

MAYRUNG PUBLIC SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER



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Term 3 Week 5, 2016

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe we are half way through this term. There are so many wonderful upcoming events here at Mayrung School and in the community, I think you may have to review this newsletter several times to fully grasp all the information.

Sport, sport and more sport.....

District Athletics Carnival

Best wishes to those students who have qualified to compete at the district athletics carnival. The carnival was postponed today due to weather and will now proceed on Tuesday the 23rd August. Small Schools will be supervised by Mrs Melissa Phillips and our new Small School's singlets will be unveiled at the carnival. The sports carnival will be held at Deniliquin Rams oval, please remember to return your raffle ticket book (sold or unsold) along with the money on carnival day.

Aspire Me Sports Camp

On Wednesday and Thursday this week our school was represented by Year 6 students, Tom, Christopher and Fletcher at the inaugural Aspire Me Sports Camp. The event was hosted by Wakool-Burraboi School and held at the Deniliquin stadium. The boys had an exhausting few days experiencing a wide range of sporting events and conducting themselves with exemplary manners and always displaying a have-a-go attitude. Well done boys.

Leo Barry Cup

Last Wednesday and Thursday our 3/4 and 5/6 students travelled to the Deni Rams oval to participate in the Leo Barry AFL fun days. Thank you to Mrs Phillips and Ms Robinson for supervising the Small Schools combined teams. Everyone had a wonderful few days competing with schools from the Deniliquin area and once again for competing with consideration to others and perseverance.

Parental Support

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for their ongoing support with the many sporting events, class excursions and extracurricular activities happening for our school. The students love attending these opportunities and from time to time we have to make last minute changes due to rain or to accommodate families. We truly appreciate your support and patience when these adjustments need to be made.

It is pleasing to see parents and students returning permission notes and monies so promptly lately.

Book Week 'Australia Story Country' incorporating NAIDOC recognition

BOOK WEEK 2016 NEXT WEEK

What's On: Wednesday the 24th of August Mrs Adamson and Mrs Phillips have planned some amazing NAIDOC art activities that will be displayed in the upcoming Marvellous Mayrung Art Show. After lunch on Wednesday the Book Week Parade will be held in the Mayrung Hall. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone dress up as their favourite book character.

Did I mention there may be a Minion coming to Mayrung next Wednesday?

Thursday the 25th Mrs Whittakers will continue with more fabulous Art and literacy activities based on the Children's Book council nominated books. Later that day she will reveal which books have been awarded book of the year.

NAPLAN

Today I am sending home the NAPLAN results for the Year 3 and 5 students. I am extremely proud of our student's results in these assessments. I welcome further discussions about your child's achievement during the conferences on Friday the 2nd September.

THANK YOU TO THE JANSEN FAMILY

A massive "shout-out" to the Jansen family combined who held an impromptu working bee last Saturday to complete our formal garden area. It looks spectacular and Ben is now ready to plant our Spring crop during Peer Support lessons.

Heartfelt thanks from all the staff.

Have a great weekend
Georgia Jacobs
Relieving Principal

Art Show – Wednesday 14th September
Rebecca Strong has kindly offered to coordinate the slices and sandwich making. She will be contacting families shortly requesting support.

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Important Dates for your Calendar:

- Canteen 12 August. Friday (Strong / (Flannigan)
- Dental Team Visit 30th August. Tuesday from 10 am
- Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences 2nd September Friday (8.30-11.30) (3-4pm)
- Bike Ride 9th September Friday
- Marvelous Mayrung Art Show 14th September. Wednesday

Attachments:

- Scholastic Book Club
- Fluoride Varnish Oral Health Program Information Sheet and permission note
- Permission notes - Tell Them From Me
 - Blighty Matinee
 - Canteen Survey
- Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences booking sheet
- School Photos

Term 3: Recess & Lunch Times

Recess time: 11.00 am – 11.30 am

Lunch time: 1.00 pm – 1.45 pm

Are your details up to date

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

If your child is absent from school

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please send a signed note or use the app explaining the reason for the absence within seven days.

Any interested person wanting to show their artistic skills is invited to express themselves on a piece of canvas. We have some canvases in the office waiting for you. Please let us know and we can send some home.

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NEWS FROM MRS IRWIN:

Hi, I am currently studying Early Childhood Education with Swinburne University and undertaking a teaching placement here at Mayrung as part of my Bachelor of Education degree.

I am thoroughly enjoying working with your children whilst gaining new professional experiences.

Teena Irwin



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS: REMINDER

Thank you to the parents who have already paid the School Contributions, which are a major source of revenue for the school. These fees help to enable us to acquire the materials to run our school smoothly. We were able to keep the contribution the same as last year with being \$75 for the first child and every child thereafter \$30; (2 children \$105; 3 children \$135).

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like to pay the contributions in instalments.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

Please find attached your children's school photos.

BOOKCLUB:

Please find attached a Scholastic BookClub pamphlet. Any orders please back to school by Friday, 26th August. Thank you.

