



TERM 3 WEEK 7  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

# MAYFIELD MESSENGER

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## ***What's on this week:***

### ***Wednesday 9th Sept—***

- Jarrod Mullen Cup finals
- Waratah High teachers visiting Year 5 students for 2011 transition program
- 2.30pm to 3pm MEPS organic veggie stall—near the notiboard

## ***Next Week:***

***Friday 18th September—***9am visit to Black Hill Public School Kitchen Garden

## ***Reminder:***

***All Year 5/6 students need to finalise payments for the Broken Bay Camp. Please make sure that you have completed and returned your medical notes.***

## **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

A BIG THANK YOU to all the parents and children that lent a helping hand at the working bee on Saturday. It was terrific to make such a dent in a large list of projects that needed to be done around the school. A special mention to the staff that also came along and lent their support.

## **NATIONAL SCHOOL PRIDE**

We are steadily obtaining the quotes for the work to be undertaken in the school. It is hoped that we will have 7 rooms with new carpet as well as upgrading data and power cables to link in with the new interactive whiteboards. Painting is being quoted for the main teaching block. We also have quotes for the relocation and upgrading of the bubbler systems. Work on these projects should be starting in the next few weeks.

## **NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT**

The school is conducting a staff and student survey to gain data for the project. We are also conducting staff, parent and student forums based on five questions regarding the school. All identities will be kept confidential. This data enables the school to set new targets for the project.

## **PRIORITY SCHOOL PROJECT**

Julie Wiblen and Maree Gilchrist will be attending the Priority Schools Conference in Sydney this week. This is an opportunity to view programs run in other schools across the state to ensure Mayfield East is following "best practice".

## **BUSINESS FOCUS**

The school tries to support local businesses and parents/carers who run a business. If you have a business card or would like to put in a brief description of your business profile/offer we will run a

special edition page in the newsletter.

## **STEPHANIE ALEXANDER GARDEN PROJECT**

On the 16th September Vicki Robertson & Alan Watt will fly to Melbourne to review the School Garden Project. The school currently runs a similar scheme however, we wish to move into a more formal structure through gaining a grant to build a new kitchen area that will enable an extension of our current programs. More about this project after the review.

## **KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION AND ENROLMENTS**

We are continuing to take names for Kindergarten 2010. Orientation/transition programs will continue over the coming months. If you know of someone with a child looking for a placement in Kindergarten (or another grade) please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due back this **Friday 11th September**. We **CANNOT** accept any late orders. Please make sure you write your child's name on top of the order form. Place all orders and money in an envelope into the box provided in the **CANTEEN**. If paying by cheque, please make it out to "Scholastic Australia". If you have any questions, please see Vanessa Hicklin, Paula Tagg or Marlene Duncan. Thanks from the Book Club Team.

## CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

All money and unsold chocolates need to be returned to school **no later than Friday 11th September**. Thank you to everyone for your fantastic support.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Please remember that the **canteen is closed every TUESDAY** starting today 8th September. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.

The roster for the next week is:

<b>TUESDAY:</b>	CLOSED
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Jacqui & Tania
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Tracey, Rebecca & Natalie
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	Jacqui, Vanessa & Katie
<b>MONDAY:</b>	Jacqui & Michelle

## FATHERS DAY STALL

I would like to thank all the families who donated gifts to our stall. Also a huge thank you to all the wonderful mums who helped with the wrapping and on the stall. Thanks again,

Tracey Lloyd

## Stephanie Alexander

### Update

We're humming along nicely and planning is continuing. Last Monday Maree Gilchrist and Vicki Robertson participated in a very helpful video conference, put on for sharing information and asking and discussing questions about how the grant application process works.

Wednesday next week Alan Watt and Vicki Robertson will travel to Melbourne to tour a selection of schools with well-established Kitchen Gardens. The tour will be very useful towards gaining insight into how and why the Program works as well as it does. Stay tuned for a report on the tour.

### Visit to Black Hill Public School's Kitchen Garden

Black Hill Public School successfully applied for a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden grant last year. The Principal there has kindly offered to show us around Friday week. It's sure to be a lot of fun and very informative too – and we'll be taking morning tea of course. We're in the process of organising transport for the 20 min or so trip to Black Hill (near Tarro). If you're keen to come let Kris, in the office know so we can organise car pooling.

**When:** 9am Friday 18 September  
**Where:** Leave from MEPS

### More info?

The Foundation has heaps of information and pictures on it's website – just go to:

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

and have a look around.

Cheers,  
Liam Phelan



OUR CHAMPIONS!!

Over the last two weeks we have had the Zone Athletics and Field Carnival. All children participated well and showed great sportsmanship. A special congratulations to Ethan Henry-Hicks and Leroy Bartlett who have made it to the regional carnival. A big thank you Mr Middleton and our super parents who came along to support our students.



*"Last Thursday was the Zone Netball Gala Day. We played exceptionally well winning two games, drawing one and losing two. All 17 girls tried their hardest and had a lot of fun. On the sideline Mrs Sanderson and Miss Hilton kept coaching and cheering for us. We won 12-6 against The Junction. Thank you Mrs Sanderson and Miss Hilton for organising the Netball team." From Mariame*

## ART & NURTURE

Students from five classes were busy making Rocky Road for Dad in Cooksey's Café last week. As well they made posters as cards. Dads called into MEPS to enjoy a chat and a hearty breakfast on Friday.



