

HRCS Happenings



Term 2, Week 9

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Principal's Message

Dear families and friends

Only one more week of Term 2 left! It is hard to believe that we are half way through 2018!

Energy Monitoring: If you are in our front foyer, you will see a new monitor mounted on the wall. There has been a concern throughout the Department about the amount of energy schools are using during the term, and a monitoring system has been implemented to collate data. We are proud to say **that we are definitely in the "green" area which means that our energy consumption is at recommended levels.** If you have a spare 5 minutes, please take a look at the screen: the information presented is extremely interesting.

Genetics Workshop: Just a reminder about the Genetics workshop being held at school on 24 July commencing at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start. Dr Tracy Dudding-Byth Clinical Geneticist within the NSW Genetics of Learning Disability Service is providing a parent presentation to discuss advances in genetic testing and the recent launch of the International FaceMatch Project [facematch.org.au]. This Project is the first of its kind to use advanced computer face-matching technology to match the faces of children with moderate to severe intellectual disability who remain undiagnosed following genomic sequencing. Up to 50% of these individuals have facial features which can provide a clue to diagnosis. By matching faces from around the world, the research team hope to be able to match people with the same rare genetic conditions. Family, friends and interested people are welcome to

attend this session. A light supper will be served. If you would like more details, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Please complete the tear off slip on page 13 and return to school at your earliest convenience. Hope to see you there!

Classroom Visits: This week I have spent some time in the lovely Room 10. During my visit it was great to see a fabulous science experiment that was being conducted by Jess, the Newcastle University intern. The students were engaged and very excited about the balloon riding along the string. Well done room 10!

School holidays: Next Friday marks the end of Term 2. Staff return to school on 23 July and students return on Tuesday 24 July. All staff will be off site on the 23 attending Professional Learning at the Special Education Conference in Sydney. We hope that everyone enjoys their holiday.

School reports: School reports will be sent home next week. It has been wonderful to read about excellent progress of all students and I would like to thank the teaching staff for commitment to the students in their class. Well done!

Dates For Diaries

Friday 6 July End of Term 2
Monday 23 July Staff Development Day (No Students)
Tuesday 24 July Students Return for Term 3
Monday 20 August Year 7 Vaccinations
Friday 28 September End of Term 3
Monday 15 October Students & Staff Return for Term 4
Thursday 22 November Year 12 Formal
Friday 7 December Presentation Day
Wednesday 19 December End of Term 4 for Students
Friday 21 December End of Term 4 for Staff

Does your child attend Respite? If your child attends Respite, please ensure that the Respite Advice forms are returned to our office. For your convenience a tear off slip is located on page 13.



NAIDOC Celebrations: What a wonderful time we had on Thursday celebrating NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

The theme of this year's celebrations is: Because of Her, We Can! is a tribute to the women past, future and present of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We welcomed our friends from Metford Public School to our celebrations. The Aboriginal Girls Dance Troupe gave an amazing performance and entertained us with 4 wonderful dances. This was their very first public performance and they were amazing.

The first performance of the morning involved our Signing Choir who have been working with Uncle Perry on a song about Australian animals. Outstanding work everyone!

Metford School Choir concluded official proceedings with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. They sang the first verse in Awabakal dialect and the second verse was performed in English. I would like to congratulate both groups on their amazing performances and thank them for joining our celebrations. Well done!

During the celebrations, we presented Uncle Perry with gift in recognition of his commitment and dedication to our school, programs and students. We hope that Uncle Perry will join us again in 2019 and continue our journey together.

I would like to thank all the staff for their commitment to NAIDOC

celebrations. I would to specifically thank Helen Clarkson, for her efforts in coordinating the event. Exceptional work everyone!

Finally I would like to thank the members of our school community and Metford Learning Community, for their attendance and participation in the activities. We hope that you enjoyed your visit.

I hope that everyone has a fabulous week.

Kind Regards - Tracey

School Leavers Expo for Students with Disability: Everything students, families-carers, schools, services and providers need to know about moving to life after school with disability, study, work, apprenticeships/traineeships, community connections, advocacy, disability services, support services, technology and more! Please see page 11.

Wear your PJ's to School day: It is always a great day when you can wear your PJ's to school! On Thursday 5 July we will be hosting a 'PJ day' to raise awareness of asthma and asthma management. In Australia, 1 in 9 (2.5 million) people suffer from some form of asthma, and raising awareness of how to effectively manage the potentially life threatening condition is essential. Students and staff are asked to **wear their PJ's to school and bring a long a gold coin donation.** If you would like any further details, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

School Office Hours: Our school office is open from 8:00am until 4:00pm. If you contact the school outside of these hours, please leave a message on our answering machine.

