Principal’s Message

Week 8 Term 1, this term is flying by! At the end of last year we began the process of developing our School Plan for 2015 - 2017. Through this consultation we spoke to many parents, students and our staff to look at what we needed to do to become the best school we can be. The plan is now completed and will soon be published on our school website.

Working Together
A wonderful part of creating the School Plan was the consultation period and "having a chat" with parents. From these conversations we got to hear about what our community felt about lots of things, big and small. We listened and even simple changes can be made to make our school community work better. Parents told us that organising our events in the morning meant many parents had to take the morning off work, come to the event, go back to work and then pick up their kids at 3.00pm. By moving our events, when possible, to the afternoon, parents could have the afternoon off work and be there when the kids finish. We have listened and our Easter Hat Parade this year will commence at 2.00pm and conclude when school finishes at 3.00pm.

Hold My Hand
The afternoon is a busy time of the day at any school. Everyone wants to get home or off to football training, swimming lessons and such. I appreciate that parking is limited around our local area, but please park safely and walk in to our school grounds to collect your child. Hold their hand back to the car and please look out for other students and their families.

Excellence in Education
As we power through the first term class programs are in full swing. Literacy and numeracy lessons are engaging and challenging. Students work individually, as pairs and in groups to develop skills and comprehend concepts. We are developing our sense of the world through Human Society and Its Environment, express ourselves through the Creative Arts and hone our skills in Science and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

We have also begun to form our extra curricula teams and groups and they are training hard for competitions and performances. The time and commitment from our students to give up recesses, lunches and after school is commendable. From sporting teams, to expressive arts, from chess to gardening club, to our new drawing club, students have choice to either excel with their talents or have a go at something new. I am so very proud to say we offer a huge range of extra-curricular activities for all students.

Get To Know Our Staff - Support Teachers
Most parents would know their child's class teacher, and the teachers of their child from previous years. They would know Mr Staveley, our Deputy Principal and hopefully me - yes I am the "much shorter one" between Mr Staveley and I!! Do you know who our Support Staff are and what they do at our

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Term 2 - Week 8

Monday, 16 March 2015

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school? I would like to set you a challenge and ask you to have a chat and talk to our support teachers and find out what they do. They are an integral part of our staff and play an extremely important role. Below are the names and positions:

- **Librarians** - Mrs B Aylett and Mrs L Saad
- **Relief from Face to Face (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education)** - Mrs L Wilkinson and Mrs M Holburn
- **Relief from Face to Face (Music and Drama)** - Mrs J Cartwright
- **English as an Additional Language / Dialect** - Mrs C Rickard and Mrs K Gluchowska
- **Learning and Support Teacher** - Mrs N Parker and Mrs S Newcombe
- **Reading Recovery** – Miss B Sheather and Ms J Minenko

Enjoy your week!

Mr P. D’Emilio
Principal

**Deputy Principal’s Report**

**School Photo Day**

Just a reminder that school photo day is tomorrow, Tuesday 17 March. Please ensure your child is in full summer school uniform including black shoes and white socks. Please remember to send your child to school with their payment envelope which is to be handed in to their own class teacher.

The closing date for all family / sibling photo orders was last Friday. As we have just 29 family photo orders, these will be taken during the recess and lunch breaks on Tuesday.

**Attendance News**

Congratulations to our school community for completing the 2014 school year with one of the best attendance rates in Western Sydney. Our attendance rate is well above the state average and we have improved significantly in this area in the past 2 years. Indeed, in the past 18 months, we have reduced the number of late students from an average of 25 per day to just 11 per day. But there’s always room for improvement!

So far in 2015, the classes with the best attendance have been KM, 1L and 3F. Congratulations to these classes for a great start to the year!

**Zone Sports Representatives**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Seven Hills / Wentworthville Zone PSSA teams in 2015. We wish them well in their future sporting endeavours.

