



# Newsletter

## Independent Public School

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### 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.

## Message from the Principal



### **Newsletters- A new approach**

As discussed at the last P&C meeting, one of the areas of concern raised by the school community as part of our recent survey related to communication, particularly in respects to being kept informed of school related events.

Essentially, communication is a two way street. As such, there is an onus of responsibility that exists between the school and the community in order for things to work. Responsibility on behalf of the school to get the information out in a timely and efficient manner and a responsibility on behalf of parents/carers to access this information when it is has been made available.

The school newsletter is by far the primary and most efficient mode of communication between the school and home. However, school website data suggests that at most only 25% of our school community access the newsletter page on the school website. This means that up to 75% of our school community may not be aware of what is happening in the school, coming events etc which is of concern to me.

## Coming Events

**Friday, 19 April**

End of Term One

**Tuesday, 7 May**

Term Two commences

**Tuesday, 14 May**

NAPLAN starts

**Friday, 17 May**

Year 4 (M2) Assembly

In response to this concern, the school will be trialling a new software package allowing us to deliver the newsletter direct to your inbox without the need to download a PDF file. This will increase the number of families able to access the newsletter directly via smartphone, tablet device, laptop or workstation.

Furthermore, the software will enable the school to monitor which families have successfully received the email and viewed the school newsletter. As is currently the case, limited copies of printed school newsletters will still be made available at the canteen and in the school office.

Information will be made available early next term to parents/carers about developments in this area. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **IPad donations**

At the assembly this morning, Mr Steve Brown from the Maylands Lions Club presented 8 new iPads to the school.

Maylands Lions Club is a new Lions club which chartered in July 2012. In less than one year the combined efforts of the Maylands Lions Club, together with bankwest's 'Happy Communities' grant scheme has enabled the club to purchase the iPads.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the Maylands Lions Club and bankwest for their generosity in contributing \$1000.00 dollars to the Lions Club in order to purchase the iPads.

I look forward to developing the relationship between the school and the Lions Club of Maylands in the years to come.



**PAUL ANDRIJICH**  
PRINCIPAL

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# 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.**

## **Hannah Cullen-Loane (JA2)**

Hannah is a responsible and caring class member who always gives her best effort. Hannah is a role model for others.

## **Lily Chambers (JB1)**

Lily displays maturity in many ways. She works independently on all class activities and always to the best of her ability. Lily is a role model to other class members.

## **Aatmi Kayangala (M5)**

For being a considerate and responsible student in the classroom and the playground.

## **Sophie Gerus (S5)**

Sophie is very helpful and is happy to assist others without being asked to by a teacher.



Our constant entertaining of children robs them of the ability to entertain themselves.

Wilson  
McCaskill -  
By Wisdom  
not by Force



## **Assembly**

Thanks to Ms Powell's Year 4/5 for hosting this morning's assembly. I really enjoyed the performance of the 'Virginia Reel' that the children performed for our viewing pleasure. What a great way to end a busy, but enjoyable term.



## **Starlight Foundation- Purple Haze Day**

Living with illness or injury can cause enormous strain in the lives of children and their families. The pain, loneliness and isolation that sick children feel dominates their lives, and they often miss out on normal experiences that healthy children take for granted. Therefore it was great to see so many students wearing purple in support of Purple Haze Day last Friday. \$643.00 was collected in total which will now be forwarded onto the Starlight Foundation. The Starlight Foundation provides programmes integral to the total care of seriously ill children – while health professionals focus on treating the illness, Starlight is there to lift the spirits of the child, giving them the opportunity to laugh, play and be a child again. Thanks to everyone for your support of this worthwhile charity.



## **Road Safety**

It has been brought to my attention that there was a near miss between a car and one of our families at the pedestrian crossing on the corner of Susan Street and Kelvin Road. I would ask all parents/carers and students to exercise caution when coming to and from school as some drivers will not stop to allow pedestrians to cross the road, even though others might. Please do not assume that because one driver stops, that all others will too. A reminder also for drivers to take care around the school and observe the 40km/h limit that is in place in the busy drop off and pick up times at the start and end of the school day. One near miss is one too many.

**Library Snippet**

What a very busy term for us all. Many new resources have been purchased for the library and will be available to the students as soon as we can get them processed. Some are on our ANZAC display in the half library, if you have a few minutes please come and have a look. Book club has again been huge this term and I thank people for their patience in getting the items delivered. Thanks also to Mrs. Ridley and her helpers for offering to cover our new resources, it is much appreciated.

Next term the library will be back to its usual size so borrowing will be a less rushed affair for classes.

Have a great holiday, keep reading students and parents.

