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Tuesday 12th December
Week 10 Term 4

Mayfield Messenger

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Can you believe we are now down to the final few school days of 2018? This year has gone very, very quickly, with a very packed schedule for Mayfield East Public School. There have been so many wonderful learning opportunities available to our students, thanks to our amazing staff, including all of the extra-curricular activities such as Tap Troupe, Choir, Percussion group (all of which we saw perform at Presentation Day last week), as well as film-making and the Digital Media Festival, the Straw Tower Challenge, Hunter Dance Festival, the Hunter EV Challenge, excursions to the Wetlands, Bathurst and the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Our children have also had opportunities to represent our school in areas such as public speaking, debating, spelling, sports, including swimming and athletics.

Congratulations to all of our very deserving award recipients at Presentation Day last week, they should be proud of their efforts. Further congratulations go to firstly our outgoing student leadership team of 2017 – they did a fantastic job compering the Presentation Day ceremony and will be a hard act to follow. Our 2018 student leadership team was announced on Friday at Presentation Day – School Captains for 2018 are Scarlet L-C and Elliot F, School Vice Captains Emily C and Hamish F, and School Executives Gemma C and Paddy C. Congratulations to our 2018 school leaders – they will be inducted formally into the role at the end of Week 1, Term 1 2018. I know they are going to do an excellent job and am looking forward to working with them next year.

Tomorrow night is an exciting night that I know our senior students are looking forward to - the Year 6 Farewell. It is a celebration of the first 7 years of school and the transition to the next 6 years. I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 students all the very best – they are a beautiful, supportive group of students, who show great friendship and care towards each other and younger students. We are very proud of them and I know they will represent themselves, their families and Mayfield East Public School well when they go to high school. Good luck Year 6!

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Tuesday 12th:
- Platinum Awards Bowling 12-1:30pm

Wednesday 13th:
- Year 6 Farewell 5pm—8pm

Thursday 14th:
- Treat Day

Friday 15th:
- Year 6 Pool Day
- Year 6 Clap-out 2:30pm
- Last Day of Term

Tuesday 30th January:
- Yr 1 to Yr 6 return

Thursday 1st February:
- Kindergarten start

Here are some of our staff and students' most memorable moments from 2017…

- *Being the proud recipients of a new library*
- *Establishing the MEPS Robotics Program off with a very generous donation of over $15,000 from the P&C*
- *The teamwork shown by staff and students on our move out of B Block into alternate learning spaces*
- *The super fun 'Colour Fun Run', where there were lots of messy, coloured, wet clothes, plenty of smiles and lots of money raised for our school by the P&C*
- *My most memorable moment for 2017 was going on the giant swing at the Great Aussie Bush Camp because it pushed me outside my comfort zone and was lots of fun.*
  - **Amirah B 3/4T**
- *My most memorable moments are going on the giant swing and rock climbing at the Great Aussie Bush Camp.*
  - **Kai W-B 3/4T**
- *I have had an amazing time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in 4H and many other activities such as the Fun Run and the Year 6 Mini Fete. At the Great Aussie Bush Camp I learnt about working in a team, getting out of my comfort zone and to get out of my comfort zone I went on the dual flying fox, high ropes, indoor rock climbing and THE GIANT SWING!!! This is one what we did closer to the start of the year, a the trip to the Newcastle Museum where we did some games there and went on the train in groups. Finally there is the Fun Run which was very interesting because there were so many colour bombs and spraying water and I got to do all these activities with my friends. So to finish of I'd like to say thank you for everything Mrs Horgan, I can't wait to see you next year and all my friends.* - **Mishka 4H**
- *My experience has told me that Year 4 is one of the best school years. I went in the Colour Fun Run, Year 4 Straw Tower Challenge, Year 6 Mini Fete and Great Aussie Bush Camp. First of all, the Great Aussie Bush Camp. I went on the dual flying fox, low ropes, high ropes, archery, canoeing and best of all, THE GIANT SWING!! These activities taught me stuff like team-work, goal setting and getting over my fear of heights. Next the Colour Run. It was really fun and my mum drenched me. Now the Straw Tower Challenge. Our team did really well and I learnt a lot about teamwork. Last of all I'm going to talk about the Year 6 Mini Fete. It was really, REALLY FUN!! I had a lot of tickets left though. Year 4 was THE BEST!! Thanks Mrs Horgan! :D*
  - **Zoe K 4H**
- *Year 6 students have thoroughly enjoyed planning and implementing a range of new and exciting fundraisers at MEPS through-out the year. Their highlights have included the Year 6 BBQ, Movie/Pyjama Day, Crazy Hair Day, and our well known Mini Fete. The students have put their talents, time and effort into each of these fundraisers and have raised an outstanding $1,480 for our school community this year. Their efforts will be rewarded as they dance the night away at their final event – the Year 6 Farewell this coming Wednesday!* - ***Miss Peterie***
- *2BV have had a wonderful fun-filled year. We loved participating in many school events such as Pyjama/Crazy Hair/Harmony/ NAIDOC/Fun Run days. We particularly enjoyed doing art with Nick both in class and outside, designing and testing flotation devices, doing Christmas craft and participating in swim school. We can't wait to see what next year will bring.*
  - **Mrs Bradley & Mrs Vella**