- **AFL** – Tom H
- **Basketball** – Max D, Tom H, Matua T
- **Cricket** – William J, Gabe P
- **Football Boys** – Tom H, Rynan M, James W
- **Football Girls** – Bronte C, Anna N, Emily S
- **Netball** – Georgina S
- **Softball Boys** – Tom H, James W
- **Softball Girls** – Lauryn K
- **Swimming** - Koby B, Aiden D, Renee G, Jordan H and Riley L

**Weekend Winter Sport**

Still looking for a weekend sport for your child this winter? The All Saints Toongabbie Tigers Rugby League Club are looking for players, male and female, to fill vacancies in their teams in Under 7-11 age groups. If your child is keen on giving Rugby League a try in 2015, please contact Club Registrar Rod Sawell on 0417 300 669 for more details. Rod is the father of two of our students at MRPS.

Additionally, Rod along with another one of our dads, David Murphy, will be providing a free after-school Rugby League skills clinic this **Wednesday 18 March** on our 3-6 Field from **3.00-4.00pm**. Rod and David are both fully qualified coaches with the Toongabbie Tigers and they look forward to seeing as many children as possible from all school years attend this **FREE clinic**.

Mr S. Staveley
Deputy Principal

**From the Office**

**Partial Road Closures** in Metella Road and Toongabbie Road will be happening from Monday, 23 March, 2015. Transport NSW will be constructing cable pits between the hours of 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am to 1:00pm Saturdays. Please be prepared for slight delays.

**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.

**Money Procedures** – All money should come to school in an envelope with your child’s name, class and amount clearly written on the front. Please remember to sign and return all permission notes with your payment, as permission is always needed for your child to participate in any activity. Envelopes should be placed in the ‘office mail box’ located in the front office. Please also remember ‘**NO MONEY ON FRIDAYS**’

Mrs C. Ryan
School Administration Manager

**Kindergarten News**

On Tuesday 10 March, 2015 we had the pleasure of hosting our annual **Kindergarten Parents Welcome Morning Tea**. The Kindergarten parents had the opportunity to visit their child’s classroom and look at some of the work that the students have produced this term. The Kindergarten students were very excited about the visits and thoroughly enjoyed showing their parents the work that they have completed so far at ‘big school’. The Kindergarten teachers are very proud of the students’ efforts. After the class visits the parents were invited to have some morning tea. This was a great opportunity for them to meet other parents who have children in Kindergarten. The Kindergarten teachers would like to thank the parents for their attendance and we hope you found it a worthwhile experience. We would also like to thank the Parents Auxiliary for organising the morning tea. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to more exciting events at the end of this term including Harmony Day celebrations and our Easter Hat Parade.

Mrs S. Larobina
Early Stage 1 Supervisor
Stage 1 News
Stage 1 has been having a wonderful, exciting time over the past four weeks. In Science, Year 1 has really enjoyed investigating the different insects and animals that are found in and around our school. In particular, students have been using a microscope to identify the different parts of a worm. They had a thrilling time observing the behaviour of a worm in different conditions (such as in the sun, in the cool shade, in the dirt). Students have been investigating the habitats of snails and ants, learning how to care for their environment. In Science, Year 2 have been having a wonderful time creating marshmallow towers, cooking spaghetti and popcorn and predicting what will happen when eggs are cooked or frozen. Students have been working so hard in Mathematics, learning how to make equal groups, how to share items equally, measuring lots of different items in the classroom and finding quarters and halves of a whole. They have been engaged in so many hands-on activities; manipulating concrete material to help them in their problem solving processes. In English, students have been reading an assortment of texts, learning how to use different strategies to successfully decode unknown or unfamiliar words. In Modelled Reading, students have been dissecting texts, learning how authors purposefully use words and pictures to convey powerful messages. It has been so exciting to see students discuss the author’s intention with such confidence and passion. Students are also enjoying sharing their students’ progress with parents at our parent/teacher interviews. We look forward to a great ending to a great first term!

