

Mayfield East PS News

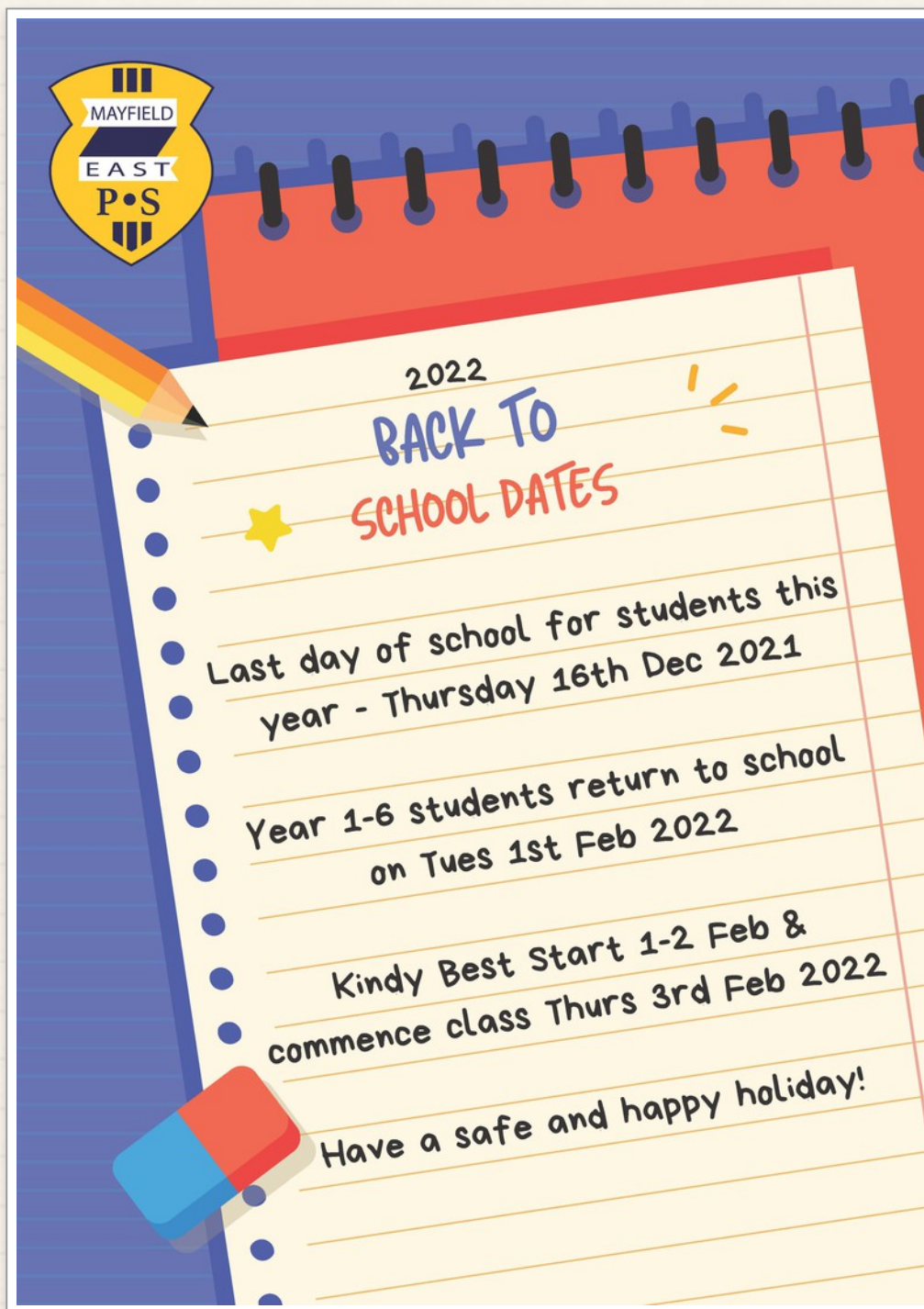
T4 W9 NEWSLETTER



STOP PRESS...TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER - INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY THE NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION.

Next **Tuesday 7th December**, there will be a **24 hour strike** by members of the NSW Teachers Federation in support of their "More than Thanks" campaign addressing teacher shortages across the state, excessive teacher workload and lack of salary competitiveness. A significant majority of teaching staff at MEPS will be participating in this industrial action with **only a small "skeleton staff" on the school site delivering "minimal supervision" on Tuesday 7th December**. The school will not be able to run in its usual organisational structure or deliver its regular program of learning activities. In addition, **it will be extremely difficult to maintain the separate cohorts** that we have been maintaining in an attempt to meet our COVID safety plan as a level 3 school.

