

# Metella Road Public School

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Term 3 - Week 8

Monday, 28 November 2016

## Calendar

### Term 4, Week 8

Tuesday, 29 November	K-6 Assembly
Wednesday, 30 November	Christmas Scripture Assembly @ 10:15am

### Term 4, Week 9

Tuesday, 6 December	Various High School Orientation Days
Wednesday, 7 December	Presentation Day
Friday, 9 December	Sports Presentation Day

### Term 4, Week 10

Tuesday, 13 December	Party Day
Wednesday, 14 December	Volunteer Breakfast Semester 2 Reports Home
Thursday, 15 December	Year 6 Graduation @ 9:15am Year 6 Graduation Party @ 6:00pm
Friday, 16 December	Last Day of School 2016 Talent Quest Teacher vs Student Game Year 6 Farewell Arch @ 2:40pm

### Term 1, Week 2

Monday, 30 January 2017	Students Years 1-6 Return
Thursday, 2 February	Kindergarten Students Start

## A message from the Senior Executive

**W**hat an incredible year! It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter for 2016. With so many extraordinary events this term, the last few weeks have certainly crept up on us. Our Kindergarten students have almost finished their first full year at school, and we are preparing to say goodbye to our Year 6 students. It is hard to believe that this group of students commenced school the same year that the first Apple iPad was released! We can only imagine what technology these students will be using by the time they have completed high school.

*Can you believe that the first Apple iPad was released in April 2010 – the same year that our Year 6 students commenced Kindergarten?*

This term has seen a number of highly successful community events including Multicultural Day, the Year 6 Mini-fete, the father/child football match and the Kindergarten 2017 information evening and orientation days. Last week saw Metella Road Public School enjoy a special event for our success as the Western Sydney Wanderers School of the Year; and the week culminated with 52 students representing our school at the Western Sydney Wanderers game against Brisbane Roar at Spotless Stadium in recognition of White Ribbon Day. The memories that have been created (in the last week alone) will remain with your children for a very long time.

This year we have had many significant achievements in both the sporting and academic arenas. There have been some phenomenal individual achievements as well as some superb team accomplishments. We have also seen the introduction of our future focused learning spaces and the implementation of Curiosity and Powerful Learning into our classrooms. In 2017 we will continue to develop in these areas, as well as imbed STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) into our curriculum to enhance our students' curiosity, and challenge them to acquire new knowledge and skills to equip them for the future.

Additionally, 2017 will see a reinvigorated approach to student leadership, including School Captains and the introduction of the House Cup. For J.K Rowling and Harry Potter fans, this will look a little like Hogwarts – without Quidditch!

Also in 2017 we are bringing Lowes on board to supply school uniforms from their Seven Hills store. We anticipate that stock will be available from January. Back-to-Basics will still sell

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uniforms from our school two days per week. Please note that the school cap is back by popular demand and K-2 will now require a sports uniform. The winter tunic will no longer form part of our school uniform, instead it will be replaced by girl's winter school pants. As with all uniform changes, the changes are phased in. If your child has a winter tunic that fits, you are not expected to replace this with new pants. Rather, the winter tunic will be unavailable for sale. New students will purchase the pants only. We are currently working with Lowes to ensure that the winter pants will be warm and comfortable.

A key date to remember for 2017 is **Saturday, 21 October** as this is when the P&C will be holding their major biannual fundraiser the Spring Fete. This is a wonderful family day out and provides a valuable source of revenue for the school. For an event of this size to be successful, it requires support and help from our community. Information regarding how you can assist with the organisation will be available early in 2017.

To our exceptional students...it has been another highly successful year at our school. A huge congratulations to each and every one of you for your effort and enthusiasm. Each of you has undertaken a learning journey this year and have inspired your teachers, your families and each other. We are so proud of you. Always remember that no one is perfect, it is okay to make mistakes, be patient and kind, and ask questions. To our Year 6 students, the very best of luck for next year. We look forward to hearing of your new adventures as you commence a new and significant phase of your educational journey. Always remember to "Aim High"! Thank you for an incredible year and for the great memories!

To our extraordinary teachers and staff...we would like to sincerely acknowledge and thank you for your dedication and devotion to our students. You give up much of your own time to develop our school as a centre of excellence. We are fortunate to have such a diverse and dynamic team who demonstrate so much care and commitment; keep our school organised, and running smoothly, and provide so many opportunities for our students.

To our outstanding community...our school runs on the strength of your commitment. Without your selfless efforts, your support of school programs, fundraising, your time volunteering in classrooms and your interest your children's education – we would not be as successful as we are. It has been an absolute privilege to work with you.

