



### 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.

### Coming Events

#### Wednesday 8

#### February

P&C Meeting 7pm

Staffroom

#### Friday 10 February

Assembly EC5

### Newsletter

Maylands Peninsula Primary fortnightly newsletter is available on our website. Every fortnight from the 17 February the link to the newsletter will be emailed and an sms will be sent to all parents with the link. Hard copies will be available from the front office.

## Message from the Principal



Hello and welcome to the new school year.

Our enrolments have increased significantly from last year with over 560 students enrolled. A big thankyou goes to all staff who ensured that we had a very smooth start to the new school year.

As a result of the increased enrolments, you will see a number of new faces amongst our teaching staff.

New teaching staff members are:

Miss Nicole Selwood (Pre-primary)

Miss Natalie Simcock (Pre-primary)

Miss Sharna Avery (Year 2)

Mr Caleb Christie (Year 3/4)

We also welcome new and returning support staff, Ms Shamilla Sivraj in Pre-primary and Kerry Thoonen who returns as a special needs assistant.

We say farewell to Gayle Elgin, Ken Preece and Linda Townend who have all retired and wish them well in their future pursuits. Deb Cook and Ms Paula Hemus have also left us, having transferred to Wanneroo Primary School and Mundaring Primary School respectively.

Congratulations go to Mrs Alver who has won the substantive position of Deputy Principal and takes over from Ken Preece. I look forward to working with such a professional and competent person.

As has been the case in previous years, students who arrive at school before 8:30am each morning are required to sit in the undercover and central courtyard where supervision can be provided by Mrs Johnson and Mr Salamon. We also ask that parents who come along with their children at that time, sit with them in the central area as well.

Should you have any queries regarding your child or wish to enquire about their progress throughout the year, please feel free to arrange a time with the classroom teacher to meet either before school, after school or during their Duties Other Than Teaching time that occurs at various times throughout the week.

Parents of students in pre-primary 4 (transportable building) will have noted the scarcity of furniture and equipment in the room at the moment. The furniture ordered in early November and expected to arrive in early January has not yet been delivered. Thanks to the kindness of the other pre-primary classes, we have managed to arrange for enough furniture to start the year. We are told that it should arrive in the week commencing February 15.

Please read the Bullying Policy included in this newsletter and the section relating to it. The containment of bullying to ensure the happiness and wellbeing of your child are of the utmost importance to us and your support in assisting in this is essential.

Once again, as it is the start of the new school year, I wish to re-affirm our belief that the education of our students is a partnership between yourselves and the school. The strength of Maylands Peninsula has always been the high level of support from its parents and community and we look forward to continuing to work with you for the benefit of your child/children.

I am looking forward to a fabulous and successful school year.

**STEVEN SALAMON**  
PRINCIPAL

# Maylands Peninsula Primary School Bullying Policy



Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of our school's Bullying Policy. At MPPS we have a zero tolerance to bullying behaviour and all reported incidents are treated seriously. Your child's sense of belonging and safety are very important. We can not however, act on incidents we are not made aware of.

Please take the time to read this document and discuss with your child/ren the nature of bullying, what they can do when they see or hear bullying happening or experience it themselves. Encourage your child/ren to report situations in which they do not feel comfortable as they happen, whether that is to their class teacher, specialist teacher or a teacher on playground duty.

Narelle Alver  
Deputy Principal



## Library Snippet



Welcome back to what is shaping up to be a very exciting year in our school.

All students P-7 have an allocated library time, please check with your child when this is and encourage them to remember to return their library books on that day. All students MUST have a library bag to borrow. Students with overdue books are not allowed to borrow until either their book is returned or the cost has been reimbursed (certain circumstances excepted).

Twice a term your child/children will bring home brochures from Scholastic book club. Should you wish to order items please make sure the order form is correctly filled out with the students name and room number and placed in an envelope with either cash or cheque for the cost. If you order from more than one brochure and are paying either by cheque or credit card (details on order form) only one cheque or one credit card slip for the whole amount is required. Envelopes should then be placed in the wooden box in the office, BEFORE recess on the closing date.

This year is the INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RENEWABLE ENERGY and several displays will be set up in the library at intervals over the year to highlight this event. Other displays will also be set up highlighting different days/weeks etc. Families are very welcome to come and browse at any time, look at our new books, ask any questions. I am available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday up till approx. 3.15 pm.

There is a large amount of lost property school uniforms in the library, please come and sift through and see if there is anything of your's that has gone astray.

Literacy is one of our school's key initiatives and the ability of your child to select what they wish to read is important as is your encouragement of them to read and enjoy.

Happy reading  
Carol Abell – Library Officer

*There are few who accept compliments well, and too many who accept flattery with ease. A compliment is an enjoyable expression of honest praise with no ulterior motive. Flattery is an exaggeration intended to delude the receiver into liking the giver.*

**Wilson McCaskill,**

**The Game  
Factory.**



## Canberra Tour Fundraiser

If you are in the Morley area on Saturday 18 February, make sure you call into Bunning's to purchase a tasty sausage sizzle from our stand.

All proceeds to the 2012 Year 6 & 7 Canberra Politics and History Tour, being held in August.



