

Mayfield East PS News

T4 W4 Newsletter

WELCOME BACK TO ALL STUDENTS FROM MONDAY



An overview of some of our enhanced Covid Safe Practices at MEPS:

- Vaccination – all adult persons on school site will be double vaccinated by Monday 18th October.
- Masks will be worn by all staff inside rooms on-site at MEPS.
- Masks are provided for students, or they can bring their own. Masks are strongly recommended inside for primary aged students and removed if eating. Our school has adequate supply of masks for students. I would ask families to discuss this with their child at home. Below is an outline of Mask Guidelines.
- Handwashing and Hand sanitiser – we have a large supply of sanitiser, soap available. This will be promoted.
- Hygiene Packs – we have hygiene packs provided by DoE to ensure we have all appropriate resources.
- Enhanced Cleaning – during the school day we have enhanced cleaning practices. This is where additional cleaning throughout the day to toilets, classrooms, door handles, touch surface areas and certain playground areas that are "open" for students to use.
- Ventilation Program – DOE Assets team have undertaken a rigorous Ventilation Program across every school. All schools have undertaken a ventilation audit to ensure ventilation

complies with advice from NSW Health, Doherty Institute, Independent Expert Steensen Varming and World Health Organisation

- Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school site.
- Parents to remain outside school gates and social distance.

Stage 3 Stopmotion film making

In Term 4 Stage 3 have been developing their film making skills through stop motion. We wanted to share our hard work with the rest of our school community. You might want to settle in with a snack to watch our awesome work!

<https://animoto.com/play/cCJv0WRJnWuJn8wTRJX0lg>

Principal's Report

This week we are all back K-6!!!! After 9 school weeks of "Learning from home" via seesaw and Google Classroom, we are back "face to face" under Level 3 + restrictions. Congratulations to all the parents/carers, Grand parents and "Grandfriends", neighbours, online presenters etc, etc, who did such a fantastic job of supporting our students from home. As of 2.50pm Friday 22/10 MEPS delivered "Learning from Home" activities will conclude and school work will be "Face to Face" in nature. We ask that students return borrowed school laptops to office on Monday!!



Students are **expected to attend school** unless they are unwell or have even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

Students not attending school will **NOT** be supported by "Learning from Home" structures and online feedback from MEPS staff.

In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.

We are looking forward to your child/children returning to school and having a wonderful time together with lots of smiling happy faces. We will definitely ensure we will nurture and support children who may be feeling a bit anxious after their time away. Staff are looking forward to welcoming students at the school gate.

Morning drop off will remain as normal at the front gate (I'll be there to meet them). They will

Pick up time will be alphabetically staggered as listed below .

COVID safe operations for schools - for a summary of how we will be operating under Level 3 Plus, please click the link below:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/covid-19/media/Roadmap_to_Return_Guidelines_for_Families.pdf

We will be operating in two "cohorts" K- 2 and 3-6 . In order to meet our COVID-19 safe guidelines, we need to keep the "cohorts" separated as much as possible. Morning assembly points will be the same as before the lockdown K-2 at the Hall, 3-6 under the COLA.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden classes will not be cooking until further notice, and tools used in garden will need to be sanitised between classes.

We will not be having a weekly assembly. We will continue to handout our class awards in class and publish the recipients in the school newsletter.

Canteen food pickup

- K-2 will have food delivered to their eating area in baskets
- 3-6 will use windows at the canteen

Toileting

- 3-6 will be using the Hall toilets (Boys: Handicapped Toilets and Mens, Girls: Girls Toilet plus relabelled "visitors" Toilet on verandah across from external staff room door.
- K-2 will use the toilet block

PGD:

- K-2 Hill, Hall COLA, open air ball courts
- 3-6 Oval and COLA
- Upstairs Stage 2 classes will move outside for Lunch & Recess 5 mins before Stage 1 classes and Stage 2 will return to class after Stage 1

Due to concerns for cleaning and the required separation of cohorts, the covered play equipment will be **closed** until further notice.

Facemasks

The wearing of facemasks by students is strongly recommended inside rooms at MEPS for Primary aged children . We have child size masks at the school; However, if you do not wish your child to wear a facemask please contact the school or drop me a line via my email listed below.

Staggered Pick up times

We will be reverting to the same pick up times as earlier this year.

- **2.30pm** Surnames beginning with **A-F**
- **2.40pm** Surnames beginning with **G-O**
- **2.50pm** Surnames beginning with **P-Z**

Please bring your name card!!!

(For more details see section below)

Big School for Little Kids

BSLK is still operating online each Friday. We hope that in the not too distant future our Public Health Order restrictions will decrease and we can actually run some face to face sessions!

