

Newsletter

Mayfield West Demonstration School

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Week 10 Term 2

Date: Friday, 5 July 2024

Goodbye Term 2 and to the UON students that have joined us for the last 4 weeks. We hope all our students and families have a safe and enjoyable break! We understand there are some of our families trying to organise themselves for later in the year, so we have added as many future dates as possible below for those that need it. Feel free to give us a call if you have any questions.

Important Dates	
Fri 5 th Jul	Semester 1 Reports to be sent home
Fri 5 th Jul	Last Day of Term 2
7 th -14 th July	NAIDOC Week
Tues 23 rd Jul	First Day of Term 3
Tues 23 rd Jul	STEPS Vision Screening - Preschool Banksia
Thurs 25 th Jul	STEPS Vision Screening - Preschool Wattle
Fri 26 th Jul	NAIDOC Celebration
Fri 26 th Jul	Kindy - 100 Days of Kindergarten
Tues 30 th Jul	Kindy - Hunter Valley Zoo Excursion
Fri 9 th Aug	PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival
Tues 20 th Aug	NCC Water Safety Talks
Tues 20 th Aug	Book Week Parade - Banksia Preschool
Fri 23 rd Aug	Book Week Parade - Wattle Preschool, K-6
Fri 23 rd Aug	Lunch on the Lawn
Wed 28 th – Fri 30 th Aug	Stage 2 - Great Aussie Bush Camp
Fri 6 th Sep	K-2 The Gruffalo Stage Show – Civic Theatre
11 th Dec 2024	Presentation Day - 9.30am
17 th Dec 2024	Year 6 Farewell
18 th Dec 2024	Year 6 Clap Out, Last day of school
July 2025	100 year celebration of MayWest

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We are Star Struck by Izzy!

After months of auditions and practice our Year 6 student, Isabel Pranevicius accepted a main role in the 2024 Star Struck production. On the weekend of June 15th everything came together for a two night extravaganza and wowing the crowd with Izzy playing the role of Mirabel from 'Encanto'. In Izzy's words 'Star Struck was so much fun, singing at the NEC and making new friends from other schools was my favourite part'. Congratulations from everyone at MayWest Izzy! We are so proud of your achievements.



Amazing Grace! Hunter Regional PSSA Cross Country Championships

Finishing in 5th place for her 8/9 years age group, saw Grace Danfield selected in the Newcastle City Zone PSSA Cross team to compete at the Hunter Regional PSSA Cross Country Championships on Monday 17th June.

Held at Cooronbong, this championship had the best runners from all zones throughout the Hunter Region competing. Grace finished her race in 9th place, which is absolutely amazing! The first eight runners across the line qualified to compete at the NSW State carnival, for which Grace is a reserve. Congratulations Grace!



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Outstanding Olivia! Hunter Regional PSSA Hockey Carnival

We were so excited when one of our Year 6 students, Olivia Coffee, was selected as a member of the 2024 Hunter Regional Hockey team. A talented centre back, Olivia spent a week playing against teams from 13 other PSSA regions at the NSW State Carnival.

Held in Newcastle, Olivia played six games with the team, competing, forging friendships, and making memories. We wish her every success as she continues on her hockey journey. Congratulations Olivia!



Harmonious Hannah! Hunter Trebles – Regional Choir



Year 5 student Hannah Wheeler is a member of the NSW Department of Education Regional Choir – Hunter Trebles. The Hunter Trebles is the junior choir of the Hunter singers, which is made up of students from government primary schools across the Hunter region. They rehearse weekly and perform at various events throughout the year. Hannah has been performing with them for the last two years and has really found her thing.

Recently the Hunter Trebles performed at Star Struck as part of the mass choir. This years them was 'Love It'. They sang, performed different movements and used a variety of props like light sticks, pom poms and glasses to make the songs 'come to life'. When asked, about being a part of the Hunter Trebles Hannah said, "it's fun!"



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Week 5, Term 2 Class Awards

Congratulations to all our award recipients for Term 2, 2024!

KN Tenzin Dodhoen, Lindsay Kachel, Rose Connor, Finlay Jeans, Rasil Tumayhi

KS Isla Gatley, Parsa Ommizadeh, Evie Cleal, Brooklyn Moroney

KT Kingsley Sar, Addison Foster, Queen Dunia, Wyatt Searle, Maggie Lindsay

1/2C Matilda Jones, Maple Smith, Mylen Collaguazo, Abigail Hatton, Odette Walsh, Lani Urquhart

1/2F Aalia Jeans, Asha Flynn, Tylan Lamb, Rosalie Kurtz, Isla Ryan

1/2G Audrey Drough, Maci Kirkman, Arlo Scott, Stirling Booth, Nicholas Christin

1/2L Braith Duck, Grace Badier, Sadra Ommizadeh, Ruben Willis, Monasha Gurung, Amira Forbes

3/4C Elijah Drough, Ayeena Tugaga, Olivia Ling, Linda Dao, Bon Vu

3/4M Jock Cruickshank, Phoebe Delaney, Felix Shadbolt-Berne, Gabe Winterton, Taiya Castles, Heath Thomas

