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Issue No 2 - 22 February 2019

Message from the Principal

Mini School Re-structure

Earlier this week, all families would have received a letter home regarding the minor school re-structure that took place today across Pre-primary-Year 3. By undertaking this re-structure, we will have 'straight' classes across the Kindy-Year 3 cohort.

As stated in the letter, going through a re-structure is familiar territory for our school. Our experience has shown that once we get through the initial settling in period, everyone gets on with the business of learning, and we soon forget the way things were. I am confident that the benefits of having 'straight' classes in the ECE and Junior Primary years, is the best outcome for the school on the whole.

I appreciate the patience and flexibility of all sectors of the school community- parents/caregivers, staff and students- as we have worked through this process. Now that all students are in their proper place, feel free to mark all items of equipment with the teacher's name and room number.

Mrs Alver update

Unfortunately, Mrs Alver's rehabilitation programme will require her to be out of school for the remainder of the term. As such, Miss Avery will continue in the Deputy Principal role, but in a full time capacity, until the end of Term 1. This arrangement will come into effect immediately. In order to maintain the continuity and integrity of the classroom

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- **Maylands Basketball Club**

COMING EVENTS

S2 Assembly- Friday, 1 March
 Labour Day holiday- Monday, 5 March
 Book Fair- Monday, 11 March – Friday, 15 March
 Meet the Teacher night- Wednesday, 13 March
 Purple Haze Day- Thursday, 14 March
 M4 Assembly- Friday, 15 March

Quote of the fortnight

Give children the power to spoil our day often enough and we will, overtime, give them the power to spoil their lives.

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

programme, Mrs Ruhen will remain in M2 on a full time basis whilst Miss Avery is in the school office.

At this stage, it is anticipated that Mrs Alver will return to school for the commencement of Term 2, which will result in Miss Avery returning to M2. Nevertheless, I will keep parents/caregivers informed of any further developments as they come to light.

Other Newsletter Items

S1 Assembly



Congratulations to Ms Turvey's Year 6 class for hosting the first assembly of the school year. I think the 'Looking back at 2019' theme was a very interesting one. I particularly enjoyed the Graduation song at the end that was composed by Ms Turvey. Considering the class had less than two weeks to prepare, it was a most entertaining way to start the year. Well done to all concerned.

Our next assembly will see the second of our Year 6 classes 'up to bat' with Mrs Pitsonis' S2 class taking centre stage. Furthermore, we will present the first round of the 'Aussie of the Month' Awards for 2019. We will also present the house badges to our newly elected faction captains and vice-captains.

In-term Swimming

Thanks to all those families who have already returned their In-term Swimming enrolment form, permission slip and payment. A reminder that all these forms need to be back at school no later than **Friday, 8 March**. If parents/caregivers are finding



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students, parents and the
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it difficult to meet the costs of the programme, please see Mrs Mohr or Mrs Millar in the office to enter into a payment plan.

The In-term Swimming timetable outlining which classes will be going at which times will be sent home the week before lessons commence. Please see Miss Avery if you have any questions or concerns regarding the swimming lessons themselves.

Syringes on the basketball court

Earlier this week, a number of used syringes were found on the school basketball court prior to the start of the school day. The City of Bayswater were alerted to this, and they quickly removed the syringes in due course. Staff were advised to discuss safety measures at the classroom level, but it would be timely to discuss the steps to take with your children at home as well.

Kindy- Year 6 'Meet the Teacher' night- Wednesday, 13 March

A reminder that the Kindy- Year 6 'Meet the Teacher' night will be taking place on **Wednesday, 13 March (Week 6)**. This will provide the opportunity for the teacher(s) to explain various aspects about the class and its day-to-day operations. Staff spend quite a deal of time putting together the information for their presentation and ideally would like to share this with every parent/caregiver.

The night will be split into three timeslots in order to get through all classes on the one night to make it easier on families.

- Kindy- Pre-primary- 6.00-6.20pm
- Year 1-3- 6.30-6.50pm
- Year 4-6- 7.00-7.20pm

Please make arrangements for child care with family or friends for the evening. However, in order to encourage as great a turnout as possible, the Leadership Team will provide supervision for those families that are **genuinely unable** to make arrangements for child care to attend class meetings. Students will be supervised at the junior and senior playground areas by the school oval whilst Kindy students will be supervised in the Kindy playground. Please drop off your child/ren just prior to going to your child/ren's scheduled meeting and promptly collect them at the conclusion of the session.

Whilst I understand that we all live rather hectic lives and are often time poor, I believe giving up a half hour of your time to engage with staff is a reasonable ask and therefore there is an expectation that at least one parent/caregiver attends. I look forward to seeing many parents/caregivers out in support.

Helping Hands bus

A reminder to all parents/caregivers that use the Ferguson Street carpark alongside Gibbney Reserve to please leave the space free in front of the school rubbish bins for the Helping Hands bus. There is no space in the carpark to accommodate the bus, so please leave this area free at drop off and pick up times. Your assistance on this matter is greatly appreciated.



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/Lyn Seedy-Dittrich

Library Officers

Ashton Scholastic Book Fair

The 2019 Ashton Scholastic Book Fair will be open in the school library from Monday, 11 March - Friday, 15 March.



You can view the Book Fair before school from 8.15am - 8.45am and after school from 3.00pm - 3.30pm (Please Note: Tuesdays 2.30pm - 3.30pm). The library will be closed at lunchtime.

Purchases can be made with cash, credit card or EFTPOS in the library or online. If paying by phone or online, please record your receipt number on the Book Fair invite or student wish list and return to staff at the Book Fair.

This is a major fundraiser for the school library which helps in the acquisition of new resources for the students. Additional information will be sent home in the week before the Book Fair itself.

