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Mayfield Yearbook
A final reminder to place your order at the office for our yearbook. The cost to parents is $5.00. This is a wonderful publication issued at the end of the year documenting our year at Mayfield Primary.

Out and About had a wonderful first session at the Aquatic Centre!

Jackets.
We are again taking orders for waterproof jackets. Orders must be placed at the office and paid for at the time of ordering. Jackets will cost $25.00. Please place your order by 30th April.

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UPCOMING EVENTS DIARY

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From the Principal’s desk.....
This week has seen the implementation of our first supported literacy block in classrooms from K - 6. Up until this time, as I have mentioned previously, teachers and support staff have been collecting data and designing programmes for whole class, small groups and individual children.

It was great to walk through the school over the last two days observing this careful and precise planning in action. Students are now familiar with the routines and protocols that teachers have been teaching them to ensure that while work is going on in small teacher directed groups, all other children are focused and working on tasks independently. Teachers have been using strategies like task boards to keep all students working on developmentally appropriate learning experiences.

Our teachers are to be commended for the effort they have put into ensuring that these focused teaching and learning experiences ‘hit the spot’ with every single student in our school.

National Testing
You might have been hearing media reports of late stating that the upcoming National Testing Programme is likely to be subject to industrial action from teachers around Australia.

Regardless of what happens within this issue industrially, we will be carrying out the tests with our Grade 3 and 5 students. We believe that these tests are an important part of our data collection and assessment schedule. These tests in the areas of literacy and numeracy, give teachers rich and relevant information that is used to inform teaching and learning experiences for children. We also track improvement of individual students biannually through these tests. They allow us to see patterns and trends and help us identify areas for improvement across the school, and for individuals. They are also an important part of our reporting to parents communication. Whether or not they are passed to other agencies is not important, however these tests will certainly be utilised by our teachers in our school to help improve learning.

Regards

Vicki Mackrill, Principal
Would you like to play Hockey?

Tamar Churinga Hockey Club is current looking for boys and girls to fill our junior teams.

For more information please call Linden - 6331 7834 OR Moira - 6393 7869 (ah)

Mother’s Day Stall
Our Mothers Day stall will be held on Thursday 6th May.

Any donations, e.g. craft, bric-a-brac, confectionery may be left at the office.

Volunteers Required
If anyone is able to help on the day of the stall, please leave your name and contact details at the office.

Tayte Kearnes was the winner of our Easter raffle.

Hawthorn Football Club’s Super Saturday

This Free family event is being held at Aurora Stadium Saturday 24 April, beginning at 3.00pm. This is your chance to meet the Hawthorn players, grab an autograph and take part in our family activities.

Have a kick on the ground before the players commence training, Free face painting, Handball competitions, Giveaways, and our loveable mascot Hawka will be there too.

Sausages and drinks available to purchase, Merchandise for sale, and ask the Hawthorn football club about securing your seat to the games played at Aurora Stadium.

All children who attend will receive a Hawks Gift pack!

For more information call 6334 8111. We hope to see you there!

Our Learning Community:

Your children look to you to show them the way. So remember that when you talk and read with your child, it is as powerful as the learning that they do at school. When you show that you think learning is important; reading and learning yourself, it makes their work at school real and important to them.

The Magic 100 Words

Being able to read some particular words automatically by sight contributes enormously to your child’s ability to be a successful learner.

In this week’s Mayday we have included a page of the 100 most frequently occurring words in the English language which children need to learn to recognise by sight within a matter of seconds to support their learning. At Mayfield we work hard to help our children be the best that they can be, but we also know that the best results for our children happens when schools and families work together.

On the back of the list we have included a few game activities you might like to do at home with your family to lock these words in. You may have other ideas about how to play with these words.

If you would like some more information about how to help your children be the best learners they can be, ask their teacher, or contact the school office for more information.

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We hold a Super Mums and Dads’ forum once a month, on a Friday morning before our School Assembly. We would love you attend, to discuss issues of concern to you about your child’s wellbeing and learning, and we welcome the ideas, thoughts and concerns you may have for your children from birth throughout their years at primary school, which we can address in this forum.

This week we will be explaining the NAPLAN national literacy and numeracy tests which every Year 3,5,7 and 9 student sits at the same time across the country, and the controversial League Tables of schools’ performance which are based on the results of these tests.

You will have the opportunity to view the tests online in the computer lab and see first hand what your children are asked to do in these tests.

Date:    Friday 16th April
Time: 9am in the Computer Lab.