

Newsletter

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Week 7 Term 3

Date: Wednesday, 31 August 2022

Important Dates	
29 th Aug – 2 nd Sep	Book Week
Thurs 1 st Sep	Book Week Parade
5 th Sep – 9 th Sep	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
Fri 23 rd Sep	Last day of Term 3
Mon 10 th Oct	First day of Term 4
Fri 4 th Nov	Colour Run
Wed 7 th Dec	Presentation Day

2022 Semester 2 - Student Representative Council (SRC)

Student Representative Council is a group of students elected by their peers to represent all students within the school. MWDS's SRC is made up of two students per class from Kindergarten to Year 6. SRC's are voted for each Semester. Congratulations to our new SRC's for Semester 2, 2022.

Early Stage 1

KA	Bodhi Bailey	Arabella Jones
KB	Maple Smith	Harrison Peake
KS	Ella Redman	Theo Connor

Stage 1

1/2X	Mia Thompson	Ezekiel Kesby
1/2M	Olivia Ling	Deborah Ruvugwa
1/2F	Jabari Lally	Lucy Pranevicius
1/2T	Will Difford	Neve Roberts

Stage 2

3/4A	Frankie Barnett	Marshall Abela
3/4S	Taylor Shannon	Albie Blue
3/4M	Ben Steinbeck	Sophia Difford

Cross Stage 2 and 3

4/5G	Thomas Reed	Olivia Coffee
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Stage 3

5/6RP	Minh Vu	Max McGill
5/6A	Eliza Rudge	Cody Schumacher
5/6C	Emily Shain	Hannah Ramsay

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Public Speaking

Thank you to all our students who participated in our school public speaking competition. Whether that be presenting a speech in class, at Stage Finals or at the Zone Inter-School Public Speaking Finals last week. Public speaking is an important skill to learn that sets us up for many jobs later in life. All students should be proud of themselves for participating and having a go.

On Monday 8th August, we had the privilege of coming together as a whole school and listening to all our stage winners who went on to represent Mayfield West at the Zone Inter-Schools Public Speaking Finals last week. Their speeches certainly entertained us and gave us something to ponder. Congratulations again to those students. The following students represented our school at Zone

Early Stage 1 – Ruby P and Georgiana W

Stage 1 – Sylvie E and Jock C

Stage 2 – Chloe D and Eva A

Stage 3 – Minh V and Hailie C

We look forward to hearing how you all went at Zone. Thank you for the support of all parents and carers in taking the time out of their busy lives to help prepare, practice, and drive their children to the Zone events.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held at the school in Week 8 of Term 3. These meetings can now be booked via www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use booking code **bvs6r**. It's a great opportunity for parents and carers to ask questions about your child. These appointments are limited to 15 minutes.

Please help us keep on time by arriving at your scheduled appointment and keeping to the time limit. If you have any further questions or trouble with the booking system, please call the school on 4968 1539.

Kindergarten and Preschool Enrolments

Enrolments are open for students to enrol for Preschool or Kindergarten 2023.

Preschool enrolment forms can be picked up from administration, downloaded from the school website, or we can email them through to you. OOSH Services are now available to our Preschool students. Please contact administration on 02 4968 1539 if you have any further questions.

Kindergarten enrolments can now be processed through our online enrolment system. Go to this link and follow the steps <https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#!/?schoolCode=2507> If your child is currently enrolled in our Preschool, there is no need for you to do anything. Pre-filled enrolment forms will be provided to parents and carers later in the year.

Orientation sessions are scheduled to take place in Term 4 and will be announced as soon as plans are finalised. If you have any questions before then, please contact administration.

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Great Aussie Bush Camp

Stage 2 had a wonderful time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp! Students (and teachers) got to do the giant swing, the dual flying fox, the high ropes course, rock climbing and archery. They explored Mungo Brush Rainforest and had two challenge nights. We experienced all seasons as it was hot one day and cold and stormy the next. We ate lots of yummy food and toasted marshmallows around the campfire. MWDS is looking forward to going back in 2024!

"This is the best camp ever!" Edan H

"I'm so glad I did that. That was the best thing I ever did!" Lorenzo K after doing the flying fox.



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Water Safety Talks

Each year Lifeguards deliver the City of Newcastle's unique Water Safety Education Program to over 13,000 primary school children across the Newcastle local government area.

