

Monday, 23 September 2019

## From the Principal

Welcome all, to the last week of Term 3. What a busy term it's been with lots of opportunities to celebrate success, show off our school and enjoy the chance for a dress up or two.

As we launch into our last week of school, I'd like to remind our families that we've lots of lost property again. There are quite a few jumpers and hats without names that are missing their owners. Pop in if you can and see if they belong to one of your children, it'd be great to see them all find their owners before our holidays begin.

If you've not completed the Tell Them From Me Survey, come along on Wednesday afternoon, enjoy a slice of cake and a coffee or tea and complete it in our library. It's a great chance to have your say on our school direction. We're opening the library at 2:30pm, so come along if you can.

Instead of our Infants Assembly today, parents were able to see what our younger students can do with technology. Our kids (and their teachers) got a real kick out of showing off their knowledge and skills. Check out our Facebook page for pictures later this week.

I'd like to thank our families for supporting our fund raising efforts for Childhood Cancer research last Thursday. The school was overrun by terrifying pirates and buccaneers and we had a sea of washed up pirates on 'The Green' reading their favourite book during our Reading Hour. It was a beautiful day weather wise, and lots of students want to make 'Reading Hour on The Green' a regular thing.

Your children may have told you our canteen was closed for a session last week. Our school canteen is run by volunteers from our school community, giving up their own time to ensure your children have healthy lunches from our canteen at a very reasonable cost. No volunteers = no canteen. We need volunteers urgently to keep our canteen open. It doesn't have to be every day, just once a month from a few parents would be great. It's easy, lots of

fun and the skills you develop can assist in gaining full time employment for those wishing to re-enter the workforce. If you can help, come and see the canteen or our office and we'll point you in the right direction. If we don't get more volunteers for Term 4, we will have to close our canteen during some sessions of the week.

While I've got the chance, I'd like to wish our families and our kids a lovely time during our upcoming holiday break and remind everyone there's no Pupil Free Day at the start of Term 4 as we all start on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Until next term,

Donna Stackman

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### PBL Acknowledgement Shop

Each Monday our students have the opportunity to either trade their Ambits to receive Tenners or purchase items using their Ambits at the PBL Acknowledgement shop.

Students receive a PBL Respect, Responsibility or Excellence arm band for each Tenner they earn. The items available for students to purchase with their Ambits are:

Pen or Lanyard – 10 Ambits

Magnetic Torch, Plastic Key Ring, Ruler – 20 Ambits

Vortex, Puzzle, Notepad and Pen, Torch Key Ring, 5 Highlighters – 30 Ambits

Handball – 40 Ambits



<b>School Calendar Term 3</b>	
<b>Week 10</b>	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	MHS Dance Ensemble
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	CUBS 9.00am – 11.00am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of term <b>CANTEEN CLOSED ALL DAY</b>
<b>School Calendar – Term 4</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Students return to school</b>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	MHS Dance Rehearsal
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Maitland High Dance Spectacular Performance CUBS 9.00am – 11.00am
<b>Week 2</b>	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	CUBS 9.00am – 11.00am
<b>Week 3</b>	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	CUBS 9.00am – 11.00am
<b>Week 4</b>	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	CUBS 9.00am – 11.00am
<b>Week 5</b>	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	CUBS Graduation
<b>Week 6</b>	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Kinder Expo CUBS transition
<b>Week 7</b>	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	CUBS transition
<b>Week 8 – School Swimming Scheme (Stage 1)</b>	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	CUBS transition
<b>Week 9 - School Swimming Scheme (Stage 1)</b>	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	K-6 Presentation Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell
<b>Week 10</b>	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

**Talk Like a Pirate Day!**

Tenambit Public School was overrun by pirates last Thursday, enjoying a great excuse to dress up for ‘Talk Like a Pirate Day’! All money raised will go to Childhood Cancer support.



