This week’s assembly will be hosted by KA. Assembly commences at 2.30pm.

**Important Dates**

- **26th Oct-6th Nov Year 2 Swim School**
- **29th October 2/3D, 2/3T & 3C Sydney Excursion**
- **5th November Grandparents Picnic Lunch**
- **12th November Digital Media Festival**
- **19th November School Musical**
- **8th December Celebration Day**
- **10th December Year 6 Farewell**
- **11th December Reports to parents**

**Gonski Week**

This week is Gonski Week and a great time to talk about the additional funding that the school has received through Gonski Funding. Gonski, as you may know, is a way of funding schools based on the needs of students. It was recommended by the Gonski Review that found too many students were missing out due to a lack of resources. For us at Mayfield West, the additional Gonski funding over the next six years will allow us to really expand the educational programs and learning support we know will make a difference in what our students achieve. This year the additional funds have been used to put in place additional literacy and numeracy programs and provide one-on-one assistance to students at risk of falling behind.

**Swim School**

Swim school for year 2 students continues next week. Please ensure that students have their swimming bag each day so they don’t miss out on their lessons.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

The third orientation is tomorrow, **Wednesday 28th October between 10.00am and 11.00am** in the kindergarten rooms. If you have not had an interview to confirm enrolment please contact the office as soon as possible as enrolments should be complete now.

**School Musical**

There are still some tickets are available. Go to the school website for the link.

**Digital Media Festival**

The video featuring students in the school is now completed and ready for showing at the Digital Media Festival. The P & C will have stalls and our choir and dance groups are performing so it should be a fun afternoon. Tickets are available through the school. Please check the flyer for details.

**P&C News**

**Uniform Shop**

If you wish to pre-order uniforms for Kinder 2016 students please see Natalie at the back of the school hall this **Wednesday (tomorrow) at 10:30am**. Please note that payments are not required until the uniforms are collected.

For those parents/carers who are unable to visit the uniform shop during opening hours please visit the school office, complete a uniform shop order form and leave it with the money (or organise an internet payment) and your order will be processed when our amazing uniform shop volunteers are next in. They will leave your order at the school office for collection.

If you have any questions in relation to making a purchase form our uniform shop please email maywestpc@live.com.au.

**Canteen News**

**Wednesday 28th October Kristy**

**Thursday 29th October Sarah**

**Friday 30th October Mandie, Cassie, Sarah (recess)**

**Monday 2nd November Gayle**

**Tuesday 3rd November Jane**

On Friday special Halloween food will be available for purchase at the canteen so bring your money kids.

Help is needed of a Thursday. If you are able to help prepare healthy lunches and serve the kids please pop in and speak with either Anne or Lisa.
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.