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Message from the Principal

Going somewhere? Staying with us?

Last Thursday, all families would have received a 2016 Student Enrolment Survey. This information is vital, as funding is allocated to the school based solely on student enrolment and is important for staffing and class structure preparation for the commencement of the school year. I would ask that all families return this survey to your child’s classroom teacher on Monday morning, if you haven’t already done so. Many parents/caregivers will remember completing a similar survey in 2014, the information from which was used to make decisions about staffing the school this year.



Even if there is a remote likelihood that your child(ren) may not be returning to Maylands Peninsula Primary School in 2016, please indicate this on the return form under the additional comments section. Furthermore, if personal circumstances change after you have returned your survey, please make contact with Mrs Millar or Mrs Tippett in the school office so that this information can be recorded. Your participation in this process is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

- **P&C Raffle 2015**
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COMING EVENTS

2015 Book Fair- Friday,
13 November- Friday,
20 November (Closed
Thursday, 19 November)
Year 1 (JA2) Assembly-
Friday, 20 November
2016 Kindy Orientation
Meeting- Wednesday,
25 November
Visual Arts Night-
Thursday, 26 November
Year 6 Bridgetown
Camp- Monday,
30 November- Friday,
4 December
2016 Student Councillor
Election- Thursday,
3 December
Year 1 (JA1 and JB2)
Assembly- Friday,
4 December

Quote of the Fortnight

There are some sports people who wallow in the misery of losing. Luckily there are others, who after a brief moment of misery, show the generosity of spirit to add to the happiness of those who won.

P&C CONTACTS:

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Canteen orders:

Our Online Canteen

Messages for the Canteen or the P&C can be placed in class canteen baskets.

SCHOOL ETHOS

On a related note, at this time of year we often have parents/caregivers take students out of school before the end of term to travel overseas on an extended summer break. It is imperative that parents/caregivers speak with the school about this before leaving, as documentation needs to be retained at the school level for planning purposes for the following year. If this is the case with your particular family, please speak with Mrs Millar or Mrs Tippet in the school office about the documentation that needs to be left with the school.

Classes for 2016



Once class structures for 2016 have been determined, staff will start to consider individual student placement. When teachers are forming classes, we take into consideration the needs of students with a view to achieving a balanced class. Where possible, we strive to get this balance based on

academic performance, gender, behaviour, work habits, social networks and the specific needs of the child. Classes are also formed based on staff allocated to the school and industrial constraints. In forming classes we also factor in the additional information given to us by the parents/caregivers. We support this process, but would like to stress that the parent/caregiver information is considered as one part of the total picture in the formation of any class. Furthermore, I would like to point out that parent/caregiver contact with the school will not guarantee student placement in a particular class and as a school management issue, student placement remains a staff and Leadership Team decision. Requests in relation to choice of teacher will not be considered as a placement factor.

In order to get our class placements as accurate as possible we are requesting that if parents/caregivers have any special requests that may impact on your child's/children's class placement for next year (eg. such as placement of twins/siblings or custody issues) to please confirm this in writing in a letter marked 'Confidential' and addressed to 'The Principal' by Wednesday, 25 November. Please note requests coming to school after this scheduled cut-off date will not be addressed. With the number of students to place for 2016 it is not possible to accommodate all requests from parents/caregivers, but we will endeavour to make the best student placement with the information we have at hand. Please refer to our Classroom Placement Policy available on our school website at <http://www.mpps.wa.edu.au/view/policies-and-regulations/class-placement-policy> for more detailed information about these arrangements

Other Newsletter Items

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.*

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JA3 Assembly



Thanks to Mrs Jonsson's class for hosting last week's assembly. Didn't the children look fantastic all decked out in their Melbourne Cup regalia? It was a wonderful way to end the school week. Thanks to all concerned. Our next assembly on Friday, 20 November will see Mrs Hansen's JA2 class showcasing their talents.

Excellence Awards and Writer of the Month



Academic Excellence Award - Jessica Nguyen (Year 3)

Always quietly going about producing work of a high standard and constantly challenging herself.

