

Tuesday 4th December
Week 8—Term 4



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MAYFIELD MESSENGER

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 8!

This week and next we have some special guests sitting in the principal's seat. The first five students to reach Platinum level – students who have consistently embodied our school values of being 'safe', 'respectful' and 'hard workers' are taking on the role of 'Principal for the Day', starting with Lucas today. He is doing such a fantastic job I don't know if I'll get my desk back any time soon! His principal report is below!

Our school Twitter account is now active – our Twitter handle is [@mayfieldeastps](https://twitter.com/mayfieldeastps) for those of you who are familiar with Twitter. Follow us to keep up with what's happening!

We have a beautiful cohort of Year 5 students who will this week be presenting their speech to the whole school on why they would make an outstanding School Captain prior to the **leadership elections**. Parents, family and friends are welcome to come and watch the speeches which will be held this **Thursday 6th December in the hall just after 9am**.

Thursday is a busy day as we also have our **PLP Yarn Evening** for our Aboriginal students and their families, to be held from **5pm in the Kitchen**. If you haven't already returned the note, please do so straight away so we can make sure there are enough toasties for everyone!

CALENDAR

Wednesday 5th Dec:

NO RUBBISH Day

Thursday 6th Dec:

- ⇒ School Leaders for 2019 Speeches 9am
- ⇒ Primary Sport Finishes
- ⇒ PLP Yarn evening 5pm

Wednesday 12th Dec:

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

Friday 14th Dec:

Volunteers Morning Tea
11:00am in the Kitchen

Monday 17th Dec:

Awards Assembly
9:15am

Wednesday 19th Dec:

Last day of school

It is definitely beneficial for all students including Year 6, as all teachers will be there and Darren Woodhouse from Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus will also be there to work with our senior students on their goals as they move into high school.

Thank you to Magda and Shane and all of our fantastic parent and community helpers who made our Rainbow Run so spectacular last Friday! What an afternoon! This was my first one and it was a brilliant way to end the week. The organisation for an event like this is huge, so a big thank you to everyone involved – the Ability Links 'Including You' tent was also a wonderful idea, thank you to Mrs Bailey for organising a place of quiet and respite for our children who needed it.

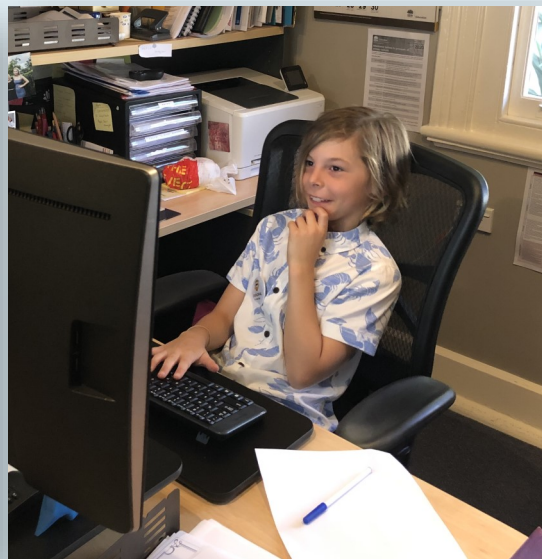
Have an awesome week!

Mrs Christie ☺

Principal's Report

Last week we had our Rainbow Fun Run. Classes ran through the course set out on the field getting splattered with coloured water and powder. After we ran we all got ice blocks and lots of people were saying how fun it was or I wish we could go again! The teachers ran through with us and got splattered with colour too! At the end of the run we were going to do our prizes for our fundraising but we ran out of time. We will be handing out our prizes on Wednesday (we have awesome prizes!).

Principal, Lucas L.C



SLSP YARN EVENING

On **Thursday 6th 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

NO RUBBISH DAY WEDNESDAY 5th December

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.

Thank you
Ivy, Momo & the School
Parliament



CHOIR PERFORMANCE

MEPS Choir has been invited to perform at the **"Izzo Community Carols"** this coming **Sunday 9th December at Islington Park, from 5:30pm**. A note has gone home today with all choir members to attend. Can you please return the permission slip as soon as possible. I hope everyone can attend as it should be a great evening. Amanda Rake

BOOK SALE

WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

ALL BOOKS 20c & 50c

(before school, recess & lunch)

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

Last Wednesday I had the opportunity to take a select group of students to take part in the **MiniME StarLAB** Rover Challenge at the University of Newcastle. This was the second event that the students have taken part in as they implemented the information they had learnt at the MiniME Hackathon event. The students took the morning session to develop their code. This included making the Mars Rover move forwards, backwards, left and right as well as a stop function. The students also learnt how to use some of the sensors and how to allow the Mars Rover to use the information to proceed with a function. After a visit from the Lord Mayor the students put their code to the test by navigating the Mars Rover through a model of Newcastle City, which everyone successfully completed. I was exceptionally proud of how the students represented our school and would like to thank them for all of their hard work.

