



Maylands Peninsula Primary School



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What's Happening

Issue 1 - 2 February 2024

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Welcome back to the start of the 2024 school year. I'd like to especially welcome those students, families and staff who began their journey at Maylands Peninsula Primary School earlier this week. With a power outage to the school on the Tuesday, our school reticulation controller 'dying' over the Australia Day long weekend- and still out of action- the electrical infrastructure works taking place around the school site and the extreme weather conditions that greeted us as the students returned to school, it has been a very interesting start to the school year to say the least.

During the summer break, not only did we take delivery of two new classrooms- JB6 and S9- but Ms Congdon had a very special delivery herself. Baby Banks made his way into the world just prior to Christmas. Mum, Dad and Banks are all doing well. On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish Ms Congdon all the best and look forward to her return in Semester 2. In her absence, I would like to welcome Mr Daniel Del Casale to our school community. Mr Del Casale comes with a wealth of knowledge, particularly in the area of Student Services, having been a deputy principal at Melville PS for over 10 years. I'd also like to welcome Miss Leslie Estaniel- (Music and Visual Arts) and Ms Sarah Hehir (EA- EL1) who are new to our school staff in 2024.



Other than our 80 kindergarten students we welcomed this week, we had 40 'new' students start across the school from Pre-primary - Year 6. Whilst we are still awaiting transfer notes to come in from students who have enrolled in new primary schools, it is our belief that our total numbers will be around 720, which is very similar to the start of the 2023 school year.

I would like to remind parents/caregivers that if you have any concerns regarding any aspect of your child's schooling, the first point of contact should be your child's classroom teacher(s). However, please keep in mind that this needs to be by prior arrangement only. Please arrange a mutually convenient time either directly with the teacher at the end of the school day, via email or through the school office. Your understanding is appreciated on this matter.

If there is some aspect of school operations that you would like to discuss, please feel free to make a time with Mrs Alver, Mr Del Casale or myself.

Once again, I look forward to working alongside our dedicated staff, our amazing students and in collaboration with our parents/caregivers and local community members.

Student Census

As is custom and practice, our current class structures are always temporary arrangements for the first few weeks of the school year. At the conclusion of the Student Census on Friday, 16 February the school Leadership Team will re-assess our overall position with a view towards making a decision about our class structures moving forward.

I would like to reiterate that no decision will be made about school structures until every student that is currently on our school roll has been accounted for.

I shall inform the school community of the outcome of this process via a *Connect* message to all families once the school's staffing entitlement has been confirmed and class structures have been finalised. I appreciate your patience and understanding on this matter.

Save The Date

Our annual 'Meet the Teacher Night' is scheduled for Wednesday 21 February. This short meeting provides teachers with the opportunity to meet parents and explain various aspects about the class and its day to day operations. Further details will follow closer to the event, but in the meantime, try to make yourself available for the following sessions relevant to you and your children.

Wednesday 21 February – Meet The Teacher Night

K & PP classes: 5.30-5.50pm

Year 1-3 classes: 6.00-6.20pm

Year 4-6 classes: 6.30-6.50pm

Electrical upgrade works around the school site

I am sure that most parents/caregivers would have noted the electrical infrastructure work that Western Power has been undertaking around the school site for the last month or so. Unfortunately, this has resulted to a fair bit of traffic chaos around the school site- particularly during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

Whilst the work along Kelvin Street was complete in time for the return of students to school- which was the focus of the sub-contractors undertaking work on behalf of Western Power- the works along the perimeter of the school site will continue for some time. With the machinery and temp fencing making the street scape very congested and verge parking more difficult, please allow extra time in the morning and afternoon to negotiate the traffic chaos safely.

Whilst drop off/pick up times are always hectic, I am hopeful that as things settle and the works continue towards their inevitable conclusion, that we will soon be back to the 'normal' routine. We want all members of our school community to get to and from school safely, so please take extra care around the school site.

Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.



School Website, Newsletters and School Calendar

For those families new to our school, important information about the school, such as newsletters, canteen menus, enrolment documents and uniform price lists etc are available on the [school website](#). It is pretty much a one-stop shop containing links to most of the information that parents/caregivers need 'at hand'.

Every Friday fortnight on the odd weeks of each school term, parents/caregivers will receive an email/*Connect* message about our school newsletter being available to read. In our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, our newsletters are sent out in electronic form only as a Microsoft *Sway*. This enables parents/caregivers to access all the information about important events and notices at your fingertips. However, hard copies are also available from the school office on request. Please take the

time to read through the newsletter each fortnight as it is the main avenue for communication between the school and home.

Even though upcoming events will be discussed or noted in the school newsletter, please refer to the [school calendar](#) on the school website to have a more thorough understanding of the events taking place during the term.



