**WEEK 11—TERM 1**

**Thursday 11th April**
- Anzac Day Service @ 10.30am Parents and carers welcome to attend

**Friday 12th April**
- **Out of Uniform (gold coin donation) & Sausage Sizzle** for Year 6 Fundraiser. Please pre-order your sausage sandwich.
- **Last Day of School Term**

**Tuesday 30th April**
- P&C Meeting 6.30pm library

**Wednesday 1st May**
- **Students return to school for Term 2** *(Please note: Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th are Staff Development Days)*

**Friday 10th May**
- **Mothers’ Day Breakfast @ 8am** in Stephanie Alexander Kitchen
- **Mothers’ Day Stall**—children are able to purchase a small gift for mum, step-mum or other significant female in a child’s life.

**Tuesday 14th May**
- NAPLAN

**Wednesday 15th May**
- NAPLAN

**Thursday 16th May**
- NAPLAN

**Working Bee**
Last Saturday, the school had a working bee to clean up the gardens bringing them back to their former glory. Much was achieved due to the efforts of the 12 volunteers who worked to make our school an attractive and productive environment for all students. On behalf of the students I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this successful day.

**Staff Changes**
As previously announced, Sophie Davis has been successful in gaining a permanent teaching position at Terrigal Public School commencing in Term 2. Mrs Prior will be taking over the Year 1 class and Mr Evan Campbell will be running the kitchen on Monday to Wednesday and teaching 3AP on Thursday and Friday. Also, I have been informed by Mr Hughes that he has decided to resign his position at MEPS as of this Friday. On behalf of the students, staff and community I would like to thank Ms Davis and Mr Hughes for the effort and dedication they have shown to our students and school. Both teachers will be greatly missed. A replacement teacher will be selected prior to the end of term and it is hoped that Mr Hughes will have a day orientating the new class teacher about his class and their educational and social progress.

**University Interns**
We have three fourth year interns from Newcastle University who will be with us this week and all of Term 2. Ms Kelsey Noxon is on Mr Harrison’s class, Miss Chrystal Plitt is on Mrs Thompson’s class, and Mr Kane Simon is on Ms Whyman’s class. Following this internship these students will be fully qualified teachers meeting the standards of the NSW Teachers Institute. We welcome them to our school and know that they will have a great teaching/learning experience.

**Cooking Classes**
The school is working with Mission Australia to pilot a multicultural cooking program with different cultural groups within our community. This Wednesday we have five ladies with South Korean backgrounds working with our students in the kitchen. Class 4/5T will be making two dishes on the day. We will take photos to publish in the newsletter next term. Future classes are being organised for Term 2 for other class groups.

**ANZAC Day Service**
I would like to invite all parents, carers and community members to attend the service this Thursday starting at 10.30am sharp in the school hall. Here is the program for the day:-
- 10.30am Commemorative Service starts
- 11.10am puppet show ‘Return from Gallipoli’
- 11.30am Opening of Memorial Wall, B Block
A number of special guests from ANZAC House (Sydney), Williamtown RAAF Base, Mr Tim Owen (MP), and representatives from local businesses that support our school will also be attending. **It would be appreciated if everyone was seated by 10.25am so we can start the service at exactly 10.30am as one of our invited guests must leave by 11.30am to catch a flight to Melbourne.**

**Farewell From Mr Hughes…**

“After almost four years as a classroom teacher at MEPS it is time to say goodbye! I would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG thank you to the wonderful students and their families. Your support, kind words of encouragement and generosity will be remembered always.”

Mr Hughes

**School Supervision**

We have a number of students still arriving at school prior to 8.30am. This places students at risk. Any student arriving prior to this time should be utilising our OOSH services. Please ensure that students arrive and depart promptly at the appropriate time.

**Year 6 End of Term Fundraiser**

On the last day of school term, Friday 12th April, Year 6 will be holding a “sausage sizzle” fundraiser. All money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell at the end of the year. **Students are also permitted to wear “out of uniform” clothes for a gold coin donation.** Please note, that for catering purposes we need everyone to pre-order their sausage sandwich. A tear off slip is on the last page of this newsletter. Please complete and return with your money to the school office by **no later than Thursday 11th.**

**Dance2bfit Program Term 2**

All Year 3 to Year 6 students have received notes concerning participation in this program. It is an energetic, innovative and fun way for our students to get fit and funky learning the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This program has been specifically developed for NSW Primary Schools on-line with the PDHPE syllabus. For your child to participate, you will need to complete the permission note and return to the school office with your money by **no later than Tuesday 9th April.**

**Library News**

This is the last week of term, and it would be appreciated if children could return all books to the library as soon as possible. Children will not be permitted to borrow until they have returned all outstanding items. Thank you Mrs Bayl.

**Green Team Market Stall**

This Wednesday during the school assembly (from 2pm onwards) members of the Green Team will again be selling seedlings and fresh produce including:

- Loose leaf lettuce
- Beans
- Chilli
- Mini capsicum

Please bring a bag and a few dollars. All money raised goes straight back into the school’s Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. Thank you, The Green Team, Always Keen

**MEPS Bike Licences**

Thank you to all those students and parents who have taken the time to get a MEPS bike licence. In Term 2 students will still be able to bring their helmet and bike/scooter/skateboard in to school to get a license. Students riding to school from Term 2 onwards will need a helmet. Mr Blyth, Assistant Principal.
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Find out more:  

**Term 2 Special**

Next term every Friday will be ‘Sushi Day’. All orders must be handed into the canteen with your money by **no later than 12noon each Thursday**. All rolls are gluten free.

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This Friday is the last day of term. The canteen will be operating as usual for lunch and recess. In addition to our usual fare, we will be offering the following ‘special’ treats:-

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Principal’s Awards

**Week 10—Term 1**

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Homework Planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2013 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Find out more:  
THE KEYBOARD ACADEMY

In 2013 our school is continuing the successful music program run by the Keyboard Academy. This presents a wonderful opportunity for children from grades 2-6 to have keyboard lessons with friends in small groups to learn the popular musical styles. Students will be stimulated, motivated and guided into an interactive and exciting program that will hold their interest.

The term fee of $90.00 includes; lessons, use of keyboards and headphones, quality music books, theory papers, concerts, certificates and prizes. Where two or more students from one family are enrolled the term fee will be $80.00 each. The skills learnt will enhance the confidence and self-esteem of students. The program fosters discipline and commitment in the children while creating enjoyment for themselves and others.

All enquiries can be directed to your school tutor Jennifer Harrison on ph: 4968 1162

Sausage Sizzle—Friday 12th April
Year 6 Fundraiser

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