



### 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

#### 13 February

P & C Meeting 7pm  
Staffroom

#### 15 February

Assembly Year 7 S1

#### 19 February

Meet the Teacher  
Night PP—Year 2

#### 20 February

Meet the Teacher  
Night Year 3—Year 7

#### 1 March

Assembly Year 6/7 S2

## Message from the Principal



Welcome back to all students, families and staff to Maylands Peninsula Primary School in 2013. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and 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, especially our Kindergarten students who are embarking on their educational journey.

Even though our school resembles a construction site at present, with our two transportable buildings being fitted out, the angled car parking bays yet to be complete along Kelvin Street and uneven brick paving areas around the school being addressed, we have had a relatively smooth start to the school year. I would like to congratulate all parents/carers, students and staff for their efforts in making this transition into the school year a most pleasant experience.

My name is Paul Andrijich, and I am excited to have been appointed to Maylands Peninsula PS as Principal. Whilst new to the school, I have been in the region for a number of years as the Principal of Caversham PS, Gidgegannup PS and Hudson Park PS.

As has been the case in previous years, our enrolments have continued to grow to the extent that we are now well past the 600 mark for the first time in the school's history. As a result, we have had to bring in extra accommodation and appoint additional staff to cope with demand. I'd like to welcome the following staff members who are new to the school in 2013:

Mrs Sharon Hill- (Pre Primary)  
Ms Faye Burnaby-Gill (Pre Primary)  
Ms Breanna Manov- (Year 1)  
Mrs Diana Procter- (Year 3/4)  
Ms Sheila McKechnie- (Year 6)  
Ms Mable Wong- (Year 6/7)

As a consequence of these extra enrolments, we have had to temporarily accommodate Year 5 (S4) and Year 6 (S3) in the Art Room and Library respectively whilst the two demountable buildings are being fitted out. It is anticipated that this process may take up to a month to complete. I appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility in our endeavours to get everything 'spick and span' before taking possession of the buildings.

Proposed school structures can change dramatically over the summer break as students enrol or leave the school. Over the coming week, the school Leadership Team will be looking at the overall impact that these arrivals/departures have on staffing. At this early stage, whilst I am not anticipating a change to school structures and staffing, it is a possibility that still exists. Whilst I understand that this uncertainty is not desirable, it is a situation that every school is faced with during the first few weeks of the school year. I shall inform the school community of the outcome of this process once the school's staffing entitlement has been confirmed and class structures have been finalised. I appreciate your patience and understanding on this matter.

Should parents/carers 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 staff. Furthermore, feel

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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.

As an outsider looking in, I have heard wonderful things about Maylands Peninsula PS. It has an enviable reputation in the region as a community focussed school which has enjoyed the support of staff, students, parents and the wider community.

Thank you for welcoming me into the school community. I look forward to working alongside a highly committed and dedicated staff, our wonderful students and in collaboration with our parents and local community members.

**PAUL ANDRIJICH**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## Meet the Teacher nights- 19 and 20 February

We know that learning and teaching is most effective when students, parents/carers and staff work together in partnership to meet the needs of each individual child. As a result, teaching staff will be holding Parent Information meetings on **Tuesday, 19 February (PP-Year 2)** and **Wednesday, 20 February (Year 3- 7)** from 6.30-7.00pm. This will provide the opportunity for each teacher(s) to explain various aspects about the class and its day-to-day operations. Furthermore, each teacher will provide a Parent Information Book to help support this process. From 7.00-7.30pm, the school Leadership Team will hold an open forum to discuss other aspects of the school and its operation. Topics include Mathletics, Reading Eggs, the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and the proposed 2014 Year 5/6/7 Canberra Tour.

If any parents/carers are unable to make the meetings, please feel free to make an alternative time to meet with your child's classroom teacher.

## Early Arrivals/Late Pick Ups

I would like to remind all families that the school does not provide for before school supervision, as such, it would be appreciated that parents/carers not bring students to school earlier than 8.30am. Any students who arrive unsupervised by a family member or carer earlier than 8.30am must make their way to the undercover area and central courtyard area where they will be supervised by Mrs Johnson and Mr Andrijich. Furthermore, we also ask parents who come along with their children at that time to also sit with their children in the central area until students are dismissed.

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/carers will then be made by the office staff. Please contact a member of the office if you require any additional information about these arrangements.

## 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. The 2013 fee structures are \$40.00 per student for the first/only child in each family from Kindergarten to Year Seven and then an additional \$10.00 for each subsequent child. Please feel free to see Ms Madden or Mrs Millar in the office to arrange payment.

## Newsletters and Term Planners

A reminder to all that the next school newsletter will be available from our school website. Every fortnight from **Friday, 22 February** the link to the newsletter will be emailed and SMS will be sent to all parents with the link. Hard copies will be also available from the school office. Please take the time to read through the newsletters as they are the main avenue for communication between the school and home. The Term One School Planner also accompanies this newsletter. All the key dates/activities that are already known to the school have been included. Please keep a copy on the fridge and add in any extra dates that are made known to you throughout the term.

## Assembly

As has been the case in previous years, Class assemblies are held each Friday fortnight just after the commencement of the school day at 8.45am, once all classes are assembled, and generally run for around 30-40 minutes. Each class teacher will award Merit Certificates to two individuals in each class 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 provide our Academic Excellence Awards, Bosch Timber Flooring, who present our Writer of the Month prize and Aussie Home Loans who supply our Science Excellence Award.

