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Week 3-Term 2

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MAYFIELD MESSENGER

Principal's Message

Here we are at Week 3 – and I think autumn has finally arrived and winter well on its way! We have a huge number of jumpers and jackets in Lost Property, all waiting for their owners to collect them. In the meantime, I've also noticed quite a few shivering little people in our school, covered in goosebumps because they can't find their school jacket. If this is your child, then please encourage them to have a look in the box for their jacket as soon as possible. Once our jackets are reunited with their lost owners, please ensure that their owner's name is written clearly on the inside so they can be reunited quickly if the jacket gets left behind again. With our Years 3-6 students attending many sports offsite, labelling clothes becomes even more important. I know that with the change of seasons, many parents and carers have suddenly noticed growth spurts in their household – if that's the case and you need a new uniform, please go to www.countryfeelinguniforms.com.au to place your order for a very reasonably priced replacement. Orders are usually here within 48 hours of placement.

Last week was our first week of sports conducted offsite, and what a wonderful success it was! I would like to acknowledge the huge amount of time and effort put in by Miss Peterie in coordinating and organising such a significant adjustment to our school program for Years 3-6. Our first week was hugely successful, it is so wonderful to see our students have access to a broader skill base and wider opportunities. It also helps our school become a hub in the wider community, raising our profile and working with others to help all of our students achieve success in one way or another. Well done, Miss Peterie, you are amazing!

FOR THE CALENDAR

15th-17th May:

- NAPLAN

Friday 18th May:

- National 'Walk Safely to School Day'

Wed 23rd May:

- Yr5 Sports Gala Day CCWTC

Thurs 24th May:

- GRIP Leadership Day

Tues 29th May:

- P&C Meeting 6pm

Mon 11th June:

- School Closed

I would also like to thank our community partners who have made this possible – *Balance at Mayfield for swimming, Real Life Fitness, Mayfield for CrossFit and Mayfield Bowling Club for Lawn Bowls*. Our talented staff also ran sessions in basketball, soccer and Oz-Tag. Finally, I'd like to congratulate our students on representing our school so beautifully. All of the teachers reported glowing comments from our community partners – I know how wonderful our students are, it's great to know that the community are also able to witness this!

Just a reminder that NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy And Numeracy) is on this week for students in Years 3 and 5. The tests will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, so it is extra important that everyone is here on time ie 8.55am. You can help your child by also ensuring they get to bed at a good time so that they wake refreshed, that they have a nutritious breakfast as well as some good brain food available for recess and lunch. While we know that everyone has very different abilities in literacy and numeracy, and that NAPLAN can't measure qualities and skills such as how kind or helpful a child is, or how great they are at soccer, or how beautifully they can sing, it is still vital that every child, no matter his/her strengths, gets off to a great start on those days.

Another reminder that this week on Thursday 17th May we will be holding a 'Yarn Afternoon' from 4-5pm for our Aboriginal families to join teachers in developing Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) for our Aboriginal students - afternoon tea will be provided and some of the students in our cultural group will be performing. Please let your child's classroom teacher know if you can't make it at that time as they'll need to organise another time to get together to create a PLP.

Our Library has fulfilled many roles over the past 7 months, including Kindergarten's first learning space. I'm pleased to announce that it is now officially a school library once again, with structured library lessons starting this week! Our Teacher/Librarian, Mrs Bayl and one of our wonderful parents, Mrs Libby Walsh, undertook the big task of getting the library ready to use by all students and staff again. This involved three days of sorting books, cleaning furniture, and even scrubbing the colourful Library mat to ensure everything is bright and welcoming. Thank you both for all of your efforts - our school community is so lucky to have such supportive parents and staff.

Finally, it was so wonderful to see and chat with so many Mums, Nans, Grans, aunties, sisters, cousins and other special people in our children's lives last Friday during the Mother's Day Breakfast. Thank you to Mrs Horgan in particular for coordinating such a hugely successful breakfast, and I'd also like to thank our wonderful staff who came in extra early to prepare, cook and serve the breakfast. We are so fortunate to have such committed staff at our school, and I am thankful for them every day. The gold coin donation was very much appreciated – total collected was \$230. This will go towards updating some of our library resources. Thank you to our wonderful parents who ran the Mother's Day stall – I hope everyone got to enjoy the very thoughtful presents chosen by our children.

Rug up against the cold, and have an amazing week!

Robyn Christie



Zone Cross Country

On Friday 4th May, 15 students represented MEPS at Stevenson Park, Mayfield for the Zone Cross Country. All students should be extremely proud of their efforts as they ran a great race and never gave up.

