



Newsletter

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Message from the Principal



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.

School Re-structure

After months in the making, I can finally report, with the exception of S3, that all students and staff are finally in the right place. It is comforting to know that we have a very resilient, flexible and understanding school community. Once again, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all concerned.

Sci-Tech Night

As a community of learners, our primary focus has always been about striving for academic excellence, and quite rightly so. However, schools are also about developing a strong sense of community, as when the school and the community work together with a common purpose, this enhances a school's ability to deliver educational outcomes for its students. It has been my experience working in a number of school communities where the local school has been the 'hub' of the community, that the difference between a good school and a great school is the level of engagement of the community with the school. With this in mind, it was wonderful to see so many parents/carers and children at the Sci-Tech night last Friday evening. Moving around the Sci-Tech building, it was great to see so many families not only enjoying the night together as a family, but meeting up with other families from across the school. I know it was the intention of the P&C to bring our school community together, and I think they have succeeded well in doing so.

Being part of any community, whether it is through a sporting club, cultural group or local school, comes with a certain level of responsibility. Furthermore, as with any relationship, there needs to be a certain level of 'give and take' between all parties.

I understand that with the time pressures on families, that at times, it may be difficult to commit to every school/P&C event. Nevertheless, I would urge all members of the school community to think about how you can 'give something back'. It may be through parent help in the classroom, assisting with sports carnivals or excursions, helping out in the canteen, attending P&C meetings to offer your input or even turning a few sausages over for an hour or two on a weekend at Bunnings as part of a school fundraiser. If each individual makes a commitment to the school in some small way, then the school as a whole will benefit.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank the P&C Executive, the members of the Fundraising Committee for their excellent organisation of the evening itself and all other parents/carers who helped out on the night. The staff at Sci-Tech made special mention of the fact that our group was by far the best school group they have had go through for an evening function. Well done to all. I look forward to many more community events to come.

PAUL ANDRIJICH
PRINCIPAL

Coming Events

29 March Friday—
2 April Tuesday
Easter Break

3 April Wednesday
School Recommences

5 April Friday
Year 5 S4 Assembly

10 April Wednesday
P & C AGM Meeting
7pm Staffroom

Aussie Of The Month

Aussie of the Month is a WA primary school based award program that recognises personal endeavour, achievement, contribution to the community and concern for the environment.



Junior: A

Lakshita Pathak JA3

Lakshita is a caring, polite student who is always willing to help others. She is an excellent role model for her peers.

Junior: B:

Clementine Stein JB5

For always being a kind and caring student. Clementine is always helpful.

Middle:

Aleka Kabugua M3

For accommodating the needs of other students in M3. Aleka strives to ensure that all students are welcomed into our class and are treated as valued members.

Senior:

Donia Lal S1

Donia willingly offers peer support during group activities. She patiently explains the steps of procedures and ensures the understanding of others.

When in fear we run from our problems, they always get bigger. When we courageously turn to face and tackle them they soon shrink to a size that allows us to blow them away.

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



S3 Assembly

Congratulations to Mrs Alver's/Ms McKechnie's S3 class for their assembly performance last week. Despite the technical difficulties we experienced with the PA system, 'It was on with the show'. I know there have been many times as a classroom teacher where I have wished I had access to a 'Perfect Student' machine. With Good Friday being observed next week, our next class assembly will take place on Friday, 5 April. Mrs Bonetti's/Mr Turner's S4 class will be our hosts.



Harmony Day

As we have many different cultural groups represented in our school community, Harmony Day is a very special day on our school calendar. Being able to work and play in harmony with one another is highlighted in our school motto of 'Learning Together and Embracing Diversity'. With this in mind, moving through classrooms earlier this week, it was pleasing to see so many children engaged in Harmony Day activities and so many members of the school community wearing orange in support. The displays of Art Work on the windows of the Art Room are also a treat. There will be a \$5.00 canteen voucher for each year level writing competition winner with a \$20.00 Big W/Kmart voucher for the overall school winner. Ms Lindhjem will present these vouchers at the next assembly. Furthermore, all writing competition entries will be entered into the national Harmony Day Writing competition. I would like to thank Ms Lindhjem for coordinating the Harmony Day activities this year.