3/4S Laitipa Tausere, Nathaniel Jones, Oscar Kurtz, Sylvie Evans, Elizabeth Callewaert

5/6A Caitlin Hinder, Annabelle Fuller, Kiama Perry, Luke Johnston, Lorenzo Kesby

5/6D Danya Hay, Zyla Hamilton, Sam Dewhurst, Amelie Jean-Pierre, Lydia Paff

5/6RP Ben Steinbeck, Lucy McNicol, Hannah Wheeler, Josh Magill, Alessandro Stillone, Jenny Nguyen

Library Abigail Maitland, Theo Connor, Heath Thomas

CAPA Sam Owens, Caitlin Hinder, Isabelle Jean Pierre, Taylah Shannon, Tenzin Dodhoen, Dempsey Nicol

EALD Bon Vu, Lorenzo Kesby

Newcastle City Zone PSSA Cross Country Carnival

After a number of postponements due to rain, the Zone Cross Country Carnival was finally held. Our school team had 24 wonderful athletes and sporting ambassadors, who gave their all as they ran either the 2km (for juniors) or 3km (for 11-, 12- and 13-year-olds) course, around the soccer fields and hills of Stephenson Park.

There are 24 schools in our Zone, so each race often has up to 60 - 70 runners. Many of our MayWest team finished in the top half of their events, many in the top 20, which is a fabulous achievement.

Congratulations to all of our representatives, whose sportsmanship, determination and pride in representing MayWest always of the highest standard.

Our 2024 Zone Cross Country team:

Oscar Kurtz, Chloe Buckland, Layla Higginson, Aaleyah Button, Ollie Jeans, Jock Cruickshank, Felix Walsh, Neve Willis, Grace Danfield, Jabari Laly, Olivia Ling, Texas Siltala, Evelyn Kurtz, Taylah Shannon, Kai Wagner, Alexander Johnston, Sean Neville, Freya Walsh, Levi Danfield, Mahali Lally, Annabella Bergqvist, Oliver Dunnage, Riley Snow and Kahia Bluegum.

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University of Newcastle Super Prac Students

We are pleased to share that Mayfield West Demonstration School recently hosted 12 preservice teachers from the University of Newcastle for a four-week placement. This initiative reflects our strong ongoing partnership with the University, underscoring our commitment to guiding and nurturing the next generation of educators. Our school is passionate about providing these future teachers with valuable, hands-on experiences that enhance their studies and professional development. We are proud of the positive contributions these preservice teachers made during their time with us.

Week 10, Term 2 Class Awards

Congratulations to all our award recipients for Term 2, 2024!

KN Kade Burgess, Mav Shepley, Hope Smith, Arwa Younes, Elle Taika

KS Indi Bochenek Stephen, Avaya Blakemore, Isla Gatley, Tate Hutchinson, Bowie Stallard

KT Bella McEwan, Markayla Bray-Dixon, Esther Beckett, Sameer Ansar, Addison Foster

1/2C Ruby Pranevicius, Mohammad Al Hutaimi, Will McEwan, Caylee Maher, Tyler Hodges,

1/2F Georgia Cruikshand, Reagan Lentfer, Seth Hanrahan, Isabella Van Eyk, Nikau Blyton

1/2G Sadie Hand, Bentli-Ann O'Meley, John Menzies, Paddy Hawkins, Clara Paff, Lylah Lowe

1/2L Isla Kennedy, Toby Limeburner, Eli Buckland, Lincoln Lambie, Marley Groth

3/4C Chloe Buckland, Henry Williams, Nate Marshall, Willow Beal

3/4M Violet Harmey, Rose Menzies, Mayyasa Al Hutaimi, Gabe Winterton, Disen Loku Liyanage

3/4S Neve Willis, Lachlan Woodward, Daniel Evans, Owen Payne,

5/6A Evelyn Kurtz, Luke Johnstone, Lylia Gosden, Mandy Zhu

5/6D Levi Danfield, Freya Walsh, Archie Miller, Jett Delaney, Lara Forbes,

5/6RP Isla Evans, Boston Tso, Olivia Rudge, Jake Ling, Makenna Gallienne, Harper Forbes

Library Evie Cleal, Lani Urquhart, Henry Williams, Charlotte Dodds, Coby Jonas,

CAPA Riley Snow, Evie Cleal, Lani Urquhart, Rose Menzies

EALD Charlie Leslie, Mandy Zhu

2024 Newcastle City Zone Athletics Carnival

This carnival will be held on Friday 9th August at the Newcastle Athletics Centre, Glendale. Students who have qualified for our team will receive a note package this week with information and permission notes. Currently, we have 39 students from Years 2 – 6 who have qualified for our team. Our biggest representation ever! Well done MayWest!