Mrs Carol Abell - Library Officer

**Mr David Sollis**

I would like to inform parents/carers that Mr David Sollis will not be returning to the school to teach in S2 for the remainder of 2013 as originally planned. Mr Sollis' wife has recently accepted a position with Australian Volunteers International in Fiji. As a consequence, Mr Sollis and his family will accompany her to Fiji for the duration of her deployment. On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish Mr Sollis and his family all the best for their overseas adventure and look forward to his return to Maylands Peninsula Primary School in the coming years. As a result of this development, Ms Wong will remain in her current position as S2 classroom teacher for the remainder of the year.

**School Banking**

At the last assembly, we celebrated a milestone in school banking with the one hundredth student 'on the books' participating in school banking. The lucky recipient was Jayden Paul from M5. Well done.



**Term Two Planner**

The Term Two School Planner is now available on the school website. 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.

**End of Term One and Term Two start- Tuesday, 7 May**

As this will be the final newsletter of the term, I wish all students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable Term One break. As Monday, 6 May is a gazetted School Development Day, students will not return to school until Tuesday, 7 May.

**Interm Swimming**

Interm Swimming is coming up. This will take place in Week 5 next term from 4 June - 14 June. Pre Primary will be included for the first time. Further information will be made available to parents/carers in early Term Two.

# Artist Of The Month

Congratulations to the Artist of the Month March, Ella Tennant (S4)! Ella's painting of goldfish in a bowl was inspired by a painting by Henry Matisse. It will be on display until the end of April in the Art Room window close to the courtyard next to the canteen.

Slumped glass plates by S3 students made as part of the Visual Arts class. Below are the coasters by Trent Huzzard, Jack Trotter and Si Wei Lin.



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**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**

### **Mount Lawley Senior Highs School- Adolescents and Alcohol Parent/carers Information Session**

Mount Lawley Senior High School Health Committee would like to invite parents/carers of teens to an education session to be held on Wednesday, 8 May 2013 @ 7pm in Room ML17 157 (lecture theatre 3) at ECU Mount Lawley Campus (Please collect a map from the school office- it may be best to enter from Central Ave into the car park at the rear of the university).

The session, focussing on "Adolescents and Alcohol" will be presented by Professor Steve Allsop, Director of the National Drug Research Institute (NDRI). Professor Allsop has worked in the drug field for over 20 years and has been involved in research and professional development for health, police, education and welfare. In addition to his role of Director with NDRI, Professor Allsop is an Adjunct Professor with the Centre for International Health, Division of Health Sciences, Curtin University, A/Executive Director of the Drug and Alcohol Office WA and the Director of the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction, Flinders University.

Please RSVP to confirm you attendance to Suzie Barnes, Healthy Active Coordinator, Mount Lawley SHS at [suzi.barnes@lawley.wa.edu.au](mailto:suzi.barnes@lawley.wa.edu.au).

### **Dental Therapy**

The Mt.Lawley Dental Therapy will be closed for the duration of the school holidays. Emergency dental treatment will be provided at **Hampton Park Dental Therapy Centre**. Ph. 9275 1648. Clinic hours: 8am - 4pm. Located in the ground of the Coolbinia Primary School. Mt Lawley Dental Therapy will re-open on Monday, 6 May 2013.

### **Pro Tennis Coaching School**

Enrolment Saturday, 4 May 10.30am - 11.30am at Maylands Tennis Club.

### **Elite Performance Squad**

April holiday clinic Monday, 22 to Wednesday, 24 April 2013.  
Venue: Joe Rosen Maccabi Oval, 61 Woodrow Avenue Yokine.  
Contact: Mark on 0488 766 335 or Trish 0406 832 831.

### **Helen O'Grady Drama Academy**

To find out more, please phone 9242 4722 or email Helen. [Davey@helenogrady.net.au](mailto:Davey@helenogrady.net.au).

### **Bayswater Lacrosse Club**

Where: Bayswater Lacrosse Club, Halliday Park.  
When: Friday 26 April 2013 Cost: Free  
Bookings: [petahi@westnet.com.au](mailto:petahi@westnet.com.au) or phone 0438 986 992.

### **April Holidays Bullying Seminars**

Monday, 22 April & Wednesday, 24 April 2013.  
9.00am - 12.30pm. Tuesday, 23 April & Thursday, 25 April 1.30pm - 5.00pm.  
Venue: Newborough Primary School. Enquiries to Kidzmix 0410 387 787 or email [admin@kidzmix.com](mailto:admin@kidzmix.com)

### **Remida WA School Holiday Program**

School Holiday Workshops.  
For ages 7-12 years old. 9.00am to 3.00pm For information or to make a booking please phone 9227 5576.

### **Bubble Dome April Holiday Workshops**

Minecraft Tekkit, Minecraft Inventions, Lego Engineering & Robotics, Ultra Minecraft.  
For further information email [info@bubbledome.co.nz](mailto:info@bubbledome.co.nz). Ph: 0800 438 282

### **NEXT P&C DATES**

**P&C:**

**Wednesday,  
8 May 2013**

All Welcome

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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.