

# MAYFIELD EAST PS NEWS

ISSUE 1/23



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kaayi MEPS kanara (Hello MEPS family),

There is quite a lot of information in this newsletter, so please read through carefully... There are also a lot of links to further information on some topics.

### 2023 Class organisation:

We have had to adjust the staff allocation slightly with Mrs Slater going on leave. Miss Pearson has moved from part-time on 1/2J to full-time on 1/2S, and Mrs Partridge will share with Mrs Johnson on 1/2J...Mrs Johnson Mon, Tues and Mrs Partridge Wed-Fri.

I have updated our lists below:

### Classes:

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### Staff Directory:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HOaaaDdKsolA3m5WakJFXmg9BcxRiWEs/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HOaaaDdKsolA3m5WakJFXmg9BcxRiWEs/view?usp=share_link)

### **Meet the teacher ZOOM meetings**

This week, we are running stage information meetings for parents : and

- Stage 3 (Year 5 of 4/5M, 5/6B, 5/6K) Monday Feb 13, 2023 05:30 PM
- Stage 2 (3/ 4C, 3 / 4R, 3/4P Year 4 of 4 /5 M) - Feb 14, 2023 05:30 PM
- Stage 1(1/2 J , 1/2M, 1/2S) - Feb 15, 2023 05:30 PM
- Kindy (KG, KS, KP) Feb 16, 2023 05:30 PM

log in via this link:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/63169647795pwd=U0ZFSTVnY3Jkb3JVVD RmSUFiUzJzQT09>  
(Meeting ID: 631 6964 7795; Passcode: 260279).

Instructions for accessing ZOOM meetings via DET are here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/17S\\_BH6l24Oob3x-D2xp1nix2leMnEH4S/edit?usp=share\\_link&oid=108133300067460026820&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/17S_BH6l24Oob3x-D2xp1nix2leMnEH4S/edit?usp=share_link&oid=108133300067460026820&rtpof=true&sd=true)

### **Welcome to Country BBQ and classroom visits**

Next Tuesday (21st Feb) we have our onsite "Welcome BBQ" . We will have open classrooms , a smoking ceremony conducted by a local Aboriginal elder and then a BBQ will follow. Due to our share arrangement for school facilities with WEMOOSH on the school site, we have an **arrival / start time of 4.45pm** pm for parent/carers and students to **visit classrooms** (ie we can't be on PGD past the demountables, Hall, COLAS ). At 5.00 pm we will be able to access the PGD for our our smoking ceremony and BBQ.

***Information notes and RSVP details are here:***

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I thank Liz at WEMOOSH and her team who are actually condensing their school footprint for OOH school care students to a small portion of the school from 5.00 pm to allow us access to the Hall, COLAS, top oval and play equipment.

### **Anaphylaxis risk management at MEPS**

Our school is supporting students at risk of anaphylaxis in the following ways:

- training staff,
- encouraging students with food allergy to wash their hands before and after eating,
- encouraging students to wash their hands after eating something their classmate/friend is allergic to
- teaching students not to share food with friends who have food allergy,
- teaching students the importance of getting help immediately if their friend with allergy looks sick
- educating students about allergies and anaphylaxis, and
- teaching students that teasing someone with an allergy is not acceptable behaviour.

MEPS does not claim to be "peanut or nut free". Such a claim could not reliably be made and, if made, may lead to a false sense of security about exposure to peanuts and tree nuts.

Please read our letter to parents about strategies to support students in our school who are at risk of anaphylaxis:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-jXyCTx5sWJGSJpGX-3goHC4D0w3Magf/view?usp=sharing>

### **School Assemblies**

As notified last year, our assembly day returned to Fridays. An additional change is that we will alternate between K-2 and 3-6 , with combined assemblies on weeks 5 and 10 where we will have our Big Mover award presentations. Dates are outlined in our upcoming dates section below. The new merit recognition / reward system is being outlined in our Zoom sessions and there will be a summary in the next newsletter.

### **Third party website Logins**

Students who have been given consent to access third party software ( Mathletics, soundwaves etc) will be given their logins this week so they can start using the programs. If the consents sheet has not been returned, then the student will not receive a log in until it has been. If you need another copy of the note see below:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/14VAldBcVDNMpc7ICD0e5vWR3QwlZCWn4/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/14VAldBcVDNMpc7ICD0e5vWR3QwlZCWn4/view?usp=share_link)

### **Dogs on school site**

We've had a couple of minor incidents (and near misses) with dogs in the PGD late last year and this year . From Wed 15/2/23 dogs (unless certified care / assistance dogs) cannot come into the PGD past our office gate. As most of you may know I am a dog owner myself, and I know we have a dog friendly culture in our community...However, I have to balance out the protection of students and visitors on the school site (I don't have enough space to go into the whole patting dogs issue) against the desire for dog companionship and exercise to and from school. To try and avoid increased potential congestion on the footpath outside the school, Parents/carers with dogs can pick up drop off students from the **grass area** in the front of the school but cannot leave dogs unattended anywhere on the school grounds. This means that students will have to farewell / meet parent/carers down at the grass area in the morning / afternoon. We also ask that you do not allow students that aren't family members to pat your dog.

