

Newsletter

Mayfield West Demonstration School

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Week 1 Term 4

Date: Tuesday, 16 October 2018



Thank you for the warm welcome to the community. These first few days have been a whirlwind. I have managed to visit all of our classes and see some of the fantastic teaching and learning I have heard so much about. It really is exciting.

I am really encouraged by the commitments parents make in supporting the staff and students at the school. I look forward to meeting people at the Year 6 parent helper meeting, the first Kindy orientation evening and our P&C annual general meeting. All these are on Wednesday after school. There will be time opened at the P&C meeting for questions to me so I hope people will come along.



We are really excited by some of the events planned for the term with swimming, and the colour run in the next few weeks.

Matthew Bradley

Important Dates

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| Wednesday 17 th October | Kindergarten 2019 Information Session 6 – 7 pm Year 6 Farewell Parent Volunteer Meeting 4.00 pm Library P&C AGM 7.00 pm |
| Monday 22 nd October | Swimming Years 3 – 6 |
| Wednesday 24 th October | Kindergarten Orientation 9.30 – 10.30 am |
| Monday 29 th October | Swimming Years 3 – 6 |
| 20 th October – 9 th November | Swim School Year 2 |
| Wednesday 31 st October | Kindergarten Orientation 9.30 – 10.30 am |
| Thursday 1 st November | Colour Run |
| Monday 4 th November | Swimming Years 3 – 6 |
| Wednesday 7 th November | Kindergarten Orientation 9.30 – 10.30 am |
| Monday 12 th November | Swimming Years 3 – 6 |
| Wednesday 14 th November | Kindergarten Orientation 9.30 – 10.30 am |
| Monday 19 th November | Swimming Years 3 – 6 |
| Wednesday 28 th November | Preschool Orientation 9.30 – 10.30 am |
| Wednesday 5 th December | Preschool Orientation 9.30 – 10.30 am |
| Thursday 6 th December | Year 6 Farewell |
| Tuesday 11 th December | Presentation Day |
| Wednesday 19 th December | Clap Out, Last day of school |

Assembly

This week's assembly will be hosted by 1/2C. Assembly commences at 2.30 pm in the hall all welcome.

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P&C News - Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held tomorrow night, 17th October at 7pm. Please join us as we elect a new committee for 2019. Our monthly meeting will immediately follow the AGM. The P&C encourages your involvement and participation in our school. The P&C plays a role in representing parent voice on a range of school related topics as well as providing a significant source of fundraising / financial assistance to the school. The involvement of parents and carers helps to create a dynamic community at MWDS, with enormous benefit for all our children. Joining the P&C is a great way to be involved in your child's school life, support the teaching staff, and contribute to your community.

We encourage all families to get involved and we hope to see you there!

Library News

Term 4 is always busy in the library and this is the time to return any overdue books. The library will be having a stocktake towards the end of the year and it is important that all our resources are accounted for. However, there are lots of new books on the shelves right now, ready to be borrowed.

Happy reading - Mrs Troup

Canteen Roster

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 17th October | Anne, Mandy |
| Thursday 18th October | Andreana |
| Friday 19th October | Toni, Kim, Alice, Naomi, Recess Amber |
| Monday 22nd October | Robyn |
| Tuesday 23rd October | Amanda |
| Wednesday 24th October | Danielle, Mandy |

2018 International Competitions and Assessments

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the 2018 Digital Technologies International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

| Name | Award |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Sofia Stojko | High Distinction |
| Bella Lewis | Distinction |
| Quang Duy Do | Credit |
| Allie Dickinson | Credit |
| Chelsea Lange | Credit |
| Alice Bradley | Credit |
| Rylan Sewell | Credit |
| Liam Curtis | Participation |
| Addison Thomas | Participation |
| Sawyer Waller | Participation |
| Nate Dickinson | Participation |
| Daniel Paloma | Participation |

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Congratulations to the following students who competed in the 2018 Mathematics International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

| Name | Award |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Cameron Donovan | Distinction |
| Oliver James | Distinction |
| Ren Allan-Denniss | Credit |
| Mayah Lewis | Credit |
| Shyla Prasad | Credit |
| Jeffrey Ludricks | Credit |
| Sofia Stojko | Credit |
| Allie Dickinson | Credit |
| Chelsea Lange | Credit |
| Lidell McCosker | Credit |
| Bella Lewis | Credit |
| Christian Morison | Credit |
| George Hill | Merit |
| Sawyer Waller | Merit |
| Tadgh Cocklin | Participation |
| Bailey Johnstone | Participation |
| Luke Marlborough | Participation |
| Illyana Morison | Participation |
| Ruby Sar | Participation |
| Kaitlin Smith | Participation |
| Liam Curtis | Participation |
| Jayden Raju | Participation |
| Oscar Shain | Participation |
| Senyo Agbola | Participation |
| Kaitee Kopko | Participation |
| Alice Bradley | Participation |
| Alanah Wright | Participation |
| Nate Dickinson | Participation |
| Nguyen Anh Do | Participation |

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Minime Hackathon

On the 19th September, 8 coders from Mayfield West went to the University of Newcastle to represent the school at the Minime Hackathon Event. We had the opportunity to code StarLab rovers that were made by 3D printers. We coded from 9 am to 2.15 pm, making the rovers do different actions and movements. For example, moving forward, taking pictures and writing messages on the screen. We also participated in a navigation challenge and the school that did the challenge first, won a prize. Everyone that attended had so much fun and we did too.



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2019 Kindergarten Enrolment Information

Parent Information Session

Wednesday 17th October 2018 in the Hall 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Parents are invited to attend a Kindergarten Information night. Information will be provided about our school including the school vision, procedures and current practices, Early Stage 1 curriculum and Best Start assessments. We encourage all parents to attend this valuable workshop to understand how your child will develop and learn at Mayfield West Demonstration School.

Visit 1 Wednesday 24th October 2018

9.30 – 10.30 am

Parents and children are invited to meet in the Kindergarten rooms from 9.30 – 10.30 am. Children will engage in a variety of play activities. Parents can attend a Best Start information session lead by Brianna Munro (Kindergarten classroom teacher). Teachers will make general observations about the students during this session. Teachers and children will discuss classroom rules and routines at school.

Visit 2 Wednesday 31st October 2018

9.30 – 10.30 am

Parents and children meet in the Kindergarten rooms. Parents are asked to attend an information session in the hall about literacy lead by our Assistant Principal and Learning Centre specialised teacher. Children complete a literacy and related craft activity. Teachers will make general observation about the students during this session.

Visit 3 Wednesday 7th November 2018

9.30 – 10.30 am

Parents and children meet in the Kindergarten rooms. Parents are asked to attend an information session in the hall about numeracy lead by the Assistant Principal. Children complete a number of numeracy based activities with a craft item to take home. Teachers will make general observation about the students during this session.

Visit 4 Wednesday 14th November 2018

9.30 – 10.30 am

Parents and children are invited into the Kindergarten rooms where they will meet their 2019 Year 6 buddy. Children have a tour of the school, visiting the library, office and are shown their play area. They receive a healthy snack at the canteen and have a picnic with their buddy. Finally they return to the Kindergarten rooms to complete a short activity.

Parents meet in the hall for a final meeting on finalising their enrolment forms and information about what happens on the first day of Kindergarten with the Relieving Principal. Kindergarten 2019 will conduct a short performance for their parents.

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2019 Bus Passes

School students and

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Visit transportnsw.info/school-students



Introducing the School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using the train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school endorses your application.

Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.