Before and After School Supervision

I would like to remind all families that the school does not provide before school supervision. As such, it would be appreciated that parents/caregivers do not bring students to school earlier than 8.30am. Any student and family member/caregiver that arrives earlier than 8.30am, including our students and family members in Pre-primary, must make their way to the central courtyard area where they will be supervised by the Leadership Team. Students are not permitted on playgrounds before school. Please do not drop off students earlier than 8.30am as this has the potential to put students at risk. Please make arrangements with a friend or neighbour for drop off, or alternatively speak with one of the Out of School Hours Care providers- Maylands Out-of-School Hours Care and KidsCare Out-of-School Hours Care in Inglewood- to discuss before school arrangements. Information about these providers is available on the [Parent Information](#) page on our school website.

At the conclusion of the school day, any students who haven't been collected by 3.15pm will either be brought to the office by staff for supervision, in the case of our younger students, or expected to make their own way to the office. Contact with parents/caregivers will then be made by office staff. For the safety of your children, please do not make arrangements for your child(ren) to wait in car park areas or out on Gibbney Reserve for extended periods of time, as this may put them at risk. They must come to the office.

Please contact a member of the office if you require any additional information about these arrangements.

Assembly

Assemblies for students in Year 1-6 are held each Friday fortnight just after the commencement of the school day. Please note, we ring the siren 5 minutes earlier than normal at **8.40am**. This allows

enough time for classes to attend the assembly and be back in rooms for the commencement of specialist programs at 9.30am.

Each class teacher will award Merit Certificates at every assembly. Furthermore, you will also notice on the school calendar that Excellence Awards and Aussie of the Month Awards will be presented at selected assemblies throughout the year. Our senior classes will host the assemblies this term with the Year 6 students in Ms Turvey's S1 class getting the year underway on **Friday, 9 February**.

Late Arrivals/Early Pick Ups

As per the Department of Education's Attendance Policy, any student who arrives after the commencement of the school day at 8.45am will be asked to go to the office to collect a Late Card. This will allow the school to keep an eye on issues regarding school tardiness. Conversely, any student that needs to be collected before the scheduled end of the school day at 3.00pm (2.30pm on early close Tuesday), will need an Early Departure Sticker from the office. Please do not be affronted if staff ask you to go to the office in the event that you front up to the classroom door without this sticker. The general rule is if you arrive late, or need to go early, pass by the office first. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

In-term Vacations

On the first School Development Day last week, Mrs Alver presented our 2023 Student Attendance data to staff. Whilst it was no surprise that the 'Notified Sick' (45%) category was the highest ranked for student absence, the second highest category- 'Unauthorised Vacation' (23%) was most surprising.

It is understandable that with the lifting of COVID travel restrictions in recent years, many families have taken up the opportunity to travel overseas or interstate to catch up with family and friends. However, now that we have returned to 'normal' operations, I would like to remind parents/caregivers that the expectation is that families travel on vacation during the 12 weeks of the year that school is not in session, rather than travel during the school term.

However, if you plan to take your child(ren) out during the school term, parents/caregivers are required to notify the school about:

- The nature of the in-term absence- overseas holiday, attending a significant family event e.g. wedding.
- The dates your child(ren) will be absent from school.

The simplest way of doing this is to complete the In-Term Vacation Request form available under the [School Forms](#) tab on the school website. This fillable form allows parents/caregivers to enter the required details and submit the form electronically to the school. Alternatively, parents/caregivers can send an email with the same information or complete a leave request form in person in the office.

Once this information is provided to the school, the Leadership Team, will use their discretion to decide whether the absence is 'Authorised' or 'Unauthorised' according to the business rules determined by the Department. If parents/caregivers do not follow this process, then the time the student is away from school will automatically be classified as an 'Unauthorised Vacation'.



Please see a member of the Leadership Team if you require further clarification about these arrangements.

Running Club



The very popular Running Club program will commence next Tuesday morning on Gibbney Reserve, and then again on Friday morning.

Information about the MPPS Running Club, its aims, and its operations are available on the [Parent Information](#) page on the school website.

Please see Miss Wyatt or Mr Christie if you have any questions about the MPPS Running Club.

P & C NEWS

Welcome to all for 2024. We are looking forward to another busy year in the 'Tummy Rumbles' canteen feeding the hungry hoards.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers. If you think you can help out, even for a couple of hours a month, we would love to see you. Simply call into the canteen and speak to us or phone us on 9462 6705 to discuss any queries you have.

Online orders are preferred and can be placed online via [Qkr](#). Orders need to be placed by 9.00am on the day the order is required and can be made up to two weeks in advance. If ordering with cash, please place the correct money inside a sealed envelope or lunch bag with your child's name, classroom and order on the front and place in the classroom lunch basket. The Term 1 summer menu is available on the [canteen](#) page of the school website. No credit is available.

