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COMING EVENTS

Friday, 2 August-
Year 3 (M5) Assembly

Friday, 9 August
(Student Council Fundraiser)- Pyjama Dress up Day

Monday, 12 August-
Friday, 16 August-
Book Fair

Friday, 16 August-
Year 2 (JB1) and (JB5) Assembly

Principal's Message

Welcome back to one and all, particularly those new members of the school community that have enrolled earlier this week. Looking through the Term Planner we have a very full term with Edu Dance, Funky Fitness, faction and interschool carnivals, the Book Fair and Book Week all taking place. As always, please keep a copy of the Term Planner on the fridge and add in any extra dates or changes to dates that are made known to you throughout the term.

Welcome Mrs Mai White

On behalf of the school community, I'd like to welcome to school staff Mrs Mai White who won the position of English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) cell teacher for the remainder of 2013. This position has come about as a consequence of the additional funding that the school has received as a result of being afforded EAL/D cell status in April. Mrs White has worked as an EAL/D cell teacher at Dryandra PS for many years and is held in high regard. She will work alongside Ms Lindjhem as part of an EAL/D cell team to provide in class support to teaching



Monday, 19 August-
Friday, 23 August-
Book Week

'Wilson' of the Fortnight



**Most things don't
happen
because of who we are
but because of what we
did or did not do.**

**Wilson McCaskill - By
Wisdom not by Force**

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Our Online Canteen

*Messages for the Canteen
or the P&C can be placed
in class canteen baskets.*

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

To have items included in
the newsletter email
Stacey Buckley.

SCHOOL ETHOS

*We at Maylands Peninsula
Primary School are
committed to:
Encouraging students to
be successful learners.
The principles of
developmental learning.
Life-long learning and
reflective practices.
Developing attitudes and
values of care and
concern for self, others
and the environment.
Maintaining a safe
environment for all.
Building partnerships with
students, parents and the
community.*

staff.

M5 Assembly

Next Friday, 2 August, our first assembly of the term will be taking place. Ms Simcock's M5 class will be our hosts. I look forward to seeing many members of our school community in attendance.

Performing Arts Night

It is pleasing to see the children enjoying the Edu Dance and Funky Fitness classes that started earlier this week, with the Edu Dance classes culminating in the Performing Arts Night later this term. In years past, the Performing Arts Night has been one of the most well attended events on the school calendar with many parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members attending the performance to watch the students perform. Over the past few months, the Leadership Team has been working with the P&C to find a suitable venue that may be able to accommodate our growing numbers to enable the event to occur on the one evening in relative comfort. However, after an exhaustive search, the only venues that have the capacity to accommodate over 250 students in addition to the several hundred other audience members are either too cost prohibitive or unwilling to make the space available for the school. As a consequence, the Leadership Team has made the decision to split the Performing Arts Night over two nights at the Morley Sport and Recreation Centre with each class performing on stage, rather than having two or more classes on stage at once. This would allow enough space for audience members to sit in comfort and at a reasonable distance from the stage area to watch each class perform. Unfortunately, the school is unable to secure consecutive nights at the venue due to the space being utilised by other user groups either during the day for rehearsal or the evening for the performance itself. The two dates we have been able to book are Friday, 20 September (Week 9) and Wednesday, 25 September (Week 10). At this stage, the decision about which night each class will perform has not been made, so best keep both dates free in the family diary. Furthermore, there will be some impact on other school events scheduled around this time, such as school photos and the like. I will keep the school community informed of any developments as they come to light.



S4 students strutting their stuff.



The JB1 crew learning their new

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Pyjama Dress Up Day- Friday, 9 August



On Friday, 9 August, the Student Councillors have organised a Pyjama Dress Up Day to support the St Vincent de Paul Society's work with disadvantaged youth and the homeless in our local area. The cost will be a gold coin donation. More information will be sent home next Thursday.

2014 Kindergarten enrolments cut off- Friday, 26 July 2013.

A final reminder that Kindy and Pre Primary enrolments for 2014 close today. Please Note: Students who are currently enrolled in the school's Pre Primary programme will be automatically enrolled in our Year One programme commencing in 2014. Furthermore, as Pre Primary is now the first compulsory year at school, all current Kindergarten children who live within our 'local intake' area will automatically have a guaranteed Pre Primary place for 2014. Unfortunately, all current Kindergarten families who reside outside our 'local intake' area will have to apply for a place for Pre Primary in 2014. It is at this stage that all applications are assessed against the Department of Education's Enrolment policy. The policy assigns a particular priority order by which all applications are assessed before a place is offered to any child.

The following documentation must be provided when you come in to complete a formal enrolment form for a new student:

- Proof of residence to be lodged with your application (current utilities account or a rental agreement longer than three months).
- Your child's birth certificate/passport/visa, child's up to date immunisation records and child's medical information (asthma, allergies etc)

Letters will be sent home in the coming weeks to prospective families after the Leadership Team has had the opportunity to assess each application.

School Chaplain's Corner

Hello to all students, teachers and parents. I trust you all

enjoyed the holidays and have come back refreshed for another great term of fun learning. I'd like to remind everyone that Breakfast Club is on again and will be taking place every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.00am to 8.30am.



Part of my role as School Chaplain is to be available to students, staff and parents to offer pastoral care and support. All matters are discussed in confidence and with a caring ear. Students are able to make contact with me in the playground if they would like to speak with me or they can use one of the Chaplain's Chat Contact Slips that are available to each classroom teacher. These slips can then be placed in the Chaplain's Chatter Box in the school library.

I am available to parents/carers on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3.00pm-3.30pm or by appointment through the office. Alternatively, feel free to approach me if you see me in the playground or during Breakfast Club if you would like to make a time to meet.

I am here to encourage each others' strengths and to support members of our school community in times of need. Until we meet again stay happy and remember to take the time to laugh. It is music to the soul. Bye for now, Sylvia- MPPS School Chaplain.

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