

Newsletter

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Week 11 Term 1

Date: Thursday, 11 April 2024

Important Dates	
Thur 11 th Apr	School ANZAC Day
Fri 12 th Apr	Stage 3 Choir Performance – Mayfield Aged Care
Fri 12 th Apr	Last day of Term 1
Tues 30 th Apr	First day of Term 2
Fri 3 rd May	Zone Cross Country
Mon 6 th May	Stage 3 Coastal Studies Excursion
Tues 7 th May	Mothers Day Stall
Wed 8 th May	Stage 1 Tocal Excursion
Thurs 9 th May	Choralfest
Thurs 9 th May	Catch up Mothers Day Stall
Fri 10 th May	Whole School Photos, Wattle Preschool Photos
Mon 13 th May	Catch Up Photos, Banksia Preschool Photos
Mon 20 th May	Opportunity Class applications close
Wed 29 th – Fri 31 st May	Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
Mon 3 rd Jun	Reconciliation Week Event
Mon 17 th Jun	K – 6 Athletics Carnival
Fri 5 th Jul	Last Day of Term 2
Wed 28 th – Fri 30 th Aug	Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp

LOST PROPERTY

As the cooler days are upon us, we are already seeing a steady increase of jumpers in our lost property with no names on them. Without a name they cannot be returned to their owners. Items that sit in lost property for an amount of time, get donated to our Second Hand Uniform shop. PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S ITEMS!



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MOTHER'S DAY STALL
Tues 7th May

**GIFTS FOR MUM, GRANDMA, NAN
FROM \$1 TO \$10**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A REUSABLE
BAG FOR YOUR SHOPPING**

P&C are taking donations, these
can be left at admin

CATCH UP STALL THURSDAY 9TH MAY

Every Day Matters

Days missed = years lost

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



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K-2 Cross Country

On Thursday 28th March our school held our K-2 Cross Country. Students from K-2 participated here at the school with a track set up on our beautiful school grounds. It was a fabulous morning and our students impressed everyone watching and cheering them on and themselves with how far they ran. Thank you to all the parents that came along to support your children. Congratulations Magnolia, Finlay J, Odette, Billy, Stella, Bodhi and Harrison.



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Easter Hat Parade

After a busy morning for all our students participating in our Cross Country events, on the afternoon of Thursday 28th March, staff, parents and carers were dazzled by the many EGGCELLENT creations for our easter hat parade. Thank you to all our wonderful families who came and helped us celebrate this day and to Mrs RP for always bringing some great dance moves and entertainment on the mic!



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Year 3 - 6 Cross Country

On Thursday 28th March, our 3 – 6 students participated in our Cross Country Carnival held at Stevenson Park. It was a fantastic morning, with many families joining us for this event.

Cross Country has two event distances – students who are turning 8, 9 and 10 this year, run 2 000m and those who are turning 11, 12 and 13 this year, run 3 000m. At our carnival, we measure this distance to cover a number of laps to complete the race. For each lap they complete, students receive a point for their sports house. The determination and commitment of everyone to complete as many laps as possible was outstanding.

Congratulations to our MWDS Cross Country House Champions for this year - Purdue (blue) House - who won by 4 points! House Captains Zylia Gosden and Jake Ling were very excited to accept the MayWest perpetual Cross Country trophy on behalf of Purdue.

Students who finished in the top 3 of their age events during our Cross Country Carnival, have qualified to represent our school at the Newcastle City PSSA Zone Carnival. This carnival will be held at Stevenson Park on Friday 3rd May 2024.

Students who have been invited to compete at this event have already been given notes. Congratulations to our Cross Country representatives.



University of Newcastle – Pre-Service Education Student Placements

Mayfield West Demonstration School, as a partner school of the University of Newcastle, is currently hosting 10 first year Master of Teaching Students each Friday. This work integrated learning program supports our future teachers in gaining an understanding of what the work of a teacher involves. These students are involved in lesson observations and micro teaching opportunities. They had their inductions recently and are thoroughly enjoying working with the wonderful students at our school.

We also have approximately 100 second-year undergraduate pre-service education students from the University of Newcastle observing teachers at our school during literacy sessions this week. The focus is on enhancing the students' knowledge and experiences of teaching and learning in literacy, with a focus on reading. The students do professional learning with Mrs Foley (AP Curriculum and Instruction), Mr Bradley and Mr Morrison to develop an understanding of core aspects of literacy instruction, including the development of phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary knowledge and



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comprehension. This practical experience will enable the students from the university to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and authentic classroom practices.

