## Calendar

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## Principal's Message

### Trivia Night – 15 March

Our annual Trivia Night is coming up. We are going Tropicana!! Mr Dave Clark will once again be our MC for the night, which means we are in for a very well organised and fun night. The P&C have worked tirelessly to gain sponsors for this event, resulting in lots of great prizes. First prize being a 42 inch SONY Full HD TV. Second prize will be a wheelbarrow full of drinks!! Get your friends together, book a table, get your grass skirt and your cash and be ready for a great night!!

### Working Bee – 23 March

Sunday 23 March will be our first Working Bee for the year. We are planning to plant our new gardens and fix our long jump pit. We will be meeting under the 3-6 COLA at 8.00am finishing at 2.00pm (or earlier) with a BBQ. Staff will be there on the day to provide fun activities for children so bring them along!

### Building Fund

Through our P&C we have a Building Fund. If any parent/business would like to make a donation to our school through the building fund it becomes a tax deduction. We utilise this fund to install fixed equipment and resources to our school. The amazing generosity and great work from the P&C installed air conditioning throughout our school through this process.

### Parents Speaking To Students

From time to time parents may have an issue with a student at our school. Let me remind all parents not to approach and talk to another student. If any parent has an issue they are to see the front office to make an appointment with the classroom teacher.

### Congratulations and Best of Luck

Congratulations and best of luck to all our swimmers who will represent our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival this week.

### BouncEd

Our fantastic relationship with Paul Larkin, Dr Peter Waterman and Norm Marlborough through Members Alliance sees our continuation with BouncEd, an online learning tool for our students. We have exclusive access to online learning tools such as Ziptales, Britannica Online, Sunshine Online, Study Ladder and Zoowhiz. Parents will receive a letter this week with their child’s log in and password. Please utilise this great opportunity and get your children to access this resource. Classroom teachers will also be setting homework using BouncEd.
Leadership Camp
Last week saw our student leaders spend two days at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. It was a great opportunity for our leaders to learn leadership skills and get to know the other leaders they will be working with throughout the year. Thank you to the parents that assisted in driving our students and picking them up. Thank you also to Mrs Parker and Mrs Boase for organising the camp and spending the time with the students at Brewongle.

New Computers
In the coming days we will be updating computers throughout our school. One major area to be upgraded is the Library which will see a new computer lab of 20 new computers for classes to use and students to access during recess, lunch and after school.

Education Support Centre
Last week saw our first session of our Education Support Centre in the library. It was wonderful to be able to work with parents and students on a variety of topics like reading, maths and general homework techniques. We will be continuing to run the Centre each Tuesday afternoon from 3.00pm – 4.00pm in the Library.

Unsafe Parking Around The School
I need to express my concern once again about our parents who are parking in extremely unsafe ways of an afternoon. A number of parents are parking across driveways or double parking allowing their children to get in the car. This is so dangerous. Please consider parking a little further away and walking to pick up your children.

Handballs Before School
We will be trialling a new system beginning next week where students will be allowed to bring their own handball to school. They will be able to play under the COLA, before school, recess and at lunchtime. This system will be separate to our Key Tag System. Students are expected to follow our school expectations. We will be discussing this new procedure with students this week.

Electronic Copy Of Our Newsletter
If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter via email please send an email to metellard-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Mr P. D’Ermilio
Principal

When lunch comes home again – uneaten
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children’s resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds.

But it’s a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.


Help with English
Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help.


Maths
Struggling to remember everything you learnt in maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child.


P&C and Parents Auxiliary
A big thank you to our helpers for helping to hand out the Chocolate Fundraiser last Thursday. As awesome effort!! By now all families should have received their box of chocolates to sell. This is the P&C/Auxiliary major fundraiser for 2014. We would appreciate every family selling their box of chocolates.

It was fantastic to see new faces at our first Parents Auxiliary meeting. Hope to see you again at our next meeting held in the staffroom on Wednesday, 19 March at 2.00pm.

Alison Steele
Parents Auxiliary Convenor
**What has been happening in Year One this term?**

**1B:** It’s hard to believe that it’s already half way through a hectic start to Term 1, 2014. 1B students have settled in well to the school daily routine and are enthusiastic in their learning. 1B has been learning new addition concepts in Mathematics and engaged in hands on and practical mathematics activities. They have also shown a huge interest in learning about ‘The Way We Were’ in HSIE, learning about “Wet and Dry Environments” in Science and Technology”. It has been a great pleasure in listening to the students presenting wonderful speeches for talking and listening!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have offered up their time to assist in our reading and mathematics groups which will be commencing in the upcoming weeks. Any parents, who still wish to assist in any way, please contact us.

Check out our photos to see how busy they have been in class! They are motivated, respectful, proud and safe students of Metella Road Public School and it has been a pleasure teaching them!!! Well done 1B - you are awesome!!

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**1C:** 1C have settled well into Year 1 and are getting used to new routines. We are enjoying getting to know each other and making new friends. 1C have been enjoying sport on Wednesdays so please ensure they come to school on Wednesdays with sport shoes. They have been eagerly waiting for their turn on the new play equipment but have finally had fun there, as well as with the equipment they can access through the play tag system. I am really looking forward to watching 1C grow and learn this year.

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Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Bekiaris
IN: It has been a fantastic start to the year for all IN students! We thoroughly enjoyed engaging in a shared modelled reading of "A Bad Case of Stripes". IN have also completed a character profile and written description on the book characters Pearl Darley and Charlie Parsley. These stories relate to our HSIE topic "The Way We Were." In IN, we all strive to be motivated, respectful, proud and safe learners. In our classroom you will find a "Captain of the Week" which displays a student who has excelled in following our core rules and has produced some outstanding work in our classroom.

Mrs. Bridges and Mrs. Bekiaris

IM: Wow! What a wonderful first few weeks we have had in IM! We have an amazing class who are so eager to learn! Our motto in IM is "WE CAN DO IT!!" It is fantastic to see their enthusiasm every day. IM has been looking at how we all can be a good friend. We analysed the text "Sunday Chutney" and explored ways we can make people feel happy when they come to school. We made some “Wombat Stew” in IM and found out how important it was that Wombat had some really great friends. IM is enjoying learning Mathematics with Miss Cheetham and they also love playing on the new play equipment. A massive thank you to our parent helpers who come into our Reading Groups! You are simply wonderful! IM has also been exploring the fabulous worlds that live in wet and dry environments. We are looking to lots more fun (and games) in IM throughout the term!

Ms Minenko and Miss Cheetham
Community Noticeboard

Metella Road Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events that may be of interest.

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