

Newsletter

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Week 1 Term 1

Date: Friday, 15 March 2024

Important Dates	
14 th – 25 th Mar	NAPLAN Testing
Thur 21 st Mar	Harmony Day
Thur 28 th Mar	3 – 6 Cross Country (Stevenson Park)
Thur 28 th Mar	K – 2 Cross Country (School)
Thur 28 th Mar	Easter Hat Parade 1.30pm
Fri 29 th Mar	Good Friday – no school
Mon 1 st Apr	Easter Monday – no school
Fri 5 th Apr	Stage 3 Coastal Studies Excursion
Thur 11 th Apr	School ANZAC Day
Fri 12 th Apr	Last day of Term 1
Tues 30 th Apr	First day of Term 2
Wed 8 th May	Stage 1 Total Excursion
Fri 10 th May	Whole School Photos, Wattle Preschool Photos
Mon 13 th May	Catch Up Photos, Banksia Preschool Photos
Wed 29 th – Fri 31 st May	Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
Mon 17 th Jun	K – 6 Athletics Carnival

2024 Semester 1 - 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 K to Year 6. SRC's are voted for each Semester. Congratulations to our new SRC's for Semester 1, 2024.

Early Stage 1

KN Kade Burgess, Rosie Connor

KS Lilah Scott, Darcy Payne

KT Roy Falla, Willow Moss

Stage 1

1/2C Mylen Collaguazo, Georgiana Wheeler

1/2F Bodhi Bailey, Rosalie Kurtz

1/2G Audrey Drough, Arlo Scott

1/2L Henny Siltala, Amira Forbes

Stage 2

3/4C Alyeena Tugaga, Lucy Pranevicius

3/4M Grace Danfield, Charlotte Ancuk

3/4S Edward Falla, Bae Waller

Stage 3

5/6A Taylah Shannon, Alexander Johnston

5/6D Danya Hay, Lara Forbes

5/6RP Chelsea Wood, Isla Evans

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Term 1 Class Awards

Congratulations to all our award recipients for Term 1, 2024!

KN Abigail Maitland, Chloe Obasare, Alexander Higgison, Jenson Bates,

KS Lilah Scott, Thomas Drew, Indi Stephen, Ivar Forbes, Isla Gatley

KT Sameer Ansar, Esther Beckett, Reid Badier, Abbie Redman, Matilda McIlveen,

1/2C Arabella Jones, Katty Nguyen, River Doyle, Arlo Rodriguez, Georgina Wheeler,

1/2F Freddie Smith, Everett Tso, Charlotte Drough, Dempsey Nicol, Mason Hahn,

1/2G Carter Cribb, John Menzies, Clay Wilson, Millie Heels, Sianna Gauci, Billy Anderson,

1/2L Ahmed Tumayhi, Tom Beckett, Theo Connor, Stella Ancuk, Toby Limeburner,

3/4C Izzy Maher, Jabari Lally, Leo Forbes, Neve Roberts,

3/4M Raphael Cellona, Antun Stojko, Mia Thompson, Layla Higgison, Mariam Younes, Raffael Licanda

3/4S Harry Davis, Amarah Licanda, Maddison Higgison, Santi Collaguazo,

5/6A Chloe Donovan, Bridie King, Alex Zhong, Olivia Coffee, Abby Maher, Kaidyn Thompson

5/6D Nicole Nguyen, Max Falla, Helena-Jean Anderson, Kyan Dine, Oliver Dunnage, Kaiden Fernley,

5/6RP Joshua Crawford, Kai Wagner, Chelsea Wood, Dali Sommers, Marshall Abela, Sophia Angelos,

Library Elijah Rivers, Santi Collaguazo, Evelyn Kurtz, Leo Sage, Marlee Haines, Reid Badier

CAPA Lachlan Woodward, Helena-Jean Anderson, Willow Moss,

EALD Ahmed Tumayhi

Swimming Carnival 3-6

On Friday 16th February, our school held its annual 3-6 swimming carnival at Beresfield Pool. It was a terrific day, with a wonderful atmosphere as our students enthusiastically cheered for their friends, swam in a variety of races, and supported their sports houses.

Mr Bradley challenged a number of Year 5/6 students in a 50m Freestyle race – with Mr Bradley coming from behind to pip Helena-Jean at the post! The highlight of the day, as always, was the whirlpool.

