Newsletter

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Important Dates	
Fri 26th May	PSSA Netball Gala Day
Wed 31st May	Reconciliation Week Dance Workshop
Fri 2nd June	Wear it Yellow – Out of Uniform Day
Thurs 8th June	K - 6 Athletics Carnival
Mon 12th June	Public Holiday – school closed
26th – 28th June	Stage 2 Sydney Excursion
Fri 30th June	Last Day Term 2
Mon 1st Jul	Staff Development Day – school closed to students
Tues 2nd Jul	First Day Term 3
Fri 21st Jul	Final Payment due for Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Reconciliation Week

As you may already be aware, Reconciliation Week falls from the 27th of May to the 3rd of June. For us, this is Week 6 of this term. As a part of Reconciliation Week on Wednesday 31st May we are so lucky to have the Millabah dancers from HSPA coming for a visit! In the morning, there will be a dance workshop run by our Jr AECG featuring performances from both Millabah and our Maywest Mob. We are also hoping to do a school sing-along to "We are Australian", as our students have been rehearsing this song in CAPA.

Friday 2nd June: Wear It Yellow Day

Students are invited to wear something yellow on this day and bring a gold coin donation for the organisation Children's Ground. This organisation is run by Aboriginal People, for Aboriginal People and aims to empower First Nations Peoples in regional areas. For more information, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter or go to www.childrensground.org.au

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University of Newcastle BMM program

Mayfield West Demonstration School was invited again this year to participate in the Basic Motor Movement (BMM) program conducted by the University of Newcastle. The program started in Week 1 of this Term and will run for 5 weeks. It involves having Health and Physical Education students (approximately 100 students across 2 sessions) delivering a Basic Motor Movement program with Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students under the supervision and guidance of both University academic staff members and the classroom teacher. Our staff and students are thoroughly enjoying the program. Stage 2 and 3 students will take part in a similar program later in the year.

PSSA Touch Football

Tuesday the 16th of May our Mayfield West Boys Touch Football team competed in the NSW PSSA 2023 knockout competition. The boys represented our school with outstanding sportsmanship and pride. Our enthusiasm and eagerness outweighed our minimal training and preparation. Well done to Koby Berlin, Travis W, Toby S, Corbin A, Chevy R, Jackson M, Conor L, Nash D, Max D, James S, Felix L and Hugh L.

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PSSA Soccer

On Wednesday 10th of May, MWDS students represented our school at the PSSA soccer gala day. Both teams played so well and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship. Both the boys and girls team won their first games over Mayfield East in the first round. Unfortunately, both teams were unlucky with a loss to Tighes Hill in the second round. We are so proud of the way all of these students represented MWDS at the gala day. Congratulations to you all!

Debating

The Mayfield West Debating Squad have competed in the first two rounds of The Premier's Debating Challenge. The first debate was held via Zoom against Tighes Hill. Both of our teams spoke convincingly, with confident and forceful arguments and rebuttals. The Miracles lost by the narrowest of margins but the Wonders were successful in securing a win.

In the second round, the teams faced very competitive Mayfield East debating teams in front of a large audience. Mayfield East had the home advantage, but our teams both came away with wins, narrowly defeating their opponents.

I would like to congratulate our wonderful debaters, who consistently show tenacity, wonderful teamwork and skills. I would also like to thank the Parents and Carers for transporting the students to and from venues. We all appreciate the support you give. Finally, a huge WELL DONE TEAMS!!

- Mrs Dabboussy

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Creative Writing from 5/6D

Blueback

His ping-pong, paddle-like fins create clouds of sand as he glides though the murky water below. His hulking body brushes up against rocks littered with decrepit barnacles. His teeth stand like stalactites in an inky black interior of a cave. His eyes shine like gems in the sun's rays, cascading down like a magnificent gold waterfall. His vibrant blue scales stand out among the magnificent outbursts of orange, pink, and yellow coral. His tremendous size towers over the hordes of diminutive fish following him, hoping to make a meal out of the scraps of crab left in his wake. Danya Hay

Kindergarten Sound Day Celebration

To celebrate the milestone of Kindergarten learning all of their single-letter sounds, we had a Sound Day in Week 4. Students were allocated a letter and dressed as something beginning with that sound. Kindergarten paraded around for K-2 to show off their costumes and celebrated in their classrooms.

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Stage 3 Writing Morning

Recently Stage 3 started our week with a writing morning. We had two guest presenters Jerry and Cath from Story Hunter (who are connected with the Newcastle Writers Festival) come along and work with our students. We ran three writing workshops called Developing Cohesive Storylines, Characterisation through Objects and Having Fun with Writing (run by Mr Anderson). Students were able to nominate their choice of workshop.

It was great to see our students have the opportunity to work across the floor to create different narrative texts.

Year 6 Taster Day at Callaghan College Waratah Campus

Year 6 visited our partner high school along with students from other primary schools to participate in a range of fun activities aimed at helping them to feel excited about the possibilities of high school.

They had the opportunity to meet staff and students as they listened to a musical performance, used their imaginations to create a character in English, became super sleuths as they navigated the school to learn about its layout, joined in a range of physical and metal challenges in PDHPE and had the opportunity to ask high school students questions during a discussion forum.

