Our Year 3 and 5 students should be commended for their excellent behaviour during NAPLAN assessments last week. Supervising teachers reported that everyone tried their very best and sat quietly if they finished early. Any students who missed part or all of the assessments will have to wait another 2 years before sitting NAPLAN again—I’m sure they will be very disappointed to hear this news! All papers, as directed by the department, were posted last Friday.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY - THIS FRIDAY
The 16th annual National Walk to School Day will be held this Friday 22 May. All primary school children along with their parents and carers are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. Some of the objectives of this initiative are to reduce car dependency and traffic congestion, help children develop vital road-crossing skills, promote the health benefits of walking and reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles. It would be a great if 80% of our school children walk to school on Friday. A survey will be held and the statistics published in next week’s newsletter.

SCHOOL JACKETS
The weather certainly got colder last week. Please remember to ask your children to pack their school jackets each day. Sometimes it is warm in the morning and gets colder as the day progresses—like last Friday. New jackets are available for purchase at the office as well as a small range of second hand ones.

TRANSPORT EXCURSION
Our Infants students are getting very excited about their transport excursion next week. It would be greatly appreciated if all notes and money could be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Last term our athletics carnival clashed with the zone swimming carnival. Mr Melmeth is going to run events that children missed this Wednesday 20th May. Children who will be participating in missed events need to wear their running shoes, bring a bottle of water to school and ensure they have their school hat.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Staff have been given the opportunity to participate in professional learning on Autism Spectrum Disorders. This course is presented online and is facilitated by Shirley Ison, Assistant Principal for Learning and Support. The school is proposing to undertake this learning in lieu of the staff development day held on 19 December. WEMOOSH will have vacation care operating on the 19 December to provide care for children whose parents are unable to look after them. The proposed dates for the Autism Spectrum Disorder training are Tuesday 16/06/15 and Tuesday 21/07/15 from 3:30pm–6:30pm. WEMOOSH also have after school care operating on these afternoons. All staff (including teachers, teacher’s aides and office staff) are looking forward to this training as it is part of our strategic direction: strengthening student social and emotional well-being. It is believed that from participation in this learning we will develop strategies to support students and the wider community who are diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. If you have any questions regarding this professional learning or the change of date of the term 4 staff development day, please make an appointment to talk to me.

Allison Thompson
Relieving Principal
**Library News**

Our featured books in the library this week are:-

**Junior Fiction:**
The rainbirds
Rules of summer

**Fiction:**
A marathon of her own

**Non Fiction:**
Stink-o-pedia
Early people
Meet...captain cook

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**This week’s canteen special:**

Oven roasted, freshly made pumpkin soup

only $1 per cup

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**Food Allergy Week 17-23 May**

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: [http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au](http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au)

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Is your child making friends at school?


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Next Meeting - Next Week!

**Tuesday 26th May at 6pm in the library**

Complimentary babysitting available, gold coin membership will give you voting rights at subsequent meetings, items for agenda will need to be sent to our new central email mayfieldeastpandc@gmail.com prior to Friday 22nd May.

*Our operational procedures run in accordance with constitutional guidelines set by the P&C Federation*

**SAVE THE DATE**

TRIVIA NIGHT Friday 24th July

Mayfield East Bowling Club

It’s on again, bigger and better than ever. Tickets will be announced soon, book your babysitters and start getting your table together now.

**Corporate / Community teams very welcome.**

This year we will be offering a pre-order & pay gourmet pizza or platter supper options, high tea trolley, trivia, traditional parlour games, table prizes and more hilarity than ever before. *Bonus points for table theme, costumes and team ooooomph.*

STAY TUNED…. (donations for prizes welcome!)

**Don’t forget to follow our Facebook page for more information!**

Cheers and thanks in advance,

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