Finally to EVERYONE...thank you for your support, memorable moments, good cheer and the laughter that we have shared this year. Have a wonderful holiday, please take care and enjoy spending time with your families. We look forward to seeing you in 2017, and welcoming our new families into our community.



Mr P. D'Ermilio  
Principal

Mrs N. Parker  
Relieving Deputy Principal

### From the Office Uniform Sales

The last date for Uniform Sales this year is Friday, 16 December. The Uniform Shop will also be open in the school holidays on the following dates:

- Monday, 16 January 2017 8:00am – 12:00pm
- Wednesday, 18 January 2017 2:00pm – 4:00pm
- Friday, 27 January 2017 8:00am – 11:00am

### Lost Property

A number of student drink bottles, lunch containers and clothing are in our lost property baskets without names or classes. If your child has misplaced any item please take a look before the end of term. The lost property baskets are located under the COLAS. Any lost clothing that is not claimed by the last day of term (Friday, 16 December) will be donated to the second hand clothing pool.

Here are some things to do in the holidays to make sure your child's clothing is returned to them.

Write your child's name on everything!!

- ❖ Use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels.
- ❖ Check that the labels have not faded with washing.
- ❖ Go through your child's bag with them every night.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Mrs C. Ryan  
School Administration Manager

### Kindergarten News

Wow, it is so hard to believe it is almost the end of 2016.

The students in Kindergarten have enjoyed their first year at school and have worked extremely hard this year. They have learnt many new and exciting things and have developed a range of skills. It has been very pleasing to see the students develop academically as well as socially throughout the year. The Kindergarten teachers are all very proud of the efforts of the students and the pleasing progress they have made. We wish them all the best as they move into Year 1.

We are looking forward to finishing the year with some exciting events including the Presentation Day Assembly and our Party Day.

Mrs S. Larobina  
Early Stage 1 Supervisor

### Stage 1 News

Stage 1 has continued to have a wonderful Term 4! The next coming three weeks will be action-packed, with our annual Presentation Day approaching, school reports going home and our long-awaited Party Day. Students are beginning to plan their Party Day to celebrate the end of the school year on Tuesday, 13 December 2016. They are having a wonderful time creating invitations and decorations, as well as organising food, games and entertainment for their party. We are all very excited.

Amidst these preparations, our Stage 1 students are still busy learning. In Mathematics, they have been learning how to develop sophisticated strategies to add and subtract numbers to help them solve maths problems effectively. Students have been creating number patterns, as well as investigating how to

form equal parts of a collection and record this using fraction notation.

Students have also been incredibly busy reading and writing. In Writing, students have been creating imaginative narratives to entertain their readers. They have been 'hooking' their reader by using sizzling starts to grab their reader's attention. Students have been focusing on including descriptive language such as similes, alliteration, onomatopoeia and metaphors so their reader can create a visual image of the story. We are so proud of our Stage 1 authors!

Another area of focus for our Stage 1 students is the need to show respect to one another. We have been looking at how important it is for everyone to feel safe and happy when they come to school. Students are encouraged to keep their hands and feet to themselves, and seek teacher assistance if they feel unsafe.

Students are also reminded that with the hot weather, to make sure that they bring their school hat and a large bottle of water every day so that they are safe. We look forward to a great end to 2016 and wish our students the best over the school holidays.

Ms J. Minenko  
Stage 1 Supervisor

### Stage 2 News

The students in Stage 2 are continuing to understand their learning intentions and demonstrate through the success criteria how they know they have achieved their learning goals. The students are continuing to demonstrate that they are following our school expectations. They are continuing to be encouraged through the fortnightly movie that Mr Byrne produces and be rewarded with the Mini Metellas.

We have had such a busy term, in the last couple of weeks with Swim School, Remembrance Day Ceremonies, The Wanderers School of the year afternoon and the School Leaders nominations. It has been brilliant to observe their motivation and respectful behaviour during all these events.

During modelled reading, we are continuing to learn all about quality texts that convey messages about cultural diversity.

In mathematics for the strand of number, the students have been learning various multiplication and division strategies as well as addition and subtraction strategies. In the strand of measurement, we are learning all about the different concepts of mass and volume and capacity.

This term Stage 2 students have been learning about Cooperating Communities. We have enjoyed listening to their speeches during topic talk sessions about their community, what communities they belong to and ways they could improve their community. Our walk through the community of Toongabbie was interesting and exciting. The students provided lots of great ideas on ways we could improve our community as well as identifying community aspects that we have been learning about.

Please return Party Day notes A.S.A.P. so we can cater for all our students.