**ASSEMBLIES**

**Infants: Monday 2.25pm**

**Primary: Thursday 2.25pm**

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

**8.30am – 3.15pm**

## Reading Hour



Did you know?  
**Reading will advance your child's learning.**

A bedtime story six days a week can put kids almost a year ahead when they start school.



Australian Reading Hour

## Year 1 and 2 Excursions

Recently Year 1 and 2 participated in excursions to Newcastle Museum. Students and staff compared objects from the past to the present and enjoyed their time exploring the different exhibitions. They also made the most of the sunny weather and were able to relax and make drawings of the busy Newcastle Harbour.



## Aspect Hunter School

The Aspect Hunter School is seeking expressions of interest from families of children on the autism spectrum entering Years 3 – 6 in 2020, who might be interested in a new autism-specific Distance Education program being offered next year.

This unique program is aimed at primary school children who are either geographically isolated and don't have access to an appropriate school program, or have disengaged from traditional education programs due to individual circumstances.

This is the first time that an autism-specific Distance Education program has been offered through Aspect Schools, with limited places available for 2020.


The innovative program will provide an opportunity for students to learn from home via video conferencing technologies, print and writing.

Students will also be required to participate in fifteen face to face days at the Aspect Hunter School in Thornton, NSW each year.

If you have any questions you can contact me (csmith@autismspectrum.org.au) for more information.

T 1800 277 328

[www.autismspectrum.org.au](http://www.autismspectrum.org.au)



**1-2-3 Magic**  
**Effective Discipline for Children 2-12**  
presented by  
**Thornton Church of Christ**  
*A humorous look at parenting, a serious look at discipline.*

In this presentation, you'll learn how 1-2-3 Magic breaks down the task of parenting into three straightforward jobs:

**Job #1 Controlling Obnoxious Behavior:** Learn an amazingly simple technique to get the kids to STOP doing what you don't want them to do (whining, arguing, tantrums, sibling rivalry, etc.).

**Job #2 Encouraging Good Behavior:** Learn several effective methods to get your kids to START doing what you do want them to do (picking up, eating, going to bed—and staying there!, chores, etc.).

**Job #3 Strengthening Your Relationships:** Learn powerful techniques that reinforce the bond between you and your children.

**We are running this 3 part course on:**

**Session 1: Tuesday October 15**  
**Session 2: Tuesday October 22**  
**Session 3: Tuesday October 29**

**Address: 34 Government Road Thornton**  
**Time: 6:30pm Supper - 7:00pm Start**  
**Cost: \$10 - This covers the 3 sessions, all materials & supper.**

**RSVP Suzanne Parks Mobile: 0409307870**



**START YOUR CARER JOURNEY WITH US**

My Forever Family NSW

**Do you have a place in your heart and home to make a difference to a child's life?**

At the moment, there aren't enough foster carers to care for children in need across New South Wales. Put simply, we need more carers for all types of care.

**There is a type of care to suit your family:**

- **Emergency care:** A temporary haven for kids when first need a safe place to stay.
- **Respite care:** Respite carers look after children on an occasional basis to give their regular carers a break.
- **Short-term care:** Short-term carers look after children while their families work to bring them home.
- **Adoptive parents and guardians:** When kids can't return home, adoption or guardianship provides them with the safety and stability they need to thrive.

**A special community awaits you.**

The **My Forever Family NSW** program provides ongoing support, advice and training for all foster carers, guardians and adoptive parents. Visit our website to learn more.

**Make a difference. Become a carer**

Contact **My Forever Family NSW** now to find out how you can become a foster carer.

**CARER SUPPORT LINE**  
**1300 782 975**

Monday to Friday  
9am - 5pm

**CARER SUPPORT**  
enquiries@myforeverfamily.org.au

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**Pivot**

Pivot Netball Academy are excited to be hosting a one day skills clinic for 7-12 year olds at Hunter Valley Grammar School.

Wednesday 2nd October, 9am - 3pm

**TO REGISTER VISIT:**  
[www.pivotnetball.com.au](http://www.pivotnetball.com.au)

Positions are limited.