Mr Dornan



P & C REPORT

Wow, what a great time we all had at the Rainbow Fun Run! With every squirt from the water pistols came a squeal of laughter from both children and adults. The colourful result showed just how much fun everyone had. Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members that came along to help decorate our students and teachers all the colours of the Rainbow.

The 'Including You' tent was a great addition to those who wished to participate at a distance. Thank you Mrs Bailey and Ability Links for making it possible. This bright event wouldn't have been possible without all the hard work behind the scenes leading up to it. **Magda Mycak and Shane Bracey** you organised an amazing event and should be extremely proud of your achievements.

The P&C would like to thank the many businesses who supported our fun run and provided vouchers towards prizes & supplies: **Newcastle Tree Tops, Inflatable World, Genesis Health & Fitness Mayfield, Jetbuzz Watersports, Oakvale Wildlife Park, PPS Surf, Springloaded Newcastle, Ninja Parc, Revolution, Newcastle Supa Putt, Kmart Waratah, Big W Newcastle West and Hunter Water.**

Our AGM was held last week and before we announce the incoming committee we need to do a massive shout out to the 2018 committee. The executive team led the committee with amazing leadership and strength. Thank you to Kylie Rowsell, Sam Hilton, Nikki Costello for all your time and effort. Thank you to all committee members and volunteers that helped with events throughout 2018.

Drum roll please...the 2019 Executive Committee is:-

President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Fundraising Coordinator/Vice President:

Ewa Ramsey

Magda Mycak

Janet Haigh

Georgie Whythes



P&C Fun Run





Last week we made some beautiful Christmas gifts from our kitchen garden program.



This **Wednesday 5th December** 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, tubs, or 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 hopefully we can send less waste to landfill on this 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 tomorrow!
Wednesday 5th December



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.

Claire Lendich

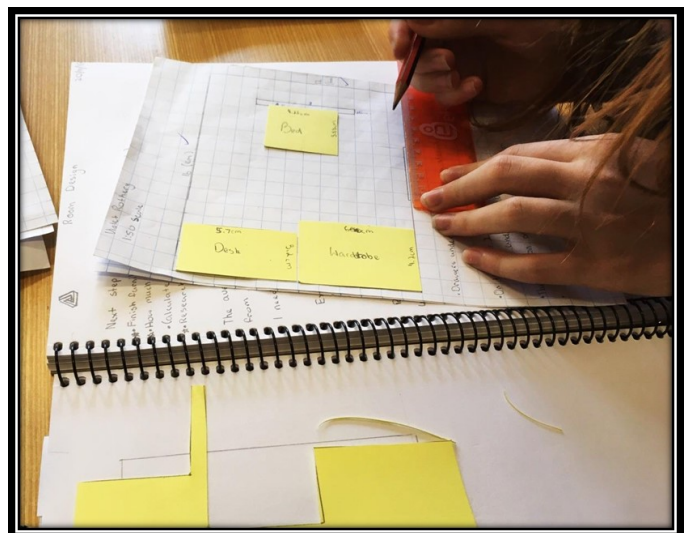
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Coordinator

Maths Enrichment

This week we were at the interior design stage. After researching design layouts the students have placed their furniture on their grids. They have drawn their furniture to scale and are now deciding its best location.

Photographs of their designs were taken so that the final drawings can be made. Some have decided their room size needed to change so adjustments are being made. Liam and Violet showed a considered approach to their layout and excelled with this task. Well done everyone!

Mrs Johnson





CAROLS

COMING TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS



WEBB PARK MAYFIELD

DECEMBER 8

FROM 5pm - MAIN SHOW 7pm

FREE RIDES - FREE GAMES - MUSIC - FOOD - DRINKS

IZZO COMMUNITY CAROLS

**SUNDAY 9TH
DECEMBER 2018
ISLINGTON PARK
5.30PM-9PM**

**LIVE MUSIC
BBQ
3v3 SOCCER
KIDS GAMES**



The Waratahs are helping to create strong, independent, rugby individuals with massive hearts. Come and join our Rebuild The Red #RTR campaign, to give your girls the best opportunity in the 2019 season.



Join the Tahs Girls



JUNIOR WOMEN'S ACADEMY

- * Starts in January 2019
- * Strength & Conditioning
- * Technique & Skills

SUMMER 7's TOURNAMENT

- * Starts February 2019
- * Exciting tournament to build knowledge & confidence

LOCAL RUGBY COMPETITION

- * Starts May 2019
- * U/13s, U/15s & U/17s Junior Women

Facebook: The Waratahs Junior Rugby Club - Newcastle
www.thewaratahsrugbyunionclub.com.au
Contact: Juniors President Chris 0434 615 488