Welcome
A very warm welcome to all parents, students and staff as we start the new year. Despite the rainy weather the 2015 school year started very smoothly. We have many new families this year as well as 57 kindergarten students and 39 new preschool students. This gives us now a total of 369 students on our site. I am sure with the continuing support of parents and families working with staff in the best interests of children, it will be a successful year for the students at Mayfield West Demonstration School.

Staff
This year we welcome Miss Rebecca Asquith and Miss Alanah Jack to Kindergarten, Miss Kara Bull and Miss Sonya Riley to Stage 1. Mrs Mel Bradley will be supporting students in Stage 1. Welcome to all our new staff members.
We also welcome back Ms Sharron Talbot to the school.

Mrs Khay is currently on leave and her role as Assistant Principal will be shared by Mr Morrison, who will supervise stage 3 and Mrs Reynolds, who will supervise stage 2.

Newsletters
This is our first newsletter for the year and it appears on our website and on the skoolbag app. After today we will no longer give each family a paper copy unless requested. If you wish to continue receiving a paper copy please inform the office and one will be sent home each Tuesday.

Uniforms
It is very pleasing to see most students in their full school uniform, especially wearing the new sun safe hat and wearing black shoes. Students should wear the school uniform each day unless advised otherwise. All items should be clearly named.

Class Placement
Children were placed into temporary classes last week. Students have been placed according to the advice of their teachers, their learning and social needs. We have 13 classes at the moment and are very close to a 14th class being formed. If another class is formed it will mean smaller classes and better learning outcomes for students. Parents will be advised if their child’s present class changes.

Assembly Roster
No assembly this week

Recess
Recess has been moved forward by 20 minutes and now starts at 1.30pm and finishes at 1.50pm.

Second Step
We are continuing with our social and emotional program Second Step. The program promotes:
- school success
- school connectedness
- safe and respectful school culture
Students had their first lesson last week and learnt all about learning to listen, being respectful and empathy for others. Each day students have a small practice activity that helps to reinforce the learning and sometimes a home task as well.

Resource Pack
It was decided last year that we would have a resource pack for students across the school. The cost of the pack is $60.00. Resources have been purchased for students by the school and are ready to distribute. Teachers will be starting to use books and other materials this week and we would appreciate it if resource pack payments could be paid as soon as possible. Children from the different stages will be bringing home a list of what they receive as part of their pack.
Kindergarten and year 1 students have pencils included in their pack as they will be sharing these in the rooms. Year 2 – 6 students will need pencil cases and teachers will tell them what is needed. All other items, including homework books and folders, are in the pack. Children will receive the resources as they use them in the classroom.
If you have any questions please see office staff or your child’s teacher. If there are any financial concerns please make an appointment to see the principal.

Solving Problems
From time to time problems or issues may occur in the classroom or the playground. The best way of handling an issue is getting all the information and then finding a solution to the problem. The first point of contact should always be your child’s class teacher. If the problem cannot be solved then the next person to contact should be the stage supervisor. The stage supervisors for this year are:

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Parent Information Sessions
Parents will be receiving information regarding Parent Information Session that will be held in the next couple of weeks. I urge all parents to attend.

Important Dates
- 6th February: Resource Pack money due
- 11th February: Kinder & Stage 1 Information Session
- 17th February: Swimming Carnival years 3 – 6
- Stage 2 & 3 Information Session

P&C News
The first P&C meeting for 2015 is on next Wednesday 18th February at 7pm in the Staff Room
Are you a working parent who isn’t at school much during the week? A new parent who’s little one has just started kinder? An interested grandparent? If you would like to know more about the school and how you can be involved in making it a better place for your child please come along to our first P&C meeting of the year.

We meet at 7pm on Wednesday 18th February in the staffroom (in the school office building) and would love for you to join us. We are a small, friendly group of parents & teachers who look forward to meeting you & sharing new ideas. Please see the attached flyer for more details!

School Banking Coordinator
The P&C are looking for a new Coordinator for our School Banking program. This voluntary role includes collecting deposits from students and facilitating the Rewards program. You would need to be available 1 morning/afternoon each week. If you are interested & would like to learn more about this role please contact Kate Plowman on 0413009140.

Uniform Shop
In 2015, the Uniform Shop hours will be Monday and Friday mornings 8:45 – 9:30am
If you are unable to make it during these times, there are order forms at the office that can be completed. Once we receive your payment (either cash or direct deposit into the P&C Account), we will contact you to let you know that your order is available for collection from the office.

So come and see Renee in the Uniform Shop or give us a call if you have any questions.
Renee 0402 436 592

Canteen Volunteers Needed
If you would like to help out in the canteen making healthy lunches for the kids and serving them at lunchtime pop in and speak to either Anne or Lisa and discuss what day and time may be good for you.
Canteen isn’t hard or scary. Kids love nothing more than to see the parents, aunts, uncles or grandparents behind the counter serving. This will also give your child the confidence to come to the canteen to purchase something.
You may like to come in for 9am - noon to prepare lunches and service at lunchtime
OR
1.15 - 2pm for recess service whether it be once a week, fortnight, month or term

Mayfield West
Parents & Citizens
Our P&C is an open and inclusive group and we encourage all families to get involved in our school community.

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE BUT NOT SURE HOW?
Not everyone has time to attend P&C meetings or volunteer for all fundraising events. We understand. Life is busy.
You don’t necessarily have to commit lots of time. A small contribution from a wide community will go a long way.
There may be ways you can help your school community:
- Maybe you have expertise or a skill to offer.
- Perhaps your employer or business can donate a raffle prize.
- Handy in the yard, kitchen or just a bit creative?
- Do you have great ideas for fundraising?
- Are you happy to help on the odd occasion?
- Volunteering at the canteen can offer customer service experience.

We’d love to hear from you. Please get in touch with us today. There’s no commitment to attend monthly P&C meetings.
To find out more email mawestpct@live.com.au or speak with one our members:

THE P&C MEET ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE SCHOOL STAFF ROOM (MAIN OFFICE BUILDING)