

MAYFIELD EAST PS NEWS

T4 W7 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

At last we have been able to get into some form of normality this week with all our students back in class again and our learning program back in action. As required we are continuing to operate in two "cohorts" K- 2 and 3-6, with separated playground areas etc. I have particularly enjoyed having students coming to visit me to show me their quality work that they have been doing. I have some pictures below of some of my visitors.



Rapid antigen home testing of close contacts

I hope and pray that we will not have to run through the Public Health Order scenarios again like we did earlier this month. If we do have a situation of a positive case who has been infectious in the school community, we will apparently have Rapid antigen home testing (RAHT) protocols to allow "close contacts" to return school faster.

It would seem that Rapid Antigen Home Testing will be made available for primary aged students to mitigate the amount of time close contacts of a positive case may be unable to attend school for face-to-face learning.

The use of RAHT will support primary students who are identified as close contacts to return to school earlier than the 14 day isolation period requirement. Primary students who use RAHT as an additional screening tool will be able to return to face-to-face learning from Day 8 of their isolation period.

Parents who opt in to use RAHT will be able to send their students back to school for face-to-face learning if they consistently produce a negative standard PCR (nose and throat swab) test and daily rapid antigen test results. This does not reduce the overall Health requirements for isolation. An [exemptionExternal link](#) is in place to allow school students who are identified close contacts to attend school after receiving a negative standard PCR (nose and throat swab) test taken on or after day 6 of the self-isolation period, subject to the conditions outlined in the exemption.

If the school is identified by NSW Health then information packages and procedures will come with the test kits. **PLEASE NOTE: The school will not be administering the RAHT. It will be administered by the families of the close contact student** and results uploaded by a QR code system apparently. Like I said, I hope we do not need to have to discover the joys of this protocol.

Drop off and pick up

Morning drop off will remain as normal at the front gate. They will then move from the gate to: K-2 - the Hall COLA area, 3-6 The main COLA area.

We have adjusted our pick times in the afternoons.

- Years K-2 are released at 2.45 pm (students with older siblings wait on seats near community room)
- Year 3-6 are released at 2.50 pm

Parents/carers who are picking up by car, please make sure your child knows they are being collected by car. We often lose time having to collect students from the other gate. It also helps greatly for us to speed things up if you have your **name card visible**. We also ask that if the car in front pulls out and you are not yet having your child/ren loading into the car that you "roll up" to closer to the front of the queue so that other cars can join the queue from the rear. We would much rather load students into the cars from the front of the queue **Please do not leave your vehicle if you are in the queue.**

Attendance

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.

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.

Students not attending school (without Public Health order restrictions) will **NOT** be supported by "Learning from Home" structures and online feedback from MEPS staff.

Big School for Little Kids

We managed to run two on-site "face to face" sessions of this 2022 Kindy transition program over the last two Fridays, and it was great for our staff and our new students get to know each other whilst undertaking some activities. The children enjoyed themselves immensely. Many thanks to Mrs Gill and Ms Symons for their hard work in making such fantastic activities for these students.

Upcoming events

I have listed elsewhere below this report some key upcoming events coming up over the next few weeks; Stage fun days in lieu of excursions we couldn't run, reward days for students who have gained silver, gold and platinum awards...the list goes on.

2022 organisation

At the moment we are finalising our staffing and class organisation for next year. We do not seem to have got the Kindy enrolments we were anticipating for next year, so we are having to make some adjustments accordingly. If you know of any families that are intending to enrol their child in Kindergarten next year and haven't yet done so, please encourage them to contact the school.

School Annual Presentation Assemblies - Wednesday 8th December

As mentioned in our last newsletter, at the moment restrictions require us to run two sessions, a K-2 session and a 3-6 session. The 3-6 Assembly will run from 9.30am - 11.00am and the K-2 Assembly will run from 12.30pm-2.00pm. Unfortunately, we cannot have parents attend unless undertaking a specific role as invited by the school. We have organised for the events to be video recorded and then they will be made available later on in the evening for parents to view. (Note: the event will not be livestreamed).