*Jackie and Brandon  
with Father' Day  
Rocky Road*



## ART & OUR ENVIRONMENT

With the world focussed on the importance of water, students listened to Amanda talk about the quality of our water. Students tested water, looked at the organisms water supports and learnt why the sea is salty.



## ART & NATURE

Because we like our school to look splendid, 2/3S students made terra cotta frogs for the green bird bath. We're going to make a path with tiles impressed with leaf shapes and more frogs, so we can have a focus on our garden furniture.



*Zak, Cale and David  
with the bird bath*



## ART & NATURE TIP

Because last week was Environment Week, 3/4/5KP celebrated by asking Ken Haddow about horticulture. While he spoke about his interest in agriculture, the students drew him.

*3/4/5KP learning all about  
organic gardening*



Asparagus, he confided, was the most difficult to grow. He had to put ice on the ground to make it cold enough and he needed seaweed to fertilise it, as it's one of the few plants that like salt.



# Environment Week

MEPS ANNUAL ENVIRONMENT WEEK was a huge success. Students participated in lots of fun activities learning about recycling, monitoring playground waste, Water Watch with Amanda Gregory, activities with students from Waratah High, energy monitoring, poster competitions, and last but not least the spectacular Tassie Devil Show. Michael Tate from the Australian Reptile Park brought snakes, alligators, puppies and two cute 7 month old Tassie Devil joeys. We learnt how they were endangered and the steps FAME is taking to save them.

MEPS raised \$150 to be donated to FAME. Thank you everyone for a great week!



*Green Kids celebrating  
Green Day*

*Michael & Peta from the  
Reptile Park who gave an  
amazing presentation*



*Amanda Gregory helping our kids  
learn about water monitoring*

*KW says "Keep it Clean,  
and Keep it Green!"*



*Zak did a great job  
during the waste  
audit!*



*MEPS going  
green!*



# Reuse Reduce Recycle



*1-2H Recycling Poster*

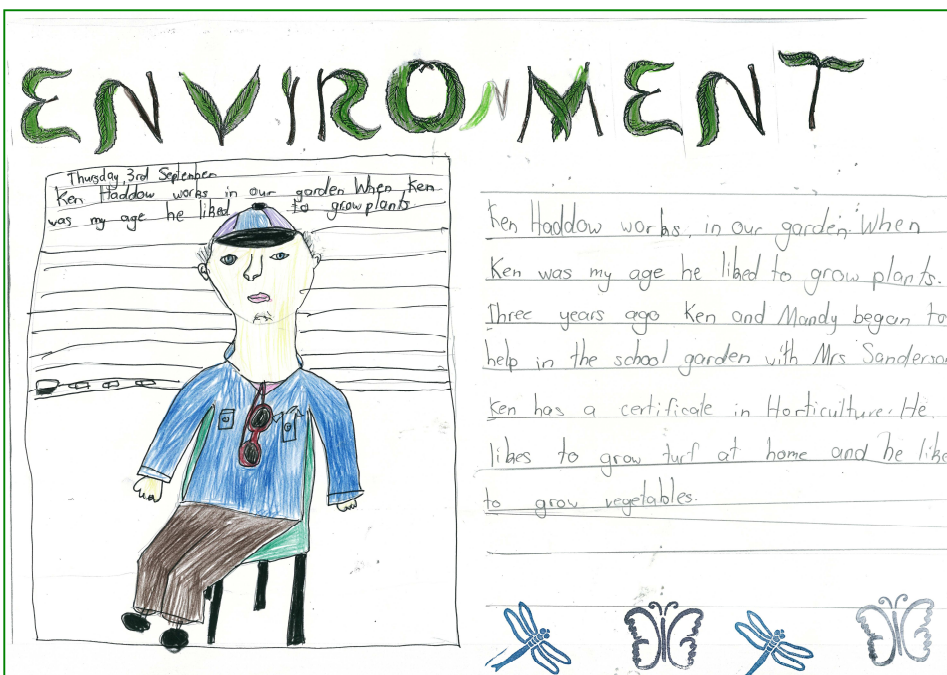
*1-2A Recycling Poster*



*Making recycled paper for cards*



*Taylor makes a new friend*



*Sarah with a Tassie Devil*



*Melonie,  
Vivienne, and  
Olivia go  
Green*



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(Corner of Waratah and Hanbury Street)

 **UnitingCare** NSW.ACT  
**Unifam Counselling & Mediation**

We are running a group for kids between 7 and 12, whose parents are separated and continue to be in high conflict...

### *Connect Kids*

This 8 week group explores issues that come up for kids from separated families in a relaxed and fun way.

**When:** Tues 27th October for 8 weeks  
3.45 to 5.15pm

**Where:** Level 3, 19 Bolton Street, Newcastle  
(near the train station, 2<sup>nd</sup> block up the street)

**Fee:** Connect Kids is **FREE**

For further information - please contact

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