

MAYFIELD EAST PS NEWS

ISSUE 3/23 (UPDATED)

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



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) Year 5 Writing (online)		Year 3 Numeracy (online)
11:40-1:10pm					Year 5 Numeracy (online)
time	Monday 20th March	Tuesday 21st March	Wednesday 22nd March	Thursday 23rd March	Friday 24th March
9:15-10:30am		Year 3 Reading (online)	Year 5 Reading (online)	Year 3 Language Conventions (online)	Year 5 Language Conventions (online)
11:40-1:10pm					

MAYFIELD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

KISS AND RIDE

- Remain in your car
- Keep traffic flowing
- No parking
- 2 minute maximum stay

*Thank you for helping to keep
our community safe!*



We grow and learn together

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kaayi MEPS kanara (Hello MEPS family),

A few procedural things this edition...

Parent teacher interviews

Don't forget to book your Parent Interview slots that will be running in weeks 10 and 11! It is a great opportunity for you to talk with your child's teacher and gain insight into strengths and opportunities for your child's learning. If you haven't yet booked, there is an infographic below which you can click on to go the booking sheet.



Communication between school and home

I don't miss the irony of posting this section underneath the parent teacher interview message, but I know that at many other times in the year that strong communication is the best way to ensure all aspects of our school run smoothly. Whether it's communication through the school newsletter, via text message, notes home, the school Facebook page or a phone call, email, Seesaw or a face-to-face chat, we use all of these different methods to get messages home, and often more than one method for the same message.

One of the best benefits of the lovely size of our school is that all of our staff get to know all of our students fairly quickly, which is pretty special. If we're worried or have a question about your child, their progress or wellbeing, someone from school will give you a call or send you a message to have a chat.

As a parent and an educator for a long time, I know that sometimes you may also have a question or a concern about things at school. If you're worried about your child's progress or wellbeing or a specific incident at school, the classroom teacher is always the first port of call, as they have the most contact with your child and know them well. Our teachers are always keen to chat with you about your child/ren - after all, we see them for 6 hours a day, they're like our extended family :) - however please be mindful that our teachers are preparing for the day in the morning and some staff meetings are also held in the morning. During the day they're teaching, undertaking playground duty and often running extra-curricular activities in their lunch and recess breaks. You are welcome to send them a message, or leave a message throughout the day, and if they can, our teachers will get back to you on the same day however sometimes it may be after school or the next day if there are things they need to look into in order to answer your question. Our teachers may call you or send you a message via Seesaw, depending on what's appropriate.

In addition, each Stage has its own Assistant Principal who is there to support students, teachers and families who may need some more specialised or intensive support. Playground issues that may be more serious are also referred to them. Just remember that most things can be resolved with a chat either in person or over the phone - please do that wherever possible.

If it hasn't been resolved by either the teacher or the Assistant Principal, or if it's of a very serious nature, then I will also be involved. I am more than happy to have a chat about concerns, although depending on the issue it may also require input from the class teacher and possibly the Assistant Principal.

If your child is in Kindergarten, Mrs Kate Payne is the Assistant Principal you would contact. Mrs Natalie Johnson is the Assistant Principal for Years 1 and 2 Whilst Mrs Sophie Bailey (Tues / Wed and Mr Ryan Barbuto (Mon, Thurs, Fri) Job share the Assistant Principal role for Years 3 - 6.

When I started teaching back in 1985, my first principal used to say to our learning community: " If you have an issue let me know ...and give me a chance to fix it... before you complain to the neighbours". I ask the same for our MEPS school community. If I don't know about it, I can't fix it!

On a final note on this topic, unless it's an emergency, I don't contact my staff after 5.30pm, as that's their family and personal time. Please be respectful of our staff by being mindful of the time that you send a message and the timeframe in which you expect them to respond. Thank you for your support and understanding - our teachers here at MEPS are amazing; they constantly go above and beyond for all of our students and we appreciate the partnership we have with all parents, carers and families in helping our students grow and learn.

