

# Mayfield East PS News

Issue 21/22



# Mayfield East Public School

## PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY 2022

Join us in celebrating  
our students' achievements

Wednesday 7th December  
9.15am for 9.30am start



### RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kaayi MEPS kanara (Hello MEPS family),

It was wonderful to see all our friends and families purchasing tickets to the MEPS Musical last week. We still have tickets available to this spectacular show, especially for the Friday matinee. This week, please contact the office if you wish to purchase tickets. In Week 8, we will release additional times to come to the Community room and purchase tickets. They are \$10 if paying with cash and \$11 using Eftpos. The tickets and seat allocations will be sent home in Week 9.

#### Important dates

We have many great things happening at MEPS as we near the end of the school year:

The P&C Rainbow Fun Run (Friday 2nd December)

Stage 3 Canberra Trip (This week - Wed-Fri)

Presentation Day (Wednesday 7th December)

Year 6 Farewell (Evening of Thursday 8th December)

K-6 Party Day (Friday 9th December)

Life Education (Mon 12th - Wed 14th December)

These important dates are also listed in the 'Upcoming Dates' section below. Please place them on your calendar.

### **Stage 3 Canberra Trip**

Our Stage 3 staff and students travel to Canberra VERY early tomorrow morning and will return on Friday. I wish them all a wonderful trip and thank our amazing staff Mr Barbuto, Ms Kimbell and Mrs Byrne for organising such a great experience for the students.

### **P&C Rainbow Fun Run**

The Rainbow Fun Run information and fundraising sheets went home last week. This is a fabulous event run by our P&C. Spare notes may be found at the office. This year will include some extra excitement and fun with the teachers completing a rainbow lap too!

### **School Crossing Supervisor**

I'm afraid I have no further updates on the School Crossing Supervisor. We have been provided with a Crossing Supervisor on some days; however, this is not permanent, and we are still awaiting the appointment of a new supervisor. The school will continue to attempt to cover the crossing when it is possible - with a priority for the end of the school day when student exit numbers and traffic concentration is highest. In the morning, please remind your child/ren to use the traffic light crossing at Ingall and Crebert Streets if walking to school without an adult.

### **The Home Stretch**

We have had a wonderful year of learning at MEPS and the end of the school year is quickly approaching. Lately, teachers have noticed that quite a few of our students are tiring from working so hard all year. This is resulting in some heightened emotions and poor behaviour choices, especially in the playground. MEPS teachers have been reminding students to uphold the MEPS values of 'Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Hard Worker' and detailing the behaviour expectations for each of these values. We are highlighting the need for students to seek a teacher's support when needed. As it is so important that home and school work together, we ask for you to also discuss the importance of being safe, being respectful and being a hard worker. If you have any concerns, the classroom teacher is always the first contact as they know your child so well. Of course, my door is always open too.

### **Reading**

I love reading and the places a good book can take you! This week, I would like to share why reading to and with your child/ren is such a wonderful bonding experience and how it supports their reading skills too. Reading to your child does not always have to involve a book. In fact, if you make the most of the writing you see on signs, posters and food packets, you will find opportunities to read to your child/ren every day and help them see how reading is used in all aspects of our life. You are your child/ren's very first teacher and through your voice your child learns different words and sounds, which will help them with speech and reading. Listening to you read helps them with their memory, concentration, comprehension and expression when reading. Research shows that the more a child is read to and reads themselves correlates to their school success. It also helps to develop a love of reading.