Ms J. Minenko
Stage 1 Supervisor

Stage 2 News
The students in Stage 2 are continuing to have a great and productive term. They have been following our core expectation of being a motivated learner by working hard. We have been reading and analysing lots of quality texts focusing on the theme of Advertisements and Persuasion. Students have been busy analysing the author’s intentions in texts; identifying persuasive techniques that the author and illustrator use to convey meaning and persuasion. It has been amazing to watch them discuss and unpack these complex concepts. They have been writing some fantastic persuasive texts using high modality language to persuade the reader. In Mathematics the students have been learning various addition and subtraction strategies and multiplication and division concepts in the strand of number. During Space and Measurement we have been learning all about three dimensional objects: identifying features, properties and how they relate to two dimensional shapes and the environment. We are fast approaching Easter. Please feel free to attend our annual Easter hat parade which is held this year on Tuesday afternoon in week 10. In Week 9, we will be having our parent/teacher interviews. We look forward to being able to discuss the progress of our students.

Mrs L. Bartlett
Stage 2 Supervisor

Stage 3 News
Term 1 has flown by! Stage 3 have continued to have a busy term with lots of different activities occurring. Thank you to all of the parents who came to Meet the Teacher night — it was great to see so many new and familiar faces on the night. We are looking forward to speaking to parents individually at the Parent Teacher Interviews coming up in Week 9 so please ensure that you book in a timeslot. If you have any questions regarding how to book in please speak to one of the Stage 3 teachers. Play Support and Friendship Ambassador programs have commenced now, with students assisting others in the playground. A big thank you to Mrs Davies and Ms McKenzie for coordinating the training and implementation of these highly successful playground initiatives. Year 6 fundraising is well underway with a “Wear Your Footy Colours” Mufti Day scheduled for Wednesday 18 March and with Easter raffle tickets being sold before school, at recess and at lunch times starting from Monday 17 March. The Easter raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday 31 March. We really appreciate the support of the school community in helping with our fundraising efforts this term! Year 6 High School enrolment forms have now been sent home with Year 6 students. Please go through these carefully and if you have any questions please speak to one of the Stage 3 teachers for clarification. Information regarding dates and times for High School Information sessions are being put onto the school website, MRPS App and Facebook page as information comes into the school so please check these for further information. Some Year 5 students have been given the opportunity to participate in the Greystanes High Achievers Program. This covers a range of subject areas such as Mathematics, Science and Languages and they attend sessions on a Thursday afternoon at Greystanes High School.
We hope you enjoy a safe and relaxing Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone in Term 2.

Mrs A. Saad
Stage 3 Supervisor

Library News
Stage 1 have certainly enjoyed Nick Bland and learnt about the parts of a book. Stage 2 have been working on Famous Australians and we have covered a tennis player, cricketer and poet. Stage 3 are learning about the world of pirates and using key words to write about each one which helps them learn how to apply research. New Library monitors have been inducted and we have started playing chess on Mondays with the Stage 2 and 3 students. Premier’s Reading Challenge has opened online. All you need to do to enter is google NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge then log in using your student’s portal details that your child uses at school.

Mrs B. Aylett
Librarian

Easter Hat Parade
Our school will be celebrating Easter with our annual Easter hat parade on Tuesday 31 March from 2-3pm. K-2 students will be decorating Easter hats at school and students in Years 3-6 will be creating Easter masks. Buddy classes will accompany each other in the parade. Please send some Easter crafty materials to school so your child can decorate their hat or mask. All parents and other family members are warmly invited to attend the parade which is always entertaining and colourful! The parade will be held under the K-6 COLA.

Mrs A. Fekkes
Coordinator

Monday, 16 March 2015

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Harmony Day
Students and teachers of Metella Road Public School will celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 20 March. Students will complete engaging activities based on the Harmony Day themes of inclusiveness, respect and belonging.

Mrs A. Fekkes  
Coordinator

ANZAC Day Assembly
We will be honouring the 100th anniversary of the ANZACs with our special ANZAC day assembly on Friday 24 April. The assembly will be held in the school hall at 11:30am. Parents and family members are warmly invited to attend. We are asking for donations of flowers to make wreaths for the assembly. If you are able to donate flowers, please send the flowers to the school office on the Thursday (23rd) or the Friday morning. Thank you.

