WEEK SEVEN HIGHLIGHTS
Our Kindergarten students have been working beautifully in class. They have recently had new tables purchased for their classroom which means they can now truly work collaboratively in groups. This has proven to be useful for the L3 literacy program. Mr Harrison and Mrs Bradley have been receiving ongoing training for this new pedagogy and are amazed at the progress their students have made.

This Friday our school choir will complete their first performance at Starstruck. We wish them all the best and I know they will represent our school proudly. They have been singing beautifully at rehearsals and will get hands-on experience at what it’s like to be part of the ‘showbiz’ world. Thank you also to Miss Black for coordinating this wonderful experience for our students.

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS
It was lovely to see students sitting patiently and quietly during Friday mornings assembly. Congratulations to our Week 7 award winners.

GUITAR GROUPS
Last week I met with Bevan Watson from the Primary Music Institute (PMI). PMI is a private institution that provides quality instrumental music lessons to primary school students. They teach students in small groups, typically consisting of 3-5 students. They have written their own guitar program and also teach students musical theory. This assists children to read music in order for them to easily pick up another musical instrument. Lessons cost $13.50 and are held during school time. For this program to be able to commence in Term 3, we would need 15 interested students to learn the guitar. To register your interest, please leave your child’s name at the office.

BEHAVIOUR SURVEY
A student well-being committee has had several meetings this year to amend our school behaviour policy. The committee, teachers and parents attending the last P&C meeting selected random students who completed the survey. In short, 80% and above of surveyed students believed in the planning room, liked the idea of a levelled system, thought parents should be contacted after three negative incidents, have letters sent home twice a term recognising positive behaviour and like treat day. The committee will meet before the end of term and use the data collected from the survey to amend our current school based behaviour policy.

GREEN FOOD TASTES
Senior students were surveyed about green hot foods they would like to see sold at the canteen last week. The survey was compiled by Kate Connor and today many students taste tested corn on the cob, chicken noodle soup, hot mince roll, bacon/cheese & zucchini slice/muffin and pumpkin soup. I’m sure everyone is looking forward to seeing what the children found really tasty. The school and I are appreciative of the hard work Kate has done in coordinating the survey results and organising the food tasting sessions today.

FIBRE ART
In conjunction with Mission Australia, our school has been fortunate to gain the expertise of two lovely women in our community. These women, Ruth and Dawn, wanted to contribute to our community and have volunteered their time to teach small groups of our senior students some basic sewing skills. Both ladies are highly skilled in the area of sewing. I’ll openly admit that I can’t sew a button back on and have never had an interest to learn, but I was truly inspired when I met Ruth and saw her wonderful creations. I actually thought that looks like a lot of fun. At the moment she is supplying our students with her own materials to create iPad or phone covers. Mayfield East students are certainly lucky kids!

Allison Thompson
Relieving Principal

What’s happening this week at MEPS:

Thurs 11th:
Starstruck
7:45am to 5pm
Aim High
9:30am to 2:30pm

Fri 12th:
Starstruck Performances
10:30am and 7pm
Office Closure:
On Wednesday 10th June the school office will be closed. Our office ladies will be attending a training and development day at district office. Mr Harrison will be in the office to answer the phone. Thank you for your understanding and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

Uniform Shop:
Due to unforeseen circumstances the Uniform Shop will not be open for sales until the end of term. If you require an item please fill out an order form and leave at the office. We will fill your order during the day then phone you to let you know the order is ready for collection. If you prefer we can deliver the order to your child in their classroom if payment in full has been made at time of order. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Library News:
Just a reminder for parents/carers that we have a range of Roald Dahl audiobooks for borrowing. Please see Mrs Bayl either before or after school in the library if you wish to borrow any of these items.

We have just purchased a number of books from the new series entitled ‘My Australian Story’.

They are all written by well known Australian authors, based on true stories and historical fact. All titles are suitable for our senior students from Year 4 upwards. They will be featured in the library until the end of term.

This week we are featuring the following titles:-

**Non fiction:**
The Complete Flags of the World
My Puppet Art Class

**Junior Fiction:**
There’s a Sea in my Bedroom, Richard Scarry’s Great Big Mystery Book and Baby Elephant Walk

**Fiction:**
Ninjago—Tomb of the Fangpyre & The Challenge of Samukai!, The Bermuda Triangle, Catching Fire (The Hunger Games), Lemony Snicket

A Reminder to Parents to Notify the School about your Child’s Health:
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts. We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.