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Term 2- Week 8

Tuesday, 14 June 2016

Calendar

What's On

Term 2, Week 8

Tuesday, 14 June	NAIDOC Performance 'Let's Bridge the Gap' Synergy Matinee Performance Future Focused Classroom Visits @ 6:00pm Movie Night Organisation Meeting @ 7:00pm P & C Meeting @ 7:30pm
Wednesday, 15 June	Parents Auxiliary Meeting @ 2:00pm
Friday, 17 June	ICAS Writing Competition

Term 2, Week 9

Monday, 20 June	Athletics Carnival Trials Day Events
Tuesday, 21 June	2016 Alkira All Stars Challenge
Saturday, 26 June	Sydney Eisteddfod

Term 2, Week 10

Tuesday, 28 June	Stage 2 Excursion
Wednesday, 29 June	Semester One Report
Thursday, 30 June	PULSE Choir Performance

Principal's Message

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, YOU ARE A LEADER

I believe this of everyone that attends my school. From my executive staff and teachers to each and every student, we all have the capacity to affect those around us. We aim for that affect to be a positive one. Everyone has the potential to make an impact on others. At Metella Road we are creating very effective leaders that will go on to have an impact beyond our school boundaries and impact the world.

This has been exemplified by **Ruby O**, in Year 5. Ruby is the coordinator of the **Children's Book Drive** coordinating the collection of unwanted children's books to be donated to Granville South PS where they will be given to students who do not have their own books.

Ruby has shown true leadership, firstly thinking of others and how she could help and secondly her meticulous planning to ensure everything was considered, organised and communicated. A fantastic effort Ruby, I am so very proud of you.

Remember if you have any unwanted children's books please drop them off at the Multipurpose Room (OOSH Room) during this week.

P&C Tonight!

Tonight we will be holding an extra ordinary P&C meeting. Beginning at 6:00pm we will be conducting a tour of four classrooms. The four classrooms have been trialling **flexible learning spaces**. Our teachers have researched flexible learning spaces and furniture designs and teaching styles to compliment the space. Teachers will be present to give a brief presentation.

Early Stage One: 6:00pm – 6:15pm ~ KA Miss Banning

Stage 1: 6:15pm – 6:30pm ~ 1M Ms Minenko

Stage 2: 6:30pm – 6:45pm ~ 3A Mrs Adams & Miss Cheetham

Stage 3: 6:45pm - 7:00pm ~ 5/6H Miss Hawkes

At 7:00pm – 7:30pm we will then conduct a meeting about our upcoming Movie Night.

At 7:30pm we will be running our regular P&C meeting.

Metella Road Out Of School Hours Child Care

The Metella Road OOSH plays a significant role in our school community. The service they provide allows our parents the opportunity to have their children cared for both before and after school hours.

The OOSH is much more than a before and after school care service. The centre is run by an incredible team, led by Mr Martin who is such wonderful and caring person. The centre is managed by Mrs Wilson who also is a truly wonderful leader and caring person. All the teachers in the centre create a learning environment and a place where students feel welcome. I am always so impressed how well resourced the centre is. The planned activities always have a learning intention and cater for students of all ages.

I am also always impressed by the parents who run the management committee. Giving up their time to meet to ensure they are in touch with what is happening in the centre, reviewing policies and providing advice and consultation when required.

We are very lucky to have Metella Road OOSH as part of our school community.

LMBR

Metella Road Public School will transition to the new NSW public schools' finance system and a new bank account on **5 September 2016**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept parent or carer payments.

1. **Direct deposits:** As of **31 August 2016**, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made using direct deposit after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student's account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before **31 August 2016**.
2. **EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **29 August** and **5 September 2016**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **29 August 2016**. From **6 September 2016**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
3. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **31 August 2016** and **5 September 2016**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **31 August 2016**. From **6 September 2016**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
4. **Online payments:** Between **27 August 2016** and **4 September 2016**, we will also not be able to accept online payments as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding online payments before **27 August 2016**. From **5 September 2016**, online payments will be accepted as before.

An Interesting Read:

The Key Role Grandparents Play

"Leave me alone!"

One of the best things children can have in their lives is a grandparent. We have always known the importance of grandparents and that special bond that they share with their grandchildren but now research has shown how crucial grandparents can be.

A study which examined the role grandparents play in the development of children, confirmed that grandparents are key to grandchildren's happiness!

The results found the emotional relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren can significantly affect the children's academic, psychological, and social development. When grandparents are involved in their grandchildren's lives, children are not only more social but also more engaged in school.

Researchers also noted children were more likely to develop skills essential for social development, such as showing care, compassion and kindness for people who are not part of their inner circles.