Mrs A. Fekkes  
Assembly Coordinator

Junior Choir
The Junior Choir has begun meeting at lunch times on Wednesday to enjoy singing songs together. Students do not have to audition but they do need to enjoy singing and be willing to attend practices. New members are welcome! We look forward to performing for audiences at various events during the year.

Ms C. McCoy and Mr T. Calnan  
Coordinators

Junior Dance Group RED
The Junior RED Dance Group has been busy perfecting our moves for our upcoming audition for the SYNERGY Public Schools Dance Festival (formally known as Sydney West Dance Festival). Parents of the Junior RED Dance Group would have received information in the Dance Audition Permission note in regards to the audition procedures we will be undertaking to submit our 2015 application. If you have any questions about the audition process please speak to Miss Cheetham. You would have also received a note in regards to costuming for 2015. If you could please return the money and permission slip to the front office by Thursday, 2 April, 2015 it will be greatly appreciated. It is a very busy time for the Junior RED Dance Group and we really appreciate your support. Keep up the awesome work Junior RED dance group!

Miss M. Cheetham, Miss T. Agius & Mrs A. Bekiaris  
Coordinators

Senior Dance Group
Thank you to all the students who auditioned for the Senior Dance Group earlier this term, you definitely made my job a difficult one! I am so impressed with the talent we have here at Metella Road. The Senior Dancers have been off to a flying start at our Tuesday afternoon and Thursday lunchtime rehearsals. Our new jazz routine “Scared of Me” is coming along nicely, and it’s always fantastic to see students practising their moves in the playground! We are well on our way to being ready for the exciting performances we have coming up this year. Keep up the hard work girls!

Miss D. Chant  
Coordinator

Senior Choir Report
The Senior School Choir meets every Tuesday lunch time with Mrs Cartwright. The Senior School Choir provides Metella Road students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 with an opportunity to use their musical talents and perform in public for an audience at school events as well as outside the school. The Senior Choir are now beginning to learn the songs for the Blacktown Music Festival which will be held on Monday, 24 August at Wyndham College in Quakers Hill. Notes have already gone home with the information about the Blacktown Music Festival. If you are interested in having your child participate, please return the money and permission notes as soon as possible. Choir members in Years 5 and 6 also have the opportunity this year to sing in the Opera House on Thursday, 13 August, as part of the PULSE Choir. Only a limited number of places are available so permission notes need to be returned as soon as possible, to secure your child’s place in the PULSE choir.

Mrs J. Cartwright  
Coordinator

Drama Club News
This term the Drama Club has grown substantially. More than 30 kids in Years 3 - 6 turn up every Thursday recess to participate in dramatic fun. We have been focusing on building our theatrical skills this term by learning many drama games. 'Emotional Replay' has enabled us to practise emotional expressions, 'One Word at a Time' has assisted our ability to work as a team and 'Honey If You Love Me' has challenged our ability to control our emotional responses. These games are all great fun and help us to become better actors. The most wonderful thing about drama however, is that it enables us to navigate social situations and skills that help us learn to make appropriate behaviour choices. I look forward to the fun, laughter and learning that will continue to happen at Drama Club throughout 2015.

Miss K. Banning  
Coordinator

SRC Update
We have finally had the opportunity to meet. Whilst it was a short meeting we will be endeavouring to hold meetings every 2 weeks. Some will be at lunch and others on a Tuesday afternoon after lunch. We have some ideas in the pipeline. Stay tuned for more information.

Mrs M. Holburn  
Coordinator

PSSA News
We have now had 2 rounds of PSSA. Our teams are doing well and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. Please check the app and facebook to see when and where all teams are playing. It is updated as soon as we receive the draw for the week. Lots of students have trialled for district teams. Recently we have had hockey trials and golf will be coming up.