Individual student NAPLAN results

2021 Individual student NAPLAN results (Years 3 & 5) will be handed out to students on Monday to take home. Please take time to look through the information provided. If you wish to have further explanation of the results, please contact your child's teacher. I will be presenting some bulk school base data in upcoming newsletters.

Finally, our MEPS Newsletter will be moving to a fortnightly production from the next issue. Our next issue will be Friday 5th November.

Feedback

As always, If you want to give constructive feedback on how our school is going, or want me to know about some of the great efforts that are being made by staff and/or students at the school, send me an email at the address below or call the school 4968 1495.

Ken White

Proud MEPS Principal

email: kenneth.j.white@det.nsw.edu.au

STUDENT DROP OFF AND STAGGERED PICK UP – STARTING OCTOBER 25TH

Please make sure that your child knows **in the morning** whether they are being collected by you on foot, being picked up by car in the pick-up zone, catching a bus or going to WEMOOSH.

We are basically moving back to the mode used earlier in the year when parents were not allowed onto the school grounds past the internal black gates. It will rely on close

trying very hard to operate under the restrictions imposed upon us by the Department. I know that the car pick-up zone is very small and gets congested very quickly. I know too, that there are lots of children about. Please remember to be patient and keep in mind that everyone is working towards the same goal - that is, to get our children home safely - so when interacting with other parents or carers just outside the school gates, please be a positive role model for our students and be kind and respectful.

Mornings:

Drop-offs:

- All children must be dropped off at the front gate in the morning unless there is a principal approved exemption. There will be a staff member there between 8.30am and 8.55am.
- If you know that your child may feel a bit teary at the gate, please prep them beforehand and give lots of positive reinforcement about how brave they are, how they're going to walk in the gate, where they'll go etc, to help them make that separation a little easier. A brave, smiling face from Mum or Dad goes a long way to helping, too!
- If your child is late, you may walk them to the office (wearing a facemask and checking in with our QR code) to sign in but you must leave them there and do not enter any other part of the school. We will ensure they get safely to their classroom.

Afternoons:

Pickups

Due to the small single entry/exit point at our school, we will be staggering our finish times from Monday October 25th. Note: We cannot use the carpark gates as an entry/exit point as this is a Health and safety issue, and can only work within the designated pick up/drop off parking zones.

I would ask you to do a number of things to lessen the risk to yourself and other families in the community.

- Please do not come up to school until just before your child's finish time.
- If picking up your child by car, please wait in your car at the pick-up zone, .
- If you must come up to the school, please wait either outside the front gates (keeping 1.5m distance from others) or if you must come into the school, please wait in the front grassed area just inside the front gate and maintain social distancing - don't go through the black gates to the playground.
- Please do not enter the school grounds/playground.
- If you are unwell, please consider picking your child up by car instead of coming to the gate.
- Students will be dismissed in alphabetical order (where students in the same family have different surnames, they'll be dismissed with the earlier category)

- The only exception to this will be students who attend WEMOOSH and students who catch the bus. They will remain with their teacher until 2.50pm.
- **2.30pm** Surnames beginning with **A-F**
- **2.40pm** Surnames beginning with **G-O**
- **2.50pm** Surnames beginning with **P-Z**

If you still have the card we made for every family which has their surname displayed, we ask to that you:

- If you are driving, please display it on the passenger visor facing out.
- If you are walking/cycling, please bring it with you to hold up.

Displaying the card makes things less chaotic in what is already a very busy time. It is much much easier to identify which parents/carers are waiting (when they are wearing facemasks) especially if we have casual teachers on duty, or a teacher is on duty from another class or stage.

Where should you wait?

- ***Driving*** - **please do not come earlier than your designated time** - we need to move cars through the pick-up zone very quickly - eg if your child is not due to be dismissed until 2.40pm, please don't arrive before that time. If there are no spots available, please drive around the block until there is a space available.
- ***Walking*** - please wait either outside the school gate or across the road, and leave as soon as you've collected your child/ren. Again, please try not to come earlier than your designated time, as there isn't enough space on the street for everyone to safely adhere to physical distance guidelines.

CARPARK:

Please note - Health and Safety guidelines from the Department of Education require that parents and carers are **not** to enter the school carpark at any time, whether on foot or by car. The gates will be closed each afternoon. If you need a parking spot, you will have to drive around the block until a spot opens up in the Pick-up zone.

Once you have collected your child/ren, leave the school grounds straightaway, please don't stop for a chat or a catch-up. If you need to talk to your child's teacher, please email them.

Thank you - these are extraordinary times and this time of day is when our community will be most at risk.



