A Message from the Principal, Alan Watt

**Breakfast Club**
We would like to apologise for the inconvenience of the recent closure of our Breakfast club. This was due to a burst hot water system that flooded the Community Room. We have had the situation dealt with and anticipate that it will be open again for students tomorrow morning.

**Selective High School Applications for 2016**
Information booklets on how to apply are now available at the school office. Please note that applications are online only. Key dates for your calendar:

- **Tuesday 14th October**—applications website opens
- **Monday 17th November**—website closes
- **Thursday 26th February**—Test centre advice

In early July 2015 parents will be notified of the outcome of all applications. If you have any questions please contact the principal during school hours on 4968 1495.

**Staff Changes**
Mr Middleton has been seconded to Maitland District Office on a special project for the rest of the year. The class will be taken by Ms Petrie for the remainder of the year. Ms Petrie will be completing report cards for the class. If you wish to make an appointment to talk with Ms Petrie please leave your contact details at the office.

**Telstra Work Notice**
Telstra is upgrading the underground cabling system in the local area. Telstra have engaged Mirat Technologies. All WHS regulations will be followed.

**Election Day**
This Saturday 25th October the school will be open for the Newcastle State Elections. We will have a BBQ operating and a cake stall. If students would like to come along and help at the cake stall it would be appreciated but they will need parent permission.

**School Audit**
The school will be undertaking a 2 day audit on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. We anticipate that the office will be extremely busy during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

This work may involve the digging up of footpaths, grassed area and road reserves as well as cable pits. Please be careful throughout this work.
Library News

Please note that the final day for Scholastic Book Club is this Friday 24th October. Sorry no late orders can be accepted. Thank you, Mrs Bayl, Teacher/Librarian

Callaghan Education Pathways Digital Media Festival

Mayfield East PS will be participating in the Callaghan Education Pathways Digital Media Festival at Wallsend Campus. We will be sharing a short film produced by our Year 6 Trop Jnr group and our Choir will also be performing. Tickets for this event will be sold through our office as of next week. Please come and join us for this wonderful showcase of our local school communities creative and performing arts programs. There will be a variety of food, drink and activities available at this community event. Please note change of date to Thursday 6th November. See back page of newsletter for detailed information.

This Week in Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

Last week we cooked Chinese food in the kitchen. We cooked Pork and Vegetable Dumplings and the senior classes cooked a Chinese dish using Broad Beans we harvested from our school garden. They cooked a dish called BBC (Broad Beans, Bean Curd and Chutney). The broad beans were delicious!

Volunteers Needed!!!

We are always looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen and garden, if you could spare any time at all. It might even be 10 mins per week to water or to adopt a garden bed to check on. Please just email either me or Miss Black and we can let you know where we need help. Also, we have a volunteers email newsletter to advertise special jobs as they come up. Please email either of us if you would like to be included on this email.

Mrs Lendich : claire.thirlaway@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Claire Lendich
Kitchen Teacher

P&C News

P&C Meeting TONIGHT
Tues 21st Oct 6pm–All welcome!
Join us from 6pm in the library
Babysitting available.

We welcome new members all year, MEPS P&C is inclusive and community focused, working together to support the school community. Membership is $1 and payable at each meeting, giving you voting rights at subsequent meetings.

We ask only that you adhere to our code of conduct, and bring your enthusiasm with you!

Playground Update!

The P&C has selected a designer for our new play space, which means we will soon have more definite budget and planning information.

We need you to take our fundraising further afield! Approach your friends, workmates, extended family and neighbours to make the most of our up-coming activities.

Election BBQ and Cake stall 25th October 2014

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We will need to set up from 7am, please come and help at any time!

Cake boxes are being sent home for everyone to fill! Please return to school this Friday 24th or on the morning of the 25th, all proceeds to go to our new natural play space.

Let all your local co-workers, friends and neighbours know that we will be a great place for morning tea, brunch, brekkie, afternoon tea on the day.**Make sure to list ingredients on boxes, jams, pickles, relishes also welcome** Also taking donations of plants and seedlings!

Further details call:

Zoe Roxburgh 0488 443 282
or
Kate Conner 0400 047 263

Mrs Lendich : claire.thirlaway@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Claire Lendich
Kitchen Teacher
FUNDRAISING CALENDAR – TERM 4
The following is a list of the P&C fundraising events for your diaries.

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Summer Getaway Raffle
Our last raffle was pretty impressive……. This one is positively AMAZING!!!!

1st Prize: 4 x night accommodation in 2 x bedroom villa cabin at Myall Shores Holiday Park - Not valid in peak periods. [Link](http://www.myallshores.com.au)

2nd Prize: Flynns Beach Resort Port Macquarie, 3 night mid-week stay or 2 night weekend escape in 2 x bedroom self-contained studio apartment - Excludes school holidays and public holidays [Link](http://www.flynnsbeachresort.com.au)

3rd Prize: 2 x Complimentary Tickets to a BBQ Galore East Maitland Cooking School valued at $60 plus a $100 Summer BBQ Utensil Pack.

4th Prize: $100 Gift Voucher to Breakaway Surf Co in Hunter St Mall

5th Prize: current Entertainment Book

Tickets will be $2 each or 3 for $5 (cheapest family holiday EVER!) and they will be going home with kids soon, 3 cheers to Eden’s dad, Brett Purcell for arranging such a super summer prize!

Cheers!

Zoë Roxburgh
MEPS P&C Vice-President and Communications Coordinator
zoroxburgh@gmail.com

2/3M and 3/4M Fishing Excursion
We had a great time at the fishing excursion on Friday. We learnt lots of skills and information about fishing in our local area. We learnt about casting, knots, safety while fishing and fish size limits.

We even got to have a quick fish on Horseshoe Beach but this was cut a bit short because of the windy weather. It was a great workshop and the students had a fantastic time!

Mrs Claire Lendich, Kitchen Teacher
CEP Outdoor Digital Media Festival
2014

THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER
5:30pm – 9:30pm
Callaghan College Wallsend Campus COLA
Come and support the first CEP Outdoor Digital Media Festival
Featuring Short Films from 14 CEP Schools shown on a BIG OUTDOOR SCREEN.
The films have been written, acted, filmed and edited by students from K - 12.
Tickets are $5 per person or $30 family of four available at any participating school.

Bring a chair and indulge in the many offerings that will be available and support our local community of schools.

SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE
by The Marching Koalas at 7:20pm

FOOD COFFEE/TEA COLD DRINKS SPIDERS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FAIRY FLOSS CUPCAKES LOLLY STICKS FACE PAINTING TEMPORARY TATTOOS POPCORN SUMO WRESTLING PUPPET CHASE + much more

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CEP DIGITAL MEDIA FESTIVAL
Running Schedule
5:30pm Heaton PS Dance
5:35pm Jesmond PS Choir
5:40pm Wallsend PS Dance 1
5:45pm Maryland PS Dance
5:50pm CC Jesmond CEP Rock Initiative
5:55pm Hamilton North PS Choir
5:05pm Hamilton North PS Cardboard Band
5:10pm Islington PS Choir
5:15pm CC Waratah CEP Rock Initiative
5:25pm Wallsend PS Dance 2
5:30pm Wallsend PS Dance 1
5:35pm Shortland PS Aerobics
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7pm CEP Bandlink
7:20pm Braye Park The Marching Koalas

STAGING AREA SETUP – Grass area at front of COLA

CEP OUTDOOR DIGITAL MEDIA FESTIVAL

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