

Tuesday 27th November  
Week 7—Term 4



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# MAYFIELD MESSENGER

## Principal's Message

Wow! I cannot believe it's Week 7... Firstly I would like to congratulate Year 6 and Miss Peterie on a fantastic Mini Fete. I heard so many sad voices say that they wish it could have gone on longer and lots of excited voices telling me how much fun it was. What a great success and a credit to all of our Year 6 students on their hard work and creativity in coming up with lots of fun activities.

Don't forget that another exciting event is happening this week - the Callaghan Education Pathways **Digital Media Festival** is on this **Thursday 29th November** at Waratah Technology Campus. Tickets are available for \$5 each or a family for \$15. Tickets can be purchased from our lovely ladies in the front office and at the gate on the night. Please note that our school gets to keep the funds from all ticket sales made here at school. Any bought on the night do not go to us, so please buy your tickets here ASAP!

4/5R and the Technology Team under the guidance of Mrs Rake and Mr Dornan, have put together a short film to be shown on the night. Our talented tappers – Jnr and Snr – are performing on the night with the Senior Tap Troupe opening the event. Our super-supportive P&C are also running a stall selling yummy Indian Samosa wraps. I hope to see many of you there on Thursday night in support of our students.

## CALENDAR

### Tuesday 27th Nov:

P&C AGM plus normal meeting 6pm

### Wednesday 28th Nov:

'NO RUBBISH' Day

### Thursday 29th Nov:

Callaghan College Digital Media Festival 4:30pm-9pm

Tickets at the office:-  
\$5/person OR \$15/family

### Friday 30th Nov:

P&C Rainbow Fun Run

### Thursday 6th Dec:

- ⇒ School Leaders for 2019 Speeches
- ⇒ Primary Sport Finishes
- ⇒ PLP Yarn evening

### Wed 12th Dec:

Year 6 Farewell, MEX Club  
Mayfield Ex-Services  
5:15pm to 8pm

You may have noticed that something has changed about our play area on the hill. There is now temporary fencing alongside the hall and across the hill to the cricket nets. I received notice late last week that the fencing contractors would be starting the boundary fence on the hill – Industrial Drive along the rear of the school and up Ingall Street until level with the OOSH Centre. This is a feature that will definitely improve the safety of our students when playing on the hill. So a few weeks without the hill area to play on will be well worthwhile. Weather permitting, they should be finished in around 2-3 weeks.

Last Friday saw our first 5 Platinum Awards given to some outstanding students who embody the school rules of 'Be Safe', 'Be Respectful' and 'Be a Hard Worker'. Congratulations to **Lucas 3/4H, Josephine KB, Frankie KB, Holly KH, and Jacob R 1/2G**. Not only do these 5 students get to go ten-pin bowling with Mrs Hipwell and me, as one of the first 5 they are each going to have the opportunity to be 'Principal for the day' with me, before the end of the year...so watch this space!

Thank you to **Belinda Cunningham** for the donation of some great little technology kits for use in our classrooms – it is very much appreciated!

Finally as part of our Wellbeing and Support program, from this week staff will be developing transition plans for all students who require it as they move to new classes in 2019. Teachers will be onsite but replaced by a casual teacher with designated work for that time to ensure that they develop a comprehensive plan to support a smooth transition for each child. Towards the end of Week 8 and throughout Week 9 meetings will be held between the two teachers and parents/carers to ensure as seamless a transition as possible.

I hope you have a fantastic week – see you at the Digital Media Festival!

Mrs Christie ☺



## SLSP Yarn Evening

On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2018** at 5pm, we will be having an afternoon session with our Aboriginal students to prepare their Student Learning Support Plans (SLSP) ready for the beginning of the 2019 school year. We will be holding our SLSP session in the school kitchen and will be providing afternoon tea for our families.

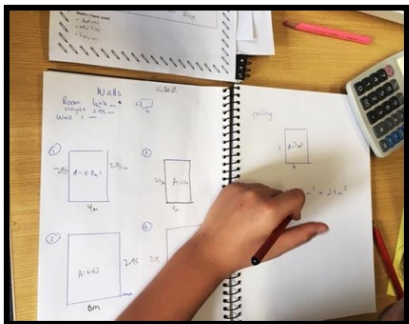
Throughout the afternoon we will develop academic, social, physical, cultural and wellbeing goals for learning. Students, parents and teachers will meet and work together on these long and short-term goals. Your child's classroom teacher will be available to discuss possible learning goals with you and your child. We will review these goals next year to ensure a positive transition for your child continues as they move through their year of schooling. We look forward to seeing you on this special afternoon.