Congratulations to Matua T. who made it into the Sydney West team for basketball. He will be heading off to Wollongong later in the year to play in the NSW PSSA State Championships. We wish him well. From time to time we receive information from various sports. Where possible we will try to have the students exposed to them. Currently we have the Wanderers program and AFL clinic running.
20 March, 2015
Softball vs Toony West @ Darling Street
Newcombe Ball vs Warriors @ Westmead PS
Cricket vs Warriors @ Girraween Oval
T-Ball vs Warriors @ Parramatta Park
AFL vs Darcy Road @ Binalong Oval

Mrs M. Holburn
Coordinator

Wanderers Cup News
The Wanderers program has started really well this year and
the students are improving their skills with every session and
enjoying themselves as they do so. Notes for Term 2 are going
t out today and new students are welcome to join up. Please
remember if you paid for the whole year with our early bird
special you do not need to pay again.

Mr L. Byrne
Coach

Knockout Cricket
In Week 6 our Senior Boys Cricket team played in the
NSWPSSA State Knockout competition against Caddies
Creek. Unfortunately for the team we went down in a close
fought match by 21 runs. Caddies Creek 6/98 off 25 overs in
reply Metella Road all out for 77 with top scorer James W
remaining 28 not out. Congratulations on a great effort boys
and good luck in the PSSA competition.

Mr L. Byrne
Coach

District Swimming
Metella Road PS took 27 swimmers to the district carnival at
Blacktown on Friday 6 March. We had a great day with Metella
Road finishing 4th overall with five students going to the
Sydney West Carnival today. Congratulations to Renee G who
won the senior girls 50m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke on
the day and our 4 x 50m Freestyle Junior Boys Relay team of
Jordan H, Koby B, Aiden D and Riley L who finished 3rd and
will swim at the Homebush Olympic Pool tonight. Riley L also
finished 2nd in the Junior 200 IM. Good luck to our swimmers at
the Sydney West Carnival.

Mr L. Byrne
Swimming Coordinator

Can Count
Thank you to the following students for their support in
collecting aluminium cans for our school – Joshua S. 6M,
Sophie F. 6M, Aiden D. 4H, Edward G. 2A, Harrison G. 1/2C,
Darien D. 1H, and Stephanie G. KB. Also, a huge thank you
Mrs J Devocht, an ex-parent who continues to donate cans,
6000 in fact! All crushed cans that are bagged and labelled
with your child’s name and class should be left outside my
workshop in ‘D’ block on Fridays only. Large amounts of cans
can be picked up by arrangement. A prize will be awarded to
the student who collects the most cans in 2015. Money raised
from recycling aluminium cans goes towards providing classroom resources.

Mr M. Nash
School General Assistant

P&C and the Parents Auxiliary
Wow! Here we are already, Week 8, what a busy term it has
been! Firstly I would like to thank those wonderful people who
put their time aside and helped at the Meet the Teacher
evening with the sausage sizzle / cold drinks and also at the
Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Morning Tea. Thank you!

Our first Auxiliary meeting welcomed in a new member Mrs
Lisa Hunter. Lisa has already proved to be an asset to MRPS.
She has sourced so many gift vouchers and donated items for
the upcoming Trivia Night and 2015 Spring Fete. Thanks Lisa!

Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Roxanne Black, Mrs Belinda
Bryan, Mrs Jackie Batshon and Mrs Angela Gauci, whom have
also sourced so many various vouchers and donated items for
the upcoming events, awesome work ladies !!!

Mother’s Day Stall
We would just like to let you know that our Mother’s Day Stall
will be held on Thursday, 7 May. The gifts will range from
$2.00 - $5.00. A separate note will be sent out in Term 2.
If anyone is available to help with the selling on the day of the
stall, we would love to see you. The stall will be held under the
Hall COLA from approximately 9:00am to recess.

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. Trivia Night and the Spring Fete.

Next Meeting
Our next Auxiliary meeting will be in Term 1, Week 8,
Wednesday, 18 March followed by our first Term 2 meeting in
Week 1, Wednesday 22 April, 2:00pm in the staffroom. Please
put these dates in your diary. All welcome to come and join us
in organising events and fundraising. Have a wonderful Easter
and enjoy the school holidays.

ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM
2015

Metella Road Public School is pleased to advise that an
Online Payment System will be introduced this year.
Secure payment of fees, excursions and extra curricular activities
will be able to be paid via the schools website.
Further information will be supplied when the
Online Payment System is available for use.
Term 1 in Kindy

Students in Kindergarten have had lots of fun in class this term. We have started to learn how to read books and how to write sentences with spaces in between our words. We have been learning lots of different things in Mathematics, Science and Drama. We have made many new friends at school. Playing on the equipment is lots of fun. We enjoyed showing our fantastic work to our parents at the Kindergarten Parents Welcome Morning Tea. Kindergarten is Awesome!
1H
In 1H this term we have been doing a lot of fun activities, we have gone on safari around our school, examining the different living things that inhabit our school. We have also been closely examining the stories that we tell one another and the lessons those stories can teach us. We have also discovered that we can measure the length of items using different parts of our bodies. It has been amazing so far and we have so much still to discover this year. Mr Hands.

1J
We have been having a wonderful time in 1J. In particular, students have loved looking at the animals that live in and around our school. They have investigated worms, ants, lady beetles and snails. We even got to see a worm under the microscope! Students have also been writing about why it is wonderful being different. They had so fascinating responses. We are so proud of the motivation and enthusiasm our students show on a daily basis. Ms Minenko & Miss Sheather.
In a dramatic twist of events, one Wednesday afternoon the students of 1L were transformed into super secret spies! We were tasked with ensuring the protection of Metella Rd PS from any dangers, and the double-O-spies in 1L took this job very seriously. We used our imagination and visualisation skills to take us on a sneaky journey around the school that even included escaping from a dragon! Here are some photos of us hiding behind trees during our mission, quickly traveling the stairs without being seen (while being sure to skip every second one because they were traps!) and checking that the play equipment was free from spy related dangers. After we safely navigated through the school back to our headquarters (classroom), the spies of 1L all filed the necessary paperwork for a mission by writing a "Spy Report", summarising the adventures of the mission. A quote from Agent Aaron’s report read, "first our boss told us, 'Let’s go on a mission.' We said, 'Yes.' We had to be quiet because we didn’t want to let anyone know we were coming". Super Spy Benn’s report gave these details, "We went under the silver seats to protect ourselves from danger. We rolled and crawled in the block of classes. We had to go down so no-one saw us." Having read and processed all the fantastic writing in our "Spy Reports", I’d declare this: MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! Miss Banning.

We have had so much fun in 1M this term! One of our favourite things we have done is learning how to form equal groups. We were each given a packet of Smarties and then asked to break them into equal groups. We had to use our problem solving skills to make sure that there was the same number of Smarties in each group. Check out how clever we are at making equal groups! Miss Cheetham.
1/2C 1/2 C has settled in well to new routines in what has already been a busy term. We have really enjoyed our Science lessons with 2B where we are looking at how different foods can change. Everybody had a great time making art works with cooked spaghetti and towers using uncooked spaghetti and marshmallows. In Maths 1/2C have made their own rulers and have been busy measuring how long things are. We have been learning lots of things about each other as well as we make new friends. I’m looking forward to a wonderful year with the class members of 1/2C. Ms McCoy.

2A 2A have had a great start to the year and have enjoyed getting to know each other. We have a jungle theme in our classroom this year so the students created some very cheeky monkeys that are up and hanging in our classroom. In computers students have been exploring how to insert text, clipart and word art in Word documents. We put our skills to use as 2A had the task of creating a title page for our science unit of work we are investigating this term. These are some of the amazing title pages that 2A created. Our unit of work is ‘Spot the Difference’ where we have been exploring the changes that occur in food. Miss Agius.
2T have been looking at the effects of adding and removing heat from some foods. We have observed the difference between cooked and uncooked spaghetti, creating some interesting art work with cooked, dried spaghetti. We have studied the difference between popcorn kernels and popped popcorn. We have experimented with chocolate, testing which type of chocolate will melt the fastest. We have had some great discussions and have enjoyed testing our ideas. Mr Calnan.

2N Look at 2N’s amazing art work! We made big folding fans to decorate our classroom. We have also made pinwheels with awesome colours. We have been working very hard in our classroom in Term 1 at our school. Mrs Nawaz.
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.

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Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight
16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to $185 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – It takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – Download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

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