Kiss and Ride

Please be mindful when dropping off /picking up students in our Kiss and Ride car zone - especially in the afternoon. We have a poster above that outlines our school "rules"...If the parking inspectors visit and you leave the car or park too long...\$183 dollars is an expensive lesson!!! Usually it is when someone gets a grandparent or a neighbour to cover a pick up that things go awry..please make sure they know the "rules"! I cannot stress enough the importance of using what the Dept of transport call the safety door (Rear left). Kids walking around to get in the right side on a narrow street is not good for my heart rate!

Staff Development Day Term 3 - Variation to date

I will have more on this in our next newsletter; however, In order to meet our professional learning goals we need to look at gaining some expertise in certain fields. In order to do this it can be quite difficult when all schools across the state are trying to gain the same expertise on the same days.

Accordingly I wish to apply to the Dept of Education to vary our Term 3 Staff Development Day from Monday 17th July (the Monday after the school holidays) to Monday 18th September (Monday of the last week of term). This would mean that students and staff would attend school as a normal day on 17th July , but on Monday September 18th classes at MEPS would not run as staff would be attending professional development activities offsite. I have had some initial talks with WEMOOSH to see what could be possibly run on Sept 18 during school hours as a kind of vacation care activity option during the day, but final details or options are not yet available due to intricacies of rostering, availability of activities etc. to be investigated.

As I said I'm just flagging this as a type of "claim the date" advance notice and I'll have more details in our next newsletter.

P&C AGM

Don't forget we have our P&C AGM on Feb 21st - 6pm in the staff common room. There is babysitting provided!

Also don't forget the P&C are looking for volunteers to assist with their "Democracy Sausage" BBQ on March 25th! See P&C section below for more details.

Make sure you have a look at our upcoming events dates below as our Harmony Day and Easter Hat activities are coming up fast!

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

Ken White
Principal
kenneth.j.white@det.nsw.edu.au

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW BOOKING SHEET

Mayfield East Public School

Crebert Street Mayfield NSW 2304
Phone (02) 4968 1495, (02) 4968 2291
Fax (02) 4968 3236
ABN 86 215 366 942
Principal: Mr Ken White



Term 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 7th March, 2023

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This year, bookings are to be made through an online booking system. The system is easy to use and can be completed from any smart phone, tablet or computer. It is a first in, best-dressed system. Bookings are available every 15 minutes. The interviews will be held between 8am – 4:30pm each day. If you do find that there are no suitable timeslots available, please contact your child's teacher in order to negotiate a time that suits you. Bookings will open at 5pm, Tuesday 7th March.

Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) meetings and Student Learning and Support Plan (SLSP) meetings will be incorporated into Parent Teacher Interviews.

To make a booking you simply need to enter the url: <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code>

Following this, enter the event code:

es4ev

From here, you will be asked to add your email address, your name and your child's name. You can also select the number of children you wish to book an interview for, so that you can complete all bookings at once.

On the next page, you will be asked to enter your child's teacher. Once you have done this, simply select the timeslot you wish. You will receive a confirmation email of your booking time. Please check your junk folder if you don't receive the email.

If you require a 'phone interview', please follow the instructions above to book a timeslot. Then select 'phone' in preferred meeting type and include the phone number in which you would like to receive the call.