The strong grandparent-grandchild connection was found regardless of income or whether it was a single parent or two parent households. In fact, grandparents who do not live with their grandchildren were found to have the strongest bond. That may be because non-resident grandparents take on a role that encourages positive development rather than disciplining negative behaviour, particularly important in early-adolescence when parent-child conflict increases. Grandchildren can find secure allies in grandparents. If there is a problem, they come in and help out.

The study concluded that children have a higher level of self-confidence when grandparents give more affection. Such emotional closeness has long-term positive impacts on children's lives, including the value children derive from giving and receiving care from another person.

Acknowledgement: Jeremy Yorgason, assistant professor in the School of Family Life, Brigham Young University

Electronic Copy Of Our Newsletter

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Mr P. D'Ermilio
Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

Looking through this edition of the newsletter I am amazed by what our students have achieved and the opportunities they are afforded. Thank you so much to our dedicated staff and hardworking students for so enthusiastically participating in our school activities each day.

It has been an extremely busy term and with only three weeks left there are still a number of significant events coming up before the end of the term. Please make sure that you check Facebook, the Metella Road Public School app and our website to keep up-to-date.

In my role, I often get asked by parents and carers about student friendships at school. The Play Support program, run by Year 5 students, is one way that we encourage our students to make friends and guide them in play. It is also an opportunity for our Year 5 students to develop the leadership skills that they will need as they progress through school. Children, who are happy socially at school, tend to more engaged in their learning. The following website includes some ideas on how parents and carers can help their child with their social skills

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>.

Finally, thank you to our school community for a wonderful Term 2! Have a safe and restful holiday and we look forward to seeing you next term as we begin the second half of the school year.

Mrs N. Parker
Relieving Deputy Principal

From the Office

Update for using Parent Online Payments

POP is a convenient way to pay for school excursions, fees and extra-curricular activities. Things to remember when paying by POP –

- ▶ Student's name, class, date of birth
- ▶ Payer's name, contact phone & email
- ▶ Select what you want to pay for by checking relevant box
- ▶ Payment description must be accurate
- ▶ Payment amount must be completed
- ▶ Asterix * indicates a mandatory field
- ▶ Select print receipt or email receipt as your proof of payment, as a school receipt will not be issued.
- ▶ All payments must be made **48 hours prior to the last date for the activity**.
- ▶ Permission slips must be signed and returned to the office.

Spare Clothing for Children who have accidents at school

When children have accidents at school we lend them items from our limited supply of uniforms. Unfortunately, many times these items of clothing are not returned to the office. If we do happen to lend your child clothing in the event of an accident, could you please wash and return to the Office as soon as possible. We are also requesting that if you have any clothing (especially socks, underpants and smaller clothing) that your children have outgrown, could you please leave these at the Office so that we can replenish our supply.

Mrs C. Ryan
School Administration Manager

Kindergarten News

Wow, I cannot believe it is almost the end of Term 2. We have had a productive term and the students have continued to learn many new and exciting things.

The students in Kindergarten have continued to improve their literacy skills through the implementation of our Language, Learning and Literacy program (L3).

The students have been involved in a range of reading and writing activities through the use of small group situations. During these



group activities they have the opportunity to learn a range of skills including reading and comprehending simple texts, learning sounds, using their knowledge of sounds to record unknown words, reading and recording sight words and writing sentences.

L3 is taught in our classrooms to small groups of students as part of the daily literacy lesson. While the teacher is working with a small group of students in the 'engine room', the remainder of the class participate in carefully selected individual or group literacy learning tasks.

The L3 program is successful in achieving improved literacy outcomes for our Kindergarten students as well as providing an engaging and enjoyable way for the students to become successful readers and writers.



Mrs S. Larobina
Early Stage 1 Supervisor

Stage 1 News

Our Stage 1 students enjoyed having their grandparents visit their classroom last week for Grandparent's Day. They were able to show their grandparents their beautiful work and some even were able to play on the backfield with them at recess.

Our Stage 1 teachers have been busy writing our Semester 1 reports and are excited about sharing the progress and achievement of their students.

In English, students are continuing exploring the theme of journeys that authors' weave throughout their stories. Sometimes the main character undergoes a personal journey where they transform and change throughout the story. Students presented their speeches for our Oracy Competition. So many students presented engaging and informative speeches. We were so proud of them. Our stage winner was announced at our stage assembly and a big congratulations goes to Sahana from 2F!

In Mathematics, students have been learning how to make equal groups and share items equally. These concepts form the foundation of multiplication and division. Students are doing an amazing job, finding out the total number of items, and solving how many equal groups are made. They are also learning all about the months of the year, how many days in a month and how to tell the time on a digital and analogue clock. Students have been enjoying conducting hands-on investigations about the mass of various items. They have been hefting and using equal arm balances to help them with their enquiries.