Kashish Kaur M1
Working on her Harmony Day art.



Angel Riley JB2
Working on her Harmony Day Balloon art.

Cricket and Tennis Trials- John Forrest Secondary College

Cricket and Tennis trials for Year 5, 6 or 7 students interested in gaining admission to the full time subject cricket and tennis programme at John Forrest Secondary College are being held on Monday, 15 April. Please see Mrs Millar in the school office if you would like a copy of the trial package. For more information about this programme, please contact Lynn McPherson at John Forrest Secondary College on 9473 4035, or by email on lynn.mcperson@education.wa.edu.au.

Easter Break

As this will be the final newsletter before Easter, I wish all students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. A reminder that the school will be closed from Friday, 29 March (Good Friday) until Tuesday, 2 April. The school will be open for business on Wednesday, 3 April.



Community Survey

Thank you very much to the 47 families who participated in the School Community Survey over the last two weeks. The feedback the school receives as a part of this process is invaluable for planning purposes. I will table the results of the survey to the P&C and the School Board once the school Leadership Team and staff have had an opportunity to reflect on the responses. Mrs Alver has completed the draw for the paid swimming lessons later this year which has been won by the Ridley family.

Lollies and Chocolates

I have become increasingly concerned with the amount of lolly and chocolate wrappers that seem to be present in the playground at present. Not only does the rubbish tend to be an eyesore, but the fact that we have chocolates and lollies at school anyway goes somewhat against our 'Healthy Eating' policy. Treat foods certainly have their place, but not at school. Mrs Johnson and I will keep an eye on things during morning duty over the next few weeks and staff will reinforce this message at the classroom level. Thanks to all for your support.

Please detach and return to classroom/office

I have read and understand the information in this newsletter .

Student's Name _____

Form _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Parent/Caregiver

Canberra Tour 2014 : Parent Survey

Parents of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 should have received some information and a request for some feedback this week regarding a proposal for next year's Canberra Tour. Feedback is due next Wednesday, 27th March. If yours has been misplaced there are spare copies at the front office.

Artist of the Month

Congratulations to the Artist of the Month February Emily Bektic (M3)! Emily's amazing composition and oil pastel rendering of an abstract portrait in Pablo Picasso's style will be on display until the end of March in the Art Room window close to the courtyard next to the canteen.

UNSW ICAS Assessments Years 3 - 7

This year the school is only involved in Science, Maths and English testing through the University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Entries close on Friday 5 April. If you wish your child to be registered, please collect an entry form from the school office. No late entries accepted.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

It is back again! From Monday 8 April, when staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect points from the checkout operator and place them on point sheets. There'll be one point for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, point sheets can be placed in the collection box in the school office.

Last year we earned over 16 000 points so this year we would like to reach 20 000. We bought all sorts of things with our points including two class sets of calculators, some Knex, Mobilo, dice, counters and Unifix blocks.



Students display their Harmony Day art in JB4.



Suin Noh in S3 points to her entry in the writing competition displayed in the art room

Community News

Harlies Hockey Club

Players wanted of all ages. No skill necessary—we have grass and turf teams. Please contact us now to obtain training days/times. Official season starts 13 April 2013. Phone Brett Kelley on 0419 949 976 or email registrar@harlies.org.au website www.harlies.org.au

Preparatory Classes—Murdoch University

Preparatory Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics classes commence second week each school term. Students may start any time. The web address for further information is <http://maths.curtin.edu.au/enrichment.cfm>

NEXT P&C DATES

AGM MEETING
10 April 7pm
Staffroom

Contacts for the

P&C:

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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

More information on the P&C and community events has been placed on the noticeboard in the window of the library.