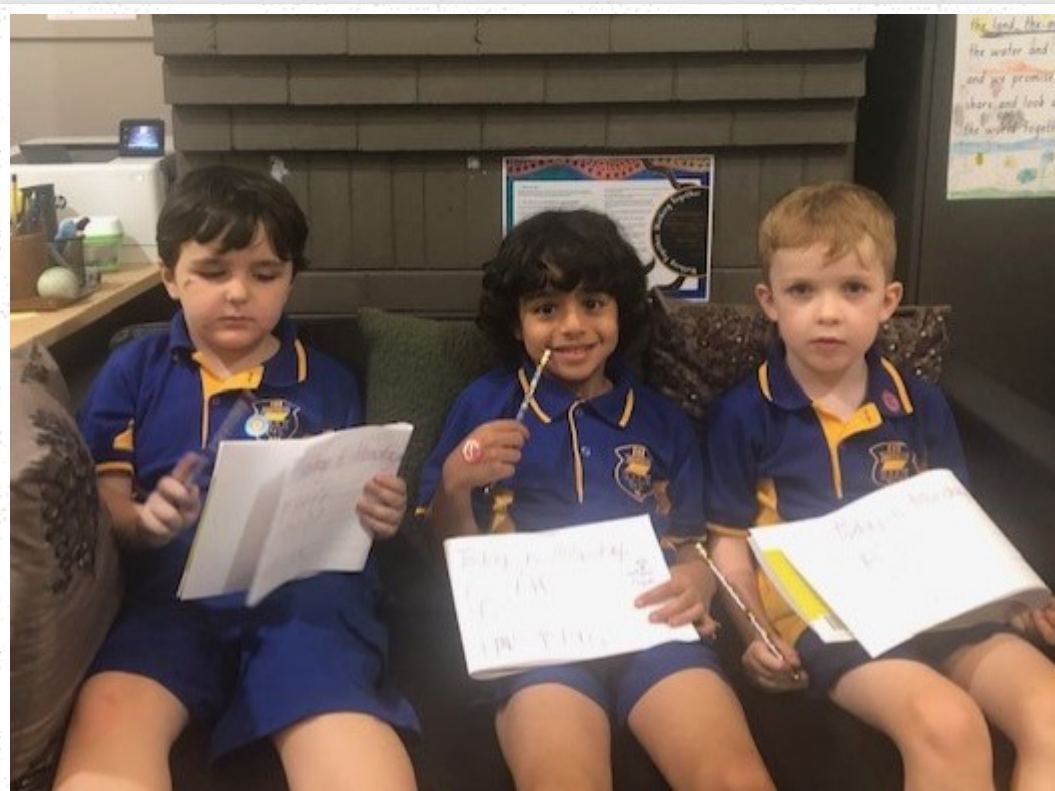
If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the office and to help you book an interview.

Mrs Payne	KP	Thursday 30 th March, 2023
Mrs Gill	KG	Monday 20 th March, 2023
Miss Symons	KS	Monday 27 th March, 2023
Mrs Johnson/Mrs Partridge	1/2J	Thursday 30 th March, 2023
Mrs Myers/Mrs Munro	1/2M	Tuesday 28 th March, 2023
Miss Reese	1/2R	Tuesday 28 th March, 2023
Miss Pearson	1/2S	Thursday 30 th March, 2023
Mr Parker	3/4C	Monday 27 th March, 2023 and Thursday 30 th March, 2023
Miss Peterie	3/4P	Tuesday 28 th March, 2023 and Thursday 30 th March, 2023
Mrs Rake	3/4R	Tuesday 28 th March, 2023 and Thursday 30 th March, 2023
Miss Moore	4/5M	Monday 27 th March, 2023 and Wednesday 29 th March, 2023
Ms Kimbell	5/6K	Monday 27 th March, 2023 and Wednesday 29 th March, 2023
Mr Barbuto/Mrs Bailey	5/6B	Tuesday 28 th March, 2023 and Wednesday 29 th March, 2023

We look forward to discussing your child's academic progress and social development.

Regards,

Ken White
Principal





Mayfield East Public School

HARMONY WEEK



Each year at Mayfield East Public School we celebrate Harmony Week. Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity – a week of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live.

The central message for Harmony Week is that **'everyone belongs'**, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians. Harmony Week aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

As a school, we will be completing a variety of activities to strengthen our students' knowledge of different countries and cultures. This celebration includes students participating in an 'Around the World' trip, where they will each visit three different countries (classrooms) and complete a related activity. This will foster meaningful conversations to reinforce the importance of inclusivity, respect and cultural diversity.

Monday 20.3.2023 - we ask all students to come dressed in **orange** or **traditional cultural dress**! Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. We are going to wear something orange to show our support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia!

Happy Harmony Week!
Mrs Payne, Mrs Gill & Miss Symons

Ken White
Principal

If you are interested in sharing something from your culture with your child's class, please return the form below by Wednesday 15th March.

Harmony Day 2023 – Parent Interest Form

Child's Name _____

Parent Name _____

Contact Number _____

Culture/ Country _____

What would you be interested in sharing?

EASTER HAT PARADE



Mayfield East Public School Easter Hat Parade



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce our annual Easter Hat Parade and invite you all to attend. We will be holding this event on Thursday 6th April, at **9:15am**. All students from Kindergarten - Year 6 are invited to participate in this fun morning.