Mrs L. Bartlett  
Stage 2 Supervisor

### Stage 3 News

Welcome to the end of a great year and a very busy term!

The end of Term 4 is an extra busy time for our Stage 3 students, in particular our Year 6 students as they finalise their primary school years and prepare for the new adventures ahead of them.

Congratulations to all of the Year 5 Student Leadership candidates who presented their speeches in front of their house groups on Friday of Week 6. We were impressed with the quality of all of the speeches. Voting has now occurred and all leaders will be announced at the Year 3-6 Presentation Day in Week 10.

Year 6 Graduation and Farewell invitations have been sent home to parents regarding the Year 6 Ceremony at school as well as the Farewell dinner. Please ensure that notes and money for the dinner are returned to the school by the due date. Those students who are not attending the Farewell dinner are still required to pay for their Graduation bears, soccer balls or footballs.

The Year 6 Farewell dinner will be held at Toongabbie Bowling and Sports Club on Thursday 15 December and will commence with photos on the lawn from 6:00pm onwards. Parents are reminded that they are to collect their children from the function room at 9:00pm.

The Farewell Arch will be held on the last day of the term, Friday 16 December. This Farewell Arch will commence at 2:40pm and parents are invited to meet their children at the end of the arch, near the canteen area.

Stage 3 Party Day will be held on Tuesday 13 December. Notes went home last week regarding Party Day lunch orders from the canteen – please ensure these are returned by the due date. All Year 6 students will have their lunches paid from the 2016 Year 6 fundraising, however all party day forms need to be returned to the canteen as soon as possible. Party Day will involve some time with buddy classes, a primary disco as well as some games and in class activities. We are looking forward to a great, fun day with all of our students!

On behalf of the Stage 3 teachers, we would like to personally thank all of school community for the support we have received across 2016.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday!

Mrs B. Adams  
Relieving Stage 3 Supervisor

### Student Leaders & SRC

As the year draws to an end, the SRC need to be congratulated on their dedication to making Metella Road an even better school than it already was.

We have new things happening next year so this will be the last year for the SRC. Next year we will be having House Representatives rather than class representatives. More information will come next year.

Both Mrs Gafa and I have been extremely fortunate to work closely with 26 amazing young people. Thank you to the 2016 student leaders and house leaders. Your input and dedication to your role has been very much appreciated. You all certainly lived up to your role as a leader. We have valued your opinions

and have learnt a great deal from you all. We wish you every success as you move into high school.

Next year we will have 8 school leaders and 2 captains. At the end of this week, 20 potential Year 5 students will complete the final part of the process. All of the students who started the whole process should be proud. You will not have much longer to wait to find out who will be our 2017 leaders.

We have already held the elections for our house representatives. These students will find out at our sports presentation day.

Lastly, we need to thank all the families and friends of the students at Metella Road. We have had an extremely successful fundraising year. The SRC have managed to raise over \$20 000. In all the years in this role, I cannot say we have ever managed to raise that much.

We have some exciting things planned for next year. You may like to start saving your 5 and 10 cent pieces.....our first fundraiser will be a 5 and 10 cent drive. Notes will come home early next year.

Mrs M. Holburn & Mrs M. Gafa  
Coordinators

### Library News

The library is still reviewing, culling and cleaning the non-fiction section. All books were due back by the end of Week 7, so if you still have books at home please return as soon as possible. There is no borrowing over the Christmas vacation and all borrowing has now ceased for the year.

We have had 166 students complete Premier's Reading Challenge this year with one student obtaining Platinum and 11 students obtaining Gold. They will be awarded their certificates at our Presentation Day assembly.

Stage 1 have been learning to use key words about water creatures. It is important that student be able to identify key words so research. Year 2 are learning the basic steps in research. If you hear them talking about Connect and Wonder they are brainstorming a topic and defining the words, Discover and Learn finding the information through books and online then Synthesize putting it back into their own words.

Stage 2 have been learning about maps and Australian states using an atlas from the reference section of the library.

Stage 3 have been continuing their research on another country for geography, people, lifestyle and cultural aspects.

Keep up the great reading and we look forward to plenty of borrowing next year.

Mrs B. Aylett  
Librarian

### Can Count

Our thanks go to Liesel 5A, Kiera 4E, Callum 1/2H and Elisha KG for collecting aluminium cans this term.

On behalf of all the students of Metella Road Public School I wish to thank all those students, parents, relatives and grandparents both past and present for collecting aluminium cans. As you are aware moneys raised from recycling helps in purchasing classroom resources for your children. A gift will be

presented to the student who collected the most cans at the first K-6 assembly in 2017.

