WELCOME TO WEEK 3—19th to 23rd October

FUTSAL
Congratulations to Myles Gaffney who has been selected in the Australian Futsal Team. This team will play in Malaysia next year. Futsal is an indoor game similar to soccer. A team consists of 5 players who try and score goals. The ball that is kicked is smaller and heavier than a regular soccer ball. We wish Myles all the best with his futsal sporting pursuits. We are very proud of you and this amazing achievement!

MAINTENANCE
Work has been underway at the front of our school last week and again this week. I can see the end is in sight. Thank you to everyone for showing patience leaving our school in the afternoon. It gets congested in the afternoon as we only have one exit point and this point has been narrowed by the scaffolding. Just a reminder that students are not to ride their bikes, scooters or skateboards in the school grounds while exiting of an afternoon.

BOY’S & GIRL’S TOILETS
This term we have had children placing food and objects in both the boy’s and girl’s toilets. The staff and I are exasperated as both toilets have recently been upgraded and can’t fathom why there would be any student who would want to damage these facilities. It would be greatly appreciated if you could talk to your children about making sure the only item being placed in the toilets is toilet paper. The drain had to be fixed last week and the plumber found it full of chip packets and drink poppers. This is a cost our school has to pay and I would much prefer to be spending that money on educational pursuits. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to all of our students who received merit awards last Friday. I can certainly see when I visit classrooms that everyone is settled and working hard. This coming Friday assembly will see a few small changes. We will be singing both the school song and the National Anthem as well as ensuring one of our Indigenous students provide a ‘welcome to country’. Mrs Horgan will run this week’s assembly. Mr Harrison and I will be absent this Friday as we are attending an award ceremony at the state Primary Principal’s conference.

Allison Thompson
Relieving Principal
The event honours those who lives have been touched by cancer. Participants celebrate life and create hope by joining friends, family, cancer survivors and their carers in the common goal of defeating cancer. The MEPS Senior Choir will be performing from 11:50am to 12:20pm. The event will feature a range of fantastic new entertainment, market stalls and a variety of delicious food choices, together with our three emotive ceremonies that make Relay for Life so special. You can even enter a box car derby into a race! For more information look for Newcastle/Lake Macquarie Relay for Life on Facebook.

NEwcastle halloween project
Come join Curious Legends this Halloween in a street theatre performance at Newcastle Region Library. Grab a costume and join in the fun! With 2 giant puppets by artist Ross Brown and kids from Mayfield East Public and HSPA, we’ll be roaming the through the City Library grounds and Civic Park. So wear your Halloween best and join the parade! Arrive 10 minutes before for a performance workshop to take part. And the best bit? Everyone in costume gets to trick-or-treat the library before the show!

DATE: Wednesday 28th October
TIME: 7pm to 7:20pm
(Venue: Meet outside Newcastle Region Library, Laman Street)
WHAT TO WEAR: Your best Halloween costume! Get creative!
AGES: Kids and their adults—all kids involved need an accompanying adult

**free** Halloween candy to all costumed kids trick-or-treating the library before the show**

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YEAR 5/6 BATHURST/GOLDFIELD EXCURSION
All payments should now be finalised. If you have not done so please come to the office and finalised all outstanding amounts as soon as possible.

All students attending this camp were given a note last week with the following information:-

- Itinerary
- Gear list
- Medical note

It is vitally important that your return your child’s medical notes as soon as possible. They will not be boarding the bus unless we have received this information. Please come to the office if you are not able to find your copy of this note.

Please note that if your child takes medication it must be clearly labelled with your child’s name, class, time and amount to be taken. All medications need to be handed to the child’s teacher prior to boarding the bus. If you have any queries or concerns please talk to the class teacher or contact the school.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR SCHOOL
At a glance:

- Helping out when you can builds good relationships and aids communication
- Notes, email or phone calls are all good
- Make an appointment to discuss issues
- Stay calm when discussing problems
- Take a support person with you if you need to
- Inform the school if there are any family issues affecting your child, such as illness or divorce
- School A to Z features links to third-party websites and resources. (please note the DoE are not responsible for the content of external sites)

When you have a problem or an issue with your child, think about the outcome you want to see achieved by the school.

It’s really important when there is any change in a family’s situation that you let us know. Just a phone call will do, just say “look, this has happened”. If you change your phone number, let us know straight away. With split families we like to know when the children are with mum, and when the children are with dad, so that we can make allowances if they’ve left homework or gear behind.

When it comes to newsletters, let us know if a child needs two copies so both parents can keep up to date with everything.

When there is a parent/teacher interview we are quite happy to have separate interviews.

If there are copies of court orders or special requests, bring them in and we will photocopy them to keep with your child’s records.

Lastly, download our new Skoolbag app to keep up to date. Instructions are available at the administration office.

Mayfield Scouts are holding a Community day!
Some attractions for the day are:

- Market Stalls
- Free tea and coffee
- Food, drink and bbq
- Scout rope bridge
- Live performances

24th October at Ida Street, Mayfield