Assembly Roster
This week’s assembly will be hosted by KW

Parent Survey
We invite parents to complete our on line survey to help with our planning. The survey will be open until this Friday. Thank you to all the parents who have already completed our survey.

Parent Second Step Information Session
Thank you to the parents who came last Wednesday afternoon to the Parent Information Session on Second Step, our new social and emotional program for students. I would also like to thank Mrs Khay and Mrs Kelly for leading the session. There was positive feedback after the session as parents felt that they had an understanding of how the program was being taught within the school.

Kindergarten Parents for 2015
To finalise enrolment for next year, parents need to have a short interview with me to check enrolment details. Please contact the school for an appointment as soon as possible.

Morning Duty
Please be aware that teachers are on duty at 8.30am to supervise students. Students are required to follow all school rules in the morning including the wearing of hats. Parents should not interfere with instructions to students from teachers as this can be very confusing for students.

Flashing Lights
The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights to alert motorists of the 40km speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times. Installing these flashing lights in schools zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to drive at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area.

Work will begin outside our school the week beginning Monday 1st December outside of 40km school zone hours. Work will take up to two hours to complete, weather permitting.

Health Alert – Mosquitoes
A recent change in the weather has bought an increase in mosquitoes around the school. Children are advised to wear repellent or bring roll on repellent to stop being bitten. NSW Health suggests the following ways to reduce the risk of mosquito bites:

- Cover up when outside and mosquitoes are active – particularly around dawn and around dusk. Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting long pants and sleeves and covered footwear.
- Use an effective personal insect repellent on all exposed skin.

The best mosquito repellents contain diethyl toluamide (DEET) or picaridin.

Reports
Teachers are working hard at the moment preparing reports. Semester 2 reports will be sent home with students on Friday 12th December.

Celebration Day
Celebration Day will be held on Wednesday 10th December and will commence at 9.15am in the COLA.

Choosing a book for your child
What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story. Find out more:


Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?
Lots of parents question the violence in many of today’s cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence? Find out more:

Important Dates
10th December  Celebration Day
11th December  Year 6 Farewell
15th December  Stage 3 Party Day
16th December  Stage 2, 1 and Early Stage 1 Party Day

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Library News
Student Borrowing
Just another reminder that all student borrowing has now closed for the year. If your child receives an overdue notice, could you please assist with locating the books and returning them as soon as possible. Some classes are close to claiming the prize of the first to return all their books to the library. There is no winner yet, so keep searching!

Louise Troup
Teacher Librarian

P&C News
The P&C Committee for 2015 are:
President: Larissa Sewell
Vice President: Michelle Cree
Treasurer: Rebecca Pearson
Assistant Treasurer: Kate Plowman
Secretary: Melinda Bradley

Canteen News
Wednesday 26th November  Jess, Kristy
Thursday 27th November  Tammy, Nat
Friday 28th November  Mandle, Kristy, Sarah recess)
Monday 1st December  Gayle
Tuesday 2nd December  Jane

Lost Property
We ask all parents and caregivers to please check lost property this week. Over the term there has been a large amount of clothing etc. left at school. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

House Captains
Congratulations to the following students who have been elected House Captains for 2015.

Purdue: Skye Duca and Kayla Kinara

Millar: Riley Collinson Nick Preston

Webb: Aljuri Alammari and Lilly Black

Griffiths: Samantha Howard and Shawn Hunter
Celebration Day 2014

Our annual Celebration Day ceremony will be held on Wednesday 10th December at 9.15am in the Middle COLA. This special ceremony is held to recognise the successes of the students at Mayfield West Demonstration School. This year with the support of our P&C and generous community donations we are able to offer a number of additional awards. The following awards will be presented at Celebration Day:

Dux – awarded to the highest academically achieving student in Year 6.

Callaghan College Scholarship – awarded to a Year 6 student attending Callaghan College Waratah Technology High who has achieved academically, demonstrated excellent leadership skills or is an outstanding school citizen.

Cheryl Cathcart Award – awarded to a Year 6 student for citizenship, kindness and consideration towards others.

Sharon Claydon Community Spirit and Leadership Award awarded to a Year 6 student who has conducted themselves as a leader, made a contribution to the school community or has earned respect from the school community.

P&C Sport Award – awarded to a Year 6 student who has represented the school in sport.

P&C Creative Arts Award - awarded to a Year 6 student who has represented the school in creative arts.

Werribi Scholarship – awarded to two students in the school for outstanding academic success, consistency, improvement or citizenship.

Port Waratah Coal Services Scholarships – awarded to four students in the school for outstanding academic success, consistency, improvement or citizenship.

Andrew James Roals Memorial Award – awarded to a student in the school who demonstrates ability and enthusiasm for visual art.

Barry Elsley Courage Award – awarded to a student in the school challenged by adversity or circumstances.

Academic Excellence Awards – awarded to the highest academically achieving student in each grade.

Class Awards – each class from K – 6 will award three students for academic success, consistency, improvement or citizenship.

We welcome all parents, caregivers and community members to this attend this special ceremony and attend a morning tea in the hall at the conclusion of the assembly.

Out of Uniform Day

Thank you for Stepping Up for Down Syndrome 2014

A big thank you to students who came out of uniform last Friday to support and raise awareness for Down Syndrome. Through your generosity the school raised $354.

Last Sunday, people all over NSW went to Step Up for Down Syndrome Day and I was one of those people. There was face painting, a sausage sizzle, music and dancing. On the day everyone walked around the beach, foreshore and the park. It was really hot but fun.

Jed Catt
Mayfield twilight fair
a community event

4pm - 8pm Saturday 29th November
Mayfield Church of Christ
Corner Werribi St & Gregson Ave Mayfield West

FREE jumping castle, face painting, balloons, entertainment, fire brigade, clowns, toddler friendly play zone, cake, plant & craft stalls, BBQ, drinks, ice cream...plenty of fun for everyone
contact Tim Drough 0402 409000