NSW DoE – COVID-19 Update

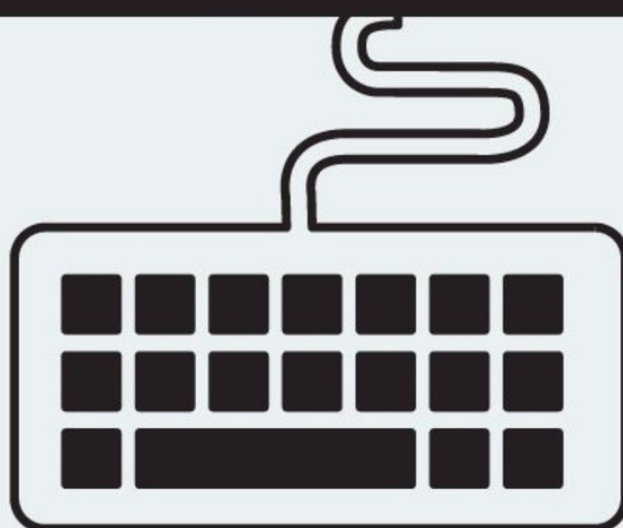
A guide to NSW school students for Term 4, 2021 - live updates

QUALITY WORK SUPERSTARS!

MEPS LOANED DEVICES

Just a reminder that if you have borrowed a school laptop during the 'learning from home' period, these must be returned on Monday the 25th October to the front office.

Thank you in advance.





Back to School STATIONERY LIST

Stage 1

- 6 x Lead Pencils HB
- 1 x Coloured Pencils (12pkt)
- Glue Sticks
- 30cm Ruler
- Eraser
- Soft Grip Scissors
- Packet of Highlighters
- 6 x Whiteboard markers
- Double Sharpener
- Pencil Case

Stage 2

- 6 x Lead Pencils HB
- 3 x Blue ballpoint pens
- 2 x Red ballpoint pens
- 1 x Coloured Pencils (12pkt)
- Glue Sticks
- 30cm Ruler
- Eraser
- Soft Grip Scissors
- Packet of Highlighters
- 6 x Whiteboard markers
- Double Sharpener
- Pencil Case

Stage 3

- 6 x Lead Pencils HB
- 3 x Blue ballpoint pens
- 2 x Red ballpoint pens
- 1 x Coloured Pencils (12pkt)
- Glue Sticks
- 30cm Ruler
- Eraser
- Soft Grip Scissors
- Packet of Highlighters
- 6 x Whiteboard markers
- Double Sharpener
- Pencil Case



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!

KA:

KG:

Claudie - for being resilient and happy and hard-working all at once

Arabella - for being super resilient and always cheerful

Izaiah - for being resilient and keen to do a maths test

K/1S:

Norah - for her focused and awesome attitude towards school and learning

Kinsley - for being a super star helper and always helping Miss Symons

Alex - for always being a hard worker and completing tasks independently

1/2J:

1/2H:

1/2M:

Amelia - for her ever-growing confidence in the classroom

Oliver - bringing his fun and bubbly personality to class everyday

Billy - believing in himself more and more each day

1/2R:

3/4M:

3/4R:

Elliott - for his persistence with his spelling assessment

Xavier - for being a respectful member of 3/4R

Dominic - for his great sportsmanship during 'rob the nest'

3/4P:

5/6B:

5/6K:



Tim Crakanthorp MP Christmas Card Competition



This year's theme is
'Christmas in outer space'.

The winning artwork will
feature on my 2021 Christmas
card as well as receiving a
prize for the artist and their
school.

One runner-up from each
year group across all
Newcastle schools will also
receive a book voucher.

NAME:

YEAR:

SCHOOL:

Entries close 4.30pm 9/11/2021

MAYFIELD EAST P AND C ASSOCIATION

*"Mayfield East Public School P&C acknowledges that our land is and always will be Awabakal
land. Mayfield East Public School P&C pays our respects to past, present*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nutrition Snippet

NEED SOME LUNCH BOX IDEAS?



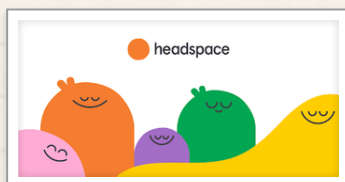
Check out our range of healthy lunch box examples to give you inspiration!

