Welcome to Week 6—29th February to 4th March

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Last Friday saw our whole school have their photos taken. It was lovely seeing everyone wearing their school uniform proudly. Let’s keep this going throughout the entire year! Speciality group photographs were also taken on the day. These included student leaders, house and vice house captains, junior and senior choir as well as our tap dance groups. Parents are able to purchase these photos later this term. More information will be provided in the newsletter once the photographs have been developed.

PLAYGROUND HELP
This Friday the mulch for the new play equipment is being delivered. It is likely that there will be up to 5 truckloads being delivered throughout the school day. It would be greatly appreciated for parents and carers to donate some time on Friday to assist in spreading the mulch out. Just wear your work boots and joggers and you are ready to help. The school has a selection of shovels and rakes that can be borrowed or if you have a favourite at home, bring it along!

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
This Friday is the gazetted clean up Australia Day for schools. Our school is going to reschedule Clean Up Australia Day to Monday 7th March as a result of the truck delivering loads of mulch to the school throughout the day. On Monday, please send your child to school with a pair of gloves and a bag to put the collected rubbish in. This is the school’s small way of making a difference by reducing the amount of waste in our school community.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADER’S DAY
Yesterday I was fortunate to take Myles, Kaylah, Guillermo, Shaylun, Ella and Darcy from Year 6 to the National Young Leader’s Day. This event was held at the Allphones Arena in Sydney and was attended by over 6000 primary students from across New South Wales. The theme of the day was ‘mastering the little’, a concept we can all take on board to assist us not only in our working lives but also our personal ones.

ANTI-BULLYING PLAN
Mr Harrison has been reviewing the school’s Anti-bullying Plan as part of our school’s strategic direction ‘Strengthening student social and emotional well-being’. He is now ready to organise a focus group to look at this plan to ensure it meets the needs of our community. If you are interested in being part of this process, please contact the school to register your interest or contact Mr Harrison directly.

Allison Thompson
Relieving Principal
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
This morning, Chris the local Mayfield Woolworths manager, presented our school with a certificate for our participation in the Earn and Learn program. The points our school earned from this program has been used to purchased literacy resources for our students in Years K-2. They will arrive by the end of this term. Chris also informed our school that the program is going to run again this year. We look forward to participating successfully again this year.

BREAKFAST CLUB
The Breakfast Club now has lovely seasonal fruit available every morning for our students. This helps them have a great start to the day and also promotes healthy eating habits. Again, we’d like to thank Port Waratah Coal Services for financially supporting our school in order to regularly provide this selection of fruit to our students.

FORGET TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS?
Not a problem! Just go to :- www.newcastleschoolportraits.com and enter the code 165333 for individual and class photos or enter 71329AQ for specialty group photos (e.g. School Executive, tap, choir etc.). If you are unsure how to access the site or would like additional information, contact the Newcastle School Portraits directly on 4965 4114.

THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!
Do you have a spare hour on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday? We need volunteers to help with covering books. We have a machine that does all the work so no experience necessary! Please remember you must have a current Working With Children Check number and supplied your details to the office. If you are interested please see Mrs Bayl in the library Wednesday to Friday either before or after school.
Canteen Cook-Up!

What’s it all about?
Basically, some parents at the school are volunteering to come and cook up some homemade food to sell at the canteen. Our intention is to increase the amount of healthy yummy “GREEN” food options for our kids.

What’s involved?
Every 4-6 weeks we meet after assembly in the kitchen to cook up some meals for the freezer. We are usually finished about 11am.

We are currently making and selling:
- Spaghetti Bolognaise
- Bolognaise Sauce/ Rolls
- Meatballs on a stick
- Fried Rice
- Mini Blueberry Muffins
- Banana and Date Muffins
- Bliss Balls (GF)
- Frozen Fruit (GF)

What can I do to help?
- Volunteers are always nice - Next cook up: Thursday 28th April
- Order or encourage your kids to order the home cooked meals. You can be sure there are no hidden nasties and lots of hidden veggies.
- We also love feedback, let me, the school or the canteen know what you think of our meals or any other recipes you think we should try.
- We will post the recipes on the Skoolbag app in case you want to try them at home.

If you have any questions please email Kate Connor - kateh@ferntree.com or 0400047263

Mayfield East P&C Committee

P&C’s FIRST FUNDRAISER FOR 2016
EASTER DISCO

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23RD
TICKETS $5 - MORE INFO TO COME
&
ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE
To be drawn after the Easter hat parade on Thursday March 24th
This year we are focussing on the grown-ups! First prize will be a holiday/getaway.

If anyone knows of any local businesses that would be willing to donate vouchers or product please contact
Nikki Costello, on 0422145372.

AGM
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday March 29th 2016 6-8pm
in the school library – babysitting provided

Our next meeting is the annual general meeting and new members are welcome to come along.

We will be voting to fill the following positions:
- President
- Communications/ Vice President
- Fundraising Co-ordinator/ Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

The AGM will be followed by a regular meeting, which will commence at 7pm to 8.30pm. New members can
pay a $1 membership fee at this meeting and will have voting rights at the next P&C meeting (26 Apr).
For more information contact us at
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