### **P&C meeting**

Our next P&C meeting is after our Welcome BBQ on the 21st Feb. There is babysitting available, so you may as well see how things run with the P&C whilst you are at school. Matt has promised a short meeting. Matt has a report down further in this newsletter.

### **Swimming Carnival**

I have some pictures from the carnival below...You'll have to scroll down through all our information to get to them lol!

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

Ken White  
Principal

## Mayfield East Public School

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**Principal:** Ken White



### Welcome Barbeque 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Mayfield East Public School for 2023. We hope that you all had an opportunity to have a relaxing break with your family. We are excited for all the wonderful learning that is going to place in 2023!

On Tuesday 21st February, 2023, we will be holding our Welcome Barbeque. We invite you to join us in the school playground at 4:45pm to spend time in your child/ren's classroom. At 5pm a traditional Aboriginal Welcome and Smoking ceremony and cultural performance will be conducted by an Awabakal elder.

Following the ceremony, you will be able to enjoy a delicious sausage sandwich cooked by the MEPS staff. Please follow the link below or QR Code to RSVP to this event and order your meal. This will provide everyone with an opportunity to catch up with old friends and a chance to meet new friends.

After the barbeque, the first P&C meeting will occur. This is a great chance to further support our school.

Please complete the RSVP Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023, so that the school can effectively cater for the evening.

<https://forms.office.com/r/mF2XpxxRtR>



Kind regards,

Ken White



**WELCOME TO  
4/5M MISS  
MOORE**



**WELCOME TO  
OUR LIBRARY  
MRS SHARMAN**



## NAPLAN 2023

MEPS families, please familiarise yourself with the NAPLAN schedule that our school will be following.

Please note that ALL assessments will be conducted online. The one exception is the Year 3 Writing assessment. Year 3 students will be completing this assessment on paper. All other assessments will be completed on laptops. Students are required to bring a labelled pair of headphones to school for support during the testing period. A family information letter will be sent home next week providing further details of the NAPLAN assessments.



### 2023 NAPLAN SCHEDULE

time	Monday 13th March	Tuesday 14th March	Wednesday 15th March	Thursday 16th March	Friday 17th March
9:15-10:30am			Year 3 Writing (paper) <u>Year 5</u> Writing (online)		Year 3 Numeracy (online)
11:40-1:10pm					<u>Year 5</u> Numeracy (online)
time	Monday 20th March	Tuesday 21st March	Wednesday 22nd March	Thursday 24th March	Friday 25th March
9:15-10:30am		Year 3 Reading (online)	<u>Year 5</u> Reading (online)	Year 3 Language Conventions (online)	<u>Year 5</u> Language Conventions (online)
11:40-1:10pm					

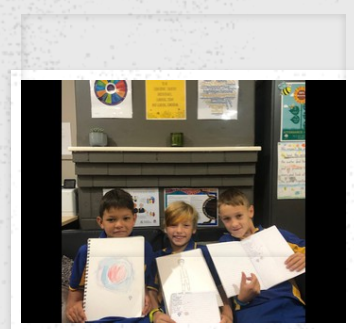
## 2023 SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION







## QUALITY WORK SAMPLES TO THE PRINCIPAL







Scan to book

# AFTER-SCHOOL ROBOTICS

Wednesdays  
2:50 pm - 4:30 pm

Registration open for Year 1-6.  
Limited slots available.

Young Engineers offers unique STEM programs where children have fun while learning critical skills for the digital age!


- Discussion of Science concepts
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## UPCOMING DATES

### February:

Mon 13th - Meet the Teacher Zoom - Year 5/6

Tues 14th - Meet the Teacher Zoom - Year 3/4

Wed 15th - Meet the Teacher Zoom - Year 1/2

Thur 16th - Meet the Teacher Zoom - Kindergarten

Fri 17th - Yr 3-6 Assembly

Tues 21st - Welcome to MEPS BBQ (class visits 4.45pm, BBQ commences 5.15pm)

Fri 24th Whole School Assembly Big Mover award

### March:

Fri 3rd Yrs K-2 Assembly 2.15 - 2.45

Fri 10th Yrs 3-6 Assembly 2.15-2.45

Fri 17th Yrs K-2 Assembly 2.15 - 2.45

Fri 24th Yrs 3-6 Assembly 2.15 - 2.45

Fri 31st Whole School Assembly Big Mover Award

27th to 31st March - Wellbeing Week

### April:



Thurs 6th - Easter Hat Parade 9.15 am start

## EASTER HOLIDAYS:

Last day for students **Thursday 6th April**

Students return **Wednesday 26th April** (Mon 24th April is Staff Development Day)

## STAGE 3 BROKEN BAY CAMP EOI

**Mayfield East Public School**  
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Principal - Mr Ken White M.Ed (Admin); B.Ed; Dip Teach



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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST-STAGE 3 2023 BROKEN BAY EXCURSION**  
Tuesday 14th February, 2023

Dear Stage 3 Parents/Caregivers,


Year 5 and 6 students will be travelling to Broken Bay for their end of year major excursion from Monday 9th - Thursday 12th October, 2023. To assist with the organisation, now is the time to let us know if you are interested in your child attending this excursion.