Science Excellence Award - Bastian Tovey (Year 6)

Always showing his depth of knowledge and understanding during Science discussions and demonstrating a strong insight into the

impact of man on our environment.

Writer of the Month - Rory Ferns (Year 2)

For performing very well in his writing recently. Rory is clear about his point of view with an active voice and show how he feels about the topic. He provides details, reasons and examples in his writing in a very articulate manner.

School Board Report

As we come to the conclusion of our sixth year as an Independent Public School the school continues to flourish. Our Open Meeting held on Monday, 9 November just attracted the regular Board Members and marked our final meeting for this year.



During the meeting, Narelle Alver presented a detailed overview of NAPLAN results for Year 3, 5 and 7 assessments, achievement of 2015 targets, and correlation between NAPLAN, On Entry and Australian Early Development Index data.

Thanks again to our community representatives - Lisa Baker, Michelle Striepe and Peter Tzotzis - for the unique skill-sets they bring to the table.

Credit must also go to our parent/caregiver representatives, Peter Byrne and Helen Tennant for their thoughtful insights and contributions.

To our capable staff members who are instrumental in bringing time and energy to the Board - Paul Andrijich, Narelle Alver, Kate Madden, Monica Merenda, Nicole Sloan, Caleb Christie and Grant Turner - we recognise your endeavours.

An opportunity exists for people to nominate (or re-nominate) for a spot on the Board in 2016-17 with two 'Parent/caregiver Representatives' and one 'Staff' position looking to be filled. Information about the nomination process was sent home yesterday afternoon. If you didn't receive the information, and would like to know more, please see Ms Madden in the school office.

Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe summer holiday.

Rosemary Lynch
MPPS School Board Chair

Kindy Orientation Meeting- Wednesday, 25

November

Kindergarten Orientation

A reminder to parents/caregivers who have a child enrolled for Kindergarten in 2016 that our orientation meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, 25 November from 9.00am.

The orientation will commence in the school undercover area with a 20-30 min introductory session. This will be followed by 15-20 min conversation with Kindergarten staff in your child's classroom to discuss the nature of the Kindergarten programme and day-to-day operations.

Thomas Kroonenburg- Footy Prize



Earlier this year, I made special mention of Thomas Kroonenburg (JB3) who won the AFL Schools Footy Tipping Competition for 2015. On Wednesday afternoon, the AFL 9s sports pack that Thomas won for the school was delivered. The sports pack contains 14 footballs, a set of goals and 40 bibs for use in competition. Thanks Thomas.

Visual and Performing Arts night- Thursday, 26 November

Yesterday afternoon, all families would have received a flier promoting the Visual and Performing Arts Evening taking place on Thursday, 26 November from 5.00pm-7.00pm.

An art exhibition will take place in the Library, Art Room and Junior A Block and will feature student art works from Pre-primary to Year 6. At 6.00pm, the Year 5 and Year 6 clarinet students from the School of Instrumental Music, the MPPS Choir (Years 4-6) and MPPS Band (Year 6) will perform their repertoire in the undercover area.



As part of the art exhibition there will be glass jewellery which has been made by the students on sale. Furthermore, you will also have the opportunity to order A3 colour prints of your child's art work. Your child's artwork will be sent home after the art show regardless of whether you have purchased anything or not. All funds raised are going towards the school.

The P&C Fundraising committee will be holding a cake stall on the night.

Thank you.

Ms Jessica Wormuth/Mr Grant Turner

Kindy Cubby

Late last week, our new Kindy Cubby was installed in the Kindy playground. The students took great delight in watching the tradesmen build it from the ground up over the course of the day. The cubby is elevated off the ground, has an extended verandah, a sun deck overlooking the swamp, a couple of telescopes and a slide. Thanks to the parents/caregivers in Kindy A/B who oiled the cubby yesterday to provide it with further protection from the elements. I am sure our kindy students will enjoy the new addition to the playground.





