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A Message from the Principal, Alan Watt

Website Updates: Mrs Thompson is doing a fantastic job on the website. We are trying to deliver an informative site which supports students, family and community. If you have any thoughts on how we could improve the website please send a note into the office for consideration. The school website address is below.

Scores Program: Newcastle University conducted a research project at the school examining active play and fitness levels. This research has indicated that students from our school improved their overall fitness throughout the study period. Active play is an important element of a persons life and significantly contributes to our overall wellbeing. The Scores team attended our school today as part of the launch of the research findings. Two members of the ‘Jets’ also joined us at the school.

Sausage Sizzle Lunch: Due to family reasons Kallie our canteen supervisor will not be here on Thursday, therefore the canteen will be closed. The school has decided to hold a sausage sizzle at lunchtime. The money raised will assist the choir travel to Sydney in Week 10 to perform at Sydney Town Hall. Please send $2 in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class ON THE DAY if they want a sausage sandwich. Bottled water will be available for $1. There is no need to pre-order.

Staff Leave: Mr Blyth and Mr Middleton are both away on leave for the next two weeks. Letters were sent home with students from these classes yesterday.

School Entrance: We continue to have concerns over parents and visitors using the car park gates to gain entry to school grounds. This presents a WH&S issue and we have had staff report near misses involving students and parents. For the safety of you and your child please do not use the car park entrance. Use the pedestrian entry gate at all times. The car park is for staff and goods delivery only.

Bell Times: The bells have been set five minutes early to assist students accessing Breakfast Club, being at school on time and children who need to catch the school bus of an afternoon. Bell times are now as follows:-
8:25am—children are permitted onto school grounds
8:45am—toilet
8:50am—assembly in the COLA

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 4

Mon 4th  Life Education for classes KH, KS, 2/3W, 2/3M, 4/5B and 4/5/6T
Tues 5th  Life Education for classes 1BB, 1/2H, 1B, 3/4M and 6D
Thurs 7th  CANTEEN CLOSED—sausage sizzle for lunch

WEEK 5

Tues 12th  ICAS Maths Competition
Thurs 14th  Creative Arts Showcase
Family ticket $10
Single ticket $5
6pm start  
(available from the office)

Coming in Week 6:

Book Week Parade/Book Fair
Science Fair

We have already seen a reduction in the number of late notes recorded at the office.

Uniforms: Please ensure that you label all your child’s clothing clearly. Permanent markers are available at the office to assist with this. If they have a name on them we can return them to their owner and save parents the time and cost of replacing lost items.
PSSA Zone Track and Field
Congratulations to all of the students who represented Mayfield East Public School at the Newcastle PSSA Zone Track and Field Carnival at the Hunter Sports Centre, Glen-dale. Our students represented us proudly by trying their best, supporting each other and behaving well while at the venue.

A big congratulations to Hannah Nguyen (2nd girls 8yrs 100m), Steele Hicks (4th boys 8yrs 100m) and Jane Abu (3rd girls 11yrs shot putt).

Thank you to all parents who transported and supported our students on the day. Special thanks to Anna Mackin-tosh for driving back to school to pick up one of our com-petitors. Congratulations to all! Mr Blyth

Choir News
In week 10 this term, 20 students from our school will be performing at the Town Hall in Sydney for the 2014 Prima-ry Proms Concert Series. We currently have 8 seats on the bus available for interested parents. Please see Mrs Hipwell for more information. In the meantime, here are some upcoming dates for the choir:-

- **Thursday 14th August** Creative Arts Showcase at 6pm
- **Thursday 18th September** Primary Proms Sydney

Creative Arts Showcase
To raise money for the choir’s transport to Sydney, we are holding a **Creative Arts Showcase evening on Thursday 14th August** (Week 5). All members of the choir, tap group and keyboard players will be performing. **The concert will start at 6pm sharp and run until approximately 7.45pm, with a 15 minute interval at 6.45pm.**

A cake stall will run during interval with tea and coffee available in the kitchen. If you are interested in donating to our cake stall, please supply a sweet treat to the kitchen on Thursday morning or afternoon. All donations will be appreciated!

**Tickets for the showcase are $5 each or $10 for a family pass (available at the office).** If any parents are interested in volunteering their time on Thursday afternoon to assist in setting up, please let me know. Mrs Hipwell

P&C News

Bunnings BBQ – We raised $1220! A huge thank you to those who helped – Julie Iveson, Ali Day, Kallie Newman, Kate & Tim Connor, Nathan Foran, Bryan Wolski, Matt Chambers, Alethea Parkinson and Carla Cowles – it wouldn’t have been a success without you!

Fathers Day Stall
The Fathers day stall will be held on Friday 5 September. We like to offer a range of gifts that students can purchase for their fathers, grandparents or significant males in their life. Any donations we could use for gifts will be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the office or contact Melissa Cooper, Fundraising Coordinator on 0432 482 410.

Trivia Night
The P&C will be holding a Trivia Night on Friday 29 August. Get a table of your friends together and come along to Mayfield Bowling Club at 6.30pm for a 7 pm start.

Playground Design
We want to hear from you! The P&C will be holding a morning and afternoon community consultation session at school for all students and their families on **Monday 11th August**.

1st session: 8am – 8.50am – breakfast bites provided
2nd session: 2.30pm – 4pm – afternoon tea provided

This is an opportunity for you to tell us the kind of things you would like to see for the upgraded playground.

We especially want to hear from families to help us design a playground that is accessible and enjoyable for all ages and abilities.

You can also:

- leave your comments in the Suggestions Box at the school entrance
- contact us directly via email – cowles.carla@gmail.com

All of this feedback will then be discussed at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 19th August, so please join us if you would like more information about the planning process.

Carla Cowles, P&C President
Zoe Roxburgh, P&C Vice President
Mayfield East Playground Design

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Come along to share your ideas and suggestions for an upgraded playground.
You can also leave your comments in the suggestions box or contact the P&C directly.

Carla Cowles – P&C President
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The students of MEPS present...

a Creative Arts Showcase!

Come and see some of Mayfield East’s most talented students perform in an evening of singing, dancing, playing and acting.

MEPS Choir
Tap Group
Keyboard Performers

Kindergarten Art for Sale

Tea, Coffee and Cake during Interval

When? Thursday 14th August, 2014
Time? Show to commence at 6pm in the hall.
Tickets? $5 each, or $10 for a family pass. Available from the front office.

All funds raised will go towards our choir performance at Sydney Town Hall in week 10.