Kind Regards,  
MEPS Aboriginal Education Team

## Maths Enrichment

Our designers this week have been working hard calculating the area of their walls and how much paint they need to cover those walls. One student has discovered the difficulty of designing a room with an unusual shape. They have all decided that it is quite complicated to calculate how many tins of paint are needed and also expensive! Well done, keep working hard on your designs.

Mrs Johnson



## Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition

On Wednesday 22nd August 2018, Stage 3 sat the Mathematics Competition. This competition is now in its 38th year and continues to grow each year attracting almost 19,000 students from 340 schools. We are very proud of our students and their achievements in the competition this year.

We had 5 Distinctions and 10 Merits in Year 5, as well as 5 Distinctions and 12 Merits in Year 6. One of our Year 6 students Paddy, also received a High Distinction and was placed 81st overall in Year 6. A fantastic achievement! Mrs Horgan



Date: Wednesday 12th December

Venue: MEX Club - Mayfield  
Ex-Services Club  
58 Hanbury St, Mayfield

Time: 5:15pm Photographs  
5:30pm Presentation  
6pm Dinner  
7pm Disco  
8pm Finish

Dress: Smart Casual for Gentlemen  
Dresses with flats for Ladies



# NO RUBBISH DAY

Why is M.E.P.S. having a 'No Rubbish Day'? We have rubbish all over the school and our planet. Having a day without rubbish will reduce the amount of waste produced, therefore helping the environment. This important day will be held on **Wednesday the 28th November**.

## So what do we do on 'No Rubbish Day'?

What you do is you get food without packaging and bring it to school. The packaging is constantly blowing all around the playground and not many people take the time to clean it up. On this day we will be collecting all the rubbish and trying to see if we can have no rubbish sent to landfill on this day! It's now time to start thinking about how you will prepare your lunch for a rubbish free day.

**Wednesday the 28th November – MEPS No Rubbish Day**

Thank you  
Ivy, Momo & the School Parliament

We can reduce waste by packing Nude Food.

### Pack

- ✓ Snacks in reusable containers
- ✓ Drinks in a reusable bottle
- ✓ Reusable utensils when needed
- ✓ A reusable lunchbox or backpack



### Avoid

- ✗ Food packed in plastic bags, cling film or foil
- ✗ Single-use drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottles
- ✗ Single-use forks and spoons
- ✗ Pre-packaged or single serve food items





# ASSEMBLY AWARDS



# Mayfield East P&C

## Volunteering at the Fun Run! Friday 30th November

### Ability Links "Including You Tent"

We need 4 volunteers to help with this valuable resource. The volunteers will:

- meet with Mrs Sophie Bailey and the Ability Links group at 1pm
- help setup the tent
- ensure equipment is safe
- ensure children are in there with a supervising adult (children can only access the tent with a teacher/SLSO or a parent/carer)
- not be required to supervise the children
- Need to have filled out an Appendix 5—Declaration for Volunteers as require by the DoE

The Including You initiative is to promote social inclusion supporting the ability of some children to participate more fully in community events, and to raise disability awareness within the community. The tent onsite at the fun run will provide a 'safe space' for children who may be overwhelmed by sensory input.

### Fun Run Helpers

On the day we need some folks to come and help with:

- Preparing water stations
- Filling water balloons
- soaking the kids at fun run (we have the super soakers etc!)
- help teachers to manage the kids in lines etc
- hand out refreshments (water, ice blocks)

**To offer to help, email [magdamycak@yahoo.com.au](mailto:magdamycak@yahoo.com.au)**

A huge, massive thank you to P&C member (and kindy mum) Magda Mycak for donating her time and energy. Also a big thanks to Shane for helping her as well! The event would not happen without these two amazing people.

## Annual General Meeting and Committee Elections

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 6-7pm**  
(short regular meeting afterwards)

All positions are vacant and we seek interested folks to be part of our growing and vibrant P and C. The main work of the P and C is fundraising and providing volunteer support for school events.

All new members will be supported by existing members. There is plenty of help and guidance – none of us knew how to run a P&C when we started. It is a fun and interesting community activity.

The committee would benefit from new members who have:

- Passion for meeting other parents and helping our amazing school
- Want to meet other families within the school
- Energy and interest in working to put on fundraising events
- Want to lend a hand to help at events
- Marketing or event management experience
- A knack for getting people together to help our school community

We will be electing:

<b>President</b>	manages meetings Fostering fair participation of all members Welcoming new members Supporting volunteers adhere to constitution communication with Principal signatory on the Association's bank accounts
<b>Secretary</b>	Prepare meeting agendas Take notes and write minutes Maintain member lists + attendance Maintains constitution and incorporation
<b>Vice President</b>	Performs duties of president if president is absent
<b>Treasurer</b>	Receive and deposit money Maintains records Manages distribution of funds as deemed by P & C Sending documents for audit once a year
<b>Fund raising coordinator</b>	Assists with planning of fund raising calendar Supports volunteers who are running individual events

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P & C

#### **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/>

# Mayfield East Public School



**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**1.50pm**

P & C Fundraising Event

Sponsorship forms sent home  
with each child.

