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Notes back to school

As you are all aware, we have had many activities organised this term which require permission notes returned back to school. Unfortunately, we are consistently asking families to return notes back up until the day of the event. **We are going to have to deny some children access to particular events if notes aren’t returned, as without your permission they can’t legally attend.** Please ensure all notes are returned on time—Mrs Mahony is increasingly using her time to “chase up” notes, something she shouldn’t need to do. Your support with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Softball Report

Last Friday our Girls Softball Team ventured to Soldiers Point, playing against Soldiers Point P.S. in the Girls State Knockout Competition. The girls played fantastically well, before going down 12-11 in a very competitive game played in great spirit by both sides—just how sport should be played. We sincerely thank Di Barrymore for coaching the girls this term (as well as the boys for t-ball). She coached and umpired on Friday—she is always very positive and knowledgeable about the game—we are very lucky to have her!

Life Education Van

All children are participating in this program tomorrow. The Life Education Van has been operating for many years in the Hunter Region—many children refer it to the Happy Harold program, due to the Happy Harold toy giraffe which is in the van as a part of the program. Again, please ensure the money and note is returned tomorrow—there are some items for sale at the van (this was attached to the permission note) so children can bring money along tomorrow and purchase these items throughout the day.

Multicultural Public Speaking

Gabby performed beautifully at the Multicultural Public Speaking final on Thursday, demonstrating her wonderful public speaking skills in her usual manner. However, there is only one winner and Gabby missed out. She has done so well to get this far and we are very proud of her achievement.

Ms Bath on leave

Ms Bath will be on leave for the rest of this term. She hopes to return in Week 2 of Term 4. We wish her well.
Footy Colours Day
Next Friday, 11th September is Footy Colours Day, which is a day we can help fight cancer and change lives with a simple gold coin donation. Thousands of Australians unite and don their favourite football team’s colours, be it AFL, NRL, Rugby Union or Soccer – to help raise money for children living with cancer. Children are to wear their football team’s colours all day—jerseys, scarves, beanies or anything else you have – and make a donation to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Mark Wilson Visit—report
The whole school thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Morpeth P.S. yesterday, listening to Mark Wilson, an author/illustrator. His main focus with all his 112 books touches on animals and Australian History, particularly war. He was very informative and interesting when explaining how this is all done and what is involved in becoming a successful author and illustrator.

Book Week Parade
It’s time to really start thinking about the outfit your child is going to wear to the Book Week Parade (adults can also join in!). The Book Week parade and Book Fair is on the last day of this term—Friday, 18th September at 2.00 in Woodville Hall.

Professional Learning
Ms Hamer and I attended our third New Focus on Reading course today with the staff also attending the Quality Teaching Rounds course tonight.
I’m also attending a Primary Principal’s Association Meeting tomorrow in Cessnock. Next Tuesday and Wednesday Ms Hamer and I are attending a PBL (Positive Behaviour Learning) course in Newcastle, in preparation for introducing this program at our school.

Start Smart Financial Workshops
On Wednesday, 15th September all children will participate in this Start Smart Financial Program (at no cost). This program teaches money skills in a way that students understand and enjoy. “Your students will learn to identify and understand currency, the difference between “wants” and “needs”, the importance of saving and budgeting and how to shop around for the best deal”. Each workshop runs approximately for 45-60 minutes and is delivered by representatives from the Commonwealth Bank.

Point Wolstencroft - Reminder
All our 4/5/6 class will be participating in the Point Wolstencroft Camp planned for Week 7 of next term, with many parents also joining us for this 4 day camping experience. Please note the change of date—Monday, 16th November to Thursday, 19th November (put forward one day at the request of the camp). More information will be sent home closer to the event, which will include completing an online information sheet for the camp.

Earn and Learn
This program run by Woolies supermarkets allows schools to use stickers collected by their community to acquire free school resources. From Wednesday, 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, 2015 when you shop at Woolworths, you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator. A collection box is in the office.
Cyber Safety Outreach Program Presentations—
including parent meeting - Reminder
On Thursday, 10th September, 4/5/6 class will be participating in the Cyber Safety Program from 2.00 to 3.00. The staff will be having a presentation of this program, in their staff meeting, from 3.30 – 4.45. **There will also be a parent presentation session from 5.30 – 7.00 pm that evening.** This is an excellent opportunity to update your knowledge and skills about Cyber Safety! We have attached an Information note about this program AND an invitation to the parent information session.

**Stockland Greenhills Star**
We have entered a Stockland Star that will be on display at Greenhills in August. Parents please register your details as a Stockland Star member at the Customer Care Centre. You will then receive a voting coupon for every $10 spent at specialty stores. Voting slips need a receipt in order to be verified. Customers who vote are eligible to win $3000. Please vote for Iona Public and keep an eye out for the ‘bonus point period’ as well. **We are currently coming 2nd!**

**Hunter Catchment Crawl**
Next Thursday, 10th September, Mrs Murphy will be accompanying 4 of our students: Kimberley; Zac, Ty and Linden on the Catchment Crawl which starts at Raymond Terrace at 8.00 am and finishes there at 3.30.
The aim of the Catchment Crawl is for the students to learn about:
* local catchment issues, including biodiversity, aboriginal culture and river health;
* the importance of the Williams River as a drinking water supply and
* how we can all play a part in the health of the Williams River Catchment.

