Outstanding School Contributions

I have sent out accounts for all outstanding payments for school contributions and book packs for 2014. As a pilot school for the new accounting system that has been installed by the NSW Department of Education & Communities the system tracks all payments and keeps an individualized account schedule for each student. This system rolls over any outstanding amounts each year. If you received a statement last week, would you please settle the account as soon as possible. If you believe there is an error in the amount owing or you are experiencing financial difficulties please come to the office. The school book pack contains payments for more than just books and stationery. To be fair to all students we are asking for payment from all students unless other arrangements have been made with me during the year.

School Leadership Elections

Well done to all students that were nominated. They presented their speeches last Monday morning. The results will be announced at our Student Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday 9th December commencing at 6pm. Parents will be invited to pin badges on their child at this ceremony.

Toilet Block Clean Up

We have an ongoing issue with the presentation of our toilet blocks. They had a make over around 5 years ago. They are now in need of a face lift. We have installed additional spray units to improve the odour. We would like a working bee of parents/community members to improve the conditions. We will be using the school’s maintenance funding to purchase paint, brushes etc. We have also organized for the floors, pans and urinals to be pressure cleaned prior to painting. We will be starting at 9:30am on Monday 8th December. If you are able to assist even if it is for only an hour or two would you please leave your name and contact details at the office.

Staffing Update

Mr Blyth has accepted a new position at a local Newcastle school. This means we will be conducting a Merit Selection process for a new Assistant Principal for 2015. Mrs Prior has indicated that she will be continuing her leave for next year. Mrs Auckett will be returning from Maternity Leave for 3 days per week. Mrs Hipwell will be on Maternity Leave until Term 4 and hopes to return for a few days a week. We wish all staff who are leaving a great 2015 and thank them for their contribution to our students and Mayfield East Public School.

We anticipate that we will be looking at class formation and staffing towards the end of this term.

Important Dates for 2015

The school will be holding the Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 10th February 2015. This is for students who are turning 8 years and older only. This carnival needs to be run early to enable us to nominate entries to the Zone competitions. We will then be holding the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 25th February 2015. This is for all students from Kindy to Year 6. There will be lots of fun activities and we look forward to this event being held at a venue with state of the art facilities. Whole school photos have been booked for Friday 6th March.

Yours in Education
Alan Watt
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wed 26th Nov:
Pavement Art $2/student
(4/5B only)

Wed 26th-Fri 28th
Library closed for Stock Take
(no borrowing)

1st—3rd Dec:
Great Aussie Bush Camp

Fri 5th Dec:
SRE Xmas Concert 11:20am
Volunteers Afternoon
Tea 2pm
STUDENT BANKING NEWS

Thank you to all MEPS students who have participated in the scheme this year. Many of you have received great prizes for your consistent deposits. Please note that Friday 28th November will be the last banking day for this year. Banking will recommence in Week 3 of next year.

We Grow and Learn Together  www.mayfield-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Ethics Coordinator Needed!
Ethics classes are now offered to every year level, 6 classes in total, at Mayfield East as an option for students who are in non-scripture classes.

The classes commenced in 2012 and after 3 years I have decided to move on from the position of Coordinator due to work and other commitments. To make sure the classes can continue we need a volunteer to place me.

Each school needs an Ethics Coordinator to liaise between the school, our Ethics Teachers and Primary Ethics. Ethics Coordinators are provided with training and support by Primary Ethics.

Coordinating can mostly be done by email in your spare time and would take no more than an hour per week.

Members of the school community are encouraged to apply. For more information visit: http://www.primaryethics.com.au or contact me on m: 0404 899 231 or cowles.carla@gmail.com

Many thanks,
Carla Cowles
Ethics Coordinator

MEPS COOKBOOK
We will be selling a very special cookbook which has all the recipes the students have cooked over the past two years in our kitchen. The students have reviewed and recommended all the recipes and decorated the cookbook.

I am very excited to have such a range of recipes. These include a section on Indigenous Cooking and Asian Cooking.

There are almost 90 recipes in the cookbook.

All this for only $10!

It would make a great and unique Christmas gift for the family or for friends. These are available for order or will be for sale at Presentation Night.

Limited time only.........
Get in quick!

P&C MEETING TONIGHT

6:00-7:30pm in the library
Our last meeting for the year.

All welcome, babysitting available.

Don’t forget your tickets for the Summer Getaway draw at Presentation Night 9 December.

More tickets are available from the office.


2nd Prize: Flynns Beach Resort Port Macquarie, 3 night mid-week stay or 2 night weekend escape in 2 bedroom self-contained studio apartment - Excludes school holidays and public holidays 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

Twilight Working Bee

When?
Tuesday, 25th November

Time?
3.20pm – 5.20pm

We hope to get some parents and family volunteers to come and help us for our last Garden Working Bee for the year!

We will have lots of jobs ranging from watering and planting to helping construct our new compost area. If you are available to help please come along. Miss Black and Mrs Lendich will have a list of jobs we need help with in our school gardens.

As this is a working bee, only students who are assisting are allowed to come along. WeMoosh will be using the school playground, so students who come along to the working bee will have to be helping in the garden and are not allowed to play on the equipment.
Mayfield East PS Cookbook
Order Form

Student Name _____________________________

Class___________

I would like to order _______________ (no. of cookbooks)

I have enclosed $10 per cookbook ordered.

THE KEYBOARD ACADEMY

In week 2 of Term 1, 2015 our school is continuing the music program run by the Keyboard Academy. This presents a wonderful opportunity for children from Years 2-6 to have keyboard lessons with friends in small groups to learn popular musical styles. They will be supplied with their own individual keyboard for use during their lesson. Students will be stimulated, motivated and guided into an interactive and exciting program.

The term fee of $90.00 includes; lessons, quality music books, theory papers, concerts, certificates and prizes. 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.

The Enrolment form below must be filled in and returned to your school office by: Friday 12th December 2014, so that classes may commence in week 2, Term 1 2015.
Inquiries are welcome to Jennifer Harrison on (4968 1162). No moneys to be paid until commencement of lessons.

THE KEYBOARD ACADEMY

I wish to enrol my child __________________________ of Grade ________________ (PLEASE PRINT) ( in 2015 )
in the Keyboard Academy for Term 1, 2015.

Signed (parent / guardian) __________________________ Ph: __________________________