The counter will be open for students at recess and lunch, but no lunch orders will be accepted at the counter in the morning.

Pia and Helen

Tummy Rumbles

[YOUR P&C](#)



WHAT WE DO, AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

Working together to support the students and staff at Maylands Peninsula Primary School.



2 - [MPPS P&C](#)

P&C Contacts

P &C Email: pac@mpps.wa.edu.au

Uniform Shop: uniforms@mpps.wa.edu.au

Canteen email: canteen@mpps.wa.edu.au

School Canteen



Canteen Appreciation

Did you know that many public schools have a canteen that only operates 2-3 days a week, or don't have one at all? We are so fortunate for all the incredible work done by Pia and Helen and all the volunteers to keep hungry tummies full at recess and lunch. At the P&C we are committed to making sure the canteen has all it needs to run smoothly, even at the busiest times.

That's why we've recently allocated \$4,500 to replace an ageing freezer and have other plans in the works too.



3 - [QKR ORDERS / CLICK HERE!](#)

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SCHOOL BOARD



Visit our [school board](#) for their roles and responsibilities, terms of reference, contacts details, and board reports.

School Board Parent/Caregiver Representatives

With the three-year term of two of our parent/caregiver representatives expiring at the end of 2023, the Maylands Peninsula Primary School Board will soon be seeking expressions of interest from our parents/caregivers. If you are looking for a way to contribute to our school community, this may be the role for you. Further information will be provided to parents/caregivers in the coming weeks about the functions of the Board and the time commitment required of members. As part of the selection process, expressions of interest will be sought from candidates and in the event we have more than two candidates, an online election process will take place.

Email: schoolboard@mpps.wa.edu.au

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH AT MPPS!



Friday, 9 February | S1 assembly

Wednesday, 21 February | Meet the Teacher night

Friday, 23 February | S9 Assembly

Thursday, 29 February | Year 5/6 Girls Dockers' Cup

Monday, 4 March | Labour Day holiday

2024 IMPORTANT DATES

[2024 TERM DATES, & SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS](#)



[SCHOOL CALENDAR](#) - All school events are on the calendar.

[PUBLIC HOLIDAYS](#) - A listing of the published Public holiday dates in Western Australia.

Handy Tip! These can be automatically pulled into your own device using the "**Subscribe**" option on the bottom of the website calendar.

SCHOOL NEWS



ALL our school information is sent home via **Connect!**

ALL school consent forms and payments can be paid on **Qkr!**



Absentees - If a student is away, please SMS the school on 0408 947 235

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES



2024 Contributions and Charges.

Financial support by parents/caregivers has always played a significant role in providing resources that extend the schools capacity to add value to the learning experiences of students.

The continuing partnership between schools and parents is vital to ensuring that all students receive a level of education sufficient to carry them forward in today's society.

If you have not already paid, **payment can be made at any time through the year on [Qkr!](#)**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Code Club is back for 2024. The afterschool sessions will commence on Wednesday, 7 February from 3.15-4.30pm in the school library. Please click the link on the flier for further info.



HURRICANES NETBALL



WINTER NETBALL 2024



ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN
PLAYING NETBALL?
WE WOULD LOVE TO
HEAR FROM YOU.



REGISTRATION OPEN

9th January till 1st March

Contact us for more information
hurricanesnetball@iinet.net.au



All age groups train at Noranda
on Tuesdays.

NETSETGO\$241 6-10 YEAR OLDS	JUNIOR \$259 11-17 YEAR OLDS	SENIOR \$289 18 years old +
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FOLLOW OUR SOCIALS  

MIDVALE HUB

More information will come out on the 23rd of February

Below is the link to the website:

<https://www.midvalehub.org.au/copy-of-parenting-and-family-support>

Below is the link to the 'Interagency Parenting Calendar':

<https://www.midvalehub.org.au/copy-of-midvale-hub-parenting-servi>

MPPS WEBSITE



Our school [website](#) is an important source of information, and a valuable tool for parents/caregivers, and our school community. We also have translation tool on the website, so everyone can better understand the content.

Time is valuable, so we encourage parents/caregivers to [fill out our forms](#) in advance, and resource all up to date information on our school website.

SCHOOL SUPPORTERS



4 - 0433 158 384 - John Caputo



5 - 08 6244 1841 - Sam Baker & Natalie Latter



OUR ETHOS



At Maylands Peninsula Primary School, we are committed to:

- *encouraging students to be successful learners*
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- *the principles of developmental learning*
 - *lifelong learning and reflective practices*
 - *maintaining a safe environment for all*
 - *developing attitudes and values of care and concern for self, others and the environment*
 - *building partnerships with students, parents and the community*
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CONTACT US

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We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia, particularly the Whadjuk Noongar people, whose land our students live and are educated. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respect to them and their culture and to Elders past, present and emerging.