

Tuesday 18th December
Week 10—Term 4



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MAYFIELD MESSENGER

Principal's Message

Thank you all for a wonderful year! How quickly it has gone.

Congratulations to all of yesterday's award recipients at the Presentation Day assembly, all very well-deserved. It was so exciting to see so many family and friends come to support and celebrate with our students yesterday. The whole hall and COLA was at full capacity! The performances were spectacular, starting with Drum Corp, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, our Girls Cultural Dance group and finishing with our Junior and Senior Tap Troupes. Such impressive talent across all aspects of the curriculum here at Mayfield East Public School! Our student audience need to be commended on their magnificent efforts yesterday. They sat respectfully and patiently for the whole 2 hours and were simply outstanding. I would also like to thank Alisdair Downer, owner of Chiefly East and one of our parents, for the magnificent morning tea he provided for our special guests. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and were very complimentary.

Our current student leadership team did an excellent job of running the Presentation Assembly. I am incredibly proud of them as they adapted to last minute changes as well as holding multiple roles throughout the assembly including performing in items. Elliot, Scarlet, Hamish, Emily, Paddy and Gemma have led our school with enthusiasm and pride all year and I thank them for their fantastic efforts. Our school leaders for 2019 were also announced yesterday, they are:

Captains – Amirah B and Caleb N
Vice Captains – Flo J and Charlie A
Student Executive – Mali J and Thomas S

The calibre of nominees this year was again very high – these students will do a fine job and I am looking forward to working with them.

Thank you to all of the lovely parents and friends who supplied our staff with a delicious breakfast this morning. It was very much appreciated. Let me say from my point of view, it was lovely to sit for a short time and catch up with parents and colleagues over some yummy food and a cuppa!

As in any workplace, there are sometimes changes in staffing. While I've worked hard to keep changes to a minimum, we do have two teachers who sadly will not be returning to MEPS in 2019. Many of you may know that our beautiful Mrs Chandy Bradley is leaving us to spend more time with her family and take on some new and different adventures outside of teaching. She has been a solid and popular part of our school community for 10 years, taught many, many students and held a range of different roles, but the whole time she has especially been an amazing role model to our young Aboriginal girls. Her knowledge, wisdom and kindness will be very much missed, but we are also very excited for her and wish Mrs Bradley all the very best in this new phase of her life!

Mr Sam Tassell will also sadly be leaving us at the end of this year as he has been successful in gaining a permanent teaching position at Alesco Senior College, which he was offered late last Friday. Mr Tassell has been here for nearly 5 years, first as an intern at university and then as a full-time temporary teacher filling positions of other teachers on leave. He has made many great contributions to our school especially in Science and Technology and has been a wonderfully positive role model, particularly for our boys. We are very sad for us, but at the same time very excited and pleased for him, as a permanent position means that he can move onto the next exciting phase of his life including marriage and a family. Our school has been very privileged and lucky to have two such outstanding educators here for the time we've had them. They've made enormous contributions to the learning and culture of our school and community as it is now today. I know that they will be very much missed, but on behalf of MEPS I wish them every future success.

Anticipated classes are as follows – we will not finalise student numbers until the end of the first week of school to ensure that numbers are evenly spread and students are in the best fit:

KM – Mrs Jessica Myers

KK – Miss Kirrilly Katen

K/1B – Mrs Sophie Bailey

1/2G – Mrs Jacquelyn Gill

1/2SR – Mrs Catherine Sutton and Mrs Tash Rudge

2RJ – Mrs Natalie Johnson and Mrs Amanda Rake

3/4A – Mr Andrew Hilton

3/4S – Mrs Sarah Hipwell

4/5P – Miss Kelsey Peterie

5/6D – Mr Scott Dornan

5/6H – Mrs Melinda Horgan

Learning and Support – Mrs Jo Munro, Mrs Catherine Sutton, Mrs Natalie Johnson

ESL – Mrs Rebekah Atkins

Quality Teaching/ Executive Support – Miss Bree Barker, Mrs Rebekah Atkins

Library – Mrs Evelyn Bayl, Mr Konrad Hense



Thank you to every single person who has made this year the wonderful year it has been. From starting our year off in temporary classrooms and no playground, to finishing our year with a beautiful, revitalised building and grounds. Our whole MEPS community – staff, students, families, friends and supporters contributed to making this year a highly successful year, with lots of collaboration, cooperation and fun!

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joy-filled, fun New Year. I hope you all have a beautiful, relaxing break with your families and friends – for our students in Years 1-6, I look forward to seeing you back here on Wednesday 30th January, 2019!

Your very proud principal,
Mrs Christie ☺



Here are Josie, Holly, Jacob and Frankie performing their duties as 'Principal for the Day' last week. What a fantastic job they did too!

Dates for the 2019 Calendar:

Tuesday 29th Jan:

Staff Development Day

Wednesday 30th Jan:

Year 1—Year 6 students start

Friday 1st February:

Kindergarten start

Wednesday 13th February:

Swimming Carnival

Maths Enrichment Group

Well done to all of the Maths Enrichment students, you have worked so hard all year long. Your confidence with explaining mathematical solutions using correct terminology has really improved and your problem solving skills have strengthened. I look forward to seeing some of your faces again next year and I wish all of my students who are heading off to high school all the best. Keep being the curious, wonderful mathematicians that you are!