P&C Fundraising

Our P&C have been doing a wonderful job organising various fundraising activities within the school. Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting these fundraising efforts. It takes a lot of time and planning by the P&C members, and we would like to acknowledge this. We've heard that there are lots more activities on the calendar for the remainder of the year and we look forward to them.

Cheers to all our volunteers and school staff who give their time to help run events, our preloved uniform store and canteen. We can't do it without you. We can never have enough volunteers, so if you'd like to help support our school, please email maywestpc@live.com.au to express interest.

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Cold and Flu Season

As we head into the cooler months, staff are seeing an increase of students attending school that have coughs and sniffles. Students should undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT) if they are presenting with symptoms. If the test comes back negative for COVID-19 the student should still not return to school until they either no longer have any symptoms, or a medical certificate is provided to the school confirming that symptoms are explained by another diagnosis (such as hay fever).

It is important that students do not attend school if they are unwell even if they have tested negative for COVID-19. Rapid antigen tests can produce false negative results and symptoms of other illnesses can also be similar to COVID-19, including flu, the common cold and stomach bugs. Health advice is that students who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick. We thank you for your co-operation in keeping our school community safe and healthy.

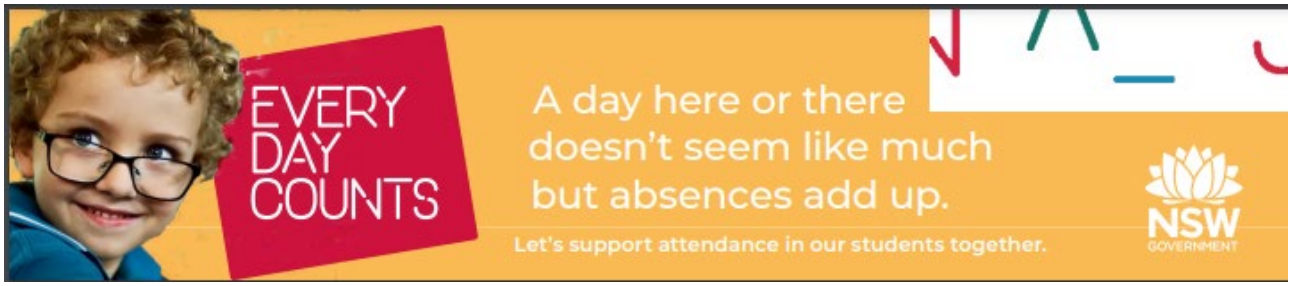
Kindergarten and Preschool Enrolments

Enrolments are open for students to enrol for Preschool or Kindergarten 2024.

Preschool enrolment forms can be downloaded from the school website, or we can email them through to you. 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 planned around COVID restrictions in place at that time. If you have any questions before then, please contact administration.



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THOMPSON'S
WHOLESALE BAKERY

P&C FUNDRAISING ORDER FORM 2023

The latest fundraiser organised by our P&C for MWDS is Thompson's delicious pies!! You can place an order by returning this form along with the correct money

OR place an order on the QKR app.

ORGANISATION: Mayfield West Demonstration School P&C
PARENT/CARER NAME:
STUDENT NAME:
STUDENT CLASS:
MOBILE:
PAPER ORDERS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL BY: 31st May 2023

CODE	PRODUCT	PRICE	QTY
1730	Spinach and Ricotta Rolls x 6	$16.20	
1870	Sausage Rolls x 6	$10.70	
1810	Family Beef Pie 9'	$11.55	
1814	Family Beef Cheese and Bacon 9'	$13.85	
6617	Family Mornay Chicken 9'	$12.70	
1819	Family Quiche Lorraine 9'	$14.20	
2301	Plain Lamington x6	$7.70	
1800	Party Caramel Tart x 6	$12.20	
2298	Cream Lamington x 6	$9.70	
1801	Party Custard Tarts x 6	$11.00	
1887	Vanilla Slice x 6	$10.10	
1881	Brownie Slice x 6	$11.60	
		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	

ORDERS CAN ALSO BE MADE ON THE QKR APP

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School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to apply or update their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note**: some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Opal terms of use.

All students are required to comply with the Student code of conduct. The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback

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Wear It Yellow Day | An initiative of Children's Ground

As part of our National Reconciliation Week this year, on Friday 2nd June we are encouraging all students and teachers to take part in a yellow-themed casual dress day to raise funds for a First Nations organisation, Children's Ground. The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2023 is 'Be a voice for generations.' This theme encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and play. That is why our school has chosen to participate in Children's Ground's 'Wear It Yellow' day. As part of 'Wear It Yellow Day', students will engage with National Reconciliation Week learning materials and have vibrant discussions about First Nations culture and history. We remind students and teachers who take part to donate what you can to Children's Ground via this link (insert team link) or bring a donation on the day. For more information on Children's Ground, head to https://childrensground.org.au/

Children's Ground 10 principles: Start Early; Critical mass - work with everyone; Deliver the whole, not the bits; Innovation – new ways and old ways; Assume and celebrate ability; Expect and deliver the best; Child, family and community led; Stay for a generation; Whole of community, within community; Culturally safe