Volunteers to help would be greatly appreciated please see Debbie or Lyn in the school library.

Debbie Fielding and Lyn Seedy-Dittrich
Library Officers

P&C News

Book Club



Dear Students, Parents and
Caregivers,

Don't forget to look for the Book Club Issue catalogue that should have come home yesterday in your child's schoolbag.

There will only be one Book Club catalogue during Term 1 – Issue 1.

Book Club provides a fun and convenient way of bringing the best in children's literature into your home. It's packed full of exciting books from best-selling authors, popular titles and series that kids love, as well as products and books that make perfect gifts for younger siblings who may not be at school yet.

When ordering from Book Club, you are not only helping your children, but you are also helping our school—20% of your spend goes back to our school in valuable Scholastic Rewards, which are used to buy classroom resources.

Book Club ordering process is as follows:

1. Catalogues are delivered to the classrooms on a Thursday. For Issue 1, the catalogues were sent home yesterday (21/02);
2. All orders need to be placed by the following Tuesday. For Issue 1 orders must be placed by Tuesday (26/02);
3. You can place your orders using one of the two methods below:
 - a. the LOOP system, a free app that you can download onto your smartphone, this is our preferred method of payment, alternatively
 - b. manually complete the form at the back of the catalogue (ensuring student name and classroom are clearly written). Payment can be made by cash, scholastic's voucher or cheque (payable to Scholastic Australia) and all placed in an envelope dropped off at the office in the box marked 'Book Club'.

To celebrate the start of the New Year, any family ordering from Issue 1 will also receive a free 'All About Me' Activity Journal to help us kick-start our 2019 plans.

For more information about Scholastic and Book Club, visit www.scholastic.com.au

Miriam Xavier
Book Club Organiser

Canteen News

	Mon 25 Feb	Tue 26 Feb	Wed 27 Feb	Thurs 28 Feb	Fri 1 Mar
Week 4	Emma Tracey	Emma Tracey	Another needed Ginny after 11am	Hortense Another needed	Ginny Another needed
	4 Mar	5 Mar	5 Dec	7 Mar	8 Mar
Week 5	Labour Day	Emma Tracey	Another needed Ginny after 11am	Hortense Another needed	Ginny Another needed

Thanks Everyone!

Charlotte and Helen
Canteen Organisers, Tummy Rumbles

Community News

Kidsport

This FREE Community Upskillers information session will give parents/caregivers important information on how KidSport and the City of Bayswater enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5 to 18 years to participate in community sport by offering them financial assistance of up to \$200.00 each year towards club fees.

When: Wednesday, 6 March 2019 (2:00pm – 3:00pm)
 Where: Maylands Peninsula Primary Library

Contact: Ross Cameron, Club Development Officer
 P: (08) 9292 0609
 E: community.services@bayswater.wa.gov.au

Register online at
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kidsport-explained-tickets-53945602750>

Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council's (EMRC) Battery Collection Programme



Batteries contain recyclable elements including carbon, zinc, manganese, lithium, nickel, copper and aluminium. They also contain hazardous materials which can pollute groundwater and soil. And yet, 94% of batteries are still disposed of in household rubbish bins.



The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council's (EMRC) Battery Collection Programme began in 2003, and has grown from just 5 schools participating, to 100 across the region. Between July and December 2018, the EMRC collected 3.3 tonnes of batteries which were diverted from landfill.

Students and their families are encouraged to collect used batteries and bring them to school. The batteries can be placed in the bin located in the school's library and the school office.

You can bring in the following batteries for recycling:

- Button batteries
- AA and AAA batteries
- C and D batteries
- 6V and 9V batteries

FREE PARENTING SEMINARS – for EVERY PARENT Positive Parenting Programme SEMINAR SERIES TEEN Term 1 2019 Mount Lawley Senior High School



Parents/carers/grandparents are invited to attend free parenting seminars to learn practical, positive and effective ways to strengthen bonds with their teenagers, encouraging them to develop the skills to become independent and to successfully connect with the wider

community.

The seminars are standalone and parents may choose to attend one, two or all three of the seminars. However, it is best to attend all three to get the full benefit of the programme. The seminars are a presentation style format rather than fully interactive. However, there is a question and answer opportunity in the last 15 minutes of the seminar. At each seminar you'll be given a tip sheet to take home to remind you of the great ideas you've heard.

When: Wednesday, 27 February
Seminar Two: Raising Competent Teenagers

Wednesday, 6 March
Seminar Three: Getting Teenagers connected

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Mount Lawley Senior High School Library

Cost: Free – however bookings are essential.

Parents of children in Years 6, 7, 8 and 9 are welcome to attend. This is an adult only event, so please do not bring your teenager or younger children along.

For more information, or to register to attend a free parenting seminar please:

Visit the EventBrite page to register online

<https://teenpositiveparentingprogram.eventbrite.com.au>

If you wish to attend all three seminars, you have to register for each seminar separately online.

We look forward to seeing you at the seminar.

Iva Filipovska (School Psychologist) and Mary Keeley (School Nurse)
Mount Lawley Senior High School

NB: These seminars focus on strategies for supporting very low level challenging behaviours that teenagers display. For more in-depth parent support and complex presentations, the Group Teen Triple P would be a suitable option. You can check when and where this program is offered on the following website - <https://www.tripleparenting.net.au/>

Maylands Basketball Club

WE NEED GIRLS!!

We are looking for girls to join our junior basketball club for the upcoming winter season. Basketball is a great option for a winter sport as all our games and training are indoors! For more information, please email Heather: maylandsbasketball@gmail.com or call 0418 755 593.



NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

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