There is no assembly this Wednesday due to Celebration Day. Next Wednesday 17th there will be carols in the hall at 2.10pm for the whole school.

Last Newsletter for 2014

As next week is a short school week, this will be our last newsletter for the year. I will be addressing the whole school at Celebration Day on Wednesday where I will reflect in full on 2014. I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work throughout the year. I have been very impressed by the dedication shown by staff in the school and the additional time they put in to ensure students are learning, happy and safe.

Schools are always extremely busy places and this year, being new to the school, I have appreciated the time staff have taken to assist me as I got to know students and school procedures, especially in the first term. Thank you as well to the P & C and the School Council for their continued assistance and support. I would also like to thank the students for their commitment to learning they have shown this year and the way that they have cooperated with staff.

Newsletters will continue to be written on Tuesdays next year with our first newsletter on Tuesday 3rd of February.

Celebration Day

Tomorrow is Celebration Day and we are hoping that the weather will be fine for the ceremony. As this is a formal event, we ask that all students be in correct school uniform. We hope you are able to join us from 9.15am under the COLA for this special day.

Party Days

Please check notes and ensure that permission and money is received for the party days planned for next week.

Year 6 Farewell

Year 6 farewell will be held on Thursday night. Congratulations to all the year 6 students and we wish them all the best as they continue their studies at high school.

Student Resource Packs

Next year the school will have student resource packs where students will purchase all items they require from the school. The cost is $60.00 per child and will give students everything they need for the year. This has been discussed at P & C and School Council and we feel that this will benefit everyone as:

- resources work out cheaper as they are bought in bulk by the school
- parents are not constantly being asked to buy more glue, tissues and so on

Parents are able to pay for next year’s pack this year if they wish (some parents have enquired as it will help their budget). Students need to pay for the packs before Friday 6th February 2015.

School Facebook Page

It was decided at the last P & C Meeting that the school will no longer keep the School Facebook Page. Information now goes straight to our Skoolbag app and to our website.

Carols

Next Wednesday afternoon (17th December) we will finish our school year with carols prior to a clap out for our year 6 students. We invite parents to join us from 2.10pm.

2015 School Year

School resumes for staff on Tuesday 27th January. Year 1 to 6 students start on Wednesday 28th January and Kindergarten students start on Thursday 29th January. Preschool red group commences on Monday 2nd February and preschool blue group on Thursday 5th February. Year 1 to 6 students should assemble on their first day under the COLA in their 2014 lines and kindergarten students should go to the hall to be put into classes.

Season Greetings

The last school day for the year is next Wednesday 17th December. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone next year. Thank you to all the students who have taken time to make and give me cards and best wishes. It is very much appreciated.

Important Dates

10th December  Celebration Day
11th December  Year 6 Farewell
12th December  Reports to Parents
15th December  Stage 3 Party Day
16th December  Stage 2, 1 and Early Stage 1 Party Day
17th December  End of Term 4

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Library News
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014
The PRC certificates have arrived and will be presented this week. I am delighted to announce that 171 students completed the PRC this year, including all students in Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2! However, I would like to mention a few special awards. For completing seven challenges, a Platinum Certificate has been awarded to Yayra Agbola. Congratulations on that amazing achievement! Congratulations also to Emily Walker, Naia Keywood, Ella McDonald and Emika Wright for their four year Gold Certificates. Well done to everyone who participated in the challenge this year.

Overdue Books
I have a winning class in the challenge to return all books to the library - congratulations 4/5M!

It is now very important that students return any overdue books this week. If your child receives an overdue note, please assist them to find the book/s as soon as possible. Thank you to the families who have paid for lost library books. This money is used to buy replacement books for the library and is very much appreciated.

Donations and Volunteering
Thank you to all the students and families who have donated books to the library this year. A special thank you to the Brent and Keywood families who both recently donated a large number of books. These books will be enjoyed by students next year.

A big thank you also to my fabulous parent helper, Jo Dernedde. Jo shelves hundreds of library books every Thursday afternoon and her contribution to the library is much appreciated.

Happy Reading
Louise Troup
Teacher Librarian

Lost Property
Please check lost property for items by this Friday as unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

P&C News
In keeping with the Christmas spirit, the P&C have donated $3500 to the school for the purchase of 6 new iPad Air’s. We have also contributed $600 to the cost of Celebration Day Awards & $200 towards the Year 6 farewell. We couldn’t have raised these funds without the support of the parents, the staff & the school community. So a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our fundraising ventures in any way this year, with special thanks to our P&C committee who donate their time every month to ensure the best possible education for the students of Mayfield West!

Have a great holiday break & we hope to see some new faces at our first P&C meeting in 2015!

School Banking
School Banking has now finished for the year so there will be no banking this Friday.

Uniform Shop
The last day of trading for the Uniform Shop will be Monday 15th December.

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I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that have assisted Lisa and I throughout the year whether it be with running of the Snack Shack or helping to organise a special day. Hope to see you all next year. Have a fantastic Christmas break and stay safe in whatever you may have planned.

Hey kids!
Order your lunch or recess this Friday to go into the draw to win one of two cool prize packs.
Drawn Friday after lunch by Kyons mum, Mandie.

Happy Holidays
MAYFIELD WEST DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL
Learning For Life

Celebration Day Presentation
Wednesday 10th December 2014

Parents, caregivers and community members are invited to attend the Mayfield West Demonstration School Celebration Day Presentation.

Time: 9.15am

Venue: Mayfield West Demonstration School - Middle COLA

Please come along to enjoy the presentations, entertainment and share morning tea in the hall after the ceremony.

As parents and caregivers may be seated in the sun, a hat or umbrella is recommended.
ARE YOU A DAD WHO WANTS TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR DAUGHTER AND PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE HER SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING?

The DADEE (Dads and Daughters Exercising and Empowered) program is coming to the University of Newcastle. We are looking for dads and their primary school-aged daughter/s to join in!

The DADEE program:

- Is a world first ‘Dads and Daughters’ program designed to increase physical activity levels and the social and emotional wellbeing of young girls
- Involves 8 x 90 minute weekly group sessions delivered by leading physical activity researchers
- Builds confidence, self-esteem and resilience in girls
- Teaches girls sports skills through fun games and physical activities
- Starts Term 1, 2015 @ the University of Newcastle

Interested? For more information, contact:
Alyce Barnes 4921 6566 or DADEE@newcastle.edu.au

Chief Investigator: Professor Philip Morgan

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