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Mayfield School Newsletter
2nd November 2017

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Tena koutou katoa,

It was great to see all the children joining in with the Halloween theme on Tuesday, coming to school dressed in their wonderful assortment of costumes.

Thank you

A huge thank you to all the children that attended the Athletics Sports last week at Hinds School. It was great to see the children competing to the best of their ability. Well done to the children that gained placings. Thank you to all the parents and community members that gave up their valuable time to attend the event and provide transport. Tomorrow we have a small group of children attending the Counties event in Ashburton.

National Standards

With a change in government, has come the announcement that national standards will be abolished next year. This has been welcomed by most in education who believe that national standards have had a detrimental effect on children's learning and that children can be labelled negatively (as being below or well below the standard) even though they are making good academic progress. The benefit of national standards has been the increased focus of teachers to work collectively to decide where our children sit in relation to these standards. This involves teachers having to make an Overall Teacher judgement based on a variety assessments not one test. As a staff, we constantly discuss student progress and where our children fit against the standards. This week we worked with the staff of Mt Somers Springburn School, looking at writing, comparing writing samples from the two schools, ensuring there was consistency. Schools reported on student progress before national standards and will continue to do so from next year. The only change will be instead of reporting in relation to national standards we will report on progress against curriculum levels.

Weetbix Tryathlon

At this year's weetbix tryathlon, our school won some free entries to the next Christchurch tryathlon on Sunday 25th February 2018 at Jellie Park. Please contact Richard if you are interested in your child taking part. Children must be 7 or over. The free entries will be allocated to those parents that get in first.

Dates for 2018

For those that like to plan ahead, school will begin in 2018 **on Monday 29th January.**

Teacher Only Day

There will be a **Teacher Only Day on Thursday 16th November.** On this day, the staff will be attending a teaching conference in Methven.

Swim week

Swim week (13th-15th Nov) will be only for three days because of the teacher only day and Christchurch show. We will be sending home information about swim week soon.

Kind Regards

Richard Kidd



Principals Awards Week 1 Term 4 2017

Room 1- Week 1- William Intemann- for the effort you are putting into athletics training.

Room 2- Ella McDowell- for a fantastic effort with her Pet Day profile.

Room 4- Week 1- Ben Saxelby- trying his best during Athletics practice.

Room 5- Week 1- Archie Morrow- settling so well into school and trying your best with all your work.

Well done to these children, they have lived up to our HEART values in the last week.



Principals Awards Week 1 Term 4 2017

Room 1- Week 1- Gwen Zamora- an excellent day at Athletics. Well done.

Room 2- Issy Carr- an outstanding effort at Athletics day coming first in every event!

Room 4- Week 1– Andrew Wright- a fantastic effort at Athletics.

Room 5- Week 1- Brandi Lynch- a great start to school. You are a great storyteller.

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Well done to Ex students

It is always great to hear of ex Mayfield students excelling. Recently Ben Wall, who attended Mayfield School for six years, won the New Zealand Supercross-Junior Lite class-championship. Ryan Greenslade and Mac Edwards, who both were previous students at Mayfield, have been appointed Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy of Timaru Boys High School respectively for 2018.

Important dates in Term 4

3 rd November	County Athletics
6 th November	School Photos – Full School Uniform to be worn.
7 th November	Year 7/8 tech
13 th -15 th November	Swim week
16 th November	Teacher Only Day
17 th November	Christchurch show day
20 th November	BOT mtg
21 st November	Year 7/8 tech
22-24 th November	Room 1 camp
30 th -1 st December	Room 4 overnight stay at school.
4 th December	BOT mtg
5 th December	Year 7/8 tech
6 th -8 th December	Room 2 camp
12 th December	Whole school trip
14 th December	Prizegiving
15 th December	School finishes 12 o'clock

Mayfield School Charitable Trust

Last week the Mayfield School Charitable Trust made a grant to the school for \$27,000. This grant covers the cost of various school items which are not covered by the money the school receives from the Ministry of Education. These items include; purchase of laptops, Kapahaka tuition, Year 7 and 8 technology fees, Life Education Caravan costs, Wireless upgrade, robotics equipment, library scanner, Hall hire, professional development for teachers and a very small contribution to the salary of our extra teacher. Usually the school makes a yearly application to the Trust to help with the running costs of school.

The trust was established in 2004 with the objective of providing financial assistance to the school. The trust consists of three community representatives and two board of trustee's

representatives. The school would like to thank all the members of the community that contribute to the school through the cattle grazing scheme.