Opportunity Class Applications for 2025

Opportunity classes are special classes for students who have high academic potential. They are offered for students who are in Year 4 this year and will be going into Year 5 for 2025. To be considered for a place in an opportunity class, parents/carers will need to apply, and students will need to sit a test. Students who are

accepted will need to leave Mayfield West Demonstration School to attend a school that has an opportunity class. If you are interested in your child applying for an opportunity class, applications open tomorrow, 4th April and close 20th May 2024. To apply, please visit the following link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/application-process?> If you have any questions, please speak with your child's teacher, Mr Bradley or Mrs RP so that you can make an informed decision.

Opportunity Class Pilot Testing 2025

Selective high school and opportunity class placement tests will become computer-based tests in 2025. The Department of Education is calling for students to participate in a pilot of the computer-based placement tests to help them prepare for this change.

It's free and open to students in Year 3 to sit the pilot opportunity class placement test and students in Year 5 to sit the pilot selective high school placement test. The pilot will be held on Saturday 22 June 2024 at test centres in Sydney, Newcastle and Bathurst. Parents of eligible students are invited to submit an expression of interest for their child to participate in the pilot at the University of Newcastle, Callaghan.

Expressions of interest are open between 26 March – 12 April 2024.

This is a good opportunity for students to take a practice test ahead of the computer-based placement tests in 2025. Computers will be provided at the pilot test venues for all participating students.

As this is a pilot of the computer-based tests participating will not result in placement in a selective high school or opportunity class. For more information contact the department's Selective Education team by email to SEpilotsupport@det.nsw.edu.au

Opportunity classes – applications now open

Does your Year 4 child have high potential? Apply now for opportunity class entry in Year 5 in 2025. Applications close on 20 May 2024.

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Excursion payments, Book Pack and Voluntary School Contribution



The graphic is a dark blue rectangular box with a white and light blue border. At the top left is the 'School Bytes' logo, which consists of a stylized 'S' and 'B' icon followed by the text 'School Bytes'. Below the logo, the text 'Parent App' is written in a large, bold, white font. Underneath that, 'Available now!' is written in a smaller, light blue font. A small line of text below says 'Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.' In the center of the graphic is a smartphone displaying the app's interface, which includes a calendar, a payment card, and a list of items. Surrounding the phone are several circular icons representing different app features: a calendar, a payment card, a document with a checkmark, a person, and a bell. At the bottom left, there is a 'Key Features' section with a list of four bullet points. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

School Bytes
Parent App
Available now!
Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.

Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play

The School Bytes Parent Portal and Parent app is now available at our school! With School Bytes, parents are able to see students' full statement of accounts and payment history. All school payments for book packs and excursions can be made directly through the parent portal. If you haven't signed up yet or are having problems signing up, feel free to email or call our Administration team on 02 4968 1539. Payments can also still be paid directly to the school office via cash or EFTPOS.

SCHOOL CANTEEN ORDER CUT OFF 9AM

Due to time constraints, in order to get hot lunches to classes in time for the first lunch break, the canteen is unable to accept orders after 9.00am. Please ensure that orders are placed via QKR. If you are unable to order on QKR, please ensure your child brings their order in a zip lock or paper bag to the administration office before 9.00am.

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Mayfield West Public School 2024 School Photos




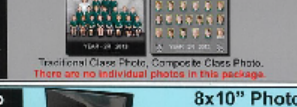


2024 School Photos can be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit
www.newcastleschoolportraits.com
and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.
Payments can be made with any Mastercard or Visa cards.

School Packages

Qty Ordered	A Pack		Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.
	\$77		Softcover Album 8x10" to store many years of photos (Holds 32 photos)
Qty Ordered	B Pack		Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.
	\$53		
Qty Ordered	C Pack		Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.
	\$45		Free low res Digital Image of individual
Qty Ordered	D Pack		Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.
	\$30		There are no individual photos in this package.
Qty Ordered	E Pack		Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.
	\$30		There are no individual photos in this package.
Qty Ordered	Photo Album		8x10" Photo Album (Holds 32 Photos) A great way to store your child's photos over the years. Photo Album is available for purchase without attaching a photo pack. These albums contain no photos.
	\$30		

**EXCLUSIVE PACKAGES
AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

Family Packages

Qty Ordered	Family A Pack	
	\$35	
Qty Ordered	Family B Pack	
	\$45	

Newcastle School Portraits

Capturing your memories for over **30 Years**

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Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



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Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

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STARTS 01/05/2024

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AND THEIR FAMILIES

- Register now for term 2!
- Call 1800 780 900 to register
- Make new friends.
- Kids play active games.
- All sessions are FREE!
- FREE T-Shirt, drink bottle and backpack for every child.
- Come along and have some FUN!



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