Assembly Roster
This week’s assembly will be hosted by 4T. Assembly commences at 2.30pm.

Important Dates
9th September Year 1 Excursion Awabakal Dudley
Kinder Excursion note and money due
Kinder 2016 Transition Meeting 7pm
10th September K-6 PreSch Blue Sausage Sizzle
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
8th December Celebration Day
10th December Year 6 Farewell

Cluster Choir
Last week our students performed in the Cluster Choir at Waratah High School. The hall was packed, the singing was terrific and everyone had a great night. Thank you to Ms Talbot and Mrs Kelly for organising the event, to the students for their dedication to practice and for the parents for supporting the event.

Council’s Park Safe Stay Safe School Safety Program
Recently we were involved in the Council's Park Safe Stay Safe school safety program. The officers that attended the school during the program found it very rewarding and were grateful for the positive response they received from parents, teachers and students.
To assist in determining the success and to gauge the impact this program has had on parking habits, Council has produced an online survey to collect the views of the school community. The link for the survey is supplied below and council will value any input or feedback [https://www.mynewcastlevoice.com/R.aspx?a=303](https://www.mynewcastlevoice.com>R.aspx?a=303).

Kindergarten Transition Meeting
Tomorrow night at 7.00pm in the kindergarten rooms there will be a parent information meeting for 2016 kindergarten parents. Parents will be given information about the school in general, the curriculum, how to enrol, and what to expect in the kindergarten year. Order forms for the uniform will be available and parents will be able to meet the kindergarten teachers for next year. The four visits in term 4 to the school by students will be explained in detail. Please contact the school if you need further information about the meeting.

Excursions
A number of classes are planning excursions this week and next week and some classes early next term. Please read all the information carefully as we don’t want any students to miss out.

School Holidays
We are nearing the end of term 3. The holidays commence on Friday 18th September and school resumes on Tuesday 6th October (as Monday 5th October is the Labour Day Holiday.)

Cricket Trials
Congratulations to Ben Plowman who has been selected to continue into week two of the cricket trials for the Hunter Regional team. This week Ben will be playing a 50 over match as part of the selection process. We wish Ben all the best as he continues representing our school at this level.

Stage 3 Reminders
The end of term is a busy time stage 3 teachers would like to take this opportunity to thank all students that have paid for both the Sydney excursion and their year 6 t-shirt. A reminder that payment for the stage 3 ‘Darling Harbour’ excursion is now closed and the Year 6 t-shirt orders are fast approaching. Year 6 t-shirt orders MUST be returned by FRIDAY, the 11th of September 2015, so that the order can be collated and sent to the manufacturers in time for term 4.
Dear Parents,

You’re invited to participate in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

**Why should I participate?**
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

**What does it involve?**
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary.
If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

**How can I participate?**
You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015.
Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

If the survey opens to a login page, please copy and paste the link into your internet browser. This will ensure the survey launches directly to page one of the survey.


More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Educations’ TTFM website:
The Green Team

The Green Team are working hard in the gardens at the moment preparing the garden beds for planting.

Quality Kids

KA Lily Capper Angus Gissane
KJ Mia Broadbent-Miller Jeffrey Ludriks
KW Sebastian Coble Zaliah Spencer
1B Chloe Aitken Emily Donnelly
2G Rebecca Skellams Zander Moore
2R Tyler Smith Seth Prosser

Library News

CBCA Book Week

The winners of the Book of the Year awards have been announced. Younger Readers: ‘The Cleo Stories’ by Libby Gleeson, illustrated by Freya Blackwood
Picture Book: ‘My Two Blankets’ by Irena Kobald, illustrated by Freya Blackwood
Early Childhood: ‘Go to Sleep, Jessie!’ by Libby Gleeson, illustrated by Freya Blackwood

These books, along with all the Book Week shortlisted books, are available for borrowing.
The closing date for the library’s Book Week competitions is this Thursday, 10th September.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The PRC has now finished for 2015. Congratulations to Jasper Redhead, the final student to complete the challenge - fabulous reading! Certificates for all the students successfully completing the challenge will be presented later in Term 4.

Happy Reading
Louise Troup
Teacher Librarian

Canteen News

Wednesday 9th September Jess, Kristy
Thursday 10th September Sarah, Kristy, Nanny Annie Poppy John
Friday 11th September Mandle, Sarah W (recess)
Monday 14th September Gayle
Tuesday 15th September Jane

Sausage Sizzle Day

Is on Thursday 10th September. Orders need to be at the canteen by tomorrow (Wednesday 9th)

Community Notice
Bali Hearts and Hands Movie Night

All members of the Mayfield West Demonstration School community are invited to a movie night to be held at Hamilton School on the last day of school this term, **Friday 18th September**.

The movie will be “Paper Planes”, an imaginative children's film about a young Australian boy's passion for flight and his challenge to compete in the World Paper Plane Championships in Japan. **Bali Hearts and Hands** is an organisation that raises funds to support schools in the north of Bali. The evening will begin at 5pm and there will also be entertainment, a sausage sizzle, a slide show, a raffle etc and only $4 per person! Please see Ibu Russell if you have any queries. Terima kasih!
Jump off Day

Hi Kids!
Our school Jump Off day is Thursday 17th September. Students will participate in a variety of skipping activities on this day. Mayfield West Public School will raise money as a donation to the Heart Foundation. Please bring a gold coin donation and wear your sports uniform on the day. Keep working on your skipping skills each lunch time. Good luck!

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart
Star making with Shinko

Gardening at MWDS