For ideas and recipes visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES



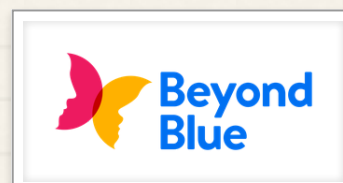
Headspace

Ph: 1800 650 890
headspace.org.au



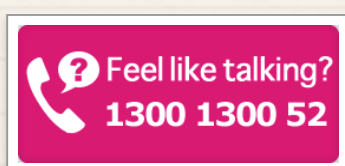
Kids Helpline

Ph: 1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au



Beyond Blue

Ph: 1300 22 4636



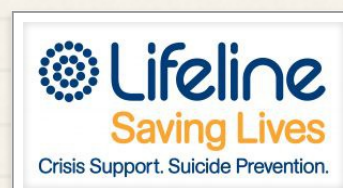
Parent Helpline

Ph: 1300 1300 52



NSW Health COVID-19

[https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/
Infectious/diseases/Pages/cor
onavirus.aspx](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx)



Lifeline

Ph: 13 11 14



Contact us

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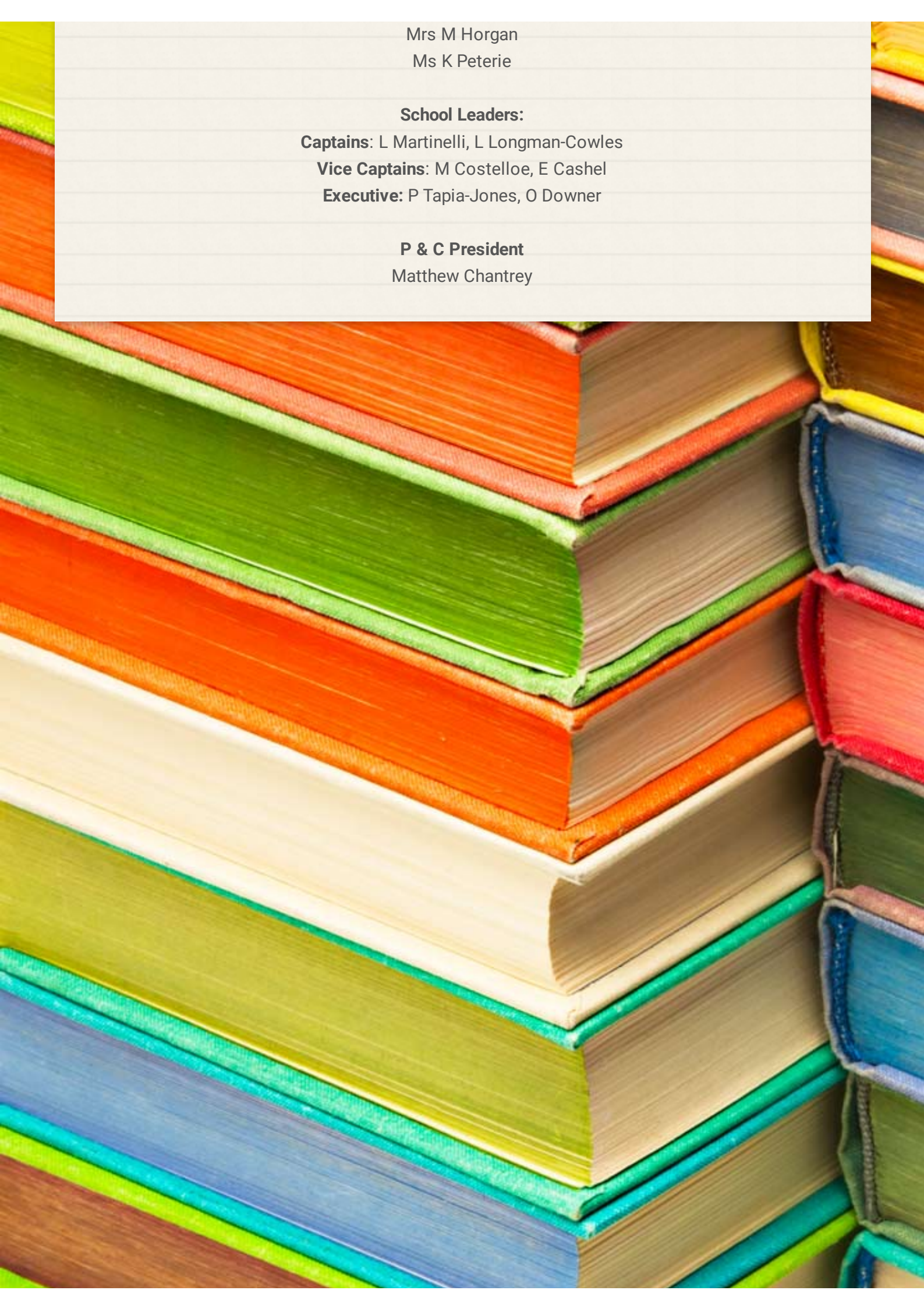
We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we grow, learn and play every day - the Awabakal people - and thank them for sharing it with us. We pay our respects to the elders past and present, and we are proud to nurture the elders of the future here at MEPS.

We Grow and Learn Together

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