Hats

Now we are in Term 4 all children need to be wearing a hat a school. If children do not have a hat they will be required to sit in the shade.

Visitors to School

For health and safety reasons, please, if you are picking up your child during school time can you quickly pop into the office and inform us that you are taking your child.

Ashburton A and P show

Last Saturday, we had five children from our school showing calves on behalf of the Frances and Stephanie Beeston. These children did extremely well and represented our school in the school's section of the competition. Thank you to Mayfield Transport for transporting the calves to and from the show.

BOT News

On 24th October, the board had its October meeting. At the meeting, the following matters were discussed:

- Principals report was tabled. In it progress towards the school's strategic aims was discussed.
- The Governance policy was discussed.
- Permission was granted for Room 1 and 2 camps to proceed. Risk Analysis Forms were presented to the board.
- A Sport Canterbury Grant was received. This Grant will partially fund a Sports Co-ordinator in 2018.
- The board is in the process of organising a trail ride for 2018. The board continues to investigate sponsorship options for the school.
- Property Matters: Repair of the roofs at school continues.
- Finance report was discussed.

WRITERS OF THE WEEK



Halloween disco



SPORTS TOPS

Please return these washed ASAP to the school office. Also, if you find any extra school jackets or sports tops at home please bring in as well. Items not returned may incur a charge.

Superstar cricket coaching

The Coldstream Cricket Club will be running a 12 week beginners Superstar cricket course at the Longbeach School. This is suitable for first time cricketers between the ages of 5 and 9.

The sessions will run during the school term and start on Thursday the 2nd of November 4.30 to 5.30.

This year a \$35 enrolment sub, entitles each player to a NZ Cricket sponsored players pack.

Anyone interest can contact Richard McClea at mccleafamily@outlook.com

FIREWORKS 🎆

Ruapuna Domain 4th November

Bring a box of fireworks to put towards the show. Plate to share from 6.30pm onwards. The Mayfield Fire Brigade will put on a great show.

Great night to come too.

Contact Tracy King 0273164217



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN THAT HAVE HAD A BIRTHDAY SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER. Issy and Max Carr, Mackenzie Cassidy and Georgia Greenslade. Welcome to Diana Pshenychna who has started at Mayfield School.



Photos – please ensure that your child is in their correct school uniform for the photos on MONDAY MORNING. Clean faces and shoes please. Draft photos will come out about a week after along with an order form.

If you can
share your skills
you can be
a trustee



**2017 SCHOOL
TRUSTEE
ELECTIONS**
Make a difference
Ki te whakapiki



What is a school board of trustees?

Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a board of trustees.

School board membership includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal. If the school has students above year 9, the board also includes a student representative.

What do trustees do?

First and foremost a board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents and community. The board has the overall responsibility for the school. This includes legal obligations covering curriculum, property, personnel, finance and health and safety.

Here are some specific things the board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and long-term plans for the school and monitors the board's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress and achievement.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Māori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special education needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfills the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing the school's performance are in place. Check out www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee for more information regarding trusteeship.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election to a school board. Your school will be happy to help you find out more about standing for election or nominating someone else.

How is a board elected?

The school staff and parents elect boards of trustees every three years. Those boards that have opted into staggered (mid-term) elections hold elections every 18 months.

All parents of students who are enrolled full-time in a state or state-integrated school can and should vote in the elections for parent representatives.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association, through a Ministry of Education contract, provides free employment and governance advice, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

Where do I get advice?

You can call us on 0800 782 435,
email govadvice@nzsta.org.nz,
or visit our website trustee-election.co.nz

Mayfield School **Board of Trustees Mid Term Election**

Nominations are invited for the election of two parent representatives to the board of Trustees. A nomination form will be posted to all eligible voters. **Nominations close at noon, Friday 16th November** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement. Voting closes at noon on 30th November 2017.
Lynley Mackenzie – Returning Officer, Ph 3036214

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is delighted to have four Mid Canterbury gardens opening on our behalf for the third

Homegrown GARDEN TOUR

Enjoy a day out in the Mayfield countryside visiting four stunning gardens, and then browse, shop and relax at a country fete.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4
10AM-4PM

The Homegrown Garden Tour and Fete.

Enjoy a day out in the Mayfield countryside visiting four stunning gardens, and then browse, shop and relax at a country fete. Pre-sales \$20, \$25 on the day and \$10 fete only. November 4, 10am - 4pm

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/thehomegrowngardentour/> for more information on the fabulous gardens and ticket sale locations.