**Activities** that participants will be involved in include water testing, water bug surveys, aboriginal dancing, meeting animals from Blackbutt and tours of Seaham Weir Pool and the Balickera Pumping Station with Hunter Water. It should prove to be a wonderful experience for these students.

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**Nutrition Snippet**

**The simplest way**

...to make a healthy Red Bean dip.

**Ingredients**
- 1 can of Kidney Beans
- ½ cup reduced-fat natural yoghurt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Pinch salt and pepper
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 tablespoon diced spring onions (optional)
- ½ cup diced avocado (optional)
- Vegie sticks to serve

**Method**
Rinse and drain kidney beans || Place beans, along with yoghurt, olive oil, salt, pepper and cumin into a food process and blitz until smooth || Spoon into a bowl, and top with spring onions and avocado, if desired || Serve with veggie sticks...delish!

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**CLARENCE TOWN COMETS SWIMMING CLUB**

Pool opens from 21/9/15

Durham St Clarence Town

First Club night 9/10/15

6pm to 7.30pm

$75 for swimmers

$25 for non-swimmers

Season Passes available

Meet and greet on the 1st October

For all people registering

Also available are

Learn to swim

Squad Training

Swimming Club is a great family night.
An excellent way to give your children skills, whilst having a fun time with friends.

BBQ and other food available

Pool Hours 7am to 5pm

See or Phone Dave on 49964586

Registrations can be done online


From early September
HABITAT RANGER

What lives in Tilligerry Habitats?
How do we know? What do they eat? Where do they live?
Come on an adventure as we explore the ecosystem to discover the answers.

A one-day program for students K - 14 yrs
10 am – 2 pm
- Exploring the habitat
- Crabs life
- Wonders and why we don’t want these
- Water and our role important
- Water, soil, and weather.

Certificatc presented
$5.00 per child
LIMITED BOOKINGS

Monday
28th September

Bookings:
0414 414 291
Email: 
herway@iinet.net.au
Website:
www.herswayrangers.net.au

Tenambit Morpeth Cricket Club Inc

**Registration Saturday 11am-1pm**

Rebel Sport (Green Hills)
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th – September

Seniors - One Day & Twenty/20 Cricket
Juniors 10s to 16s
Milo Cricket – Ages 5 - 8 years

Enquires Contact – Damien (041) 2681192
www.TenambitMorpethCricket.com or Facebook us!
Don’t leave it to the last minute - teams are filling fast
POST TRIVIA NIGHT NEWS

The Trivia Night was a fantastic success!!!! Apart from having a lot of fun we raised over $1500. Thankyou to everyone who helped to make the evening run so smoothly. Jay Gale was a natural MC, Ruth and Jono Jones showcased their talents on guitar and voice, Esther Eyb hooked the crowd with her funny games and; Gail and Greg Hamer were great Judges. About 60 people came along so thankyou participants for coming along and supporting the evening. Nicole Crossland was instrumental in a lot of behind the scenes work which made my job so much easier.

Thankyou to Michelle McLoughlin who kindly offered her older girls, Amy-Rose, Olivia, Charlotte and Bethany to babysit just over 20 children in the Library.

When Nicole and I were prize mongering, we promised we would mention them in our newsletter...so here goes. A certificate of appreciation will be given to each of these businesses. They are:

**Gourmet or Gluten, Morpeth; Louise’s of Morpeth; The Friendly Grocer, Morpeth; Foodworks, Lorn; Hunter Valley Ghost Tours; Miss Lily’s Lollies, Morpeth; Katachi Hair Design, Lorn; Cup n Crepes, Morpeth; Lorn Butchery; Crisada’s Riverview Café, Morpeth; Grandma’s Featherbed, Morpeth; Morpeth Pharmacy; Real Coffee, Lorn; Cellerbrations, Lorn; Leanne Pappas Hairdressing, Thornton; Heritage Hairdressing, Morpeth; Cellerbrations, Morpeth; The Original Paterson Café, Paterson; The Friendly Grocer, Paterson; Paterson Valley Butchery; Stillwater Café, Lorn; Limes and Lillies Gourmet Catering, Morpeth; The Photographer, Morpeth; Bushrangers Bar and Brasserie, Largs; The Coffee Cubby, Woodville; Alina Jane’s Cunning Culinarian and ....the Book Lady.**

We also received a beautiful homemade patchwork quilt from Gayle Sheppard, some crotched blankets from Nicole’s friend Margaret, homemade jams and sauces from Gail Hamer and a cross stitch from Kerry. There were also donations from parent’s in the school community, thankyou.

With so much giving, we have a huge basket of amazing prizes that we have made into a gigantic raffle to complete our fundraising for the term. Tickets are $1 each. Books of 10 tickets are going home today. If you would like more, please see Lucy. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of school, Friday 18th September after the Book Parade. We will be also taking it to the Bunnings BBQ on September 13 and; Ali from Coffee Cubby has given us permission to set up camp and sell tickets there too.

Lucy Anderberg

Vice President