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MayWest 2024 Athletics Carnival

What a fantastic day! So proud of all our students from K to Year 6, who ran, jumped, threw, hurdled, cheered, and laughed their way through our 2024 Athletics Carnival. Held at the Fearnley Dawes Athletics Track, it was a day of non-stop action and many of our students had very tired and sore legs by the end of the day.

We just are waiting to finalise our shot-put results. Once this is done, our House Athletics Champions for 2024 will be announced. Fingers crossed Millar, Webb, Purdue and Griffith!



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Our orchard has had an upgrade! Thanks Koppers

The team from Koppers Mayfield, very kindly donated a number of beautiful, established fruit trees to add to our school orchard in the bottom playground. Staff from Koppers, volunteers from our school P&C and Michael our GA, spent the morning planting the trees amongst the already established orange trees. Koppers provided a terrific BBQ lunch for those that assisted on the day. Koppers also presented the school with a cheque to purchase some seating for students to enjoy and learn in the transformed space. We thank Koppers for their very generous donation and the P&C volunteers and Michael who assisted on the day to make our school learning environment even better!



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Stage 3 Head to Bathurst – Fortunes Found?

Stage 3 had so much fun on our three-day Blue Mountains, Bathurst and Hill End excursion.

We searched for gold, using gold pans in creeks, wandered the village of Hill End on a scavenger hunt about the past, sat on Country, under the stars by a campfire and listened to Dreaming Stories about the land and its past, danced traditional bush dances and also showed off our best 2024 moves, went into a mine and climbed 30 metres and ten ladders back out, rode the Scenic railway (and screamed the whole way down!) and saw the Three Sisters.

This is only a snippet of the activities, learning, fun and laughs we had during our time away.

This excursion was a way for the history we have been learning this semester to 'come alive' and help us to understand more about life during the 1800's.

Our students were the most amazing ambassadors for our school. They were inquisitive, respectful, open to new experiences and lots of fun to be with. We are so proud of each and everyone of them.

Thank you to the families who supported us in being able to offer this fantastic learning opportunity. By now you have probably heard all of the stories, and we are sure these memories will be with our students for always.

And yes – while some of us did find gold - unfortunately we didn't find our fortunes. Maybe next time?

The Stage 3 Team



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MayWest 100 year Centenary Celebration

Some of you may have heard that a committee of community members are deep in the initial stages of planning MayWest's 100 year Centenary. We look forward to sharing this celebration with our wider community. This celebration will be a showcase of our amazing school from its first day 4th July 1925. If you have anything that you would like to share with the committee or you would like further information, please contact our administration team on 02 4968 1539.



Kindergarten and Preschool Enrolments 2025

Enrolments are open for students to enrol for Preschool or Kindergarten 2025.

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 or via email mayfieldw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au 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://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?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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READING IS **MAGIC** MWDS BOOK WEEK PARADE



Friday August 23 @ 9.30am

*Parents & carers are invited to attend our
Book Week Parade under the COLA followed by
Lunch on the Lawn until 12.00pm.*

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FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST 2024

LUNCH ON THE LAWN

We invite all our MayWest families to join
us for a lunch on the lawn following the
Book Week Parade and a classroom visit
finishing up at 12.00pm

BYO picnic blanket, lunch and snacks



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Excursion payments, Book Pack and Voluntary School Contribution

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.

Canteen Cut-Off

Just a note to say that if you miss the 9.00am Qkr! deadline and need to contact the school to order your child's lunch, that no hot food is to be ordered at that stage but sandwiches and toasties are available.



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Fearless Triple P Online

Help your child manage anxiety and become more emotionally resilient. This full toolkit of tips and ideas really works!

<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au/free-parenting-courses/fear-less-triple-p-online/>

Triple P Online for Baby

Positively nurture your baby's development and a close relationship right from the start - this toolkit of tips and ideas really works!

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Triple P Online under 12

Stay calm under pressure. Strengthen your relationship, fix issues before they become real problems, and positively influence your child's skills and development. This full toolkit of tips and ideas really works!

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Family Transitions Triple P Online

Separation or divorce can be a challenging experience for you, your child and the whole family. You can ease the transition with proven tips and strategies that support everyone to cope and adjust well during this time.

<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au/free-parenting-courses/family-transitions-triple-p-online/>



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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:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

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



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Veg & fruit 'grab & go' snacks

Snacks are an important part of the lunchbox and can be a great opportunity to increase vegetable and fruit intake across the school day.

Here are a few ideas for easy 'grab & go' snacks:

-  **Ready to eat vegetables and fruit:** baby cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, celery sticks, baby carrots, grapes, apricots, snow peas etc.
-  **Bite sized pieces of vegetables and fruit:** pack a container of chopped pieces such as watermelon, orange wedges, broccoli or capsicum.
-  **Whole fruit pieces:** Apples, pears, bananas, peaches, mandarins are all easy options.
-  **Vegetable sticks and dip:** Keep pre-cut carrot and/or celery sticks in an airtight container in the fridge for easy snacking with dips like hummus, tzatziki or cream cheese.
-  **Dried fruit pieces:** Try dried apple, apricot, or sultanas as a snack occasionally.



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