

Newsletter

Mayfield West Demonstration School

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Week 5 Term 1

Date: Wednesday, 26 February 2020



It is Week 5 and already there have been many wonderful achievements.

Welcome BBQ and Information Session

Our Welcome BBQ was a big success. Thank you to Mr Morrison and Mrs Cooksley for organising the food, and the staff, parents and students for attending. Many families and staff members came along and enjoyed the opportunity to speak with others.

Assembly

Week 6 assembly will be hosted by 1/2B, 1/2T SRC with student executive. Assembly commences at 2.15pm in the hall.

Plastic bags

Please note we do not have plastic bags at the office. If your child is likely to need to change their clothes whilst at school, please provide a plastic bag.

Scripture

Scripture commences next week. If do not want your child to attend please send a note to your child's teacher requesting they be removed from this class.

Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Students in years 3 and 4 will have the opportunity to attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp from the 24th - 26th August (week 6 term 3). A note was sent home this week outlining dates and cost for the excursion. Further information regarding this excursion will be sent home in coming weeks.



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Swimming Carnival – Congratulations Webb House!

During the 3-6 Assembly, Webb (yellow) house was announced as the 2020 Swimming House champions. House captains, Senyo Agbola and Coran Young, proudly accepted the trophy on behalf of their teammates.



Newcastle City Zone Swimming Carnival

Last week, our school sent thirteen representatives to compete at this carnival. These students were outstanding ambassadors for our school. Their sportsmanship towards each other and competitors from other schools, manners, support and encouragement were of the highest quality and Mrs Gray and Mrs RP were very proud to be involved with this team.

The team was:

Cailin Ngaheu, Oliver James, Audrey James, Chelsea Lange, Toby Shannon, Jack Shannon, Travis Wagner, Hailie Cadogan, Mason Cadogan, Asha Follet, Joel Masters, Callan Lambie and Chevy Richards.



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Each of these students were presented with a MWDS swimming cap that they wore on the day. These look fantastic and helped our swimmers to really feel like they were a part of a team. Thank you to the P&C for supporting the design and purchase of these caps for our representative swimmers.



Hunter Regional Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Chelsea Lange, Cailin Ngaheu and Oliver James who all qualified and received an invitation to swim at the Hunter Regional Swimming Carnival, which will be held on the 3rd of March at Lambton Pool.

We wish Chelsea, Cailin and Oliver all the best!

Newcastle City Zone Tennis Trials

Oliver James and Novak Maksimovic recently represented our school at the Newcastle City Tennis Trials. They had the opportunity to play a number of games against students from other schools in our sporting zone.

Thank you boys for the way you represented our school and your efforts on the day.

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Zone Trials Rugby League

Congratulations to Cailin Ngaheu, Isaac Allison and Ellezae Elers for being selected into the Newcastle City Zone Rugby League team. They will play at the Hunter Gala against other Hunter zones for a place in the Hunter 11's.



Waratahs Junior Rugby Club

The Waratahs Junior Rugby Club is looking for players from Kinder to year 6 to fill their teams. If you are interested please contact the club via email at thewaratahsjuniorrugby@gmail.com

Important Dates

27th February – Callaghan College Waratah Campus Year 6 Transition Day

2nd to 6th March – Parent/teacher Interviews

3rd March – Hunter Regional Swimming Carnival

17th March – Harmony Day

27th March – Years 3-6 Cross Country

6th April – Whole School Photos

8th April – Easter Hat Parade, P&C Raffle and Hot Cross Bun

9th April – ANZAC Day School Service

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library Borrowing

All classes have now had a number of visits to the library and it is great to see so many students with library bags. Students should have a library bag for borrowing and the very sturdy MWDS library bag can be purchased from the uniform shop for \$15.00. Alternatively, there are many inexpensive bags available from a variety of retail outlets.

Library at lunchtime

Students are able to come to the library during the second half of lunch to read, draw, use the computers, watch a DVD, play with games & Lego, or just find a quiet place to relax. Due to the large number of students visiting the library, we have a lunch timetable. Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 are able to visit the library on Monday & Tuesday. Years 3 – 6 can visit Wednesday & Thursday.

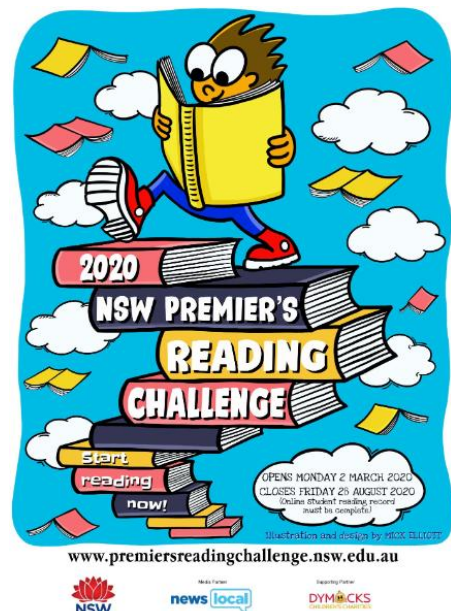
Premier's Reading Challenge 2020

Only one week until the 2020 PRC officially launches online. Keep reading and recording your books until then.

Happy Reading

Louise Troup

Teacher Librarian



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P&C Meeting

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Andrew Steinbeck to the P&C Executive Committee, as one of our Vice Presidents. Our next meeting is **Wednesday 18th March** (6pm in the Library). New members are always welcome. We hope to see you there!

