Athletics Carnival Report: A big thank you to staff, students and parents for making our Athletics Carnival a great success! The day showed strong school spirit from students as they competed in many events, some of which they had not tried before, wonderful organisation by staff to combine two school events and move them to a new location and enthusiasm by parents who came to support students and to work in the canteen. The canteen raised $417 from the event, a fantastic effort! Thank you one and all.

Our K-6 Athletics Carnival was a successful day with over 86% attendance. Firstly was our spectacular March Past followed by our amazing war cries. So much effort was put into both of these. Obviously it can’t be an Athletics Carnival without running. We started the age races with the cutest of all – the toddlers and preschoolers. The infants students went next and they ran really fast. Our primary students followed with events like 100m, 200m and the 800m. Our K-2 students then took part in their fun activities including the egg and spoon race, tunnel ball and parachute. Years 3-6 students then completed their field events including shot put and long jump. We finished the day with a very tough tug of war challenge. What a fabulous and exciting day for all of us. We can’t wait for next year!

Dayna and Amy 3A4

On the 28th May, Tighes Hill students caught the bus to Newcastle Athletics field. There were races such as the 100m, 200m and 800m. There were races for the pre-schoolers, where mums could run with their young children. Then there were the 50m races for the infants and races for the older children. There were tabloid games for the young children, before they left at 12.00pm. The senior students had shot put, long jump, bean bag races, sack races, three-legged races, wheelbarrow races and egg and spoon races. There was also a tug of war between the four houses (Mitchell, Elizabeth, William and Bryant) in which Mitchell won. The houses also had a marching parade, which was very close between Mitchell and Elizabeth. The students that stayed the whole day returned to at 2:30pm to claim their well deserved rest. The students’ legs were like jelly and very stiff.

Kaela and Emerson 5H6
**AEDI Survey:** Our school is taking part in a national collection of data on young children’s development. It is called the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI). The AEDI is an Australian Government initiative which provides information about how populations of Australian children are developing by the time they reach school. Our Kindergarten students will receive a letter today explaining this important project. Your Kindergarten child’s teacher will complete the checklist based on their knowledge and observations of the child. The AEDI is not a test and does not require Kindergarten students to be out of class. If after reading the letter and fact sheet, you would like to discuss this checklist further, please contact myself, Miss Ragan or Mrs Dickson.

**Attendance:** Regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their full potential. The school is required to record the reason for any absences as a way of ensuring that students are absent from school only when they are sick or have another good reason for missing school. Parents can let the school know their child is absent by phoning the office on the day of the absence or sending a note with the child on the day of their return. For this reason, students who present at the office without an accompanying adult or a note have an unexplained partial absence recorded. Please assist us in keeping an accurate record by notifying us by phone, in writing or in person about your child’s absence.

**Reconciliation Assembly:** Parents and community members are invited to join us for a Reconciliation Assembly in the COLA at 9.15am this Thursday morning, 31st May. The ceremony will also celebrate the opening of our Reconciliation Garden.

**Star Struck:** Next week our dance group will perform in two dances at Star Struck. I know that the students will be wonderful and a real credit to our school, their parents and Miss Ragan. This once in a lifetime experience for our students, it is only possible because of Miss Ragan’s passion and dedication. Rehearsals begin next Tuesday and will continue daily until their first performance beginning with a Friday Matinee followed by an evening performance and two performances on Saturday. The very many nights of performances and days of rehearsal are always supervised by our own teachers who give up family time to assist Miss Ragan. Thank you to Miss Robinson and Miss Elley. Thank you also to the many parents who support this activity by driving children to and from venues, and cheering our students by attending the performances. A special mention to the four ladies (three of them who didn’t have children performing in Star Struck) for sewing the very many costumes.

**Transition Visit to Waratah High School:** Today all Year 6 students are visiting Waratah High School to have a taste of high school life. They will experience a range of lessons in specialist rooms, find out about the layout and facilities and meet some of the teachers who will teach them in 2013. Wasn’t it just yesterday they were in Kinder?

**P&C Meeting:** The P&C meeting was held last Monday afternoon. Thank you to the many parents who came along to support our school parent body and offered many great ideas and thought to enable our school to become a true reflection of our community needs. Your great ideas are always valuable and we would love even more of our parent to attend and share the load.

**Wet Weather and Accidents ~ Clothing Needs:** We are running very short of clothing items (socks, undies, sloppy joes, track pants, shorts etc) in sizes 5-10 to change children who may have an accident. If you have not yet returned borrowed clothing or if you have items your child has grown out of, we would really appreciate any donations.

**Student Representative Council:** The SRC held a very successful a cake stall last Tuesday, raising $320.00 for their various projects. Thank you to the many parents whose donations made this event a great success.

**Q Rail Visit:** Today Q Rail made their annual visit to the school to talk about railway safety. Three half hour sessions were held, one for each stage group. Students were engaged and asked great questions. Ask your child about it tonight!

**School Fun Run:** On Friday this week we will be holding an Adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held at Islington Park, please see information sheet that went home yesterday. Students may come in mufti clothing but sensible shoes must be worn.
**Semester 1 Reporting:** Written reports will be sent home during Week 10, they are in the same style as previous reports. Please make sure that you contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions arising from the reports.

