Assembly Roster
This week's assembly will be hosted by 1C

Important Dates
15th March K – 2 Cross Country 12pm
Thompsons Pie Drive orders due
16th March P&C Meeting 7pm
18th March 3 – 6 Cross Country 9.10am
P&C Easter Raffle tickets due
21st March Harmony Day
23rd March P&C Bulb order due

Cross Country
Today is the K – 2 Cross Country and on Friday the year 3 – 6 students will compete. Good luck to all competitors!

P & C Meeting
The next P & C Meeting is on Wednesday at 7.00pm in the staff room. All welcome. Please come along and share your ideas and thoughts.

Harmony Day
Next Monday 21st March is Harmony Day. Please look out for a note from your class teacher with all the information.

Student Council
Last Thursday was the first Student Council for the year. The leaders and class representatives presented ideas from their class on how to make the school a better place.

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My School Website
Parents can now visit the My School website http://www.myschool.edu.au/
The website contains information about school achievements and characteristics. The NAPLAN results for 2015 show that the school is performing at and above those of other schools. These results are amazing and are a credit to our hard working staff and students and the support received from parents.
Bullying No Way Day of Action
This Friday is Bullying No Way Day of Action. There is a great website with lots of information for parents, teachers and students. http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/
At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. Parents are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. If your child talks to you about bullying:
1. Listen calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
2. Reassure your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping about your child’s safety.
3. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
4. Visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
5. Contact the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.
6. Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experience and to see how they are feeling.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be placing an order shortly for winter stock. If you are in need of a new hoodie etc please pre order these items.
Order forms are available on line or from the office.

Harmony Day
On the 21st March we will be celebrating Harmony Day. This year’s Harmony day theme is ‘everyone belongs’. As a school, we would like the students to dress up in a cultural outfit or something orange to promote diversity in the community.
There will be additional activities carried out in classrooms to promote Harmony Day. Class Teachers will provide further information.

Cross Country Years 3 – 6
This Friday the 18th March, our school Cross Country Carnival will take place for all students in Years 3 - 6. It will involve student’s running, jogging or walking a number of laps around our school grounds under the supervision of class teachers. The carnival will start at 9.10am with students lining up in their house groups under the middle COLA.
Students who are 8, 9, 10 or 11 will participate over a 2000m course, 12 and 13 year old students will run a 3000m. Students will earn points for their house with every lap of the course that they complete.
On the day, students need to wear their school uniform however they may wear their house sports shirt. Students will also need suitable shoes for running, school hat and sunscreen. It may be a good idea to pack an extra bottle of water for hydration. Lunch and recess times will be as normal so the canteen will be open.
Good luck Purdue, Griffith, Webb and Millar. Which house will be our Cross Country Champions for 2016?

Library News
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016
The PRC is now underway! I would encourage all students K - 6 to enter as it provides a great incentive to read some wonderful books. To enter just follow these steps:
Click on Logon and enter your school username (eg. sally.smith) and your school password and click submit. Most students will know this information. If your child is in Kinder or is unsure of their details, please return the form below to the library and I will supply these for you. You should then find your Online Reading Record.
2. You are required to read 30 books (K - 2) or 20 books (3 - 6) by 19th August from the PRC book list. Five books can be of your own choice, however they should be of similar quality to those on the list. Students can borrow PRC books from the school library and public libraries also have a large selection.
3. Fill in the Online Reading Record as you go along. Please see Mrs Troup in the library if you need any help accessing or filling in your record.

Congratulations to Oliver Redhead 5/6M on his wonderful achievement - the first student from our school to complete the 2016 PRC. A fantastic reading effort, Oliver!
Happy reading
Louise Troup Teacher Librarian

2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge Logon Details:
Student name:
Class:
Mrs Troup to fill in & return:
Logon:
Password:
P&C News

Easter Raffle
The P&C are holding their annual Easter Raffle this month. All money raised will be put towards the purchase and installation of classroom air-conditioners. We are asking for donations of chocolates, Easter eggs, bags and anything you think will make a great prize. Please leave your donations in the box in the school office.

Additional Raffle Tickets can be collected from the office.

Bulb Order
Please support our Mayfield West Demonstration School P&C spring Bulb fundraiser. We are fundraising to contribute towards air conditioning the classrooms in Stage 2 & 3.

Orders are due on Wednesday 23rd March 2016.

Bulbs will be delivered to classrooms on Wednesday 27th April 2016.

Canteen News

Wednesday 16th March
Mandie

Thursday 17th March
Emma, Kim

Friday 18th March
Kristy, Laura

Monday 21st March
Gayle

Tuesday 22nd March
Jane, Kim

Healthy Salad Bags
Healthy salad bags can now be purchased from the Canteen.
Great for Crunch and Sip at only 50¢ per bag.
Carrot and celery sticks, bean, cherry tomato and snow pea

Hot Cross Bun
Coming home today is an order form for our Hot Cross Bun day.
$4.00 for a Hot Cross Bun, Milk and small solid Easter egg.

Thompsons Pie Drive
Don’t forget to return your order forms to the canteen today 15th March 2016.

International Competition
Each year we give the students in Years 2 – 6 an opportunity to enter a number of academic competitions. Entry to the competition is voluntary. The competitions give the students the chance to test their abilities against students in the same year from schools around Australia and Asia.

Students may enter any one or more of the six competitions. There is a fee for entering each competition. All participating students receive a certificate. Each student also receives a printout of their results that indicate how they performed on each question.

If you would like your child to participate, please indicate which competition(s) you would like your child to enter on the slip. All entries need to be accompanied by payment.

Online Banking Changes

Dear Parents and Carers

Mayfield West Demonstration School will transition to the new NSW public schools’ finance system and a new bank account on 14 June 2016. To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept parent or carer payments.

1. Direct deposits: As of 7 June 2016, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made using direct deposit after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student’s account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before 3 June 2016.

2. Cash, cheque and online payments: Between 8 June 2016 and 15 June 2016, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash, cheque or online as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding payments before 8 June 2016. From 14 June 2016, online payments will be accepted as before and from 15 June 2016 cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any further questions, please contact the school on 4968 1539.
Social media and Primary School students

All of the above social media applications are rated 13+. That means the creators of these social media platforms state that users should be over 13 years old to activate accounts.

These applications can be used on smart phones, computers, ipads, notebooks and other electronic devices that have internet access capability.

Who provides the smart phone, the Ipad, the notebook, computers, etc and internet access?

Answer: PARENTS!

Who allows young people less than 13 years of age to access these social media applications?

Answer: PARENTS!

Who assists the young person to create the social media profile?

Answer: PARENTS or siblings!

Social media education is not part of the school curriculum. The social media issue with young people is a parent problem, not a school problem. As parents you give your child the tools and permission to access these applications. Don’t expect the teachers to do the parenting on this problem when your child misuses or is a victim of social media. The school will deal with matters inside the school grounds, you as parents deal with matters outside the school grounds. You have assisted in creating the social media problem by allowing your child to have these social media profiles. As parents you must take responsibility to resolve these issues with your children.

Have you as parents contemplated how the information your child displays and posts are available to other social media users? Social media profiles are created by criminals too.

If you are unsure what to do as a parent, please refer to this Government website. https://esaafety.gov.au/esafty-information

Also check out this YouTube video created in the USA showing the ease at which young people are being lured into dangerous situations through social media. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jMthMVEjEQq

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Newcastle City Local Area Command