UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 8th March
- Clean Up Australia Day at MEPS

Saturday 23rd March
- MEPS Fundraising BBQ @ Bunnings Kotara
9am to 3pm.—still a few time slots left if you have an hour to spare on the day. Your support is very much appreciated.

Tuesday 26th March
- P&C Annual General Meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 28th March
- K-2 Easter Hat Parade and drawing of Easter Raffle

Friday 29th March
- Good Friday Public Holiday—school closed

Monday 1st April
- Easter Monday Public Holiday—school closed

Tuesday 9th April
- Last payment day for ICAS competitions

Thursday 11th April
- Anzac Day Service @ 10.30am
parents/carers welcome to attend

BBQ & Film Night
A big thank you to everyone for their support last Thursday. The event was enjoyed by all and the entertainment was excellent. The canteen provided an outstanding service and the 100 Club Raffle winners were Katie Sachs who won the $100 Sunnyside Tavern voucher and Rachel Taller won the Bodywise Physio, The Junction, massage voucher. Thank you for your support.

Nightly Reading
Your child from Year 1 to Year 6 should be reading four nights per week. If students don’t have their nightly reading record books from their book packs, they can use a temporary record book which will be credited to their tally. If your child is not participating please let me know by the end of the week or let their teacher know. Talk to your child about what they have read, it is a great opportunity to spend quality time with your child. Children love their parents to take an interest in their daily activities.

Canteen News
The canteen is providing an excellent service and the level of nutritional items has improved significantly. Well done to the girls and our volunteers. You are providing a vital service to our students, school and community. We have had a few issues this week with change going missing from lunch orders. It would be appreciated if you would endeavour to put the correct money in your child’s lunch order. We understand that it is not always easy to have the correct amount of money, however the canteen cannot be responsible for large amounts of cash once it leaves the canteen.

Book Packs
We have only a small percentage of parents that have not made a payment towards their child’s bookpack. If you are experiencing financial
Difficulties or have not received your Educational Payment, please contact the school so your child is not disadvantaged. The school will be contacting the families concerned before the end of term.

Food Scraps for the Chickens
Thank you to all families who have been leaving scraps for the chickens. We ensure that they are given to the chickens on the day of delivery.

Harmony Day Exhibition
At the John Hunter Hospital
Please come to our Harmony Day Exhibition opening which has artworks from Mayfield East Primary School. These works have been carefully selected to provide a wonderful display of colour and images by children who represent the variety of backgrounds that make up our region. We will have music, song and laughter, Thursday, 7 March at 11 am in The Royal Newcastle foyer.

Year 7 Enrolments for 2014
If your child is moving to high school in 2014, please return the Expression of Interest form to the school office as a matter of urgency. Even if you are considering a private school enrolment for next year you must return the completed form. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Clean Up Day postponed to this Friday
Due to the weather last Friday our Clean Up Australia Day was postponed last Friday to this coming Friday 8th March. Classes will be allocated a section of the school grounds to clean. Please bring a pair of gloves and/or a plastic shopping bag to assist with the day and your school hat. Go green team!! Mr Blyth

Mayfield East Public School Bike Licence
Today students have begun to have helmets and bikes, scooters and skateboards safety checked. Students will be issued a license in Years 3-6 and for any younger students a learners license. The aim of the Mayfield East Public School Bike License is to raise awareness about road safety. Students riding bikes must ride with a helmet at all times on either the footpath or the road depending on their experience and skill. Students 12 years or older however can only ride on the road. Students riding scooters and skateboards must ride with a helmet on the footpath at all times. Riding is only permitted outside of the school grounds. The license comes with three demerit points that can be lost if safe riding does not occur. If all three demerit points are lost licenses are suspended for a week. We will be giving all students until the end of this term to comply with these new rules. Licences will be given to students at assembly during Term 1. Safe and happy riding. Ready, Click, Go! Mr Blyth

Term 4 Canberra Excursion
Thank you to all students who have paid their deposit. Please remember that we have only 90 seats available on the coach, and students must pay the deposit to secure a seat. This deposit of $50 is the only payment required at this stage. The excursion is not until Week 5 of last term, so this gives parents plenty of time to pay off the excursion. Payments can be made at the office Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.30am and 3pm.

Easter Raffle
We are running an Easter Raffle which will be drawn after the Kinder to Year 2 Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March, starting at 12 noon. We encourage children to have some involvement in creating their hat. Get creative and see what you can come up with. We are asking for donations of eggs which can be left at the office or the canteen. Tickets will be handed out to all students by the end of this week. All funds raised will go to support our Student Welfare Program, which enables all students to have equal opportunity.

Canteen Roster

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1st Mayfield Joey and Cub Scouts Introductory Night is

*Wednesday 13th March 5pm to 7pm*

1st Mayfield Scout Hall, Ida Street, Mayfield

All 5½yrs to 10yrs
(parents/carers welcome)

Information packs and

**FREE Sausage Sizzle available on the night.**

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**Easter Raffle**

*Tickets 50c each or 3 for $1.00*

*Drawn Thursday 28th March after the K-2 Easter Hat Parade*

Tickets will be given out to all students this week
MEPS VOLUNTEERS

Yes, I would like to volunteer at the school. I am interested in:

- [ ] Stephanie Alexander Kitchen
- [ ] Canteen
- [ ] Kitchen Garden
- [ ] Library
- [ ] Maths Tutor
- [ ] Art/Craft
- [ ] Reading Tutor
- [ ] Music

Name: ________________________________

Contact No.: _________________________ or _________________________

MEPS FUNDRAISING BBQ

Bunnings @ Kotara

Saturday March 23rd 9am to 3pm

Yes, I am able to help out at the BBQ. I am available to help

between __________________ and __________________.

Name: ________________________________

Contact Phone: ________________________________