Playgroup

Playgroup now has a Facebook group. To join do a search for Mayfield Playgroup. We also post news about other events on this site.

Playgroup meets every Monday at 1.15pm.

Parent Group Meeting
Next Tuesday 4th May
2.00pm
Please come along and support the formation of our new Parent Group

Upcoming Events Diary

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From the Principal’s desk.....

Over the years Mayfield Primary School has had a number of vibrant, hard working and enthusiastic Parent Organisations. The history of these groups is as long as the history of the school! There has been a Parent and Teacher Association, a Mother’s Club, a Parents and Friends and a School Council. The most recent Parent Teacher Association has been in recess for over 12 months, and recently I have had some enquiries from some parents new to our school who are keen to revive a parent group to be both representative of and supportive of our students and our school.

This, coupled with my desire to harness any enthusiasm from parents, has motivated me to call a meeting of any interested parents or family members who would like to gather to consider what our new organisation could look like.

This is a particularly important year for our school as we begin to further explore the possibilities and opportunities within the newly formed East Tamar Federation of Schools. Parent involvement in the planning and future direction of this federation is going to be essential. Working in partnership with our parents and our broader community can only result in the achievement of the best possible learning outcomes for our children.

If you are free next Tuesday 4th May at 2.00 I would love you to join us for a cup of coffee to discuss future possibilities of our new parent organisation. Just come to the main office and Janet will direct you to our meeting place.

Regards
Vicki Mackrill, Principal
Northern Suburbs Community Centre Inc
Primary Vacation Care
May/June Holiday Program
Open to young people aged 5 to 12 years
Full 3 day program $25 per child.
9.00am-3.00pm
Plus non refundable $5 booking fee to secure your child’s place.
Call 6326 5506 or 6326 6786 for bookings

Cross Country
Don’t forget our Cross Country Carnival will be held next Wednesday 5th May.
(If raining will be held on Friday 7th May)

Program:
1. 9:10am Prep (400m)
2. 9:30am Grade One (600m)
3. 9:50pm Grade Two (800m)
4. 10:20am Grade Three (1200m)
5. 10:40am Grade Four (1600m)
6. 11:50am Grade Five (2000m)
7. 12:10pm Grade Six (2400m)
8. 12:30pm House Tallies – Presentation to Winning House Captains

Mother’s Day Stall
Our Mothers Day stall will be held next Tuesday 4th May.
Any donations, e.g. craft, bric-a-brac, confectionery may be left at the office.
We will also be holding a raffle, 50 cents a ticket. Tickets will be sold at the Canteen starting Monday 26th April.
1st Prize: a Ladies Watch with changeable bands.
2nd Prize: a Teddy Bear

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

Helping Your Child to Read
What to do if your child has difficulty with a word:
PAUSE
-wait for about 4 seconds to give them time to work it out.
PROMPT
-use pictures or information in the text if it will help.
-look at the first letter/sound
-ask them to read on to the full stop and then come back to the word and see if they know it.
-tell them the word.
PRAISE
-always, always, always say more positive things to the child than negative. Tell them they are a great reader!
-tell them what they do that makes them a good reader.
“Wow! You used the picture to help you, well done. That’s what good readers do—you’re a good reader! You should be proud”.

Snails by 3/4 Atkins
What do snails prefer to eat? We discovered lettuce and paper were the snails favourite foods. They did not eat the apple, banana, mushroom or pear.

Information report on Snails
by Carlinda, Emmily, Brandon D and Brodie.
Appearance
What do snails look like?
They have a shell.
They have patterns on their shell.
Their shell is spiral.
They have antennae.
They look like they have a tail.
They have a long body under their shell.
What do snails feel like?
They feel slimy.
They feel ticklish on your arm.
What else do we know about snails?
The shell is hard.
The shell is bumpy.
The shell has patterns.
The shell is brown.
Observations
The snail’s body disappears inside its shell.
The body is called a foot.

Snails are awesome and our class is doing science on them.
by Marcus & Corey

Delilah is writing about snails. Cody and Brandon are watching their snail move toward the lettuce on the wet paper towel. Saxon and Connor, Rebekkah and Indianna are viewing their snail with magnifying glasses. Indianna and Rachael are plotting a lettuce leaf onto graph paper to find out how much of the lettuce will be eaten in 24 hours.