The students will be fully supervised by Ms Kimbell, Mr Barbuto and Mrs Bailey. The excursion cost will cover transport, meals, accommodation and the numerous day and night time activities.

Please fill in the expression of interest form and send it in to the office. The total cost of the camp will be approximately \$480 (this is an approximation and could change due to numbers). We will send a second note home soon, outlining the final costing of the camp. This note will require a deposit to be paid to secure your child's spot for camp.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. **Please return the permission note to the front office by Friday 25th February, 2023.** This will assist our speedy organisation of further details, final costing and payment plans.

**Please return the attached permission note to indicate whether your child/ren WILL or WILL NOT be attending our Stage 3 camp this year.**

Kind regards,  
  
Ryan Barbuto and Sophie Bailey  
Stage 3 Assistant Principals

  
Ken White  
Principal

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST-STAGE 3 2023 BROKEN BAY EXCURSION**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

will/will not (circle one) be attending the Canberra excursion from **Monday 9th - Thursday 12th October, 2023.** I understand that the final costing of this excursion will be given when the student numbers are finalised and I will be required to pay a deposit to secure my child's spot in this camp.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

"We grow and learn together"

## 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."*

Welcome back to 2023 to all of the school community.

I would like to welcome, especially, all of those families who have started with our school either from transferring in or with a child in Kindergarten. We do hope that you enjoy your time

with our wonderful school and that you have all settled in.

We have all enjoyed our well earned break after such a big year last year. The P&C is ready to go again and below are some important dates to place in your diaries for this term:

- Tuesday 21st February – First meeting of 2023
- Tuesday 21st March – Annual General Meeting

The AGM is fast approaching and at the meeting all positions within the P&C Executive will be available, including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer. If any of these roles interest you, please feel free to reach out to the P&C for more information.

A babysitter will be provided if you need to bring children along for the meeting.

I hope to see some new faces at our upcoming meeting on Tuesday 21st February, in the staff room.

Kind Regards,

Matt Chantrey

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL







































YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER TERM 1

# Easter Egg Raffle

Year 6 will be holding their first fundraiser for the year. They will be selling raffle tickets for an Easter Egg Raffle. The raffle will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade.

We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs or treats to create the prizes for the raffle.

We appreciate the community support in our school fundraising events.





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HOME GROUND NO 5 SPORTSGROUND NATIONAL PARK  
2023 REGISTRATION COST:  
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INCLUDES: TRAINING SHIRT, PLAYING SHORTS, GAME DAY SOCKS, CAP, 1/2 ZIP PULLOVER

TRAINING COMMENCES 27TH FEBRUARY 2023

TO REGISTER: RUGBY XPLOER,  
ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED





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Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR  
LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON  
PLEASE CONTACT**

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[www.airleague.com.au](http://www.airleague.com.au) Email: [info@airleague.com.au](mailto:info@airleague.com.au)

Free Call: 1800 502 175



# Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



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

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



## ***Nutrition Snippet***

### HOW TO PACK A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX



**A good lunch gives children energy and nutrients to learn, play and grow.**

**But what does a healthy lunch box look like? Find out in our short video.**

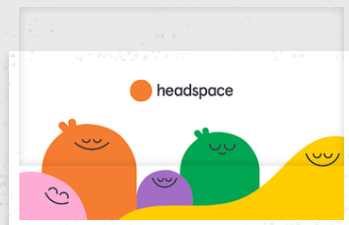
**[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)**



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES**





## HEADSPACE

Ph: 1800 650 890  
headspace.org.au



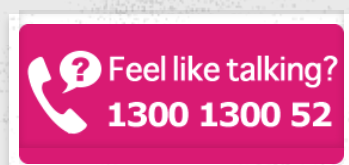
## KIDS HELPLINE

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/coronavirus.aspx>



## LIFELINE

Ph: 13 11 14



## CONTACT US

Facebook @mayfeldeastps

*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

Mr Ken White

### Assistant Principals

Mrs Melinda Horgan - Assistant Principal (Curriculum & Instruction)

Mrs Corbie Bailey (Tues/Wed) Stage 2 & 3

Mr Ryan Barbuto (Relieving Mon/Thurs/Fri) - Stage 2 & 3

Mrs Natalie Johnson - Stage 1

Mrs Kate Payne - Early Stage 1

#### **School Leaders**

**Captains:** Annie Downer & Matilda Bracey

**Vice Captains:** Billie Carlson & Caleb Clarke

**Executive:** Euan Tapia Jones & Brax Bashford

#### **P&C President**

Mr Matthew Chantrey

## **MEPS CORE VALUES**

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be a Hardworker

**NEXT ISSUE: TUESDAY 28TH FEB 2023**