Public School. I understand these children will be supervised elsewhere during this time.

You may also reply via email at: metellard-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

 Signed Date

