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Issue No 1 - 2 February 2018

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to all students, families and staff to Maylands Peninsula Primary School in 2018. I am hopeful everyone had a relaxing Christmas with family and friends and an enjoyable beginning to the new year. I’d like to especially welcome all students and families who may be coming to Maylands Peninsula Primary School for the very first time.

I would like to congratulate all parents/caregivers, students and staff for their efforts in making this transition into the school year a most pleasant experience.

I’d like to welcome the following staff members who are returning to the school in 2018 from various types of leave:

- Mrs Jodie Threlfall- (PP2- Thurs and PP5- Fri)
- Mrs Ashlea Ruston- (JB5- Fri)
- Mrs Robyn Trend- Phys Ed (Mon-Tues)

On the welcome theme, I’d like to congratulate Mrs Sheila Eftos and Mrs Rebecca Jonsson on the safe arrivals of Edgar and Hayden respectively during the holiday break. It’s also congratulations to the former Miss Hulme in PP3 who is the newly minted Mrs Banner.

There have also been some changes to staffing that have taken place over the summer break. Mrs Lesley Watt, who was a foundation member of Maylands Peninsula PS, has decided to retire. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Mrs Watt for her many years of service to the students and families in our community and wish her well in her retirement. As a consequence, Ms Faye Burnaby has moved into Year 1/JA3 in a full time role for the year. Furthermore, Ms Nicole Sloan was successful in winning a position as a teaching and learning advocate at the Institute of Professional Learning for

- **Play Soccer with Inglewood United**
- **Grasshopper Soccer**

COMING EVENTS

S3 Assembly- Friday,
9 February
S2 Assembly- Friday,
23 February
Meet the Teacher night-
Wednesday, 28 February
Labour Day holiday-
Monday, 5 March

Quote of the Fortnight

If you don't know why you're doing something then don't do it because it's most likely wrong. Have reasons for the things you say and do.

P&C CONTACTS:

Main email:

pac@mpps.wa.edu.au

Canteen email:

canteen@mpps.wa.edu.au

Canteen orders:

Our Online Canteen

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

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.

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2018. As a result, we welcome back Mrs Eleanor Costello, who will move into Year 2/M4 for the 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). Please arrange a mutually convenient time either directly with the teacher or through the office. Furthermore, feel free to make a time with Mrs Johnson, Mrs Alver or myself if you would like to discuss any matter relating to the school or its operations.

I look forward to working alongside a highly committed and dedicated staff, our wonderful students and in collaboration with our parents/caregivers and local community members.

Potential School Re-structure

As highlighted on the draft class lists earlier this week and in the last newsletter of 2017, I would like to remind parents/caregivers that our current class structures are always temporary arrangements for the first few weeks of the school year until the 2018 Student Census on Friday, 16 February is complete. Consequently, there may be a need to alter the proposed structure to cater for arriving/departing students early in the school year. Please do not mark any items of personal equipment with the teacher's name or room number as these are subject to confirmation.

During the coming weeks, the school Leadership Team will begin assessing the overall impact of student arrival and departure and the affect that this has on our overall staffing entitlement leading up to the Student Census. 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 note home to all families once the school's staffing entitlement has been confirmed and class structures have been finalised. This will hopefully be sooner, rather than later. I appreciate your patience and understanding on this matter.

Other Newsletter Items

Newsletters and Term Planners

Every Friday fortnight on the odd weeks of each school term, an SMS alert/email/Smartlink message will be sent out to all families with the link to the school newsletter on our school website. In our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, our newsletters are sent out in electronic form only. However, hard copies will also be available from the school office and the canteen 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. The Term 1 School Planner also accompanies this newsletter. All the key dates/activities that are already known to the school have been

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included. Please keep a copy on the fridge and add in any extra dates that are made known to you throughout the term. For those families new to our school, the school's web address is <http://www.mpps.wa.edu.au/>

Furthermore, as a general rule any hard copy, whole-school information will be sent home via the eldest/only child in each family on Thursday afternoons via classrooms.

School App- The Smartlink

A reminder to all members of the school community about our Smartlink app, which has been purchased in partnership with the school and the P&C. The Smartlink app is just another way for the school and the P&C to connect to our school community. All other existing means of communication e.g. newsletter, school website, SMS messages, notes coming home via handipouches etc. continue to operate. The Smartlink app will not replace these existing means, just supplement them.



You can download 'The Smartlink' App **for free** from the following:

1. Apple App Store:

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/the-smartlink/id1105845010?mt=8>

2. Android Play Store:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.thesmartlink>

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 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 Mr Andrijich, Mrs Johnson or Mrs Alver. 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 either Helping Hands Network or Maylands Out-of-School Hours Care on Richard Street to discuss before school arrangements.

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 under their own steam for our older students. Contact with parents/caregivers will then be made by the 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 awaiting collection 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.