FREE DENTAL CHECK AND FLUORIDE TREATMENT:

Our school will soon be having a visit from a dental team from Murrumbidgee Local Health Dental Service. This team will be presenting some oral health education sessions in the classrooms. They will also be offering all students at Mayrung Primary School a dental check-up and a fluoride treatment. The check-up will give you information about your child's dental health.

If they find that your child needs some dental treatment you will be offered an appointment at the public dental clinic at the Deniliquin Hospital. This treatment will be free of charge. On the same day your child can also have a fluoride varnish treatment that gives their teeth some protection from developing tooth decay.

We will be sending home an Information letter (attached) about the varnish and a consent form that allows you to consent to both or only one part of this program. If you have any questions please contact the office. Alternatively you can attend the school on the 30th August (the day of the dental visit) and talk to the dental team.

TELL THEM FROM ME:

Our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student

learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. Please sign and return the note as soon as possible if you **do not want** your child to participate in the survey. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

CANTEEN ROSTER:

Next canteen will be on Friday, 26th August. Please find below the canteen roster for the rest of this term. If you can't do the rostered on day please try to swap with someone else and let us know. Thank you.

DAY	PARENT ROSTERED ON	
26 August (week 6)	Hayes	Langford
9 September (Week 8)	Maher	Freund
23 September (Week 10)	Stanworth	Brain

LIBRARY BAGS: REMINDER

Wow, our new library bags are walking out the office! These sturdy and durable library bags available for a cost of \$10. If you are interested please let the office know. They are hard-wearing and extremely handy for keeping readers, home-learning sheets and notes clean and safe.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: REMINDER

If you are interested in helping with the preparation for the "Marvellous Mayrung Art Show" please consider Friday the 2nd (after the student, parent teacher conferences) and 9th September. We need artworks labeled and framed and items hung on black backdrops. All materials will be provided along with a delicious morning tea. The Art Show opening and silent auction will be held Wednesday 14th September.

MEERKATS – FORMALLY KNOWN AS TONY BONES: REMINDER

Just a reminder that **not all** students have paid for the performance. Could you please send in \$5 to school front office as soon as possible? Thank you.

STUDENT, PARENT, TEACHER INTERVIEW:

Parents are invited to attend a ten minute 3 way conference with their child and classroom teacher on Friday, 2nd September.

We have times available from 8.30 am – 11.30 am and between 3.00 – 4.00 pm.

Please indicate on the attached timetable the time you would prefer. We will do our best to make sure you can see Mrs Adamson and or Mrs Jacobs/Mrs Phillips at your preferred time.

CANTEEN SURVEY:

Attached is a small survey. Due to the fact that less and less parents are able to help out on canteen we came up with a couple of options and would like your input.

Option one: being rostered on by yourself and therefore not being rostered on as often or

Option two: being rostered on more often and running canteen with another person.

Could you please let us know your preference?

BLIGHTY PERFORMANCE:

Students and staff are attending Blighty School's Matinee performance on Wednesday, 31st August. Permission note is attached. We are looking for a bus driver who could drive the bus from Mayrung to Blighty and back? If you have a bus license and are available to help reduce our transport costs, we would love to hear from you.

SNAP SHOTS AROUND THE SCHOOL:



Our new handle for our school bell



Vegetables growing well



Enviro Matter visitor and presenter



Little Athletics visitor – Darren Wensor





Congratulations to all our award winners, especially Bethany Jansen gaining a gold award.
Well done Bethany !!!

Jansen Working Bee



COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Jane Rutter Flute Spirits & The Four Seasons



South West Music welcomes **Jane Rutter**, the internationally acclaimed free spirit classical flautist, playing *Spring* by Vivaldi, *The Four Seasons*, baroque & classical fantasies, Indian ragas and other haunting, meditative works for solo gold, silver, bamboo & ethnic flutes.

SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER Deniliquin Uniting Church at 7.30pm
SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER Moama Anglican Grammar School at 3.00pm

Tickets available from www.swmusic.org.au



NEWS FROM MRS PHILLIPS

In Literacy we have been busy writing procedures about friendship, Pom-Pom making and French Knitting. Students have been really enjoying making interesting Pom-Pom creations.

In Maths we have updated our ice-cream tables with our six and eleven times tables. Next week we will be looking at our seven time tables.

In Geography we are looking at mapping Australia. We are enjoying finding out about interesting landmarks!

Mrs Phillips

KNOW THE BEST WAYS TO PRAISE

Give appropriate praise. Instead of simply saying, "You're great," try to be specific about what your child did to deserve the positive feedback. You might say, "Waiting until I was off the phone to ask for biscuits was hard and I really liked your patience".

Cheer the good stuff. When you notice your child doing something helpful or nice, let them know how you feel. It's a great way to reinforce good behaviour so they are more likely to keep it going.

Gossip about your kids. It's a fact that whatever we overhear is far more potent than what we are told directly. Make praise more effective by letting your child "catch" you whispering a compliment about him to Grandma or Dad.

Never think they get too old for praise. Children, Teenagers and adults of all ages love a little praise every now and again. Praise feeds self-esteem.