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

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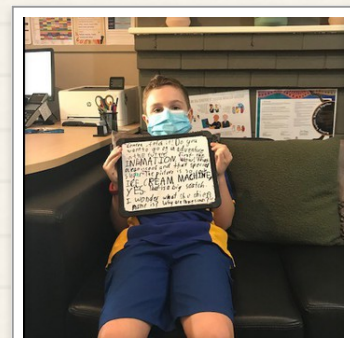
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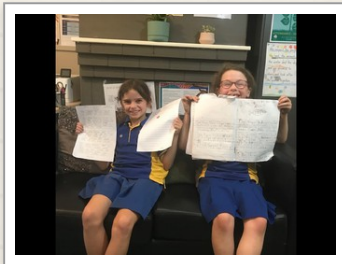
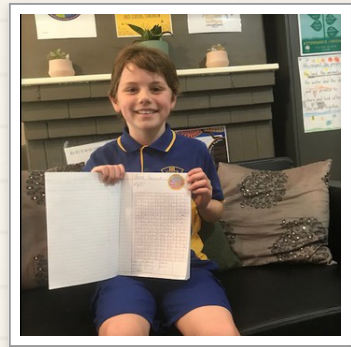
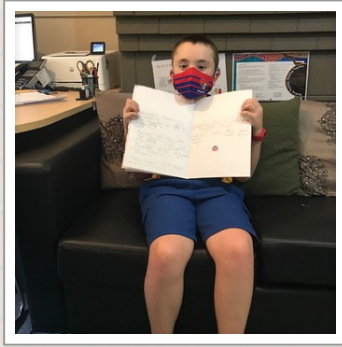
We were lucky enough to have our local Police Youth officer, Senior Constable Fortuna, drop in recently to visit and introduce herself to our students. Senior Constable Fortuna will be

delivering some talks to our primary students on "cyber awareness and cybersafety", and "stranger danger" for our K-2 students. We hope to have Senior Constable Fortuna visit our school to chat to our students whenever she is driving past our school and has a spare moment.



QUALITY WORK SUPERSTARS!





CLASS AWARDS – TERM 4 – WEEK 6

KA:

Sahar - for always doing her best work

Ruby - for her excellent publishing of work

Marion - improvement in reading

KG:

Matilda - always working hard

Charlotte - reading her books many times to become fluent\

Heidi - working very well in guided reading groups

K/1S:

Lola - fantastic improvement in reading

Alex - fantastic improvement in reading
Ethan - fantastic improvement in reading

1/2M:

Billy - for actively using feedback to improve his work
Fraser - for consistently trying his best in all areas of his learning
Poppy - for displaying amazing listening skills during Talk for Learning
Eloise - for working hard during Literacy

1/2H:

Maddison - for her effort and application in all subject areas
Rory - for consistent application and dedication to all subjects areas
Cecilia - for her positive attitude and hard work in the classroom since returning to school

1/2J:

Isaac - great thinking and discussion in Number Tasks
Isabel - continued focus and dedication to home learning
Sam - always putting in his best efforts to learning

1/2R:

Harper - for being a supportive class member
Nate - for a humorous topic talk on sea turtles
Ethan - for consistently giving his best in all areas of class

3/4M:

William - applying himself to all set tasks
Noah - being incredibly ready to learn
Acacia - always doing her best

3/4P:

Audrey for her enthusiasm during mathsactivities
Quinn C-B for being a espectral member of 3/4 R
Allera for her great effort in all activities

3/4R:

Aeon - for always being a diligent worker
Dom W - for smashing conversions between decials and fractions
Darcy Mc - for being an active participant in all mathematics conversations!

5/6B:

Zahra - for her excellent commitment to learning
Bram - for his efforts and hard work in the classroom
Patrick - for his outstanding accents in 'Readers Theatre'

5/6K:

Otis - for showing courage and kindness by rescuing a distressed bird that flew into the classroom

Veronica - for her wonderful determination and persistence with integers

Poppy - for her constant creativity and general awesomeness

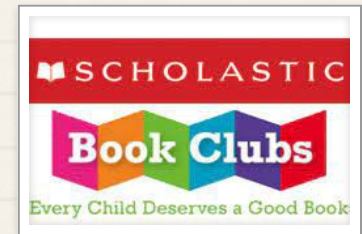
Zane - for his growth in maturity and effort. I am so proud of you!

Sybella - for always being kind and considerate to her classmates

Tigerlily - for always displaying our school values by being kind, respectful and hard-working

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Ordering through 'Loop' is preferred however, if you are unable to order online, please give your order to the office in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class on the front.



Last day for ordering is Monday 22nd November. Sorry no late orders can be accepted.

Mr Parker

Teacher/Librarian

BIRTHDAY BUCKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEEN!

Under the current NSW Health guidelines parents are unable to send in cupcakes for sharing with class friends on a student's birthday.