Official correspondence from the Dept of Education was sent home with students on Friday 3rd December and also posted on our seesaw app and Facebook page. Members of staff handed out letters to parents/ carers outlining the Teachers Federation viewpoint on the issue.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The last couple of weeks have been fairly busy with the Stage 3 Fun day, 2022 student leaders speeches and the Year 6 Farewell happening. Mrs Bailey and her team have been very busy and I can't thank them enough for their magnificent efforts. This upcoming week we have Rewards Days and our Annual Presentation day assemblies.



Welcome Mrs Kate Payne - our new Assistant Principal (Early Stage 1)

I would like to formally announce that Mrs Kate Payne has been appointed as an Assistant Principal at Mayfield East Public School. Mrs Payne was the successful candidate via the Dept of Education's Merit selection process from a very strong field of applicants.

Mrs Payne has been an Assistant Principal at Coal Point Public School for the last 5 years and will join us at the start of next year. Mrs Payne will join Mrs Bailey, Mrs Horgan and myself on the school executive.

I want to acknowledge the excellent work undertaken by Ms Kelsey Peterie, who has relieved as relieving Assistant Principal this year. Ms Peterie will return to her role as a full-time classroom teacher next year. Kelsey's dedication to our school and it's community is inspirational, and her work in leading the Stage 2 team as well as the Aboriginal Education Team has been outstanding.

Afternoon pick up

- 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.**

2022 organisation

We have managed to finalise our staff allocations for next year:

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

KP Mrs Payne (Kindy)

KG Mrs Gill (Kindy)

K/1S Miss Symons (Kindy / 1st Class)

1/ 2M Mrs Myers

1 / 2 Miss Rees

1 / 2 J Mrs Johnson

1 / 2 B Mr James

Stage 2

3/4R Mrs Rake

3/4B Mr Barbuto (new teacher)

3/4P Miss Peterie

Stage 3

5/6B Mrs Bailey

5/6K Mrs Kimbell

Library

Mr Parker'

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Mrs Thompson

Learning Support

Mrs Munro

Mrs Horgan

Mrs Probert (new teacher)

Mrs Morris

We hope to have our classlists finalised by the end of the year.

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).

Upcoming events

December

- Mon 6th - Bronze reward and Silver Award Movie Day
- Proposed Industrial action Nsw Teachers Federation
- Wed 8th Presentation Day
- Thurs 9th Stage 2 Slide and Pizza Party
- Thurs 9th 2021 Student Academic Reports will be handed out
- Fri 10th Gold Award Games Session
- Tues 14th Platinum Awards Day
- Wed 15th Stage 1 Fun Day
- Thurs 16th Last day of student attendance

January

- Feb 1st Yrs 1-6 resume class
- Feb 1st and 2nd Kindy Best Start testing
- Feb 3rd Kindy commence regular classes

Feedback

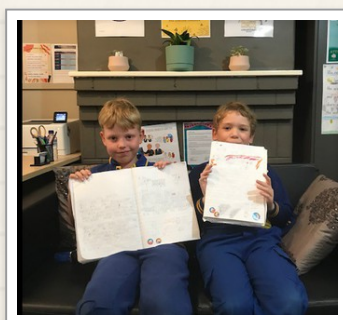
As always, if you want to give constructive feedback on how our school is going, or want me to know about some of the great efforts that are being made by staff and/or students at the school, send me an email at the address below or call the school 4968 1495.

Ken White

Proud MEPS Principal

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

QUALITY WORK SUPERSTARS!



CLASS AWARDS - TERM 4 - WEEK 8

KA:

Maija - being a good listener

Dylan - being a good listener

Jameire - always trying his best

KG:

Harvey - working hard on additions

Arthur - always trying his best

Cate - working hard on her number line additions

1/2M:

Elliot - for showing great leadership skills during Literacy Groups

Josephine - for working hard to complete activities in the allocated time

Hendrix - for always looking for challenges to improve his knowledge

1/2H:

Hudson - for his improved effort at focusing in class

Aliyah - for working so hard on her report about the Great Barrier Reef

Owen - for consistently displaying active listening skills and being 'on alert' for learning

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:

Jarvis - for a great topic talk presentation about Kakadu

Lucas - for being a focused learner in the classroom

William - for his enthusiasm during guided reading

Gypsy - for her heart warming enthusiasm when reading

Hunter - for awesome writing about the Great Barrier Reef

Bonnie - for sharing her fantastic ideas during number talks. Keep them coming!

