

Newsletter

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Week 10 Term 3

Date: Friday, 22 September 2023

Important Dates	
Fri 22 nd Sep	Last day of Term 3
Mon 9 th Oct	First day of Term 4
Tues 10 th Oct	Year 6 Farewell parent meeting 5pm
23 rd Oct – 3 rd Nov	Year 2 Swim School
Wed 25 th Oct	Kindergarten Orientation Visit 1 – 9.30am
Wed 1 st Nov	Kindergarten Orientation Visit 2 – 9.30am
Wed 8 th Nov	Kindergarten Orientation Visit 3 – 9.30am
Wed 15 th Nov	Kindergarten Orientation Visit 4 – 9.30am
Tue 28 th Nov	Preschool Orientation Visit
Thur 30 th Nov	Preschool Orientation Visit
Wed 13 th Dec	Presentation Day
Thurs 14 th Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Fri 15 th Dec	Year 6 clap out

Admin staff go back to school! School Bytes up and running from 12th September 2023

Our Admin staff spent the day back in the classroom to train for our new Student Finance system – School Bytes. This new finance system will streamline many admin and parent tasks. From 12th September 2023, parents and carers will be able to directly look up student accounts and make payments directly for excursions and other school costs. Create your account now in the Parent Portal by clicking this link <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login> and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, give Admin a call on 02 4968 1539.



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Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

The Stage 3 students had a fantastic time recently on our four-day excursion to Canberra. This excursion supports our learning in History about Australia as a Nation and the importance of democracy, civics, and citizenship.

During our time away, we visited Parliament House, where we role-played being members of parliament with the guidance of the Parliamentary Education officers, before viewing the Senate and House of Representatives.

We paid our respects at the Australian War Memorial learning about those who have served as part of the "We Will Remember Them" program. All our students were given a red poppy to wear during our visit, which was really appreciated by the memorial staff.

We voted for our favourite fruit (congratulations apples), as we learned about the intricacies of preferential voting, the importance of having our say, and the history of voting at the National Electoral Education Centre.

Corrin Forest was where we were able to make snowmen, throw snowballs and enjoy fun snow play for a few hours. We also visited Questacon, AIS and the Museum of Australian Democracy and the Royal Australian Mint.

A big thank you to the students who were amazing, and much appreciation goes to the staff- Mrs Dabboussy, Mr Anderson, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Bradley, Tim and Mrs RP.



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SAS Staff Recognition Week

In Week 8 our school celebrated our amazing SAS staff during SAS Staff Recognition Week, which includes our lovely Office staff and our unsung heroes- SLSO's. Each class presented our staff with a gift bag and a hand made card. Our SAS staff play a very important role within our school community and we thank them for their dedication to our school..



Leadership in sport

Throughout Terms 2 and 3, Stage 3 have been involved in an exciting PDHPE program called Learning 2 Lead. This program is being developed by the University of Newcastle, the University of British Columbia, and the Department of Education through the School Sport unit.

Its aim is to provide Stage 3 students with opportunities to: enhance their leadership potential, improve their fitness and movement skills and, become physical activity leaders within our school by delivering activity sessions to our younger students.

The program has been such a success, and has been enjoyed by all students, with so many wonderful outcomes for all involved. All the teachers have been so impressed and proud of our students as they participated and learned in such appositve peer supportive way. Many students are already asking if they will be involved in this program again next year. Congratulations Stage 3!

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Book Week

This years CBCA Book Week theme was Read, Grow, Inspire. This is one of the most popular school events on our annual calendar. We thank all parents and carers that were able to come along. Take a look at how the students favourite literature inspired them.



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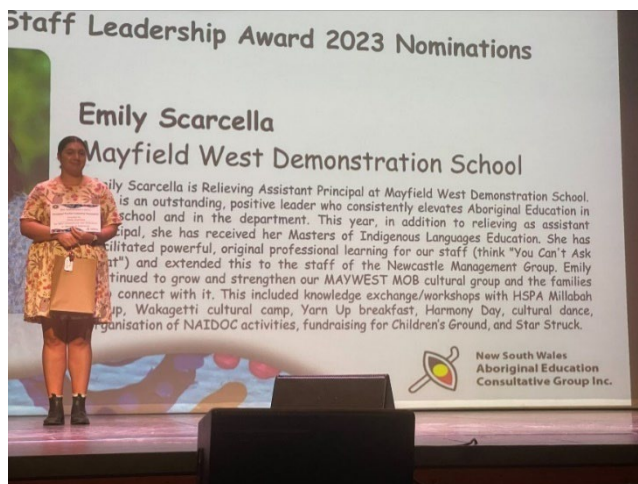
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MAD Awards

A huge Congratulations to Miss Scarcella who took out the 2023 Muloobinbah LAECG Aboriginal Staff Leadership Award at the Annual AECG MAD Awards held at the Hunter School of Performing Arts- Hunter Theatre on Thursday the 31st of August. We are so proud of her.

Years 3 and 4 members of our MayWest Mob also performed on the night and as always represented our school and did us proud. It was a great night.



Primary Choir

During Term 3, Primary choir students performed at the Charles O'Neill nursing home in Matfield West. Across three performance dates and in groups of ten, choir students walked to the nursing home and sang a small repertoire of songs to the residents including 'SKY FULL OF STARS' and 'HOME AMON THE GUMTREES'. We received some great feedback from the staff and residents and are looking forward to returning to the nursing home for a Christmas performance later in the year. Well done Primary



Choir!

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Hunter Valley Zoo Kinder Excursion

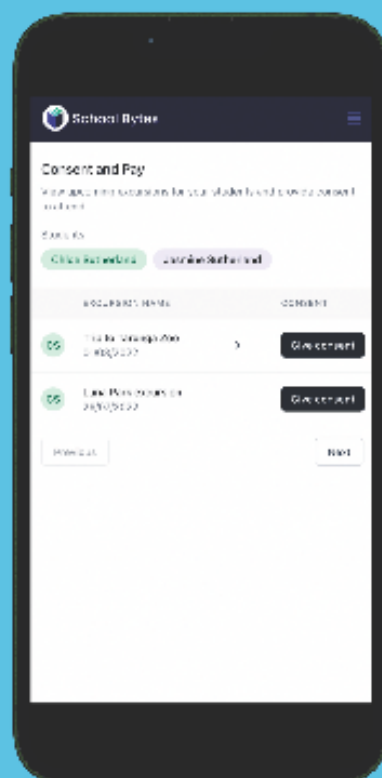
On Tuesday 5th September, Kindergarten travelled by bus to the Hunter Valley Zoo. We had a fantastic day visiting all the animals and listening to the keeper talks. At the end of the day, we got some animal feed and got to feed the baby goats, kangaroos and camels. Thanks to all of the staff that came on the excursion and to all of the students for being so well behaved, making it a fabulous day!

Miss Thomas.



AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund



School Bytes

AVAILABLE DURING

TERM 3

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 12 September 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

What this means for you

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 5 September 2023.
- Last day to make cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments will at 1pm on Wednesday 6 September 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.



2024 Kindergarten Orientation

Please join us for our Kindergarten Orientation on the following dates. During these sessions, children will complete activities in the Kindergarten classrooms and parents are invited to attend information sessions in the hall.

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023

WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2023

WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2023

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2023

All visits are from 9.30am - 10.30am

If you have any questions regarding these visits,
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