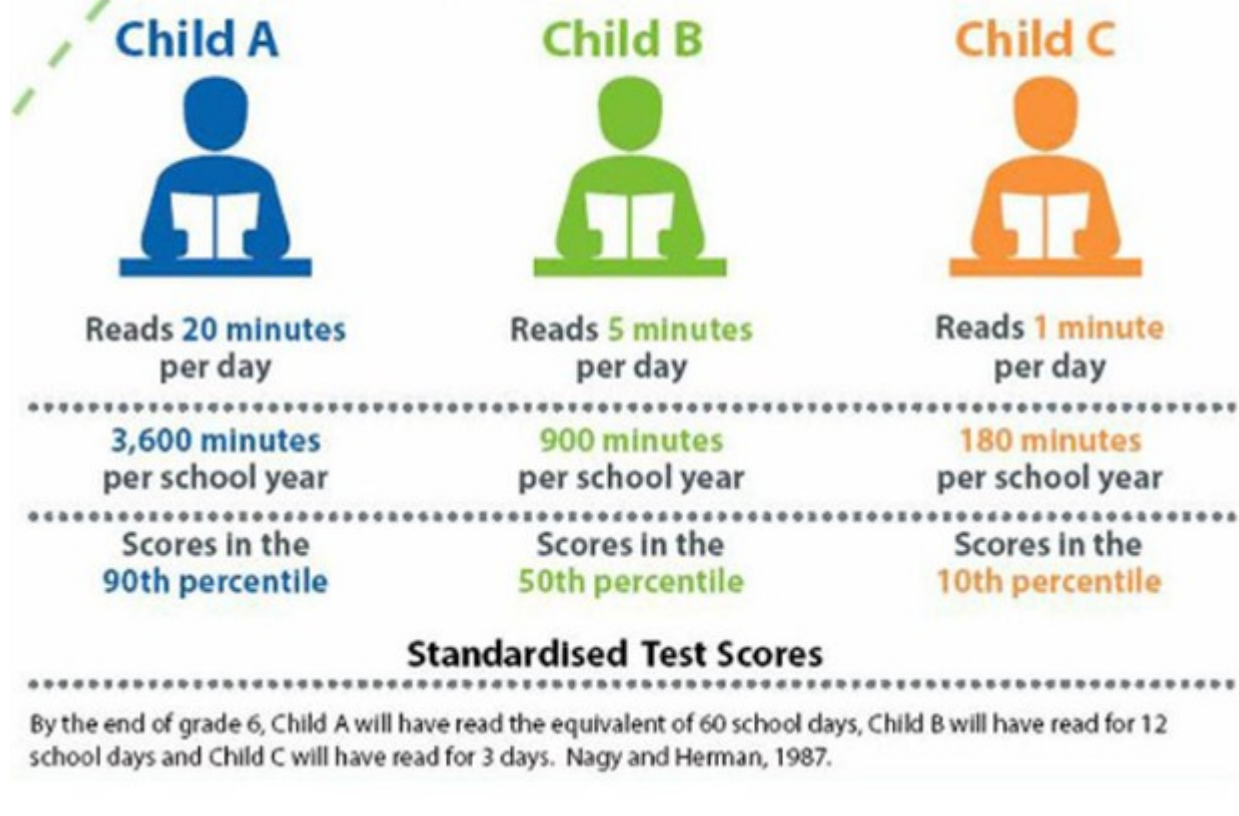
"Muruung Bangayi" (Awabakal for have a nice day)

Kate Payne

Relieving Principal



Regular reading impacts a child's success at school.  
If not addressed early the educational gap widens...



## Awabakal Words

### Awabakal Word of the Fortnight

The Awabakal word for *family* is

kanara

## Hello Readers! - from the MEPS library

The end of the year is fast approaching and so is the last issue of BookClub.  
Orders for issue 8 are due by the 1/12/22 (Thursday week 8) at the latest.

We are also getting ready for stock take in the library.

If you could have a look under beds, couch cushions and pets for any missing library books it would be greatly appreciated.

Borrowing will be for classroom libraries only for the rest of the term to give us the best chance of seeing all our lovely books again.

If you know a book has gone missing, then an exact replacement or the cost of the book can be handed in to the office.

Thank you for all your support!

Kind Regards  
Mr Parker  
Teacher/Librarian

## **Assembly Awards - Wk 5 - Whole School Assembly**

### **KG:**

Arya L - fantastic recount writing  
Alaa M- writing an amazing recount  
Tully C - working hard on sounding out words  
Arya L - kindness

### **KP:**

Murphy S - effort and skill when choosing the correct digraphs  
Katie B - wonderful recount writing about her weekend  
Scarlett S - kindness

## **Assembly Awards - Wk 6 - Kindergarten to Yr 2**

### **KG:**

Lucy C - doing her best in all activities  
Ocea L-S - giving 100% in all activities  
Archer W - working hard to sound out his words in phonics