3/4M:

William - applying himself to all tasks

Noah - being incredibly ready to learn

Acacia - always doing her best

Maddison - also received her platinum award!

Matilda Bracey- Being a superstar learner!

Jacob Ramsey- Having a go at all set tasks

Luca- FABULOUS improvement in his reading!

3/4P:

Sebastian - for increasing his work application in all tasks!

Brax - for his engagement and contributions in all class discussions

Frankie - for the mature manner in which she is tackling all aspects of her school life

3/4R:

Atty - welcome to 3/4R, we are so happy to have you join us!

Dominic - for his interesting facts in number talks

Allera - for her great effort in all activities

5/6K:

Veronica - for her wonderful determination and persistence with integers

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

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

5/6B:

Madie - for her creativity, awesome rhymes and video making skills

Imogen - for her mature approach to learning in Term 4. I am so proud of you!

Mackinnon - for challenging himself to write longer poems. They are wonderful!

CLASS AWARDS - TERM 4 - WEEK 9

KA:

Nate - following instructions/reaching purple level

Liam - working hard during Maths

Sahar - creative sentence writing

KG:

Ruby - working carefully in maths

Clara - working diligently at all tasks

Daphne - getting excited about subtraction

K/1S:

Aubrey-Lee: Impressive reading!

Emme: Excellent improvement with her fluency when reading aloud.

Holly" Dedication to her own learning

1/2M:

Arlo - for improving his spelling when writing informative texts

Indie - for sharing some insightful ideas during number talks

Mackenzie - for settling into her new class so well

Amelia - kindness award

1/2H:

Rory Mahler- being an active learner in all lessons

Chloe Tooth- demonstrating a sweaty brain in maths and working hard in Matharoo Problem Solving

Logan Davies- being a delightful addition to M.E.P.S! Welcome to M.E.P.S

1/2R:

Kobe Sheedy - For sharing great knowledge of full, half and quarter turns in maths

Ari Davis - For showing great dedication to his writing

Kalarah Clarke - For working hard to improve her handwriting

3/4M:

Alex - improved dedication to learning

Lotti - contributing to more class discussions

Sariah - taking great pride in all her work

3/4P:

Josie - for her mature approach to classroom tasks

Caleb - for his application to all classroom tasks!

Amalia - for improving her work habits and book work this term!

3/4R:

Jackson - for sharing his mathematical skills with the class

K'Cee-Anne - for confidently sharing her nonsense story

Oscar - for his enthusiasm in maths activities

5/6B:

Katie-Lee - outstanding effort in maths. I'm so proud of you!

Eli - his speedy and accurate work with percentages!

Harry - for always managing to make his teacher laugh

Madelin Wright- for being an incredible hardworker!

Madelin Wright- for being an incredible human! We are going to miss you!

Madelin Wright- for being a friend to all in 5/6B!

5/6K:

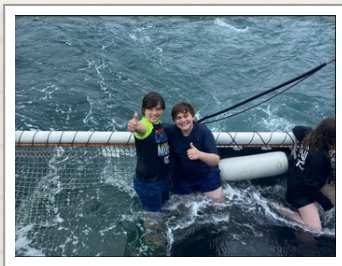
Jemima Stinson - for her determination and excellent effort working with percentages.

Lucy Martinelli - for her awesome leadership qualities and ALWAYS demonstrating our school values.

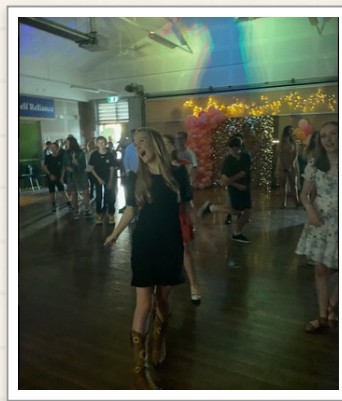
Olivia Rusev - her huge improvement across all learning areas. I am so proud of you!!!

STAGE 3 FUN DAY





YEAR 6 FAREWELL





BIRTHDAY BUCKETS FROM THE CANTEEN!

Prices vary depending on the choice of ice block. All buckets are decorated and delivered to the classroom.

PLEASE NOTE: if your child's birthday falls in Week 11 - 13th to 16th December - and they want a birthday bucket, **all orders must be placed and paid for by no later than Wednesday 8th December.**



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

school website.

Canteen Supervisor

Kallie Newman

Want to make changes in 2022?