Mrs Johnson

Assembly Awards



Mayfield East Public School

P&C

This week the P&C is holding our traditional thank-you breakfast for all the amazing teachers in our school. Not only do they educate and nurture our little ones for forty weeks of the year but they're all so passionate and involved in the school community as a whole — we wouldn't be able to do what we do without them! Thanks to Nikki for organising this year.

It's our last event for 2018 but we're already planning hard for 2019. All our activities are run by volunteers and we're always on the lookout for enthusiastic helpers with a little bit of time on their hands — even if you can't commit to a monthly meeting, we have lots of ways you can get involved. Email us at mayfeldeastpandc@gmail.com for details or watch this space.

On behalf of the whole P&C, we hope all our MEPS families have a happy, safe, relaxing and fun break! See you in 2019!

Ewa Ramsey
P&C President

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A gigantic thank you to all my parent and student volunteers! Thank you to all the parents that came in each week and supported our lessons. Thank you to all the families who come in to look after the school chickens through all the school holidays including over the summer. Thank you to my wonderful Green Team for taking care of our gardens, composting, recycling and running our harvest stall each week. A big thank you to Milay and Mark, our school General Assistants, for helping take care of our gardens and chickens and always solving all our problems!



We have had such a wonderful time cooking and gardening at our school this year. We are so lucky to have the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program at our school. We have tasted such wonderful food from our garden and kitchen. We have also created some amazing spaces in our garden and thought about some interesting topics. I can't wait till next year!

A little reminder from our environment.....try and think of ways to give a gift to someone that doesn't involve rubbish. Maybe you could give some homemade treats or a make a voucher for a massage, or a voucher to spend time together, or go and see a movie. There are lots of ways to celebrate Christmas time without sending too much to land fill.

<https://www.australianethical.com.au/news/10-tips-more-environmentally-friendly-christmas/>

Claire Lendich, SAKG
Program Coordinator



Presentation Day 2018







**We would like to wish all our families
a wonderful Christmas and a safe,
happy holiday.
See you in the New Year!**



CHECK
SOCIALS
FOR
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SPECIALS

MENU

House Baked Baguettes (or as a salad - just ask)

Coronation Chicken

poached chicken, Indian spices, Chief yogurt dressing, toasted almonds, crispy gem lettuce & cucumber.

Tuna Niciose

Tuna, olives, capers, semi dried tomatoes, egg & leaves.

Ultimate Salad Sanga

Fresh beetroot, avocado, carrot, cucumber, lettuce, Chief hummus & Chief herb yogurt dressing.

Italian Dreamer

Sopressa salami, olives, semi dried tomatoes, Grana padano cheese, balsamic dressing & rocket.

Hot Melted Banger Sangers (on Miche Rye)

New York Style Tuna Melt

Monterey Jack cheese, Chief pickles & red onions.

Ham the Man

Hunter Valley smoked leg ham, Swiss cheese, Chief relish & mustard mayo.

French Melt

THE ultimate cheese toastie, caramelized onions, Chief Sauce, current Deli Cheese & our blue cheese dip on the side.

Reuben

Pastrami, Chief pickles, Chief saurkraut, Swiss cheese & Chief sauce.

ALL MADE TO ORDER

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DO YOU KNOW A DAD?

- Who wants to spend **quality time** with their preschool aged child?
- Who wants to improve their kids' **sport skills** whilst having a ball of **fun**?
- Who wants to help their kids eat more **veggies** and **fruit**?
- Who wants to play fun, **active games** with their child and enhance their **fitness**?

THE WORLD FIRST Healthy Youngsters, Healthy Dads program is coming to Newcastle in Term 1 2019.

Register your interest:

www.healthyyoungsters.com

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This project has been approved by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. H-2017-0381.



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THE KEYBOARD ACADEMY

In week 2 of Term 1, 2019 our school is continuing the music program run by the Keyboard Academy. This presents a wonderful opportunity for children from Years 2-6 to have keyboard lessons with friends in small groups to learn popular musical styles. Students will be stimulated, motivated and guided into an interactive and exciting program that will hold their interest.

The term fee of \$120.00 includes; lessons, use of keyboards and headphones, quality music books, theory papers, concerts, certificates and prizes. The skills learnt will enhance the confidence and self-esteem of students. The program fosters discipline and commitment in the children while creating enjoyment for themselves and others.

The Enrolment form below must be filled in and returned to your school office by:

Friday 14th December 2018, so that classes may commence in week 2, Term 1 2019.

Inquiries are welcome to Jennifer Harrison on 0499 994 061 or 4968 1162.

No moneys to be paid until commencement of lessons.

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I wish to enrol my child _____ of Grade _____
(PLEASE PRINT) (in 2019)
in the Keyboard Academy for Term 1, 2019.

Signed (parent / guardian) _____ Ph: _____

