

MAYFIELD EAST PS NEWS

ISSUE 2/23



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kaayi MEPS kanara (Hello MEPS family),

What a busy time it was last week!

Thank you for the fantastic response to our welcome BBQ last week. It was great to see our school community come together to celebrate our 2023 academic year and to join in with Uncle Ray and Auntie Cheryl to as they welcomed us to Country and cleansed our site for the year with a traditional smoking ceremony. We were also treated to a great song from Auntie Cheryl as part of our welcome.

One thing I can be proud of is the way our school works with our local community to celebrate learning. The classroom visits proved to be very popular, with students being proud to show their loved ones where they learn.

I must thank my fantastic staff for volunteering to stay back and show classrooms, prepare the BBQ and then serve to so many people. It is another example of the commitment our

teachers have to the students and community here at at MEPS.

I also would like to thank Liz at WEMOOSH and her team who actually condensed 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.

See below for some photos from the evening..I'll get them onto our website asap.

We also got to celebrate our first two "Big Mover" award winners for Term 1 Week 5. The Yr K-2 recipient was Scarlett B and the Yr 3-6 recipient was Darcy M. The award is based upon exemplary effort, schoolwork or behaviour as judged by the school staff. The next award will be in Week 10.

We outlined this and other changes to our whole school behaviour and wellbeing assembly awards in our recent Meet the teacher Zoom meetings and I have included the slides from the presentation further down in this newsletter.

This year one of my personal challenges is to get the school website more "up to date" and so I have been teaching myself the intricacies of the school website service so I can train others to post onto the site. I am trying to get photos from events onto the page and yesterday I had some photographers in to take some photos of our school in action to make our school website and our publications more current. I am also getting a school calendar set up on the site to try and assist parents in anticipating upcoming events. I list upcoming events in the newsletter each fortnight, but the website will hopefully be a bit more accessible in a hurry! You can always access back issues of the Parent newsletter via the school website.

<https://mayfield-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

We have Parent interviews, Student Learning Support and Personalised Learning Support Plan meetings coming up over weeks 9 & 10 and (in the real world that is between 20th March and 31st March). You will be contacted soon with appointment or booking instructions for these meetings.

Shilpi from Young Engineers Australia has asked me to post some flyers below about her discount rate for the final 5 weeks of the Yr 1-6 after school robotics program and also to launch her new 5 week "Kindy" after school robotics program. Both programs will run on Wednesday afternoons after school in the library. Contact details are on the flyers below.

Finally, don't forget our P&C AGM is coming up on March 21st at 6pm in the MEPS staffroom. There is a baysitting available during the meeting.

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

Ken White
Principal

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



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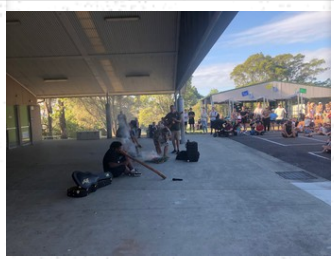


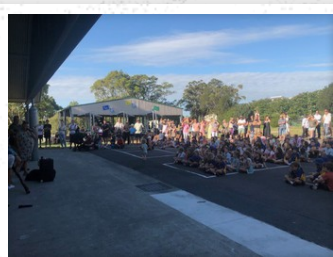
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2023 WELCOME BBQ





BIG MOVER AWARD WINNERS



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.

House Points			
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130	205	170	265

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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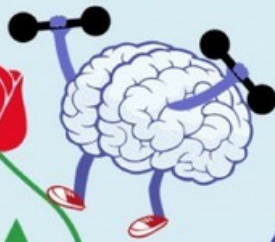
2023 SWIMMING CARNIVAL RIBBONS



THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS

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a garden carried
in the pocket.”
(Chinese Proverb)

