

Mayfield East PS News

Issue 14/22

**P&C Meeting date moved to 6pm
16th August in MEPS staffroom**



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello (Kaayi)

NAIDOC Week / Education week

Thank you for your support of our combined Education Week / NAIDOC celebration last week, especially with our Monday Assembly. As I outlined in the last newsletter, I am sorry that we needed to scale back on our classroom visits and other spectator opportunities. We hope we can bring this into our Book Week celebrations! Mrs Payne has given a report on NAIDOC celebrations below.

Student Led Conferences

These will run from Monday 12th - Thurs 16th September. This conference will allow your child to present to you what they have been learning and how they learn. Your child will also highlight a sample of their work of which they are proud. Stay tuned for details and booking instructions.

Bring your own device (BYOD) - Trial with Stage 3

Our school acknowledges the educational value of digital devices and online services in supporting and enhancing educational outcomes and student wellbeing. We also recognise they may cause harm if used inappropriately and that we need to support our students to use them in safe, responsible and respectful ways. All of our classrooms have laptop/notebooks or IPADS that are supplied by the school (approx 10 per class). We also have a technology room with a class set of laptops. Recently, we have had some families in our Yr5/6 classes request to bring in digital devices, mainly as a reasonable adjustment in a prescribed learning program. Other local schools also have BYOD procedures.

As these requests have increased and devices have entered classrooms, we need to provide a consistent framework for the safe, responsible and respectful use of digital devices and online services by students in our school. Accordingly, we are undertaking a **trial of BYOD in Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) only**. All students in these classes have been supplied with a copy of our school BYOD Policy. This Policy sets out the shared responsibilities of school staff, students and parents and carers.

The Policy covers and aligns with the school's current technology rules on the student use of digital devices and online services in school-related settings, including on school grounds, at school-related activities and outside of school where there is a clear and close connection between the school and the conduct of students. This Policy covers the use of school-provided and personal digital devices and all online services.

It also provides a framework to manage potential risks to student safety and wellbeing. Participation in BYOD is entirely **OPTIONAL**. There is **no** school expectation that parents/carers are required to provide a Laptop/notebook. Devices are to remain in the classroom during break times, and will only be permitted to be used in class when authorised by the teacher in the class. **Mobile phone voice and text use** by students during the school day is **prohibited** in this policy in line with DoE rules for Primary Schools.

We will evaluate the trial at the end of term 3, and consult / plan with regard to student use of digital devices at MEPS for 2023 with the P&C. We thank you for your patience and flexibility as we continue to reflect on our school practices.

Executive Director (Regional North) visit to Mayfield East Public School

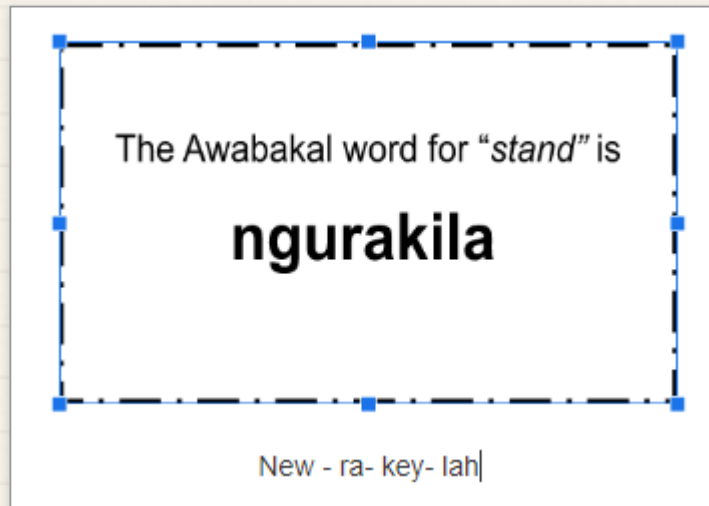
On Tuesday 16th August, I have the privilege of showing our Regional North Executive Director, Mr Tim McCallum, around our magnificent school. Tim wants to undertake an "Educational walkthrough" and visit some of our classes in action on the day. I can't wait to show him what great things we are doing in our classrooms to promote student learning here at MEPS!