It has been a wonderful year, I thank you all for your support, patience and understanding as we have gone through so many changes in 2017 - but it will all be worth it as we move into new, exciting learning spaces early in 2018. I wish you all a happy, fun-filled and relaxing holiday break with your family and friends - enjoy the time together, it will go very fast. Please stay safe during the school holidays, I'd love to see everyone back here in one piece when the students return on Tuesday 30th January!

Merry Christmas and best wishes, on behalf of all of the staff of Mayfield East PS,
Your very proud principal, Robyn Christie

Presentation Day 2017

Assembly Awards

Platinum Award Bowling

Congratulations to…

Brax B, Caleb C, Jasmynn G, Billie G, Hayden J, Xavier P, Cooper S, Angus C, Kaylee D, Olivia H, Olivia L, Mahlia S, Kitana S, Anna S, Carter B, Summah S, Connie W, Mikaela W, Nashi R, Alister S, Mishka B, Norah C, Flo J, Mali J, Monique W, Scarlet L, Chantal P, Violet R, Hannah N and Lucas W.

All these students were rewarded today with an excursion to the Mayfield Ten Pin Bowl for achieving Platinum Awards this year. Fantastic effort everyone!

Just a reminder……

No student banking this week!

Banking will recommence in Week 2, Term 1, 2018
(Friday 9th February)

2018 Term 1	
Staff Development Day	Monday 29th January
Year 1-Year 6 return	Tuesday 30th January
Kindergarten students start	Thursday 1st February
Easter School Holidays	Friday 30th March to Monday 2nd April
Term 1 finishes	Friday 13th April

Cancer Council NSW

SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to be SunSmart in summer!

Did you know?

Temperature doesn't determine when you need sun protection. It is UV radiation, which is not affected by temperature that damages skin cells and causes cancer. To reduce your family's risk of skin cancer, ***use sun protection whenever UV levels are 3 or above***.

How do I know when the UV is 3 or above?

Download the free SunSmart App and set it up for your location!

Most parts of NSW experience high levels of UV radiation, especially from October to March. Check the UV every day using the app, or set up the auto-alert, to find out when you need to use sun protection.

Got any questions? Contact the friendly SunSmart Team on (02) 9334 1761.

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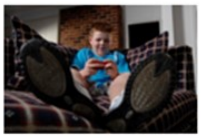
LIMITING SCREEN TIME

Do you need some ideas for distracting your child from 'technology' or watching television?

Try some of these ideas:



- Go screen free on weekdays (except for educational purposes)
- Tech free Saturdays
- Simple restrictions on when your child has access, such as 'no screen time before dinner or bed'
- Try 'Imagination Wednesdays' where you and your child do things together that don't involve a screen
- Provide seven 30 minutes vouchers on a Friday afternoon to last for the following week. When your child watches the TV or plays on the computer they hand the vouchers back for every 30 minutes they're looking at a small screen. This limits your child to 3.5 hours of screen time over a week.

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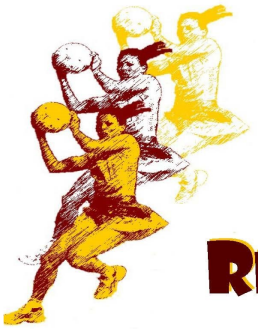

WARATAH NETBALL CLUB

"Not just a player, not just a team, but a …….. Community "

REGISTRATION 2018

"Our mission is to be recognised as a Club in which ortsmanship and fair play are our priorities, while en- ring that our players have the opportunity to perform to the best of their abilities."

Waratah Netball Club is taking registration for players of all abilities from ages 5 to seniors. We also welcome anyone interested in coaching/managing one of our teams or becoming a member of our club committee.

SATURDAY FEB 3RD
10AM-2PM
MAYFIELD WEST BOWLING CLUB,
NORRIS AVE MAYFIELD WEST
OR
ONLINE www.waratahnetball.asn.au

For further information and registration fees please visit
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