In Human Society and its Environment (H.S.I.E) students are continuing to learn all about transport. They are examining the different features of transport networks and why we need these features. We are exploring the advantages and disadvantages of transport. Students are finding this unit of work very engaging!

In Science, students are busy conducting various experiments. It is wonderful to see their curiosity stirred as they devise ways to test their hypothesis. Students in Year 1 are learning about how mixtures can be created and then separated. Our Year 2

students are conducting observations to learn more about the lifecycle of a mealworm.

Stage 1 have also been involved in playing structured soccer matches during recess on the K-2 field. This has proved to be an excellent way to help our students learn to play fairly and cooperatively with one another. A number of Year 5 students have happily volunteered to referee these matches and we are very grateful for their efforts.

We are so proud of our Stage 1 students and commend them for their amazing efforts. Our students continually Aim High! Well done Year 1 and Year 2!

Ms J. Minenko
Stage 1 Supervisor

Stage 2 News

The students in Stage 2 have continued to have a busy and constructive term.

With our visual literacy unit in full swing, the students have learnt a large number of visual literacy terms and techniques used in visual imagery. This has helped them considerably in their own narrative text writing which have demonstrated very strong descriptive language, with very clever story plots and amazing conclusions including a moral at the end of their story.

In Mathematics the students have been learning various multiplication and division strategies as well as fractions. In the strand of Measurement, we are learning all about volume and capacity and mass. The students are enjoying all the concrete materials and equipment that are used when exploring these strands.

During our History unit we have been delving deep and researching what Aboriginal culture was like before British Colonisation. The students have been enjoying researching certain aspects and sharing their thoughts and conclusions with their peers and teachers.

On Tuesday, Week 6, we were privileged to open our classrooms to all our grandparents. The students thoroughly enjoyed sharing their bookwork and completing activities with their grandparents.

Mrs L. Bartlett
Stage 2 Supervisor

Stage 3 News

The students in Stage 3 have been continuing to work extremely hard this term to achieve their learning goals in all Key Learning Areas.

In Literacy, we have been learning how to write imaginative texts to entertain the reader. In modelled reading, we have been analysing and evaluating the ideas seen in various texts to explore the ethical and social dilemmas presented. Well done to all the students who participated in the Oracy Competition at the Stage 3 assembly. These students include; Cohen W., Aiden D., Sahiba A., Georgia S., Jaideep A. and Devanshi G.. A special congratulations to Sahiba A. for winning the Stage 3 Oracy Competition.

In Mathematics, thirty students from Year 6 have been participating in Maths Olympiad challenges. These challenges aim to introduce students to important mathematical concepts

and teach major strategies to develop flexibility in problem solving.

Year 6 Fundraising is going extremely well. Our next Year 6 Fundraising event is our Walkathon Sausage Sizzle on Thursday 23 June. All orders for the sausage sizzle must be pre-ordered and forms must be returned to the office by Tuesday 14 June. We also have our Peddler's Parade coming up in Term 3, on Education Open Day, where Year 6 students will be selling an arrangement of delicious cakes and slices to help raise money for their end of year gift for the school.

Just a reminder that our Stage 3 camp to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains is in Week 8 of Term 3. This excursion has been planned to supplement work being done in the classroom relating to HSIE and Science. Just a reminder that first instalment of \$90.00 was due on Wednesday 8 June, with the second instalment of \$90.00 due on Wednesday 20 July.

Mrs B. Adams
Stage 3 Supervisor

SRC Update

Just a reminder, we are holding a MRPS Walkathon next week, Thursday, 23 June. This is will be our major fundraiser event for the year and notes with sponsorship forms went home earlier this term.

We would like to invite all family and friends to join us at the Walkathon and participate with your child. We will commence at 12:45pm with a picnic lunch.

Please return all sponsorship forms and money raised to the school on or before Thursday, 23 June.

Students are encouraged to wear multi clothing for this day with comfortable enclosed shoes.

We thank you for your continuing support and look forward to a fun day!

Mrs M. Holburn & Mrs M. Gafa
Coordinators

Canteen News

We would like to reminder parents and students that lunch orders for any student competing in PSSA in Terms 2 and 3 can still be placed and eaten at recess time. Please write 'PSSA' on your lunch bag and it will be ready and waiting for collection from the canteen at recess time.

Ms L. Stenberg & Mrs L. Frater
Canteen Ladies

P&C and the Parents Auxiliary

Cannot believe we are already in Week 8 of Term 2 - that sure did come fast! It's starting to get chilly, so make sure you rug up and keep those nasty cold and flu germs away!!