2015 Book Fair



As I am sure most of you have already been informed by your children - Book Fair has arrived. 'Invitations' were sent home from all classes

yesterday. If you didn't receive one, we have plenty more in the library. Some classes will already have had a sneak preview and written their 'Wish List' – please rest assured that this is all this is, a wish list, children are all informed that writing one of these DOES NOT mean you have to purchase any of the items.

We will be open for business first thing Monday morning. Please be patient with us as there is only one point of sale and a lot of people to service. Payment for items can be made in cash, cheque or credit card. Book Fair is a major fund raiser for the school library, as is Book Club.

With Christmas coming up you can get a good start to the shopping and help all the students at Maylands – here's hoping for a bumper Book Fair this year.

Book Fair is open in the library:

Friday, 13 November

Monday, 16 November

Tuesday, 17 November

Wednesday, 18 November

Friday, 20 November

CLOSED ON THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

You can view the fair before school at 8.15 – 9.00am and after school 3.00 – 3.45pm and on Tuesdays 2.30 – 3.30pm. Students have opportunity to come in after they have eaten their lunch at 12.30 to

1.00pm.

Debbie Fielding and Janie Rollinson
Library Officers

Scitech

On Wednesday, 28 October the Year 5s from Maylands Peninsula Primary School went to Scitech. The Year 5s went there for a better understanding about space and the planets.

At Scitech we went to the Planetarium and watched a clip called 'We are Aliens'. We also watched an interesting show about light.

I would definitely recommend Scitech because it is an exciting place which is fun, but also very educational.

Claire Hornung

On Wednesday, 28 October, Year 5s from Maylands Peninsula Primary School went on an excursion to Scitech. We went to Scitech to learn about space.

We learnt about heat, light and the stars in our sky. Scitech is an amazing place to visit if you want to learn about space.

Krystal Manuel-Bain

P&C Meeting- Wednesday, 25 November

The last P&C meeting for the year will be taking place on Wednesday, 25 November in the school staff room from 6.30pm. Come one, come all.



P&C Raffle 2015

Our annual raffle is finally here, with tickets coming home to each family next week. We have eight exciting prizes, as well as an additional prize provided by 'Games To Go' which will be drawn from families returning a completely sold raffle book.

Prizes have been kindly donated by:



- Karma Royal Experience
- Alpha Conveyancing, Maylands
- Maylands Lions Club
- Maylands Explorers
- Lisa Baker MLA, Member for Maylands
- Games to Go
- Bayswater Waves
- Adventure World
- The Great Escape

This year's raffle will raise funds to provide Mathletics to all of our students in 2016. Tickets are just \$1 each, and if every family is able to sell one book of ten tickets, we should be able to reach this important goal.

If your family would like additional raffle books sent home, please email pac@mpps.wa.edu.au with the number of books, your child's name and class. If you would prefer not to have tickets sent home this year, please advise us by email before Tuesday with your child's name and class.

Thank you for your support
MPPS P&C Fundraising Committee

Canteen News

Online Ordering

Did you know that you can place a canteen order online? Visit www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to set up an account. You can place lunch orders up to two weeks in advance and pay via credit card, paypal or direct debit.

Canteen Roster

Thank you to everyone that volunteered last fortnight. We really appreciate your assistance. We are able to have two volunteers each day, if you would like to come in and help. Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to help out at school, and your kids will love to see you at recess and lunch.

Wearing closed in shoes are a must for health and safety regulations. Please let the canteen or P&C know if you can help. Phone 9473 4111.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov	19 Nov	20 Nov
Week 6	Akari	Charlotte	Akari	Karen	Gary
					Cave
	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov
Week 7	Akari	Charlotte	Heather	Karen	Gary
					Cave

Manna Organisation Australia

Manna Organisation are assisting families for Christmas.

Make a difference to a family in need by sponsoring a hamper or donating items. For further details please visit their website <http://www.manna.org.au>

Parental Stress Centre Australia

Parental Stress Centre are conducting a workshop 'Chaos to Calm' on Saturday, 21 November at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, from 9.00am - 5.00pm. For further information visit www.parentalstress.com.au/programs/chaostocalmp Perthworkshop

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

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