Assembly Roster
This week’s assembly will be hosted by 5/6P. Assembly commences at 2.30pm.

Tournament of Minds
Congratulations to our team which competed on Sunday coming second in the Maths and Engineering section. Thank you to Mrs Dabboussy and students for their huge time commitment leading up to the competition.

NAPLAN Results
Year 3 and Year 5 students received their reports last week to show how they performed in the NAPLAN tests earlier in the year. Parents with questions can talk with class teachers. Our school results are excellent this year and reflect the hard work of staff and students especially on our target area of writing. Writing results in both year 3 and year 5 are higher than like schools and the state and show a vast improvement from last year’s results. Well done everyone!

Sport Shirts
Students enjoyed wearing their new sport shirts last Thursday for gymnastics. They looked great and students said they felt proud of their house colours. Due to the popularity another order has been placed.

Entering Classrooms Before and After School
We have had some students and parents going into classrooms before and after school when teachers are not present. Please be aware that this is not allowed and any unauthorised entry will need to be reported.

Walking to School Safely
Students are reminded about walking safely to and from school and should follow the safety tips below.
1. Walk with a group to and from school
2. Don’t talk to strangers under any circumstances
3. Report any suspicious behaviour to a trusted adult at school or at home

Decision Making
Here are some tips from Michael Grose in Parenting Ideas about children and decision making. Do you give children opportunities to make decisions that affect themselves and their family?

Decision making is a skill that needs to be continuously practised. It is an important part of being an autonomous human being. Parents can step back and allow children to make decisions about such things as: what to eat for a snack, how to make grandma’s visit pleasant, whether to do homework before or after dinner.

It is the small areas that affect children’s lives that autonomy with guidance needs to be given. Limits can be given to help children make wise or appropriate choices. For instance, they may choose how they use their pocket money but you can insist that it be distributed between spending, saving and charity.

Important Dates
28th August Year 6 Farewell meeting
3rd September Cluster Choir – Callaghan Waratah
9th September Year 1 Excursion Awabakal Dudley
12th September Year 6 T-Shirt orders due
14th September Kinder Excursion Reptile Park
17th September Darling Harbour Excursion Years 5 & 6
18th September End of Term
27th October Opera House Choir
10th December Year 6 Farewell

Newcastle Zone Cricket Trials
Congratulations to Ben Plowman (Year 6) who last week trialled for the Newcastle Zone Cricket team. A batsmen and a bowler, Ben was chosen as a batsmen to attend the Hunter Regional cricket trials to be held later this term. We wish Ben all the best for these trials.

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P&C News
Due to popular demand a second order of sport shirts were ordered this week. This will be the last order for 2015.

Canteen News
Wednesday 26th August  Jess, Kirsty, Nat
Thursday 27th August  Sarah
Friday 28th August  Mandie, Sarah W. (Recess)
Monday 31st August  Gayle
Tuesday 1st September  Jane

Preschool News
Last week our Preschool friends enjoyed playing in the mud kitchen.
They were making Gooey, brewy, Yummy chewy, Wombat Stew!

Tournament Of Minds Regional Final
On Sunday, 23rd August, the seven Tournament of Minds team members competed in the regional T.O.M final at Newcastle Grammar School. The team members were Riley Brent, Josephine Thwaites, Leelani Taranawiwat, Aishu Jayakrishna, Isabella Sewell, Lana Broadbent Miller and Quinn Denniss. It was a rainy day, but the team didn't let that dampen their spirit. They did a fantastic job and gained second place, gaining Tournament Honours.
Their acting and verbal skills were superb and they gave very creative responses in the spontaneous challenge. The team put a great deal of time and effort into their long term challenge, giving up lunchtimes, early mornings and after school to prepare.
Well done team! We are very proud of you.
Mrs Dabboussy
Hi Kids! How are your skipping tricks going? Can you do double-unders and criss-cross yet? It’s not long until your Jump Off day, so keep practising.

Students at Mayfield West have access to skipping ropes each lunch time where they can practise a variety of different skipping skills. Congratulations to the students for their efforts so far this term.

Heart Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart
Doodle 4 Google

At Google they love inspiring creativity and imagination. Through their Google doodles on their homepage they pay tribute to special people, events and dates that celebrate art, science, culture and history. Recently students from 2/3D, 5/6M and 5/6P took part in the 2015 Doodle 4 Google competition to design a Google header to be displayed on the Google homepage. This year's theme was “If I could travel back in time I would…….” The students all did a fantastic job creating their artworks. Congratulations to the following students whose entries have been sent to Google to be judged by an expert panel: Thuy Anh Nguyen, Justice Bluegum, Joshua Levey, Baelee Clifford-Ward, Caydon Dryden, Hana Levey, Sawyer Waller, Ben Manion and Lana Broadbent-Miller.
Rail Safety Week Talk

Last Tuesday, students from Preschool and Kindergarten took part in a Rail Safety talk. The session was held by Kevin Armstrong of Pacific National. Students watched a video and looked at pictures which helped them think about ways to keep safe around train lines. Two train drivers from Pacific National, Jessica and Tanya, spoke to the students about their careers as train drivers. At the end of the presentation, student received special booklets to remind them of rail safety. We would like to thank Kevin, Jessica, Tanya and Pacific National for coming into our school.

Rail Safety Did You Know …

Did you know it takes 4 seconds for a car to stop at 80km/h but it takes 28 seconds for a train to stop at the same speed?
It takes two years of training and hard work to become a train driver.
Some trains carrying full loads weigh as much as 75 elephants!
Community Notices

**PORT HUNTER SOFTBALL CLUB**

Want to play a family friendly sport? Then why not try Softball. The 2015-16 season is approaching and we are looking for new players, so why not get out on the weekend have a bit and some fun. Our club is family orientated we have fun on and off the field running raffles fun and trivia nights to help run the club and keep the costs low. If this sounds like fun to you please contact us at porthuntersoftballclub@gmail.com or Daniel McLean 0421570255.

Registration: Riverside Park, Hunter Street Raymond Terrace 2324
When: Sunday 23rd, 30th Aug and Sunday 13th, 20th Sep
Time: 12pm to 2pm
Season: 10th October – 12th December and 20th January 2016
March
Where: Stevenson Park Industrial Drive Mayfield West 2324