After School Play

One of the unique aspects of our school is the opportunity to utilise the playground areas at the end of the school day. This only adds to the great community feel we have at Maylands Peninsula Primary School. As we have a number of new families entering the school this year, I would like to remind everyone of the 'rules' governing after school play on the school playgrounds:

- Children will have access to school playgrounds and facilities up to 3.20pm provided their parents/caregivers are supervising their play. All unsupervised children are to make their way home or to the school office if they have not been collected.
- At 3.20pm, the school siren will sound as the signal to indicate that the playground areas are closed for the day. Parents/caregivers and children are to make their way off school site.
- Parents/caregivers who wish to continue with play, please make your way to the playgrounds located on Gibbney Reserve where drinking fountains and toilet facilities are located.
- Cleaning staff will commence the process of locking up toilet areas.

Thanks to all those parents/caregivers who have been 'doing the right thing' when the 3.20pm (2.50pm on Tuesdays) siren sounds.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges



Voluntary Contributions and Charges form an integral part of the school's financial budget each year. These monies are used to purchase resources and materials as part of the Teaching and Learning programmes offered by staff and goes directly towards improving outcomes for children. In 2018, the School Board has approved a flat rate of \$45.00 per student for each child from Kindergarten to Year 6. Please feel free to see Mrs

Millar in the office to arrange payment at your earliest possible convenience if you have not already paid via the Campion Personal Items List. At the request of parents/caregivers, reminder notices will be posted out throughout the year for those families who would prefer to pay their Voluntary Contribution and Charges later in the year once uniforms, booklists etc. have been attended to.

Assembly

As has been the case in previous years, assemblies for students in Year 1-6 are held each Friday

fortnight just after the commencement of the school day at 8.45am.

Each class teacher will award Merit Certificates at every assembly. Furthermore, you will also notice on the Term Planner that Excellence Awards and Aussie of the Month Awards will be presented on alternative assembly dates. We are again very fortunate to have the continued sponsorship of Harcourts Integrity, who provides our Academic Excellence Awards;



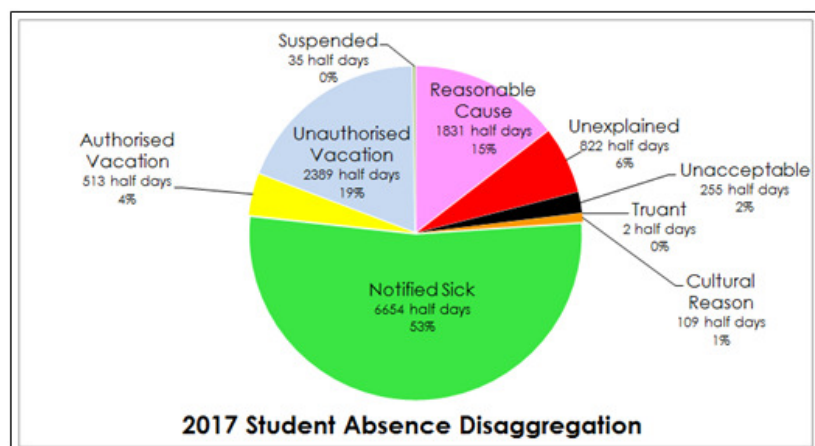
Bosch Timber Flooring, who provide our Writer of the Month prize and Finance 4 U who supply our Science Excellence Award. Our senior classes will host the assemblies this term with Ms Wyatt's/Mr Sollis' Year 6/S3 class the first class 'up to bat' on Friday, 9 February.

I look forward to seeing many members of our school community out in support throughout the year.

Late Arrivals/Early Pick Ups

As per the Department of Education's Attendance Policy, any students who arrive after the commencement of the school day at 8.45am will be asked to go to the office to collect a Late Slip. 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 Slip from the school 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 documentation. The general rule is if you arrive late, or need to go early, pass by the school office first. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

2017 Student Attendance data



An analysis of student absences from 2017 has indicated that after

illness, which accounted for just over half of absences, the second most common reason for students missing school is vacationing during the school term. As highlighted in the pie graph above, almost a quarter (23%) of absences last year were due to parents/caregivers withdrawing children from school to take holidays.

The attractiveness of travelling during the school term to take advantage of cheap air fares and accommodation impacts on the continuity of your child's learning program. 12 weeks of the year are available for school holidays, and in the interest of your child's academic progress, family holidays should be booked during these periods.

A further eighth of absences were due to other reasonable causes and the last eighth were unexplained or due to an unacceptable reason. An 'unacceptable absence' is one when a student is absent from school for a reason such as celebrating a birthday, going to a movie, shopping, visiting a friend/relative etc. Basically, the types of activities that should take place after school or on weekends. Having a day 'off school' for such events every fortnight, which is the cut off point for regular attendance, doesn't sound like much. However, this equates to four weeks over the course of the year. This is four weeks of learning that a student will never be able to get back and will ultimately affect his/her academic potential.

Every day matters with your child's education.

