

Newsletter

Mayfield West Demonstration School

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Week 7 Term 1

Date: Tuesday, 13 March 2018



School Plan

Mr Morrison and Miss Hamiltons attended 2 days of professional learning in understanding how to implement STEM activities across all stages. During 2018, many of these ideas will be utilised in our school as extra curricula activities and trialled in classrooms.

Welcome BBQ

I would like to thank the many families who expressed an interest in attending our Welcome BBQ on Wednesday night 14th March 2018, from 5:30 - 7:00pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to speak with our teachers, students and wider community members. I believe reaching our goal in having over 100 families is delivering a strong message to our students that we are working together to build a great community!

Selective High School Assessment

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2019 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.30pm on Thursday 15 March 2018.

The test centre for students from Mayfield West Demonstration School is:

Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus

Turton Rd

WARATAH NSW 2298

Resource Pack

Thank you to the many families who have paid for the resource packs. Students are very eager to use all equipment purchased by the school therefore I am asking that all accounts are finalised as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulties a payment plan can be organised. Please contact me or speak to the office staff.

SRC meeting

I met with our Student Representative Council representatives today and was impressed with their forward thinking ideas. They tabled innovative ideas to engage in the community to work and learn together. Our SRC ideas included visiting nursing homes, holding Grandparents Day, planting trees, organising a Fete and an Art show.

Illness

The weather seems to be changing and we are coming into the flu season. We aim to improve our attendance but please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. Staff have reminded students about good hygiene, including handwashing before and after eating and blowing their nose and coughing. Please emphasise this at home too. We would like both staff and students to be well.

SAVE THE DATE!

P-6 Easter Parade

On Wednesday 28th April, students from Preschool to Year 6 will be part of an Easter Parade. Students from Preschool to year 4 will need to make an Easter hat at home. Students in years 5 and 6 will complete Easter STEM challenges at school and showcase them during the parade. All parents/carers and families are welcome. More information to come.

Anti Bullying – Out of Uniform Day - Friday 16th March 2018

On Friday 16th March 2018 our school is supporting The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. All classes will be involved in Anti Bullying lessons and connected classroom activities.

Please support this school initiative by donating a coin and dressing out of uniform to stand together to reduce the incidence of bullying. Money collected will be donated to fund a National Anti Bullying program.

Enclosed shoes and appropriate clothing must be worn.

Have a wonderful week and I hope to see you on Wednesday night.

Deborah Kelly



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Assembly

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

Important Dates

14 th March	Welcome BBQ
16 th March	<i>National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence</i> - Out of Uniform Day
27 th March	Preschool Red Hot Cross Bun Day
28 th March	Easter Parade P – 6
29 th March	Easter Raffle draw 9.00 am, Hot Cross Bun Day
30 th March	Good Friday
2 nd April	Easter Monday
13 th April	Last day of Term 1

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge 2018

Congratulations to Sofia Stojko 3/4R on the completion of the PRC - fabulous reading! Sofia is again the first student from our school to complete the challenge. Remember, any books you have read since the beginning of Term 4 last year can count towards this year's challenge. The PRC can be found at

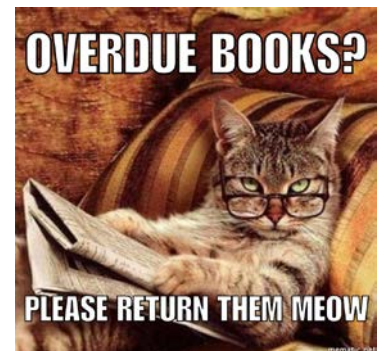
<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>.

Please see Mrs Troup in the library if you need any help accessing or filling in your record.

Happy reading

Louise Troup

Teacher Librarian



2018 Premier's Reading Challenge Logon Details:

Student name:

Class:

Mrs Troup to fill in & return:

Logon:

Password:

Quality Kids

2/3A	Henry Swain	Mitchell Simpson
3H	Joel Masters	Jasmine Sever
3/4R	George Hill	Mia Broadbent-Miller
4G	Cody Page	Noah Rounce
5P	Rebecca Skellams	
5RP	Alice Bradley	Vinny Perason

Book Club

Issue 2 of Book Club is coming home today with this newsletter. Orders can be made online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Unfortunately the school is unable to accept cash payments.

The last day for ordering is Monday 26 March 2018.

Stewart House

Each year over 1800 school children visit Stewart House.

They need your support. By donating \$2.00 and completing the envelope, which has been sent home today, your family could win a \$4 000 family holiday to a destination of your choice. To go into the draw envelopes and donations need to be returned to school by Friday 13th April 2018



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Canteen Roster

Tuesday 13 th March	Margaret, Recess - Noosha
Wednesday 14 th March	Robyn
Thursday 15 th March	Andreana
Friday 16 th March	Toni, Kim (Morning), Alice, Rumena, Recess - Amber
Monday 19 th March	Robyn
Tuesday 20 th March	Katie
Wednesday 21 st March	Danielle
Thursday 22 nd March	Lynn

Hot Cross Bun Day

Order forms will be going home today for our Hot Cross Bun Day. This will be a recess order.

Preschool Red will be held on Tuesday 27th March 2018.

K – 6 and Preschool Blue will be held on Thursday 29th March 2018

P&C News

Our first P&C meeting for 2018 was a great success! We had a few new parents join us, and we discussed how we can assist the staff in providing a great learning environment for our children.