"Muruung Bangayi" (Have a nice day)

Ken White

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Awabakal word of the week



NAIDOC Week

What a wonderful NAIDOC week we had celebrating and recognising the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It was lovely to have family and friends visit at Monday's special assembly and afternoon tea. Unfortunately, due to illness Uncle Perry had to postpone his visit; however, the staff and students from Callaghan College Waratah Campus were fabulous and Uncle Darren was a crowd favourite with his family's artefacts.

A huge thank you to Sarah Davy for helping students weave the Aboriginal flag through the fence. It can be seen from Industrial Drive and looks amazing!

Finally, our whole school flag photo on Friday was a very special way to bring the week's activities to an end and it looks brilliant. Thank you to all for supporting the week's activities and showing that the MEPS community will always GET UP, STAND UP and SHOW UP!

Kate Payne
Assistant Principal













ART COMPETITION



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GAME CHANGER

On Monday 8th August, the MEPS Game Changers, **Kerlissa Hudson, Shayla Macpherson, Elliott Heads, Daniel Grejsen and Avery Bennett**, competed in the NSW Game Changer semi-final.



The team demonstrated strong critical thinking and teamwork skills to work towards solving our new wicked problem; "How might we support youth facing homelessness in our local area?"

They enthusiastically participated in many activities and presented a pitch to a panel of judges made up of representatives from the Department of Education, Microsoft, Canva and many other organisations. The judging panel was unanimously impressed with their passion, empathy, and research presented and their deep understanding of the wicked problem in relation to Mayfield. The team must now wait until 18th August to hear if they have progressed through to the NSW final.

Congratulations on a fantastic effort!
Mr James



Merit Awards - Week 3

KG:

- Lincoln A - being a reliable and responsible classmate
- Lucy C - working diligently in reading groups and with her writing
- Arya L - for an amazing character description
- Ocea L-S - kindness to her friends

KP:

- Bowie G - for amazing recount writing
- Poppy L - great work in maths
- Murphy S - wonderful addition work in maths
- Kindness - Audrey A

1/2J:

- Zak B - an excellent NAIDOC week talk
- Audrey E - presenting ideas clearly in Number Talks
- Edith H - being a model student
- Kindness - Scarlett H

1/2R:

- Isaac B - For contributing great success criteria ideas

Clara M - For sharing great ideas about grammar features.

Abigail C - For writing a super sizzling start!

Kindness - Nate N

3/4B:

Kobie Sullings - a great explanation of analogue clocks

Stella Beckley - sharing fantastic ideas during maths

Archie T - enthusiastic contributions to our number talks

Kindness - Sylvie

3/4P:

Madie L - for her wonderful plan to writing write an information report

Daniel Horgan - always applying himself 100% to all tasks

Billy Skewes - for his super growth and receiving 100% in his spelling assessment

Kindness - Isabel M

5/6K:

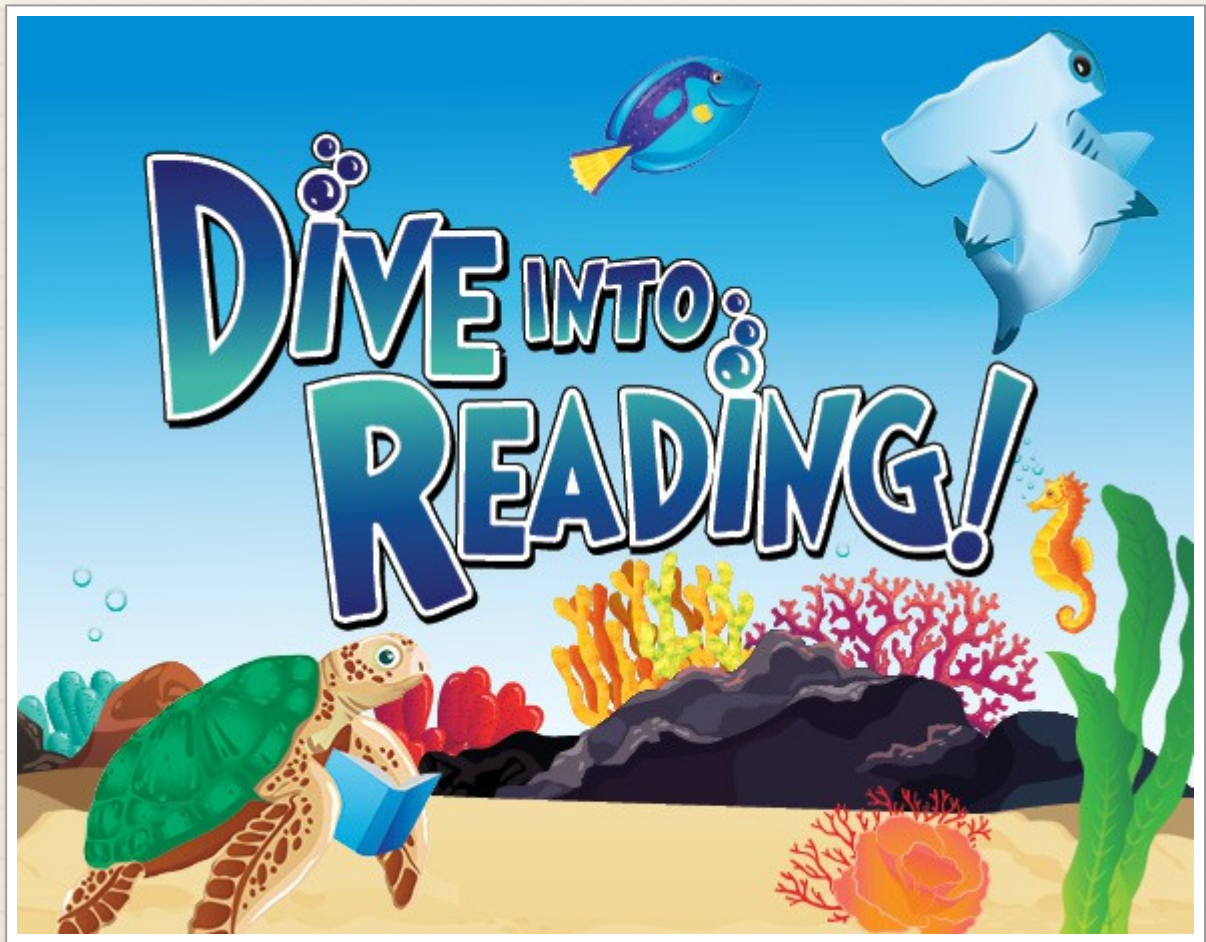
Brax B - for his exceptional start to Term 3..I am so proud of you!

Ava L - for her mature and dedicated approach to every single thing she does at school.

Eli W - for always striving to challenge himself in math tasks

Kindness- Caleb C

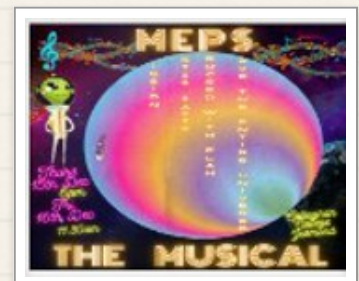
****Only 2 weeks to our Book Fair and
Book Week Parade****



MEPS the Musical

Last week notes were sent home with students about our upcoming musical on 15th/16th December at Callaghan College Jesmond Campus.

Please fill in the note and return with your \$10 payment to the office as soon as possible.



Thank you!

Ms Kimbell
Co-ordinator

Upcoming dates

AUGUST:

- * Mon 8th ICAS writing and Digital Tech test window opens
- * Fri 12th Zone Athletics Carnival
- * Fri 12th S2 \$50 camp instalment
- * Mon 15th -Fris 19th National Science Week
- * Tues 16th Mr Tim McCallum (Exec Director Reg North) Educational walkthrough 8.30 am - 10.30am
- * Tues 16th P&C meeting 6pm MEPS staffroom
- * Tues 16th ICAS English testing window opens
- * Wed 24th Book Week parade
- * Fri 26th BSLK Visit 1
- * Mon 29th ICAS Maths testing window opens

September

- Fri 2nd BSLK
- Fri 2nd S2 \$50 camp instalment
- Fri 9th BSLK
- Mon 12th - Thurs 15th Student Led Conferences
- Fri 16th BSLK
- Fri 16th \$64 S3 Camp Instalment due
- Mon 19 & Tues 20 Stage 2 Camp - Point Wolstencroft
- Fri 23rd BSLK

MAYFIELD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 16th AUGUST

"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."