Thank you to all our MayWest students who always love representing their sports houses and participate with sportsmanship and pride. Thanks also to the families who came along to join us on the day – it's great to have you at the pool to soak up the energy and joy of the day.

Thank you also to the staff who help make this event both safe and enjoyable, allowing all students who want to participate to have this opportunity regardless of their swimming ability.

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Millar House Champions for 2024!

Congratulations to Millar House who won this year's swimming carnival (by less than 10 points!). House Captains, Frankie Barnett and Lorenzo Kesby proudly accepted our school's perpetual Swimming Carnival Trophy on behalf of Millar House.

2024 Newcastle City PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

With the venue being The Forum for this event, the smaller capacity means that there is a tightening of qualifying times that must be met for students to be able participate. This year six students were invited to represent our school at the Newcastle City PSSA Zone Swimming carnival.

Each of these students were presented with a MWDS swimming cap to wear on the day. Our team were wonderful ambassadors for our school, representing MayWest with pride.

Congratulations to our Zone Swim team for 2024: Helena-Jean Anderson, Evelyn Kurtz, Kai Wagner, Alexander Johnston, Isabelle Jean-Pierre and Taylah Shannon.

Thank you to the families who came along and encouraged us throughout the day. We appreciate your support.

Payments, Book Pack and Voluntary School Contribution

Book Packs are issued to students at the start of each school year and includes all exercise books needed for each subject, pencils, textas, scissors and various other items to use in class. Invoices and Statement of Accounts have been sent home with your child yesterday and are also available for you to view directly on School Bytes. The cost for the Book Pack is \$60.00 and Voluntary Contribution is \$35.00. Payments can be made via cash, EFTPOS or online through the school website and via the Parent Portal on School Bytes. If you haven't yet logged onto the School Bytes Parent Portal or are having trouble viewing your account, feel free to email or call our Administration team.



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Say G'Day to Pastor Tim!

Hello Mayfield West Families,

I just wanted to introduce myself. My name is Tim Drough and I am the School Chaplain.

I've been blessed to be in this role since 2016. The focus of my role is supporting the wellbeing of the school community – students, parents and carers, and staff.

I mainly do this through conversations, offering support and encouragement and occasionally referring to support services when additional support is needed.

I also assist in classrooms and run programs such as Drumbeat and Seasons for Growth.

In my other role, I pastor a local church, Mayfield Church of Christ. I sometimes get called "Pastor Tim" and if I had a dollar for every time I'm asked by students, "Do you like pasta?" I would be rich!

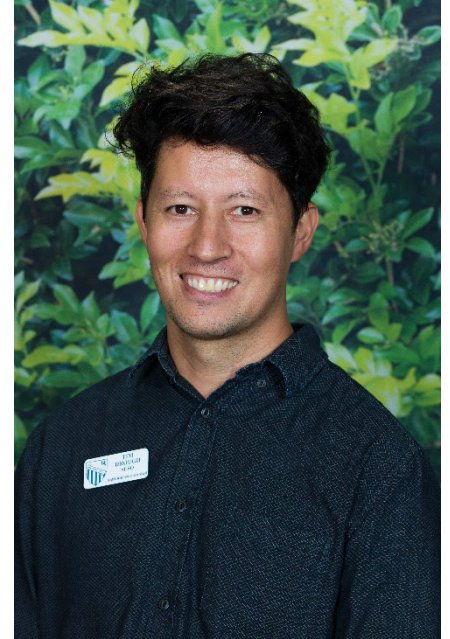
I'm not involved in Special Religious Education (SRE) and my role is not a religious one, but if people wish to talk about what they believe or ask me questions, I respond with respect to their beliefs, practices and wishes.

I'm also a school parent with our three kids attending this school and loving it.

If you would like to have a chat or you have a student you would like me to check in with – the best way is to get in touch with the School Admin – phone: 4968 1539 or email: mayfieldw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. My workdays are generally Tuesdays and Fridays however, these vary depending on what activities and events are happening and the responsibilities of my other role.

I look forward to crossing paths with you.

Tim



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Scholastic Book Club



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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.

Clean Up Australia Day

A big Thank You to all our students for participating in Clean Up Australia Day on our school grounds!



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To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
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- ✓ 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:



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