We have set ourselves a goal to raise **\$15,000** to replace the laptops across the school. We cannot achieve this without the support of the community and we hope you will enjoy the exciting fundraising activities we have planned so far. These include;

- Easter raffle
- Hot Cross Bun day
- Bulb Fundraiser
- Mother's and Father's Day stalls
- Entertainment Books
- School discos
- 5 Cent Challenge

We are also hoping to hold a Colour Run later in the year.

If you would like to participate in the planning of these events we'd love to see you at our next meeting on the 21st March.

We hope to see you tomorrow night at the **Welcome BBQ**. Please stop by and say hi to our friendly volunteers who will be cooking your delicious dinner!

Easter Raffle

The P&C are holding their annual Easter Raffle with all profits going back to the school. We are asking for donations of Easter eggs, baskets, gifts bags, Easter crafts, ribbons, cellophane, anything you think will make a great prize!

Please leave your donations in the box in the school office. The more prizes we have, the more chances for everyone to win!

Raffle tickets will be sent home today and will be due back on Tuesday 27th March. Extra ticket books will be available at the office. The draw of major prizes will be at the morning assembly on Thursday 29th March.

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27th March - Easter Raffle tickets due back

29th March - Easter Raffle Draw



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Rugby 7's

Last week Mayfield West participated in the School Rugby 7's held at Alder Park. In all of the games our team played some strong defence and some pretty good attack but the opposition were stronger. Cameron put on a classic side step to score a try. It was very impressive! While we didn't win any games we certainly had the best day.



Year 6 Transition Day at Waratah High School

High school Taster Lessons

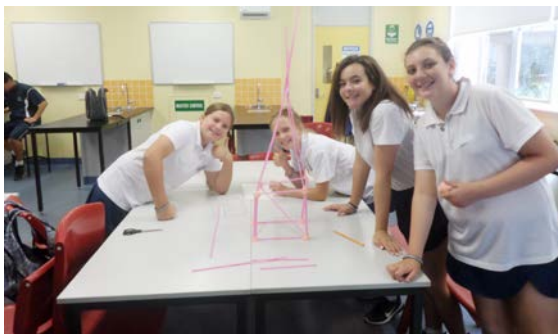
On the 9th March, Mayfield West Year 6 students travelled to Waratah Technology High School. We were joined by other Year 6 students from schools including Heaton, Hamilton North, Islington, Jesmond, Mayfield East, Shortland, Tighes Hill, Waratah and Waratah West Public school for a taste of high school.

We entered Waratah Technology Campus grounds and were welcomed by staff and students. The day included a variety of activities and experiences from subjects, such as Drama, music, art, languages, PDHPE, science, HSIE and cooking. We met teachers and made friends with students from other schools and enjoyed our BBQ lunch.

At the end of the day we had a GOTCHA raffle. Mayfield West had the most amount of tickets drawn out!

We all enjoyed ourselves and are looking forward to our next visit to the high school.

Taneika Smith and Maya Lam-Watson



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Learning For Life

Procedures for Volunteers working at Mayfield West Demonstration School

All persons wishing to volunteer at the school are required to complete either:

- Appendix 5 Declaration for volunteers and non-child related contractors (Parent volunteers and volunteers under 18 years of age.); **OR**
- Appendix 11 Specified Volunteers 18 years or older (no current family members at the school).

A screening process is then conducted through the Department of Education and when completed the volunteer will be notified that they are now able to work in the school.

Prior to this process being completed, volunteers are NOT permitted to work in any capacity within the school, including the Canteen.

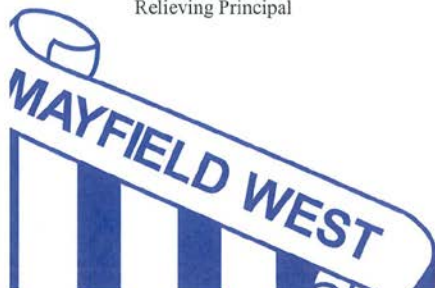
Once approved the volunteer must sign on in the visitor's book at the Administration Office upon arrival at the school. The Administration staff will issue a visitor's lanyard to be worn for the duration of the volunteer period.

The volunteer must sign out at the completion of work, return the lanyard to the office and leave the premises immediately.

The visitor lanyard remains the property of the school and is to be signed in and out for every visit.

Deborah Kelly
Relieving Principal

Susan Freeland
School Administrative Manager



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3 Healthy Food Activities For Kids



One of my favourite things I love about being a Health & Wellness Coach is seeing the lightbulb go on in the heads of children when they get a simple message about healthy eating. Children love to learn when it's fun, so this week I've included 3 Healthy Food Activities for your children.

1. A THINKING ACTIVITY

Find a word, crosswords, join the dots, they are all activities children love. The beauty of thinking activities is they can create little messages in the mind of the child when they completing them.

2. MAKE SOMETHING YUMMY TO EAT

A fun way to get kids involved in healthy eating, is to have them create something to eat. When they make something, they always try it.

3. EXPERIMENTS

One of the best ways for children to learn is through testing things to see how they work out.

IDEAS

- Visit our Healthy Kids Fun page to print off Thinking Activities, Recipes and Experiments. Go to <http://therootcause.com.au/healthykids>
- Our Healthy Kids Fun page will be continually expanding over the coming months. Keep visiting to get the latest activities to help your children grow their knowledge while having fun!



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