### **KP:**

Clancy S: great recall of her 'friends of ten'  
Poppy L: always trying hard to complete tasks  
Piper I: great sound work in literacy activities

### **1-2R:**

Tahlia A - Great procedure on making friends  
Ani M - her enthusiastic performance during musical rehearsals  
Florence G - Kindness

## Upcoming dates

### November:

- Wed 23rd - Fri 25th Stage 3 Camp (Canberra)
- Mon 28th Year K-2 assembly

### December:

- Thurs 1st Student leadership 2023 Speeches
- Fri 2nd December P&C Fun Run
- Mon 5th Year 3-6 assembly
- Wed 7th MEPS Presentation Day
- Thurs 8th Year 6 Farewell
- K-6 Party Day
- Mon-Wed 12-14th Dec Life Education
- Mon 12th whole school assembly
- Thurs 15th MEPS Musical
- Fri 16th MEPS Musical Matinee
- Fri 16th Last Day of Term 4

## MAYFIELD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

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



**Check out the link below for Mayfield East PS RAINBOW FUN RUN**

[MEPS Rainbow Fun Run](#)



**Good for kids**  
good for life



### Active for life

**Did you know that only 1 in 4 children meet the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity per day?**

It's important that physical activity be a regular part of family life. Here's some ideas to promote physical activity for life!

- Promote fun. The more you enjoy physical activity, the more likely you are to continue doing it.
- Make it part of your regular daily routine.
- Provide a safe environment and wear comfortable clothing.
- Provide easy access to active toys including balls, skipping ropes, etc.
- Be a role model. If you are being active, your children are likely to follow.
- Play and explore with your children. Get outdoors for a walk, play at the park or bike ride.



Developed by Hunter New England LHD

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<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>



### THE KEYBOARD ACADEMY

In week 2 of Term 1, 2023 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 \$130 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 2023.

By Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022, so that classes may commence in week 2, Term 1 2023.

Inquiries are welcome to Jennifer Harrison on 0499 994 061

No moneys to be paid until commencement of lessons.





## GERRIC for Gifted Students Program

Helping bright young minds thrive

January 2023

Online & on-campus



9-13 January  
2023



Online



UNSW Campus,  
Kensington



9:00am - 3:00pm

We are excited to announce that our GERRIC Student Programs will return in January 2023! Our Scientia programs will be run both online and on-campus to provide students with the choice of what works best for them. This is a school holiday program that expands the minds of bright, inquisitive individuals looking for an intellectual challenge that is more demanding and more fun than they may sometimes experience at school.

All courses are 3-day workshops. Registration will be available from 10 November 2022.

### Junior Scientia: Years 3 - 6

The Junior Scientia program is designed for gifted and talented primary school students in Years 3-6. To participate in the program, students will select one three-day workshop from a range of options.

All workshops are developed and presented by experienced teachers who are qualified or experienced in gifted education. They possess the expertise and skills to encourage the interests and pique the curiosity of gifted children.

### Scientia Challenge: Years 7 - 10

The Scientia Challenge program features a range of exciting workshops taught over three days designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10.

Developed and led by practising experts, the workshops follow a university-style investigative structure with intellectually-stimulating content. With the level of study aimed two years higher than the students' grade level, these dynamic workshops offer gifted students a rigorous and challenging program.



Follow the QR code for more  
information about our  
program



**Scholarships Available!**

Contact us: [gerric@unsw.edu.au](mailto:gerric@unsw.edu.au)





## 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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## Staff Directory

### Principal

Mr Ken White

### Assistant Principals

Mr Ryan Barbuto (Rel) - Stage 2 & 3

Mrs Melinda Horgan - Stage 1

Mrs Kate Payne - Early Stage 1

### School Leaders

**Captains:** Olivia Hilton and Angus Chantrey

**Vice Captains:** Ava Lawler and Zahra Walker

**Executive:** Harry Thwaites and Domonick Griffiths

### P&C President

Mr Matthew Chantrey

## MEPS Core values

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be a Hardworker

**Next issue: Tuesday 6th December**



WE GROW AND LEARN TOGETHER TO BE CONFIDENT, CREATIVE INDIVIDUALS,  
LEARNING TODAY AND LEADING TOMORROW.