Easter Raffle Donations

We are kindly asking for donations for our popular and 'egg'citing yearly Easter Raffle. Donations of chocolate, Easter eggs and Easter related craft items are always greatly appreciated. Look out for more donation details in the next newsletter.

Uniform Shop White Polo Photo Day Pre-order

Photo Day is approaching (Monday 6th April). The Uniform Shop is offering a pre-order service to guarantee delivery of white logo polos to all students who would like to wear one for school photos. Pre-order forms will be available from Administration and the Uniform Shop from Friday 28th February and will need to be returned with payment to either the silver box in the Administration building or the Shop by Monday 16th March. If you have any questions, please email maywestpc@live.com.au or text 0432 350 805.

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Canteen News

Our canteen, open three sessions a day 5 days a week, is currently looking for more volunteers. Without our valuable volunteers, the service would not be able to operate. If you can spare a few hours as either a one-off or on a more regular basis, please visit our Canteen Supervisor (Donna Scott) to express your interest.

Canteen Roster

Thursday 27 th February	Robyn
Friday 28 th February	Danielle
	Paula
	Donna
Recess	Nat
Monday 2 nd March	Lyndall
Tuesday 3 rd March	Naomi
Wednesday 4 th March	Ruth
Thursday 5 th March	Andreana
Friday 6 th March	Danielle
	Simone
	Minnie
Recess	Amber
Monday 9 th March	Lyndall
Tuesday 10 th March	Robyn
Wednesday 11 th March	Margaret
Thursday 12 th March	Anne

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'Stuck On You' Fundraiser

Forever losing things at school? Do you continually hunt through the Lost Property Box looking for that brand new school hoodie? Our P&C is here to help! We're currently running a 'Stuck On You' fundraiser as a way to help out our school and fellow parents and carers. Stuck on You have a massive range of personalised products; from drink bottles, backpacks, lunchboxes and stationery to baby gifts and wooden puzzles. There's something for children (and grownups!) of all ages. Order using the link below and 20% of all sales go directly to our P&C Association. Items will be delivered directly to your door and the fundraiser will run in to 2020. Get clicking and sticking!

<https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/MAYFIELDWESTSCHOOLPANDC>

Facebook Page

Follow the link below to see our dedicated P&C Facebook Page. 'Like' us to stay up-to-date with fundraising events and goals. You can also access the canteen menu, uniform shop details and fundraising order forms. Here you'll also find a link to a Road Safety Questionnaire – please take the time to complete it if you have any specific local road safety concerns.

<https://www.facebook.com/Mayfield-West-Demonstration-School-PC-407244706665464/>

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Hi! I just wanted to take a brief opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a bit about my role in case you are not aware what a School Chaplain does.

I have had the privilege of being your School Chaplain since April 2016.

School Chaplains come from a range of backgrounds so here is a little bit about me:

- I have a Bachelor of Arts (Rural Social Welfare) from Federation Uni (Ballarat)
- I worked for 2.5 years with the Department of Human Services (VIC) in Child Protection
- I have volunteered or worked with young people for approximately 20 years
- I pastor a local church (thus why some students call me "Pastor Tim")

The National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) is a Commonwealth funded initiative with the purpose *to support the wellbeing of Australian school students through the provision of pastoral care services and strategies to support the wellbeing of the broader school community* (from: https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/student-wellbeing/whole-school-approach/Guidelines_on_NSW_Arrangements_for_NSCP_2020-2022.DOCX)

In a nutshell, I get to sit down with people (students, parents and carers, staff) and hear about what's happening for them. I start off by listening, I support and encourage them and if appropriate, I provide strategies they can try or make referrals when needed.

In my role, I chat to people one-on-one, I visit classrooms to offer support, I run small groups like [DRUMBEAT](#) to help build social skills, resilience etc., and you might even see me out in the playground! I LOVE what I do.

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So you know, School Chaplains are not permitted to convert anyone and must always *respect, accept and be sensitive to other people's views, values and beliefs*.

If there is any way I can support you or your children, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can call the office (4968 1539), send me an email timothy.drough@generate.org.au or chat to your Classroom Teacher who will get in touch with me.

This term, I am at school Wednesdays and Fridays but if I'm unavailable, please leave me a message and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

I am a school parent for the first time this year so you might also see me doing drop-offs and pick-ups.

Thanks for taking the time to read about school chaplaincy 😊

Your School Chaplain,

Tim Drough



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Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

James

reads 20 minutes per night,
5 times per week



Travis

reads only 4 minutes per night
...or not at all



In one week:

100

minutes of reading



20

minutes of reading

In one month:

400

minutes of reading



80

minutes of reading

In one school year (9 months):

3600

minutes of reading



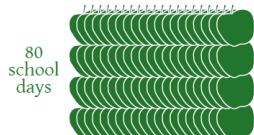
720

minutes of reading

By the end of eighth grade:

28,800

minutes of reading



5760

minutes of reading

Which student would you expect to read better?

Which student would you expect to know more?

Which student would you expect to write better?

Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?

Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?

How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?



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THE EASY WAY TO BOOK

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held from Monday 2nd March through to Friday 6th March. *(Please note 5/6C interviews will be conducted week 7, Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March).*

Bookings are made online. For parents that do not have internet access, please contact your child's teacher to make a booking. Interviews are 15 minutes each. If you require more time, please contact your child's teacher directly to make alternate arrangements.

Bookings will open on Wednesday 12th February and close on Friday 28th February 2020 at 4pm.

Now you can book school interviews online.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your confirmation email – **Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly**

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interview time - until the bookings close on Friday 28th February at 4pm.

You may change your bookings any time prior to the closing date by revisiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on 49681539.