Congratulations to *Oliver Smith, Violet Rothery, Eloise McLean, Bede Murray-Slade, Jasmine Evans, Anna Stephenson, Scarlet Longman-Cowles, Ella Stamp, Lucas Longman-Cowles, Alister Stephenson, Aleiah Newman, Brandon Mathison, Hamish Foran, Jye Frazer and Matilda Armstrong.*

A special congratulations to Oliver Smith as he came 7th in his race, missing out by one spot to attend the Regional Cross Country race.

Amanda Rake
Cross Country Coordinator

Great news from Waratah Campus

Well done to ex students from Mayfield East Public School who received a 'Great Start Award' for their start in Year 7.

This award recognized students who have demonstrated an excellent start to their studies at Waratah Technology Campus.

Congratulations to all below!!!!

<i>Marian Abu</i>	<i>Ousmane Mane</i>
<i>Callum Boyd</i>	<i>Emerson Mexon</i>
<i>Dylan Deluca</i>	<i>Haylie-Jade Robarts</i>
<i>Savannah Hancock</i>	<i>William Roberts</i>
<i>Bridgette Hart</i>	<i>Rickie Taylor</i>
<i>Steele Hicks</i>	<i>Mackenzie Vial</i>
<i>Kiara-Lee Hornsby</i>	<i>Lucas Wolski</i>
<i>Kynan Kane</i>	<i>Mason Woods</i>
<i>Zayne Zambrowski</i>	

Mayfield East P&C

MOTHER'S DAY STALL - WHAT A SUCCESS!

Thanks to our volunteers for helping with the stall. We raised over \$800 for the school. And the gifts sold out – which makes us even happier!

Thanks to the school community for getting your little people prepared for purchasing gifts. And to our teachers for taking time out to bring their classes to the stall. Biggest thanks to Nikki Costello for all her time coordinating this event – she commits a lot of time and passion to this event.

I have heard some cute and funny stories from carers and mums - some gift choices, were, um, quirky!

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 29th May, 6pm.

If you have any questions, just ask us on the Facebook page, or email us at:

mayfieldeastpandc@gmail.com



P&C Facebook page

New parents, join the Facebook page. Handy reminders about things happening at school, information about school matters, contact with other parents. Follow us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/MayfieldEastPandC/>

Reminder....

Year 5 Sports Gala Day at CCWTC!

Next Wednesday 23rd May, Year 5 MEPS students are invited to participate in a Gala Sports Day. Please return your permission notes by no later than **this Friday 18th May.**

MEPS Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held at the Fearnley Dawes Athletic Track, Smith Street, Newcastle on Tuesday 19th June. Please return your money and permission notes to the office **no later than Tuesday 12th June.**

Term 2 Senior Sport





This year, Mayfield East Public School is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program. Each class will be learning how to skip and how to do lots of cool skipping tricks over the next couple of weeks. You can help your child support valuable research into heart disease by registering them online. It's easy, safe and secure at jumprope.org.au. Send emails to family and friends asking for sponsorship. Together, we can have fun and help others!



Heart Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart



Friday 18 May 2018

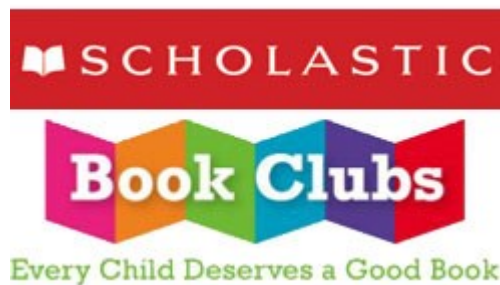
walk.com.au

National Walk Safely to School Day

Now in its 19th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

All information can found at: walk.com.au

The event will be held throughout Australia on Friday 18 May 2018 and our student leaders will be handing out stickers to all students walking safely to school on Friday morning.



Tomorrow, **Wednesday 16th May** is the last day to hand in your Book Club orders. Please leave them at the office. Don't forget every order earns points for our school to purchase library resources. Thank you, Mrs Bayl (Teacher/ Librarian).



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Mayfield Scout Group



15 Ida Street, Mayfield.

Joeys 6-8 years – Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm.

Cubs 8-11 years - Wednesdays 6.30-8pm.

Scouts 11-14 years - Mondays 6.30-8.30pm

(In school terms)

We offer a 4 week (consecutive) free trial! NSW Government's Active Kids Rebate is available.

Mayfield Scout Groups Leaders are Edward, Karen, Natalye and Deb.

Join us for fun and adventure, team involvement, helping other people, being a leader, making friends, being a positive influence in your community and so much more!

Want to know more about Scouting? - <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/>

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