Kaayi MEPS Community!

Wowzers we are already at week 4 of this term. Before you know it we will be at Christmas. Don't worry the P&C have got your back as we have placed the order for the Christmas gingerbread houses which will be delivered in week 4 keep your eyes out for that later this term they are a great way to engage the family in some arts and crafts that you can actually enjoy with a cuppa at the end - so that is coming!

For the last few weeks, on our Facebook page, we have been running the return and earn campaign for MEPS families to help raise money and awareness for recycling in our

community. The competition is underway for the class that can raise the most funds for their class. You've got to be in it to win it and to have a go simply:

1. Collect aluminium cans, glass and plastic bottles and popper containers at home in line with the 'Return & Earn' parameters;
1. Take the cans and bottles to any of the 'Return & Earn' outlets to deposit the cans, bottles and popper containers - don't forget to collect your docket;
1. Bring your docket to school and hand it to your teacher who will be collecting them for the P&C.

All dockets will be totalled up and the class that wins the challenge will receive a pizza party. Second place will also be awarded with a special prize for their amazing work.


Fathers Day stall - We will be organising a fathers day stall this term and are on the look out for volunteers to help out on the day to distribute the gifts for the classes. If you are able to help out please let the P&C know by email or facebook messenger.

P&C Meeting - Due to work commitments we will be unable to hold the first meeting for this term in week 4. The meeting has been pushed back to 6pm, Tuesday August 16th (Week 5). Please feel free to come along!

Kind Regards,


Matt

P&C President



**Term 3
It's on again.**

- 1. Collect your Return & Earn eligible containers**
- 2. Deposit the containers at a Return & Earn machine**
- 3. Bring your docket back to school and give to your teacher.**



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In Need of Volunteers

We are currently looking for people to help
with our Fathers Day Stall.

FATHER'S DAY STALL



Father's Day is fast approaching
on 4th September 2022.

The P&C is looking for volunteers
to assist with the distribution of
gifts on Thursday 1st September.

If you can help please let us
know by emailing the P&C
below.

mayfieldeastpandc@gmail.com



COMMUNITY NEWS



TERM 4 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Register your team today!

A brand new division has been added for Term 4!

U6 non competitive girls & boys
Along with divisions U8-U16 girls & boys

Venue: Smith Park Broadmeadow

Start date: Thursday 13th Oct

Registration cost:

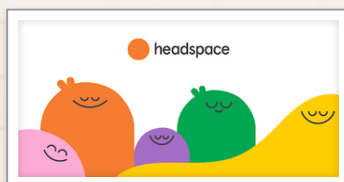
\$50 pp for U6 divisions

\$80 pp for U8-U16 divisions.

(active kids vouchers accepted)

**TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM OR CHILD
HEAD TO NEWCASTLE.OZTAG.COM.AU**

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES



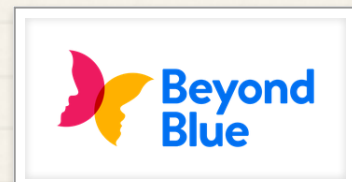
HeadSpace

Ph: 1800 650 890
headspace.org.au



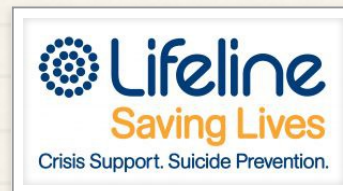
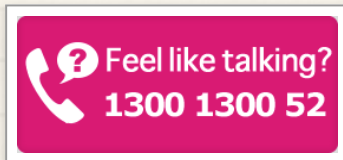
Kids Helpline

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 23rd August