***Please return sponsorship by  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November***





# YEAR 6 MINI FETE

All the students had a wonderful time and Year 6 managed to raise nearly \$800 towards their Farewell on 12th December!



Last week we made one of my all time favourite recipes..... Steamed Dumplings! These were so yummy. I have included the recipe below.



Tomorrow **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**, we are having a special day at our school. Two innovative students, Ivy and Momo, have organised a 'No Rubbish Day'. This is a challenge for all the students in the school to bring your lunch on that day without any rubbish. So no wrappers, glad wrap, packages, tub, or any disposable containers. We will have recycling bins, soft plastic recycling and compost available on the day. We will also be monitoring the amount of rubbish and hopeful we can send less waste to landfill on the day. I am very proud of these students for bringing this idea to the school SRC. We are hoping that you will learn some new ideas for packing your lunch and consider how much packaging we bring to school each day.

***Don't forget...No Rubbish Day Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November***

#### ***Holiday chicken carers***

We are looking for holiday chicken carers for our summer holidays. If you are interested in helping these holidays, we would love the assistance. We will need lots of helpers during this long break! If you are a regular holiday carer and want to assist or if you would like to try for the first time please let me know. I'll make up a roster in the coming weeks so our chickies will have a lovely holiday too. If you are able to assist please see Mrs Lendich or email [claire.lendich@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:claire.lendich@det.nsw.edu.au).

Mrs Claire Lendich  
SAKG Program Coordinator



300g chicken mince 4 green onions 2 garlic cloves ¼ cup bamboo shoots 1 cup silverbeet, chopped ¼ cup garlic chives 2 teaspoons Chinese rice cooking wine ¼ teaspoon white pepper ¾ teaspoon sesame oil 1cm piece ginger, peeled 30 fresh wonton wrappers	<b><i>Dipping Sauce</i></b> ¼ cup soy sauce 1 and ½ tablespoons white wine vinegar 3 teaspoons white sugar 1 tablespoon garlic chives, chopped
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### ***Dumplings***

**Step 1** Combine mince, onion, garlic, bamboo shoot, silverbeet, garlic chives, ginger, rice wine, white pepper and oil in a food processor. Blitz till smooth mixture.

**Step 2** Place 1 teaspoon mixture into centre of 1 wonton wrapper. Brush edges with water. Fold wonton over to make a triangle. Bring base corners of triangle together. Press firmly to join.

**Step 3** Line base of a large steamer basket with baking paper. Place dumplings, in a single layer, in basket. Pour water into a wok until one-quarter full. Bring to the boil over high heat. Place steamer over wok, ensuring base doesn't touch water. Steam dumplings for 15 to 20 minutes or until tender and cooked through.

**Step 4** Combine soy sauce, vinegar, sugar and garlic chives in a bowl. Stir until well combined. Serve with dumplings.





Our Girls STEM club have been very busy each week working on their environmental project. They have been working with Mrs Bailey to create their own beeswax wraps. They have relied heavily on their problem solving skills each week, as sometimes things haven't quite gone to plan. The girls have completed a range of research tasks and experimented with the quantities of each ingredients needed. On their fourth attempt, they were happy with their product and are ready to share them with the school community.

The Girls STEM club are passionate supporters of caring for the environment. They want to reduce the amount of plastic used in our school grounds and lives in general. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills and making positive contributions to the environment and school community. **The Girls STEM club handmade beeswax wraps will be available for purchase at the Harvest Stall each week starting this WEDNESDAY. There are currently 3 square sizes available, small \$2.00, medium \$4.00 and large \$6.00. There will be round ones available for \$4.00. All proceeds will go into further production of our beeswax wraps and future projects in our club.**

We are also open to donations of cotton fabric!

#### GIRLS REPORT

For the last 4 weeks the Girls S.T.E.M Club has tried to make beeswax wraps and failed a few times. We made them way too sticky in the beginning, but have worked out how to make them less sticky. Each time we tested our theory we made the kitchen a little smokey and burnt one of them. We worked out that the cotton we used had polyester mixed in it. We worked in teams to cut the beeswax wraps to 3 specific dimensions, continue research to decide how much we should charge for our wraps and design labels that included care instructions and ingredients. Everyone had fun these couple of weeks and will for however more weeks to come.  
By Matilda Armstrong and Amirah Bashford