Our senior classes will host the assemblies this term with Mrs Turvey’s Year 7 class starting proceedings on **Friday, 15 February**. I look forward to seeing many members of our school community out in support.

## Mobile Phones and other electronic devices

Whilst I can appreciate that many parents/carers provide phones to their children for peace of mind, I would encourage students to give these devices to teachers for safe keeping, rather than taking their chances by leaving them in school bags. I am concerned that this could present an unwanted security problem to the school as we have had instances in the past where bags have gone missing and/or mobile phones/hand held games/iPods etc being taken. Nevertheless, whilst all measures are taken to safeguard student belongings, the school takes no responsibility or accepts liability for the loss or theft of student belongings on school site. Please feel free to contact Mr Andrijich, Mrs Alver or Mrs Johnson if you would require further clarification.

## Car Parks

Car parking around school areas is always a major source of concern, particularly around the peak times before and after school. We have large numbers of students who walk to and from school each day and the safety of our students is. **Please be extremely careful** when entering car park areas. Small children often cannot be seen when walking behind cars through car park areas. Furthermore, please observe the 40km/h limit in place around the school from 7.30-9.00am and again from 2.30-4.00pm. I would like to also remind parents/carers that the car park at the front of the school office is for staff parking **only** and that the 2min set down/pick up zone along the entrance to Kelvin Street will be patrolled on and off by Rangers from the City of Bayswater, as too, the ‘No Parking’ areas along the Kelvin Street verge . Please observe the speed limits and drop off/pick up zone rules, not only for the sake of your wallets, but more importantly for the sake of our students and their families.

## 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.

## Bikes

I have been very impressed by the wonderful bike etiquette on display around the school and by the bike racks. For those people new to the school, we have bike racks located between the school office and Junior Learning Block A. Please do the right thing and walk your bike through the school grounds on the way to the bike rack. Furthermore, for Occupational Health and Safety reasons, we ask that all bikes are secured in the racks themselves, rather than be propped up against a wall/pillar or left on the ground. Keep up the great work.

## Kelvin Street Roadworks

On **Wednesday, 13 February** there will be **no parking** along the new Kelvin Street bays from approximately 7.00am-12.00pm as the City of Bayswater will be completing in-fill works between the new kerbing and the existing footpath. I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause for morning drop-off. Things will be back to normal for the afternoon pick up.

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I have read and understand the information in this newsletter .	
Student’s Name _____	Form _____
Signed _____ <b>Parent/Caregiver</b>	Date _____

## Breakfast Club

The very popular Breakfast Club will commence from next **Tuesday, 12 February** and continue to operate every Thursday and Tuesday onwards for the remainder of the year. The Breakfast Club will operate out of the Art Room and is open to all students from 7.55-8.25am and provides an opportunity to be part of the school community in a fun and socially responsible way.

I'd like to thank Mrs Seedy-Dittrich for her work in coordinating the Breakfast Club each week and those other members of the school community for their support and assistance.

## Dress Code

As per the school's endorsed Dress Code, I would like to remind parents/carers of the following requirements:

- **Light blue** shirt or school shirt (preferably with logo). Year 7 students have the option of wearing navy blue school shirt with "Year 7" woven into the collar
- **Navy blue** cargo or rugby knit shorts, pleated skirts, skorts, tracksuit pants, jazz pants and long cargo pants. **Jeans are not permitted.**
- School jumper/ zip windcheater or **plain** navy blue windcheater (no slogans/images)
- Closed flat shoes (runners/sandshoes) or suitable flat sandals (reefs etc.)
- Hats are compulsory right throughout the year with the exception of the Winter months of June, July and August. Wide brim are recommended
- **Long hair** to be tied back
- **No make-up**
- **Jewellery** should be kept to a watch and stud earrings only (to minimize loss, and for safety reasons)

Thank you for your support on this matter.

## P&C News

Our first P+C meeting of the new year will be next **Wednesday 13 February at 7pm** in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend, so I hope you can join us.

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open twice a week:

Tuesday 8.35 – 9.00am

Thursday 2.30 – 3.10pm

The easiest way to purchase uniforms is to use the Order Form (available at the school office or canteen). Leave your order and payment in the Uniform Shop collection box at the school office. Your order will then be delivered to your child's classroom. If the item ordered is not in stock, it will be supplied as soon as stocks are renewed.

We are currently out of Size 2 and 4 T-shirts. While these are on order they will not be delivered for a couple of weeks, so please check the noticeboard outside the shop for updates. All other items are in stock.

\*Please note that our shop is staffed by P+C volunteers who also need to get their kids to class, so please be patient if we're running a little late.

### Canteen

#### The canteen is in need of volunteers

Helpers are needed every day from 9-11am (or 9-1pm if you have a little more time to spare)

Whilst regular helpers would be appreciated if you can spare even one morning a month, that would make a big difference. You will be trained on the job, so no special skills are required.

Canteen helpers receive lunch and morning tea and a free meal for your child (limit of 1 per day).

Please contact Helen or Melinda in the canteen on 9473 4111.

### NEXT P&C DATES

**P&C:**  
13 February  
7pm Staff room

All Welcome

### Contacts for the

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

Messages can be left in the classroom canteen basket for the Canteen Organiser or the P&C. The P&C President Shauna Weeks is available on 0402 525 242

### School Banking

School banking has commenced Thursday 8.15—8.30 am in the school library. Come along and check out the great new rewards.