Fun fact: a total of approximately 10,000 cans have been collected through 2016.

May I wish you all a very safe and relaxing holiday.

Parents remember to 'Stop, Revive & Survive'.

Children remember to 'Slip, Slop, Slap' and buckle up.

Mr M. Nash  
General Assistant

### Junior Choir

Junior choir have been meeting regularly to sing together and enjoy music. We enjoyed singing earlier in the year at the Education Week Assembly and were very disappointed when wet weather cancelled our performance at Blacktown Westpoint Shopping Centre.

We are now practising hard to learn the new songs for our performance at the Presentation Day Assembly. We are very proud of your efforts and are sure that you will be fantastic at our upcoming performance!

Ms C. McCoy & Mr T. Calnan  
Coordinators

### Stage 2 Dance Group

We would like to say thank you to all members of the Stage 2 Dance Group and their families. The students have worked so hard this year and have demonstrated an outstanding level of dedication and enthusiasm. We are extremely proud of their efforts at every practice and at each performance. We appreciate the time that you and your families have taken out of your weekend to bring students to their Opera House Performance, as well as ensuring that they are stage ready for each school performance. We could not have done it without you! Mrs Bekiaris and I have enjoyed every minute of working with these talented students on their 'Shatter Me' performance and 'Rio' performance. We are looking forward to our final performance of the year at the Presentation Day Assembly, which we know you will all shine at. Well done Stage 2 Dance Group!

Miss T. Agius & Mrs A. Bekiaris  
Coordinators

### Recycling News

3A and 4E were responsible for our school based recycling program for 2016. Each Wednesday students from 3A and 4E visited classrooms around the school to collect their recycling bins. Students exhibited great pride and responsibility for looking after the paper recycling needs of our school. They became leaders in educating all students in the correct way to paper recycle at our school.

In Term 4, we participated in Planet Arks Recycle Right Challenge where we created videos to promote how we recycle at MRPS. We even had an article written about our recycling efforts in the Blacktown Sun!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the students of 3A and 4E for their fantastic efforts and the pride that they have shown in making our school a cleaner and healthier place.

Well done 3A and 4E!

Miss M. Cheetham & Miss K. Erdelj  
Coordinators



**PSSA News**

Congratulations to everyone who participated in PSSA this year. Your dedication and commitment to your teams was appreciated by your coaches.

Congratulations to all the teams that have had a win in the summer competition, and well done to all the other teams.

Many thanks to all the teachers who volunteered to coach our teams this year. Without your hard work, the students at Metella Road would not have the opportunities offered to them.

Let's hope that 2017 bring as much success on the sporting fields as this year.

Mrs M. Holburn  
Coordinator

**P&C and the Parents Auxiliary**

As this is the last newsletter for 2016, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the current and outgoing members for their dedicated time and contributions throughout the year. We would also like to thank the school community for your support in fundraising towards this great school.

MRPS's P&C and Parents Auxiliary are a fantastic group of people who work closely with the staff. Together we make decisions about the direction of the school and fundraise for additional resources. We encourage and hope to see some new members for 2017.

The Spring Fete 2017

Our biannual Spring Fete **will be held on Saturday, 21 October 2017**, from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Do you want free ride passes? If you have your own business or work for an awesome company who would be willing to sponsor the Spring Fete, then you will be entitled to one free ride pass for the day. Stay tuned for more information in the New Year.

Christmas Party

Our next meeting is our combined P&C/Parents Auxiliary members Christmas dinner, which will be held on Tuesday, 13 December at The Outback Steakhouse at Wentworthville. Please RSVP to Stef Kendall [sskendall@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sskendall@optusnet.com.au) or call 0410 503 416 by **Friday 9 December**, if you would like to join us.

Next P&C Meeting 2017

The first Spring Fete meeting for 2017 will be held on Tuesday the 14 February at 6:30pm in the library meeting room, followed by the P&C meeting at 7:30pm. Come along and find out what is happening at your children's school.

Next Parents Auxiliary Meeting 2017

The next Auxiliary meeting will be Wednesday, 22 February, 2:00pm in the staffroom. All welcome to come and join us in organising events, fundraising and eating yummy cakes or slices.