Lifeguards attended our school on Friday 29th July to deliver key messages about safety and drowning prevention. The program seeks to interactively educate children about water safety and covers water safety at the beach, at the pool and around open bodies of water such as rivers, lakes and dams.

By actively engaging children and empowering them with the knowledge to keep them safe, we hope to prevent child drownings, accidents and minimise children getting into dangerous situations. Both beach and pool lifeguards present the program at local schools during winter, in an attempt to ensure the safety of their patrons leading into the City's popular spring and summer swimming seasons.

Our staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and learnt a lot!



Tell Them From Me Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

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The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey later in the term. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: www.education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm

The survey is available in 23 languages.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge 2022

The PRC has finished for another year. The following students completed the challenge over the final weeks – Leo F, Bronson H, Amy C, Lara F, Evelyn K, Lucy MC, Taylah S, Harper F, Joshua D, Miranda L, Toby S & Mason D. Congratulations, fantastic reading!

Also, I added the books read in the classrooms and library to the K – 2 reading records so all Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 students have completed the challenge!

Book Week – Dreaming With Eyes Open

CBCA Book Week will be held during Week 7 (29 August - 2 September) this term. The theme is 'Dreaming With Eyes Open'. **The school will be celebrating with a Book Week Parade on Thursday, September 1 at 9.20am.** Parents and caregivers are invited to attend the parade this year. We have our fingers crossed that our ongoing playground works will be completed in time for the parade. Due to the landscaping work, the area for visitors to watch the parade may be more limited this year and the ground may be uneven. We also encourage visitors to the school to be mindful of Covid precautions. In the case of rain, unfortunately the parade will be a student only event indoors. Students are asked to come dressed as a favourite book character or fitting with this year's theme. Start planning those costumes!



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Scholastic Book Club

Students have received the next Scholastic Book Club order form. This is a convenient way to order some great books while helping the school - every order earns 20% back in rewards to the school library. There are two Book Club orders each term and all ordering and payments are now completed by parents and caregivers online. The school is unable to accept any cash or cheques for Book Club. **The order will be due by Monday, September 5.**

Disease detectives wanted!

FluTracking is a crowd-sourced surveillance system involving the completion of a weekly web-based survey, and we are looking for disease detectives to help us out! Taking less than 30 seconds to complete each week, we would like to invite students and families to participate in this innovative program that can quickly identify the onset of flu and COVID-19, and their impact and severity in the community.

With younger children being at an increased risk of severe complications from influenza, we believe this an important program for young families to participate in.

If you would like to participate, please visit the following link:

<https://www.flutracking.net/join/AE/inv87>



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School Playground Site Works

With the break in the rain, our playground works have really come along in the last few weeks. You can see the strategic blockwork and retaining walls which will be a new part of the playground to provide level playing surfaces for our students.



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Compulsory School Attendance

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



The importance of arriving on time to school

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include: being sick, or having an infectious disease, having an unavoidable medical appointment, being required to attend a recognised religious holiday, exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the classroom teacher as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The Principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

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P & C NEWS

Quick update from the P&C meeting

- ✓ Lots and lots of activities on the horizon including fathers day stall, book week, monthly meat raffle, paint n sip, paint n sip raffle. Make sure you keep an eye on FB for details 🙄
- ✓ We have a new face in the Canteen. A big welcome to Jess Simmons (aka Abby, Izzy or Caylee's mum). We are glad to have you as a part of the team. 🙌
- ✓ We are looking to re-open the canteen for Friday recess service. Nothing nicer than an ice block at recess in the warmer months 🧊
- ✓ The playground works are still in progress but are expected to be complete in Term 4. 🧑🏫🧑🏫
- ✓ Covid is heavily affecting our teachers with many away. There has also been an impact on the casual staff available 😞
- ✓ Next month's meeting will be held at the Stag n Hunter . We hope to see you all there. 🙌🙌

Detailed Minutes will be available for members
Hope to see you next month on 21st September @ 6pm

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Dreaming with eyes open...

MWDS BOOK WEEK PARADE

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Parents & carers are invited to attend in the event of fine weather and the parade is held outside under the COLA.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly.
Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 49681539

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **bvs6r**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if the email address is incorrect. **DO NOT DELETE** the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by Friday 2nd September at 3pm

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.