**A Few Reminders:**

1. Mobile phones and any other electrical device must be dropped off at the front office each morning.
2. Schools are SMOKE FREE ZONES and as such I am asking parents to respect this and move away from in front of the school if smoking.

Thank you for your understanding

**Principal’s Personal Best Awards ~ Week 5**

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**Principal (Relieving)**

Jennifer Crain

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**5M6 AND 5H6 GO TO THE WRITERS’ FESTIVAL**

On the 23rd of May, many children in Years 5 and 6 went to the Sydney Town Hall to go to Sydney Writers Festival. There were lots of great authors like Oliver Phommavanh, Emily Rodda, Tristan Bancks and Oliver Jeffers.

There were some great books for sale. The authors were also there to sign books and answer questions. Oliver Jeffers showed us his simple drawing of a Huey. (A character of one of his books, *The New Jumper*).

Emily Rodda talked about how she was inspired by everyday things and gave us a sneak peak of the third book in her series of The Three Doors.

Tristan Bancks read some of his book, *My Life and Other Stuff I Made Up*, and showed us his website where you can look at his books and ask him questions.

Oliver Phommavanh made all the kids laugh by playing with all his hilarious toys and told us how his books related to his life. 5M6 and 5H6 had a great time and would be very happy to go again next year.

*By Ruby and Mabel*
Help support our school in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Competition

The Woolworths Earn and Learn competition is well under way and we need your help!

From now until July 1st 2012, you can collect stickers at any Woolworths store for every $10 you spend. These stickers can be placed on a special sticker card and then brought back here to school or dropped into your local Woolworths store collection box.

Look out for our special collection 'bling bin' at Mayfield Woolworths. Why not ask your friends and neighbours to support our school by collecting stickers for us!

Thank you to the families who have already started collecting stickers for our school. The more we collect, the more fantastic resources we can purchase for our school.

There are plenty of extra sticker cards if you need them. See the office or Ms Armstrong. So far we have 2,300 points. Our goal is to get over 20,000! Go Tighes Hill!

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1st Mayfield Scout Group

Scouting is an all year round activity. Try Scouting, it’s great!

Do you enjoy the out doors & having fun? Activities we do are; social outings, explore the community, hiking, canoeing, caving, construction, abseiling, youth section camps, arts & craft. Group outings, camps & more, encourage team support and individual self-development and skills.

*The above varies in each section. Earn badges while you learn.*

The Scouting aims are: build self - life values & skills, self-esteem & co-operation. These are learnt through activities and games.

**Joeys:** 6 - 8 years Wednesday 5-6pm  
**Cubs:** 8 - 11 Wednesday 5pm to 6.30pm  
**Scouts:** 11-15 years 6.30pm – 8.30pm Thursday.

**Where:** 1st Mayfield Scout Hall, Ida St. Mayfield.

**Phone** Jean 0409522615 or 49677156  
Or Alison 0488214254
BOOKS ARE OPEN
Dr Martin’s Rooms
Opposite Mayfield Diggers
We welcome new and current patients to use the quality care of our new GPs, Practice Nurse and Pathology
All initial appointments, plus pensioners, healthcare card holders, students and children BULK BILLED
Call our friendly staff to make an appointment
4968 2157

Moving into Stillness
Mindfulness - Based Yoga and Meditation
113 Albert St, Wickham
Universal T. K. D. Academy

Classes for 2012

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2012 Term 2 – (2.05.12- 29.06.12)
2012 Term 3 – (1.08.12–21.09.12)
2012 Term 4 – (10.10.12–14.12.12)

There will be no classes in school holidays or on public holidays
lpollard2000@hotmail.com
Ph - 0403 186 146
www.lisapollard.com

Newcastle Little League Representative Baseball Team Fundraiser
Win a signed Cricket Bat by Steve and Mark Waugh
Tickets: $2.00
Drawn: Monday 18th June
Brad and Kerrie Martin will be selling tickets before school in the playground

Tighes Hill Public School
PLAYGROUP
Now meets in the Community Room on FRIDAYS
9.30am - 11.30am
Please join us for a morning of creative play & supportive parenting
Annual Fee $2 (P&C insurance)
The Canteen Will Be Closed Tomorrow

Music Lessons
Piano, violin and flute lessons are available for all ages ©-Madeleine and Naomi have extensive experience in music teaching for children and offer step by step guidance in your chosen instrument. Whether you’re just starting out or nearly an expert, lessons are tailored to the individual’s interests in a fun and caring environment.

Madeleine Cruise ~ Violin
04072 12027 madeleine.cruise@gmail.com

Naomi Mikhaiel ~ Flute & Piano)
04237 44031 naomimikhaiel@hotmail.com

Guitar Lessons
Just a reminder that group guitar lessons are being offered at Tighes Hill Public School. Lessons are conducted on Monday afternoons and are $13.00 for a one hour lesson over an 8 week term. The lessons are taught in an informal and fun environment and are ideally suited to beginners. Piano Hire at good rates is also available for students interested in studying music.

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