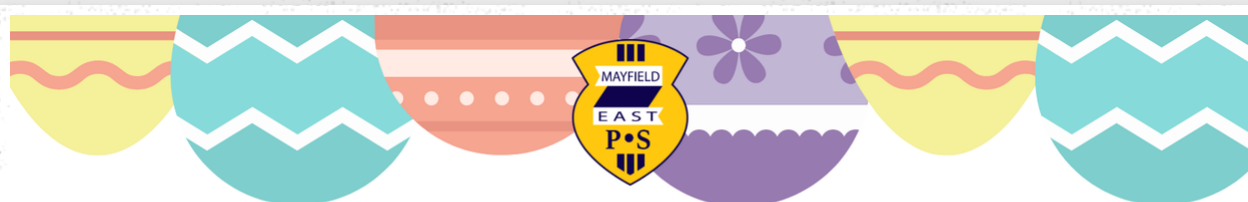
On the day, your child will need to bring a suitably decorated hat to wear in the parade. We would like to give students the option to create a 'sustainable' hat using recycled items, objects found in nature or materials found around the house. You could use egg cartons, newspaper papier mache, flowers, leaves, sticks, old fabrics, recycled cards or coloured bottle tops. Students could even use or modify a hat from a previous year.

Each year we hold an Easter raffle fundraiser to benefit the Year 6 farewell. A raffle will be held at the conclusion of the parade. We are kindly asking for donations of any Easter kind from our school community. These can be brought to the office for safe keeping. Tickets for the raffles will be sold before school by our Functions and Social Services ministers from Week 9. The tickets cost 50c each. The last tickets will be sold on the morning of the hat parade.

All students will be making their hats at home and bringing them to school on the morning of the Easter Hat Parade. We look forward to seeing all of your creative designs.

Thank you for your assistance and support.

Mrs Johnson and the Stage 1 Team.



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.





School Contributions for 2023 are now due!

1st child - \$100

2nd child - \$85

3rd child - \$75

4th child - \$65

All contributions go towards classroom
and teaching resources for your child.

Please contact the office if you have any
questions on 4968 1495

BIG MOVER AWARD WINNERS

Term 1 Week 5

Scarlett B & Darcy M

WHOLE SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR & WELLBEING

Whole School – Behaviour and Wellbeing

We have made some changes to our whole school award/reward system.

Based on the research of Alfie Kohn (2001) we have been exploring the impact and effectiveness of rewards.

Aiming to build intrinsic motivation and work towards a collective goal; we have replaced individual blue, bronze, silver and gold awards by boosting the significance of team house points.

House points can be awarded in class, the playground and during all school activities for displaying our school values and going above and beyond. These points will be collected by the Student Leaders and updated weekly.

The winning house will have an end of year celebration.



Whole School - Values

We have 3 core values at our school:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be a Hard worker

We will be highlighting and discussing what these look and sound like.

Whole School – Behaviour and Wellbeing



There have also been some adjustments to our Assembly awards.

Merit Awards have been reduced from three to one per class, during our assemblies, to give more weight and meaning to receiving a class award. Kindness Awards will remain the same.

We are also introducing a new Big Mover Award for the Week 5 and Week 10 whole school assemblies.

These will be awarded to one student in years K-2 and one student in years 3-6 based on exemplary effort, schoolwork or behaviour. Students will be nominated by staff and all nominees and recipients for the term will be invited to a morning tea with Mr White.



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Starting Year 7 in 2024?

The transition from primary school to high school is a significant and exciting event for young people and their families. As part of the Callaghan Education Pathway, our Primary School works closely with Callaghan College Waratah Campus to support all our Year 6 families with this transition.

This week, Year 6 students will be bringing home important high school transition information:

- A postcard with key transition event dates, including a High School Taster Day, Year 6 Orientation Day, as well as a High School Information Session for Year 6 parents and carers.
- Instructions for enrolling your child at their in-area high school. **Online enrolments close at the end of term 2.**
- A brochure about Waratah Campus' ASPIRE High Potential program. **Applications for this program close on Friday 31 March.**

Please see your child's Year 6 teacher if you have any questions or need more information.