## Coles Sports Gear Vouchers

Thank you very much to those member of our school community who deposited their Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers at the school last year. We were notified just before the end of the school year that we had collected 72 498, which is an amazing total. You will begin to see a number of new sports kits around the school. We are expecting delivery of this gear this month.





# Term 1 Planner



A copy of our Term 1 planner is included with this newsletter.

Please note that **Swimming Lessons**, for students in Years 1 to 7 will be held in Term 4 this year, as will our **Swimming Carnival** for Years 4-7.

Please keep free the evening of Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, it is our **Parent Information Evening**, at which you will have the opportunity to meet your child/ren's Year 1-7 class teacher and have the opportunity to ask any questions about class operation. Each teacher will be sending home a **Parent Information Book** the week prior to give parents the opportunity to come to the meeting informed about what they and their child can expect in 2012.

This term our Year 7, 6 and 5 classes will present their **class assemblies**. You will note on the planner that Excellence Awards will be presented at some fortnightly assemblies and Aussie of the Month awards on alternate assembly dates. We are very fortunate to have the continued sponsorship of Harcourts Integrity who provide our Academic Excellence Award, Bosch Timber Flooring who present our Writer of the Month prize and Aussie Home Loans who supply our Science Excellence Award. Each class teacher also awards merit certificates to 2 students from their class at every assembly. Assemblies are attended by Pre-Primary and Year 1-7 classes. All parents are welcome. Assemblies begin around 9am (once all classes are assembled) and generally run for 30 to 40 minutes.

The Australian Communication and Media Authority are visiting the school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March to run a **Cyber safety session** with students, and also a parent evening, 7-8.30pm. More information will be forthcoming closer to this event, which will give parents the opportunity to find out more about current cyber safety issues and tips for online safety for adults and children.

We look forward to seeing you at as many school events as possible.

Narelle Alver  
Deputy Principal



## School Banking Update



Welcome back to school. As many of you are aware we have school banking each Thursday from 8.15am-8.30am in the school library. For each 10 deposits you make into your Youth Saver account you get to pick a great reward. There are new rewards for 2012, including a book light, USB and iPod shaped pen case. All students currently banking will get a new rewards sheet when they next bank at school.

For those of you new to the school, you can easily start school banking by leaving a note (stating your name and classroom) in the pink school banking box which is located at the front office. You will then receive a school banking pack with an application form which your parent needs to complete.

If there is enough interest from people wanting to start banking, we will organise an ID day where a rep from the Commonwealth Bank will come to the school, so please register your interest soon! The school gets a financial benefit from participating in this programme and you benefit from learning great ways to manage your money!

Hope to see you soon.

Fiona Hornung – School Banking Co-ordinator



## Chaplains Chat



Welcome back staff, parents and students! What a great (and warm!) start to the year we have had.

Just a quick note to all new parents that the MPPS Breakfast Club is run every Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Art room from 8 – 8:30 am. New students are encouraged to come, as it is a safe and fun environment for them to meet other children.

I am available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for a casual chat/meeting/formal consultation. My role here at MPPS is to assist the already excellent student support team in ensuring the emotional well-being of your child whilst here.

If you would like to meet with me, simply contact the office to make an appointment or drop into school on one of my nominated days. I look forward to meeting you!

Harmony Week is fast approaching, so stay tuned for upcoming activities to be announced.

Have a great weekend!

Warmly,

Merryl Custers  
Chaplain

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up"*  
- Mark Twain

# Term 1 2012

Week 1 January/ February	<b>30</b> School Development Day	<b>31</b> School Development Day	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Camp Quality Puppet show	<b>3</b> Newsletter
Week 2  February Recycling bin week	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Assembly : EC5 Yr 7
Week 3  February	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Canberra Tour Fundraising Meeting 7pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Newsletter
Week 4  February Recycling bin week	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Assembly : EC4 Yr 6/7 (Excellence awards) Parent Informa- tion Books to go home
Week 5  February/ March	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6.30-7.30pm Parent Information Evening	<b>29</b> Bully Busters Incursion Yrs 5-7 9.15-10.15am	<b>1</b> World Education Games Practise (Mathletics)	<b>2</b> Newsletter
Week 6  March Recycling bin week	<b>5</b> <b>Labour Day</b>	<b>6</b> World Ed Games Spelling Day	<b>7</b> World Ed Games Maths Day	<b>8</b> World Ed Games Science Day	<b>9</b> Assembly : S3 Yr 6 (Aussie of Month awards)
Week 7  March	<b>12</b> School Board Meeting 4pm	<b>13</b> EC5 Bayswater Catchment Day	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Newsletter
Week 8  March Recycling bin week	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> JFSC Visit Yr 6&7, 9.45am  1.30pm Cyber Safety Incursion  7-8.30pm Parent Cyber Safety Session	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Assembly :Year 5s S1 & S5 (Excellence awards)
Week 9  March	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> COB Yr 7 Immunisation 10.45am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Newsletter
Week 10  April Recycling bin week	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> S3 & EC5 Foodbank Incursion	<b>4</b> Interim Reports Home	<b>5</b> Anzac Service : Student Councillors	<b>6</b> <b>Good Friday</b>