Volunteer as an ethics teacher

"I'll keep working from home
some days, which gives me
more time to be involved
with my kids' school"

Primary
ETHICS

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



Will you still be working from home in 2022?

Why not volunteer at MEPS as an ethics teacher!

At MEPS we have a robust ethics program but we often find ourselves short of volunteers. This means many students end up on the wait list and are not able to access Primary Ethics every week.

Primary Ethics offers full, free training, lesson scripts and teaching support and only takes about an hour a week.

Please help us ensure children at our school can access this valuable program, go to:

<https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>

or call Nikki Costelloe (Ethics Coordinator) with questions, 0423 415 389

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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 and emerging elders."

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE KEYBOARD ACADEMY

In week 2 of Term 1, 2022 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 \$125 includes; lessons, use of keyboards and headphones, quality music books, theory papers, concert, 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 Enrolments this year can be made directly by TEXT MESSAGE (no voice message please)

Please state your child's FULL NAME, SCHOOL and GRADE IN 2022.

By Friday 17th December 2021, so that classes may commence in week 2, Term 1 2022.

Inquiries are welcome to Jennifer Harrison on 0499 994 061

No moneys to be paid until commencement of lessons.



Nutrition Snippet

SENSATIONAL SUMMER VEG.



Try these summer sizzlers:

- [Vegie and black bean tacos](#)
- [Fattoush salad](#)
- [Vegie filo cups](#)

Check out our [blog](#) to find out more about what's in season.

For these recipes and more visit:

[**healthylunchbox.com.au**](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box



KIDS' WRITING WORKSHOPS NEWCASTLE

CLOUDLAND Wed 5 Jan, 10am-1pm, Jess Black (6-12)

FAIRY TALE FEASTS Thurs 6 Jan, 10am-1pm, Jess Black (6-12)

ANIMAL TALES Tues 11 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (9-14)

ANCIENT WONDERS Wed 12 Jan, 10am-3.30pm, Jess Black (8-14)

WE CAN BE HEROES Tues 18 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (9-14)

WHEEL OF EMOTIONS Wed 19 Jan, 10am-3.30pm, Ed Wright (10-15)

UNDERGROUND CITIES Fri 21 Jan, 10am-1pm, Bess Kenway (8-14)

POWERS OF PERSUASION Mon 24 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (7-12)

MURDER MYSTERIES (ZOOM) Tues 25 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (7-12)

SELECTIVE TEST PREP Fri 28 Jan, 10am-1pm, Ed Wright (Yr 5&6 2022)

3hr workshops: \$80 (bring a friend or do 2: \$140) earlybird 20 Dec: \$70/\$130

5.5 hours, \$150 (bring a friend \$250, earlybird 20 Dec: \$130/\$240)

Selective Schools: \$120 (max 8 people)

Phone Ed 0408788765: info@creativewordshop.com.au

www.creativewordshop.com.au



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

 Cynthia Culhane
 cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au
 0418699646

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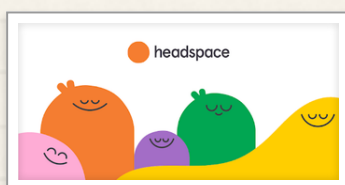
Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

NSW DoE - COVID-19 Update

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

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES



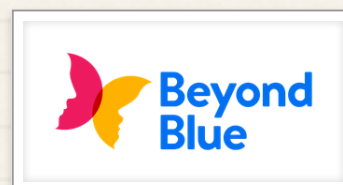
HEADSPACE

Ph: 1800 650 890
headspace.org.au



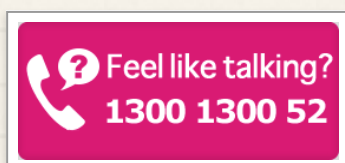
KIDS HELPLINE

Ph: 1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au



BEYOND BLUE

Ph: 1300 22 4636



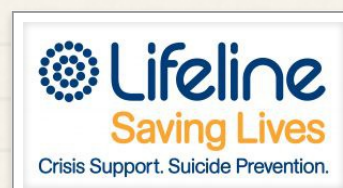
PARENT HELPLINE

Ph: 1300 1300 52



NSW HEALTH COVID-19

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>



LIFELINE

Ph: 13 11 14



CONTACT US

Facebook @mayfieldeastps

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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Principal
Ken White

Assistant Principals
Mrs S Bailey

Mrs M Horgan

Ms K Peterie

School Leaders:

Captains: L Martinelli, L Longman-Cowles

Vice Captains: M Costelloe, E Cashel

Executive: P Tapia-Jones, O Downer

P & C President

Matthew Chantrey