Election Day is fast approaching and we are still looking for some parents who can commit some time to the BBQ. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school to raise some funds and be part of the community on Election Day!

The Good Guys

If you shop at THE GOOD GUYS, Prospect, mention at the PAY POINT that you want your SKOOL IS COOL dollars to be

allocated to Metella Road Public School P&C Association. This is a great way for the P&C to purchase prizes and giveaways for upcoming events e.g. 2016 movie night.

2016 Entertainment Books

Anyone wishing to purchase an Entertainment Book can use the link below and help support our school. The school will be holding a limited amount of books and can be sent home to those who purchase them. Alternatively, you can buy them online, or purchase a digital membership. If you have any enquiries regarding the entertainment books, feel free to contact Roxanne Black on 0401 669 409 or email roxanneblack1@optusnet.com.au. Thank you for supporting our school.

www.entbook.com.au/217i018

Next Meeting

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be Wednesday, 15 June 2:00pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to come and join.

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



A Future Focused Classroom

Save the Date
Education Open Day



When: Tuesday 2 August 2016
(Week 3)

Where: Metella Road Public School

Time: 10:00am-12:30pm



A Future Focused Classroom



The Engine Room



Grandparents Day 2016

Thank you to all the grandparents who attended Grandparents Day on Tuesday 31 May 2016.

It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying time with your grandchildren in their classrooms and in the playground, as well as delighting in the morning tea in the hall.

Thank you to all staff for their contributions and assistance in making Grandparents Day a success.

Grandparents, thank you for the wonderful contribution that you make to our school community!



Grandparents Day 2016



AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

This term the Kindergarten students enjoyed studying a unit on Australian Animals. We enjoyed patting and learning about the animals that visited from Featherdale Wildlife Park. We presented speeches about Australian animals, wrote information reports about a range of animals and represented Australian animals in our artworks.

We also loved having our grandparents coming to visit our classrooms so we could show them how different our classrooms are than when they went to school.

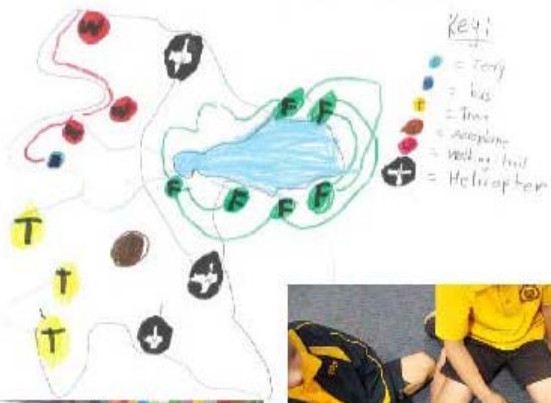








Look at all the **FUN** we have in Stage 1!



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.

WE ENROL ANCHORS & ASTRONAUTS



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Help Needed for Elderly & Special Needs


Wendy's Home Care

Wendy's Home Care provides in-home support for elderly and/or special needs clients and we currently have **casual work with flexible hours** available in your area. We need experienced and new-to-industry people to help with:


- Domestic assistance
- Transports to appointments
- Meal preparation
- Basic personal care

Driver's licence, vehicle, and mobile essential. Availability school term & also holidays an advantage, however, some school hours, evening & weekend work available.



Call (02) 4587 5999 | Email: meegan@wendyshome.com.au
 Web: www.wendyshome.com.au

Kids in the park




Sydney's largest school holiday program returns this winter school holidays! There are 60+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$25, making it affordable to discover Sydney's most exciting playground this holidays.


Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers All Day Holiday Recreational Program Science, cooking, writing workshops Gymnastics Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze	Futsal - Indoor Soccer Park Patrol - Mangrove Mysteries Sport & adventure camps Creative Genius Drama Workshop ...and lots more
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Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au

It would be greatly appreciated if you could include the above activities in your school newsletter.

Kind regards
 Sydney Olympic Park Team

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2016 WINTER HOLIDAY CAMPS THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

- ✓ New friendships
- ✓ Great value
- ✓ Fun
- ✓ Safe

Our popular Winter Kids' and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what's on including our popular ski and snowboard camps at Jindabyne.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids' Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 to 16 years* and range from 1 to 7 days.



Residential Kids' Camps include:

- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

*Snow Sports camps are suitable for kids aged 10-16 years.

Family Camps include:

- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Lift and lesson tickets and transport to Perisher (for Jindabyne camps only)**

**Kids as young as 6 years can participate in group lessons as part of a Family Camp.

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