The canteen is again offering 'BIRTHDAY BUCKETS' as an alternative. Prices vary depending on the choice of iceblock. All buckets are decorated and delivered to the classroom.

OPTION #1:

Quelch sticks - juice based

\$12 for 20 children

50c per each additional child

OPTION #2:

Moosies - milk based (chocolate, banana, bubblegum)

\$22 for 20 children

\$1 per each additional child

OPTION #3:

Snapsticks - fruit based icy poles (sweet/sour, blueberry, strawberry, raspberry, watermelon)

\$22 for 20 children

\$1 per each additional child

Ordering process:

1-2 days notice would be appreciated. Send money to the school office with your child's name clearly marked on the front and which option you want. You can also pay online.

Canteen Supervisor

Kallie Newman



**Volunteer as an
ethics teacher
in 2022!**

**"My small way
to make a big
difference"**

**Primary
ETHICS**

**[www.primaryethics.
com.au/volunteer](http://www.primaryethics.com.au/volunteer)**

Want to do something life-changing in 2022? Why not volunteer at MEPS as an ethics teacher! Ethics classes can only be offered as an alternative if we have volunteer teachers. Volunteers can come from our parents, grandparents, friends and local community, from every walk of life. Primary Ethics offers full, free training, lesson scripts and teaching support.

Ethics encourages children to listen closely and to develop their opinions through ethical reasoning. Ethics helps kids develop confidence and empathy. As an ethics teacher, you'll get a lot out of it too!

If you have an hour a week and want to ensure children at our school can access this valuable program, go to: <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>

UPCOMING DATES

November

- Friday 26th Stage 3 Fun Day

December

- Thurs 2nd -Student Leadership speeches
- Thurs 2nd Year 6 Farewell
- Fri 3rd Police Youth Officer talks
- Sat 4th Election day BBQ (P&C)
- Tues 7th - Silver Award Movie Day
- Wed 8th Presentation Day
- Thurs 9th Stage 2 Slide and Pizza Party
- Fri 10th Gold Award Games Session
- Tues 14th Platinum Awards Day
- Wed 15th Stage 1 Fun Day
- Thurs 16th Last day of student attendance

COMMUNITY NEWS

MAYFIELD EAST P AND C ASSOCIATION –

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LAST MEETING FOR 2021. JOIN US ON TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER AT 6PM IN THE STAFF ROOM.

Local Electronic BBQ 5th December - We've been very limited on the fundraising opportunities available to us this year but we are aiming to host BBQ at the local elections. We can't do it without a strong group of volunteers, so if you can spare a few hours on the day or even before hand to do the shopping please send us a message or comment on this post.



GINGERBREAD PEOPLE – WE STILL HAVE SOME LITTLE PEOPLE LOOKING FOR A TUMMY. THEY ARE GREAT GIFTS AT JUST \$3.50.



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"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 and emerging elders."

Nutrition Snippet

FRIDAY NIGHT FAKEAWAYS.



Our 'fakeaways' are good for health and for the wallet!

- Easy pizza - you have to try this recipe to believe how easy it is!
- Mixed salad - make the meal complete with this simple salad

 3.5 of your 5 veg serves!

For these recipes and more visit:

healthyinbox.com.au

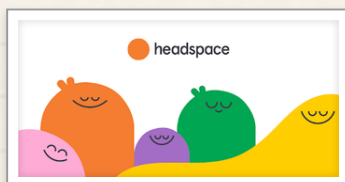


Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

NSW DOE – COVID-19 UPDATE

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

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES



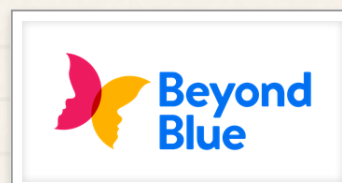
HEADSPACE

Ph: 1800 650 890
headspace.org.au



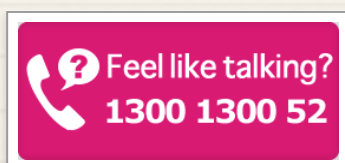
KIDS HELPLINE

Ph: 1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au



BEYOND BLUE

Ph: 1300 22 4636



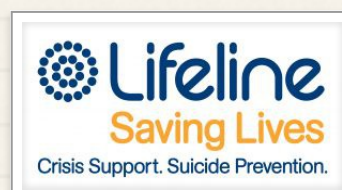
PARENT HELPLINE

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NSW HEALTH COVID-19

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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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P & C President

Matthew Chantrey

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