Monday mornings from 8.20am to 8.30am and during mandatory staff training our office will be unattended, please leave your details and message on the answering machine and we will contact you back as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

Canteen Menu

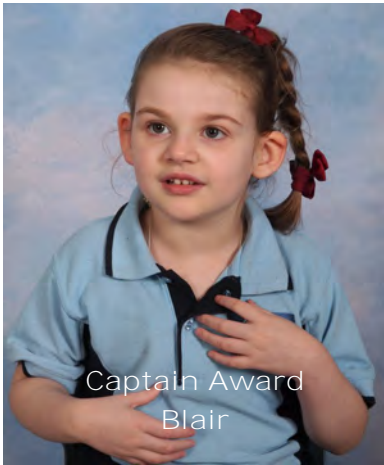
Cheeseburger \$3.50
Nuggets x 6 \$3.00
Sausage Roll \$2.50
Salad Wrap \$4.00
Chicken Salad Wrap \$5.00
Popper \$1.00
Jelly Cup \$1.00
Cheese Slice \$.30
Milkshake \$2.50

- ◆ Canteen will be held on Wednesdays
- ◆ Orders will go home on Fridays and will be due on Mondays

Captains Awards: **Today's Captains Award** was selected by Alyssa and awarded to Blair from Hub B for her enthusiastic learning during French lessons.

Prefect Awards: Our Prefect Award for this week was selected by Jackson and was awarded to Emma M from Room 4 for being a good friend.

House Captain Awards: **Today's House Captains Award** was selected by Sophie and was awarded to Emma L from Room 10 for being a good friend in the playground.



Captain Award
Blair



Prefect Award
Emma



House Captain Award
Emma

RDA



Fun in the sun at RDA yesterday!



Integration

This week art lesson at Maitland Christian School focused on sculpture. Great work Alyssa.



NAI DOC Celebrations





PBL Awards
Term 2
Week 9



School Shirts 8-16 \$20 each
School Shirts SML-3XL \$24 each
Senior School Shirts 8-16 (Yrs 11-12) \$16 each
Senior School Shirts SML-3XL (Yrs 11-12) \$20 each
School jackets 4-16 \$23
School jackets SML-3XL \$27.00
School Hats \$12.00



'Leuca' Merit Awards

Shaan	Michael	Alyssa
Rick	Thomas	Nikkie
Lochlin	Jesse J	Lewis
Emma	Sophie	Emilia
Charlie	Connah N	Hase
William	Zach	Braith

Congratulations!

PBL 'Principal Leuca Award'

Emma Longbottom
Charleigh Hayes
Mitchell Fenning







Room 9 News

As part of our Geography studies, Room 9 students travelled around Maitland to take photos of services that add to our well-being. Each student then used the touch screen to add special effects and borders to their photos.



Photos by
Blake



Photos by Chloe



Photos by
Michael





Photos by
Connah



Photos by
Hayley



At the Police Station, the students were treated to a special experience. They were invited to sit in a police car and turn on the siren!



2018



School Leavers Expo for Students with Disability

Thurs 21 June | 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi

Thurs 26 July | 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

McDonald Jones Stadium, Turton Road, Broadmeadow



Everything students, families-carers, schools, services and providers need to know about moving to life after school with disability.... study, work, apprenticeships/traineeships, community connections, advocacy, disability services, support services, technology and more!

You may not think of yourself as having a 'disability' but the definition is broad and includes learning disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder, medical conditions, mental illness, physical conditions, sensory impairments, intellectual disability, and much more. Do you have to put in extra effort at school because of your disability or condition? If so, then this Expo is for you.

FREE | LOTS OF PARKING | YOUR ANNUAL ONE STOP SHOP!

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Expo Website <http://bit.ly/2E3iiNE>

Provider bookings from transition related services – queries NDCO





**Stay in your PJs to help
raise money for asthma.**

Our PJ Day:
Thursday 5th July

Gold Coin Donation

asthmaaustralia.org.au/pjday
[#pjs4asthma](https://twitter.com/pjs4asthma)



**Asthma
Australia**

Voluntary Contributions

Name: _____

Student Associated With: _____

Room: _____ Contact No: _____

☐ \$50 enclosed Cash/Cheque ☐ \$50 Paid per POP

Entertainment Book with over \$20 000 of Value

Name: _____

☐ Book Membership \$65.00 enclosed cash/cheque ☐ Book Membership

☐ Book Membership \$65.00 paid on P.O.P. ☐ Digital Membership

Student Associated With: _____

Room: _____ Contact No: _____

Respite Advice Form

Student's Name: _____

Medication: Yes/No

Date for Respite: _____

Commencing Date: _____

Concluding Date: _____

Name of Respite Provider: _____

Transport Provided By: _____

Parents/Caregiver's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Genetics Workshop

Name: _____ Student: _____

☐ Yes I will be attending

☐ Number of people attending

☐ No I will not be attending