Mrs S. Kendall & Mrs R. Black  
P & C Representatives

# Western Sydney Wanderers 2016 School of the Year





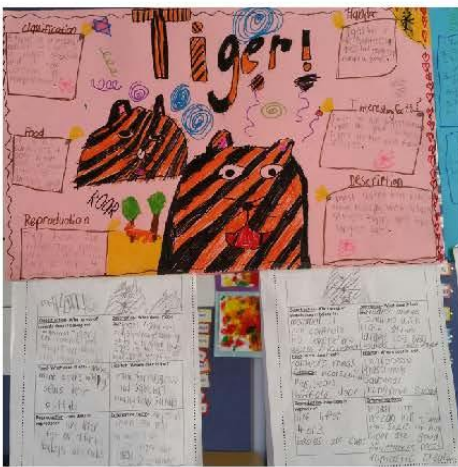
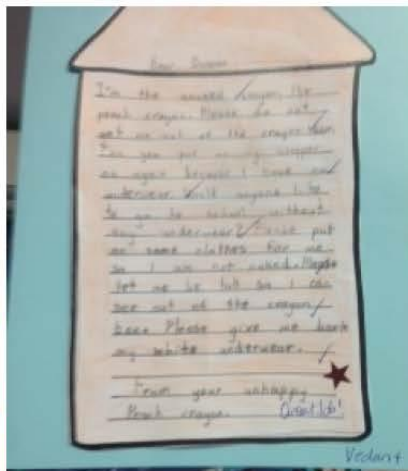
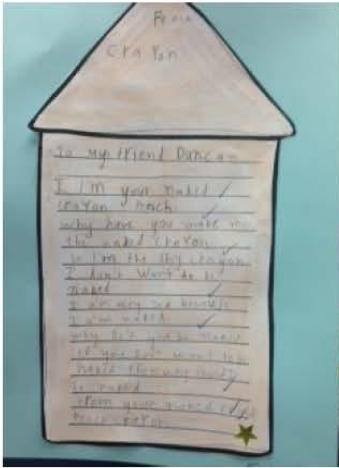


## A, B, C Farewell

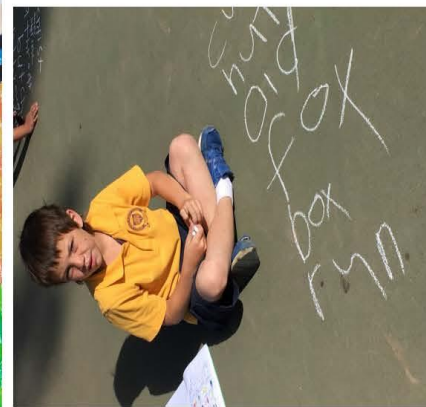
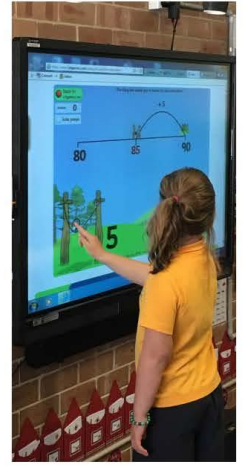
- A** is for the alphabet which we know how to say.
- B** is for the busy bodies - at work and at play.
- C** is for the colours - red, yellow, blue and green.
- D** is for drawing pictures, the best you've ever seen.
- E** is for the exercise to keep our bodies strong.
- F** is for the fun we've had as we have gone along.
- G** is for the good friends we made throughout the year.
- H** is for happy faces, filled with love and cheer.
- I** is for imagination used at every turn.
- J** is for good jobs and the praises we have earned.
- K** is for Kindergarten- hip, hip, hooray!
- L** is for learning - more and more each day.
- M** is for minding and showing our respect.
- N** is for numbers. One, two, three.....correct?
- O** is for obstacles we learned to overcome.
- P** is for puppets and for playing rhythms on a drum.
- Q** is for all the questions we've asked throught the year.
- R** is for reading stories, even those that bring a tear.
- S** is for different snacks, several we have tried.
- T** is for talking. It's not to be denied.
- U** is for unusual; it fits some things we've done.
- V** is for our volunteers- parents and everyone!
- W** is for the world of words we've barely dipped into.
- X** is for extra special kids- it's him, it's her, it's you.
- Y** is for yes, it has been a great year!
- Z** is for first grade zest. We're ready have no fear!



# Stage 1









## 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.

# CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

FREE



**The Magic of Christmas**  
**Thursday, 8 December 2016; 6pm-8pm**

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### BLACKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

#### Orientation Day - 6 December 2016

#### Year 7 2017

To help students with the transition from primary to secondary education we will be having an Orientation Day in our school hall, on Tuesday, 6th December, 2016 commencing at 9.00am.


The staff and students of Blacktown Boys High School would like to take this opportunity to invite the 2017 Year 7 students and their parents / guardians to the school on the Orientation day to meet our Principal and teachers and familiarise themselves with our school.

Prior to this day we will be sending an information package to all parents that have expressed an interest to enrol their sons at Blacktown Boys High School.

Our contact details are as follows:

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