Assembly Roster
This week’s assembly will be hosted by 2G

Swimming Carnival
The swimming carnival held last Thursday was very successful. Thank you to Mrs Roberts-Prisk for her organisation and the staff and parents for their assistance on the day. Student behaviour was exceptional and the new venue was excellent. We had a couple of rain storms but it did remain fine for most of the day. Good luck to our competitors who are participating in the Zone Carnival tomorrow.

Excellent Behaviour
Student behaviour for the majority of students is excellent! Our planning room is remaining nearly student free and this allows teachers to take additional activities at lunch time.

Morning Assembly
It is great to see so many parents at our morning assembly. We would ask that parents are quiet when messages are being given by the teacher running the assembly.

Parking around the school
Parents are reminded to only park in designated areas and to avoid parking in bus zones and no parking areas. Please help us to ensure the safety of all our students.

Visiting Author – Patricia Bernard
Today we had Patricia Bernard working with students in year 1 to 6. Patricia has written 50 books for children. She has travelled to many countries and uses everything she sees as inspiration for her books. Patricia’s first children’s book, Riddle of the Trumpalar, written under the pseudonym of Judy Bernard Waite has sold more than 100,000 copies. In her workshop with the year 1 and 2 students she explained how she mixes fact, fiction, fantasy and history to write her stories. She made writing sound exciting and children participated in writing a picture book.

In the year 3 to 6 workshop she showed students how to come up with snappy beginnings, tricky endings and how to develop their characters and the plot.

Smoking
As explained last week it is unlawful to smoke within 4 metres of an entry to a school. It would be appreciated if parents could refrain from smoking in this area as there are still complaints from parents and students who are walking through the gate in the morning.

Teaching Children to Take Responsibility
One of the things we focus on at school is to get children to take responsibility for their actions. Michael Grose says that Lack of responsibility is fast becoming a national disease, as it is commonplace to blame others for a problem or sit back and wait until someone else fixes a problem. Most parents want their children to be responsible for their actions. Taking responsibility means that a child sees a problem and fixes it and helps out regardless of how many times they have helped before or who is to blame for a situation. Next time a child responds to your request for help with that classic line "but it’s not my turn" look them straight in the eye and say, “You know, you may be right but isn’t it lucky that you are so willing to help” and simply walk away. No buts, no arguments. For more information www.parentingideas.com.au

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all the Year 3 - 6 students who attended our annual school swimming carnival held last Thursday. The behaviour, attitude and sportsmanship was outstanding as even the rain couldn’t dampen our enthusiasm to participate. The cheering and war cries for each of the sports houses echoed around Beresfield Pool long after the carnival finished. The results of the carnival will be announced at the next 3-6 assembly. Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped us on the day and cheered us on. It was a great day!
Important Dates

25th February  
Zone Swimming

27th February  
Deposit for Canberra Stage 3

4th, 11th, 18th March  
Engaging Adolescents

18th March  
P&C Meeting

31st March  
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Library News

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015
The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge is about to begin and I am hoping that many MWDS students will once again participate. The PRC “aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely”.

The Challenge is divided into three categories: Kinder - Year 2 (30 books), Years 3 - 4 (20 books) and Years 5 - 6 (20 books). Students have until 21st August to complete their reading.

Information about the PRC can be found on the website: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

The website will not be ‘live’ and available for students to login until Monday, 2nd March and more details about this process will be provided in the next newsletter.

Happy Reading
Louise Troup  Teacher Librarian

P&C News

The P&C had a great first meeting for 2015 last Wednesday. A warm welcome to our new members! It was fantastic seeing new faces and discussing new ideas.

If you have a fundraising idea that you would like to bring to the P&C please come along to our next meeting on 18th March 2015. If you can’t make it to the meeting please email your suggestions to maywestpc@live.com.au. We can’t action all suggestions but are eager to hear new ideas and consider them.

Canteen News

Wednesday 25th February  
Jess, Kristy

Thursday 26th February  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY
Nat A, Kristy, Nat B,  
Nanny Annie and Poppy John BBQ

Friday 27th February  
Mandie, Kristy, Sarah (recess)

Monday 2nd March  
Gayle, Nat B

Tuesday 3rd March  
Jane

* * * *SAUSAGE SIZZLE* * * *
Dont forget order forms along with money need to be in by tomorrow (Wednesday). Sausage sizzle day is on Thursday.

* * * *POTATO BAKE* * * *
Great news, our distributor was able to supply Potato Bake again. $3.00

* * * *NEW CHIPS* * * *
ZOMBIE chips are now available at the canteen Cheese flavour and BBQ flavour. $1.00 each.

Community Notices

Boomerangs Baseball Club
Register NOW for Junior Baseball
U/8 & U/10 T-Ball, U/12, U/14 & U/16-17 Baseball
Rego & Training Sunday 1st, 8th & 15th March
9.30am Boomerang Field Industrial Drive Mayfield West
Contact Wayne – 0420 928 557
Email – mayfieldboomerangs@gmail.com
For more information visit www.boomerangsbaseball.com