

Newsletter

Mayfield West Demonstration School

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Week 1 Term 1

Date: Wednesday, 5 February 2020



Welcome back. We trust our students and families had a relaxing and safe holiday. This year we welcome a number of new families who have enrolled in our school. If you have any questions please call into the office or have a discussion with your child's class teacher.

The executive and classroom teachers have worked together to place your child into a class for 2020. This process takes countless hours and each student was considered for class placement in regards to their work habits, educational needs, peers and positive friendship groups. At Mayfield West Demonstration School, we have talented and committed teachers who are supporting each student to be challenged, believe in themselves and achieve their personal best.

This year we welcome Ms Peake who will be working with students from 3/4 and Mr Bullock, who will be known to many of you, will be working on 5/6.

Jill Ridgway has separated from the Department, which means the Principal position has been declared vacant. This position will proceed to merit selection this term to appoint a new Principal. The permanent Principal will commence at the school at the start off Term 2.

Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival 2020

Our annual school Swimming Carnival for all students in Year 3 – 6 will be held tomorrow, Friday 31st January 2020, at Beresfield Swimming Centre. The bus will depart the school at 9.15 am and return at approximately 2.30 pm.

Students are reminded to bring swimmers, hat, sunscreen, rash shirt, lunch, recess, healthy snacks and a water bottle. There will be canteen facilities available.

Students will undergo a Water Survival Challenge at the beginning of the day and will be allocated a wrist band to indicate swimming ability to supervising staff. All supervising staff have current CPR and Emergency Care Training. A lifeguard will also be on duty throughout the day.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend but will be required to pay an entry fee on the day when entering the pool.



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You may have seen some changes to the school grounds, which occurred over the holiday period.

The Yarning Circle is well under way. The stand stone has been laid and planning of the surrounding vegetation has commenced.



The Preschool outdoor area has undergone a major refurbishment.



The Stage 3 Floor has been completed and students are engaged in their new learning space



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Library News

Welcome back for 2020

I'm sure 2020 will be another busy year for MWDS Library. Borrowing will start next week for all students and we encourage the use of a library bag.

The library is open to students Monday to Thursday during second half lunch for reading, computers, craft, drawing and games.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2020

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is about to begin and I am hoping that many MWDS students will once again participate. The PRC "aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely".

The Challenge is divided into three categories: Kinder - Year 2 (30 books), Years 3 - 4 (20 books) and Years 5 - 6 (20 books). Students have until August 28 to complete their reading.

Information about the PRC can be found on the website:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

The website will not be 'live' and available for students to login until Monday March 2, and more details about this process will be provided in the next few weeks.

Happy Reading

Louise Troup

Teacher Librarian

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With the New Year starting there are a few reminders for parents and students.

Before school supervision commences at 8.30 am. Please do not send your children to school before this time.

The speed limit in the School Zone is 40 km/h. Please ensure you abide by the speed limit for the safety of everyone.

Please also only park in designated parking. Do not park at the bus stop, across driveways or block access. Parking Rangers visit the school often.

Regular attendance at school is still essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents/caregivers, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

If there is an attendance concern with a student, parents will be contacted in writing following Departmental policy.

CANTEEN HELPER'S NOTE - SNACK SHACK

Please complete the form below if you are available to assist

Name: Phone:

Canteen Helper:

☐ 9.00am - 12.00pm

☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday

☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday

☐ Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly

☐ Recess only 1:20pm - 2pm