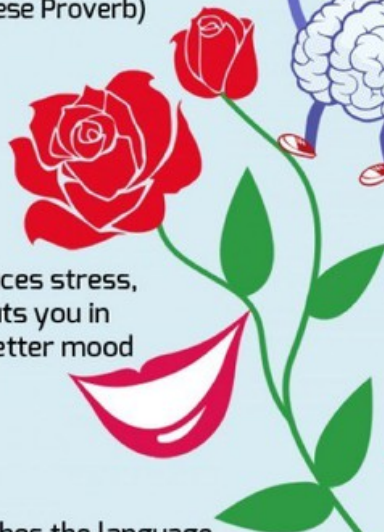
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and information

books are a good
topic of
conversation

reduces stress,
puts you in
a better mood



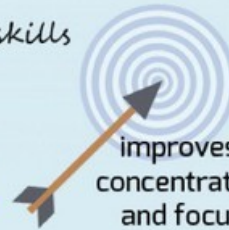
better writing skills



great and free
entertainment



improves
concentration
and focus



enriches the language
and vocabulary

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pose questions
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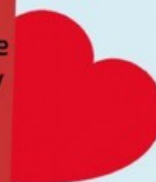


good
for
memory



books are
a window
to the
world

increases
your ability
to empathize
with others



introduces to the unknown
fantasy world

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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) 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					

UPCOMING DATES

March:

- Fri 3rd Yrs 3-6 Assembly 2.15 - 2.45
- Fri 10th Yrs K-2 Assembly 2.15-2.45
- Tues 14th Stage 3 Science Excursion Sydney Zoo
- Fri 17th Yrs 3-6 Assembly 2.15 - 2.45
- Fri 24th Yrs K-2 Assembly 2.15 - 2.45
- Fri 31st Whole School Assembly Big Mover Award

April:

- 3rd - 6th April - Wellbeing Week
- 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

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."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kindy Special Mayfield East P.S.- Robotics and Coding Club



After-School Robotics & Coding Club - Term 1 2023
Venue: Mayfield East Public School
Date: 8th March 2023- 5th April 2023 (every Wednesday) Time: 02:50 pm to 04:30 pm
5 weeks Program - Fee 100 \$ (You can use Creative Kids Voucher here)

Wednesday 8 March 2023 2:50 PM - Wednesday 5 April 2023 4:30 PM (UTC+11)

LOCATION

Mayfield East Public School
32 Crebert Street, Mayfield East NSW 2304

CONTACT DETAILS

[CONTACT EVENT ORGANISER](#)

Discuss with Shilpi the coordinator of the after school program for a special price to attend the final 5 weeks of the Years 1 -6 after school program.



Scan to book

AFTER-SCHOOL ROBOTICS

Wednesdays
2:50 pm -
4:30 pm



ABOUT US

CLASSES
INCLUDE:



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
- Building and programming (coding) motorised LEGO® models
- These models are working prototypes of real world machines
- Team work & Problem Based Learning (PBL)

CONTACT US:

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nclmaitland@young-engineers.com.au

To learn more, visit us on  or
newcastlemaidland.young-engineers.com.au.

Nutrition Snippet

5 TIPS TO TAKE THE PRESSURE OFF PACKING LUNCH BOXES



- 1) Base it on the 5 food groups
- 2) Add colour with fruit and vegetables
- 3) Let your child to help choose some foods
- 4) Save time by packing leftovers
- 5) Save money by stocking up on specials

Read our [blog](#) to find out more.

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Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

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)*

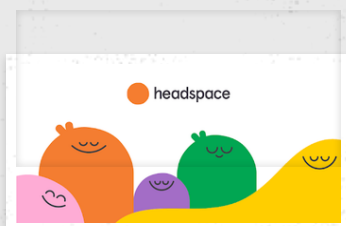


Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES



HEADSPACE

Ph: 1800 650 890
headspace.org.au



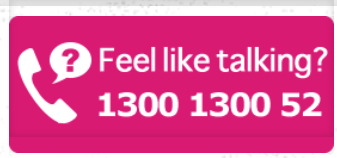
KIDS HELPLINE

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/cor
onavirus.aspx](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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 02 4968 1495  mayfielde-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 14TH MARCH 2023