The best way to keep up-to-date with Transition information throughout the year is by checking the Waratah Campus Year 7 2024 webpage at <https://waratah-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/year-7-2024/>



Calling all aspiring performers Calling all aspiring performers Calling all aspiring performers

HSPA OPEN DAY

Join us for Hunter School of
the Performing Arts' Open
Day on **Wednesday 15
March 2023.**

*Tour our **state-of-the-art facilities**, meet our talented staff and
student leaders, and learn how you can take your performing arts
career to the **next level.***



WHERE - Hunter School of the Performing Arts, Broadmeadow

WHEN - Wednesday 15 March from **3:15 pm**

ARRIVAL - Enter via gates in front of Hunter Theatre, Cameron Street, Broadmeadow

Calling all aspiring performers

UPCOMING DATES

March:

- Tues 14th Stage 3 Science Excursion Sydney Zoo
- Fri 17th Yrs 3-6 Assembly 2.15 - 2.45
- Mon 20th Harmony Day
- Tues 21st P&C AGM
- Fri 24th Yrs K-2 Assembly 2.15 - 2.45
- Fri 31st Whole School Assembly Big Mover Award

April:

- 3rd - 6th April - Wellbeing Week
- Tues 4th Yr 6 to Newcastle ANZAC combined service 12.00pm- 2.40 pm
- 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)

May:

- Fri 5th School Photos

October :

- Stage 3 Camp 9-12th (tentative)



**MAYFIELD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C AGM 6PM
MARCH 21ST IN SCHOOL STAFFROOM**

**BABYSITTING AVAILABLE ONSITE DURING THE
MEETING**

"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."



Mayfield East Public School P&C

9 March at 19:57 · 🌐



Please help spread the word that our school is holding a Democracy sausage for the election on March 25!

Please see our previous post of donations required and we are still looking for volunteers!

All donations can be delivered to the office.



SAT, 25 MAR AT 07:30

MEPS Election Day Democracy Sausages!

Mayfield East Public School

You like Mayfield East Public School

☆ Interested



COMMUNITY NEWS

Scouts is for everyone!

Scouting is a worldwide movement that has shaped the development of children and young adults for over 100 years. With over 18,000 youth and adult members from various cultural and religious backgrounds and with varying abilities, Scouts is one of the largest and most successful youth organisations in New South Wales!

Today's Scouts can take part in an extraordinary variety of outdoor activities, from 'traditional Scouting skills' such as camping and bush craft, through to more extreme challenges such as abseiling, overnight hiking, rafting, canyoning, rock climbing, sailing and even flying! Scouts also have the opportunity to become involved in performing arts, leadership development, community service, amateur radio operation, environmental projects and large-scale events.

scoutreach.org.au

To find your closest Hunter and Coastal Scout Group contact: **1300 858 464**



Joey Scouts (ages 5-8*)

Cub Scouts (ages 8-11)

Scouts (ages 11-14)

Venturer Scouts (ages 14-17)

Rovers (ages 18-25)

Leaders (ages 18+)

*A young person can join the Joey Section at any time after their 5th birthday provided they are attending school full time.



SCAN ME

Nutrition Snippet

WHAT IS THE HEALTHY LUNCH BOX WEBSITE?



A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

Here's what you'll find on the website:

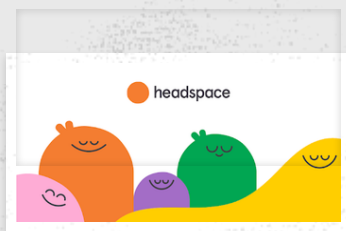
- Interactive lunch box builder that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy recipes and snack ideas.
- Informative blogs about healthy eating for the family.
- Sign up to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES



HEADSPACE

Ph: 1800 650 890
headspace.org.au



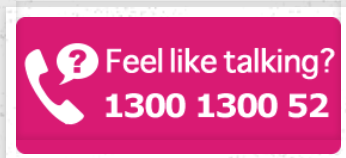
KIDS HELPLINE

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

Mayfield East Public School, 3...

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mayfelde-p.schools.nsw.edu...

Principal
Mr Ken White

Assistant Principals

Mrs Melinda Horgan - Assistant Principal (Curriculum & Instruction)

Mrs Sophie 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 MARCH 2023