Support-a-Reader



Mrs Johnson is on the lookout for any parent/caregivers or community members who may be able to assist with our Support-a-Reader programme in 2018. This programme provides the opportunity for some of our students to spend some one-on-one time with an adult once or twice a week in order to improve their reading skills. Time and days are flexible. If you are able to help out, and would like to register

your interest for the programme, please speak with Mrs Johnson in the school office.

Library News

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new families. We hope you all had a relaxing holiday and managed to keep out of the heat most of the time.

With the new school year comes our annual reminder:

- Each class has an individual borrowing time.
- A library bag **MUST** be used to borrow.
- If an extension to the loan is required, please bring in the book to be re-scanned.
- Please encourage your children to remember their library day and return their books on time.
- The library is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday before and after school. Feel free to drop in with your child and have a look around.

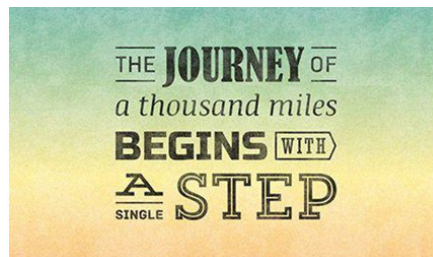


Furthermore, if there are any parents/caregivers that have any spare time on their hands and would like to help in the library, please see library staff.

Thank you

Debbie Fielding/Claudia Barbaro – Library Officers

Chaplain's Chat



Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a lovely and refreshing summer break. As we step back into school, I think of all this year might hold for us. Every child, parent and staff member will have stories and life lessons they will take

with them for years to come. Here's to the start of a new year and a new journey!

Breakfast Club will start up again in **Week 3**, and will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00am. Adult volunteers are needed to help with Breakfast Club. Student volunteers do most of the serving and cleaning up, but help with oversight would be much appreciated. The following dates in the table below have vacancies.

If you can help on any of the these dates, please shoot me an email at eva.johnson@education.wa.edu.au or call the school office at 9462 6700.

As the school's chaplain, it is my privilege to provide pastoral support and care to staff, students and their families. If you would like to speak with me for any reason, you can send me an email, drop a note in the Chaplain's Chatter Box in the library or arrange a meeting through the school office.

Kind Regards,

Eva Johnson ("Mrs. J")

Week 3		Tues 13 Feb Help Needed		Thurs 15 Feb Help Needed	
Week 4		Tues 20 Feb Help Needed		Thurs 22 Feb Help Needed	
Week 5		Tues 27 Feb Help Needed		Thurs 1 Mar Help Needed	
Week 6		Tues 6 Mar Help Needed		Thurs 8 Mar Help Needed	

P&C News

Maylands Peninsula P&C Association- 'Join the crew'

The Maylands Peninsula Primary School Parents and Citizens Association would like to welcome all members of the school community- both new and returning- to the 2018 school year and encourages you to 'join the crew' by participating and joining in the activities of the Parents and Citizens' Association.



The P&C Association meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the school staffroom at 6.30pm. However, the first scheduled meeting of 2018 is Wednesday, 21 February.

Parents/caregivers and family members of our children can assist the P&C in many different ways, such as volunteering time, selling raffle tickets, providing cakes or foodstuffs for carnival days and much more. Please feel free to attend our first meeting of 2018 to hear more about the activities of the P&C and learn more about the many ways in which you can assist our school community. The more the merrier.

Regards

Tammie Deshon

Maylands Peninsula PS P&C Vice-President

School Canteen



Welcome to all for 2018. 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 ordering is our preferred method of ordering, so for those not familiar with this facility please visit www.QuickCliq.com.au for further information or call their helpful staff on 1300 116 637 with any queries.

Helen
Canteen Organiser

Community News

Play Soccer with Inglewood United

Inglewood United invites aspiring young soccer players, boys and girls, ages 6 through to 18, to join us for the 2018 season.

Playing soccer at Inglewood is all about having fun, learning new skills, developing personally and making life-long friends.

For information on our Junior Registration Day on Sunday, 4 February (9am-12noon) visit <http://inglewoodunitedfc.com.au/junior-registration-day-2018/>

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CHECKLIST

- Parents need to remind children of starting date.
- All participating students need to fill in a form with payment attached.
- You will be notified if program has been cancelled & money will be refunded.
- Wet weather programs run if required.

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ENROLMENT FORM

Child's name: _____ Age: _____
School: _____ Year Level: _____
Parent/Guardian's name: _____
Address: _____
Suburb: _____ PCODE: _____
Phone (home): _____ MOB: _____
Email: _____

Shirt, Shorts & Hat (Please Circle): **SM** **M** **LRG**
(Optional \$50)

Medical Conditions: _____

At the end of the afterschool clinics, does your child?

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Parent Signature: _____

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card.

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Credit Card Number: _____

Credit Card Expiry: ____ / ____ Payment Amount: _____

Enrol before 13th Feb to Email:
perth@grasshoppersoccer.com.au OR ph: 0451172877

Enrolment forms will not be processed without payment. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

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NEWSLETTER ITEMS

To include items in the school newsletter contact Gayle Tippett by email Gayle.Tippett@education.wa.edu.au

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