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### Message from the Principal

### Semester Two Reports- Monday, 14 December



Semester Two reports will be sent home with students during the last week of term on Monday, 14 December. Please take the time to go through the report(s) with your child to discuss the grades and comments allocated by staff. A reminder that if any parents/caregivers are

wishing to make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher/specialist teacher to discuss the contents of the report in more detail, to approach the staff member directly or arrange an appointment via Mrs Millar or Mrs Tippett in the office. Uncollected reports at the end of term will be retained by the office ready for collection by parents/caregivers at the start of the 2016 school year. However, if there are any families that won't be able to collect reports during the last week of term, as they may be interstate or overseas, but may like a copy of the report emailed out, please leave your email details with Mrs Johnson in the office by Friday, 11 December.

### Parent/caregiver and staff representatives to the School Board

**December**

- **Book Award Assembly- Friday, 11 December**
- **Christmas Sing-a-Long**
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I would like to announce that two members of the parent/caregiver community have put their names forward for the two vacant positions on the School Board for 2016-2018. Ms Erin Gisborne and Mrs Mimi Secco are elected unopposed. I would like to thank each of these



individuals for putting their hand up to represent the parents/caregivers of the Maylands Peninsula PS community. Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Rosemary Lynch and Mr Peter Byrne, our parent/caregiver representatives for the last three years, who are stepping down at the end of this year. As representatives of our parent/caregiver community, both Rosemary and Peter have been passionate advocates who have represented the views of our diverse community. However, we won't lose Rosemary entirely, as she will take up a position on the School Board as a local community member in 2016.

On a related note, Mrs Maura Hansen and Mr Caleb Christie are our newly elected staff representatives to the School Board. I would like to thank Ms Monica Merenda and Ms Nicole Sloan for their input as staff representatives for the last few years.

**COMING EVENTS**

- 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
- Volunteer Thank you morning tea- Wednesday, 9 December
- 2015 Book Award Assembly- Friday, 11 December
- P&C Christmas Sing-a-long- Friday, 11 December
- Semester 2 reports go home- Monday, 14 December
- Year 6 Graduation- Wednesday, 16 December
- Thursday, 17 December - End of Term 4
- Wednesday, 27 January - Friday, 29 January 2016 -

**Year 6 Student Councillor Elections- Thursday, 3 December**



Next Thursday, students in Years 1-5 will have the opportunity to vote for the 2016 School Councillor positions. Before the election takes place, each of the candidates in Year 5 will have the opportunity to speak to students to put forward the reasons why he/she should be considered for one of the four Student Councillor positions.

As I will be away on camp next week with our Year 6 students, I would like to wish all the candidates the best of luck. The names of the four successful candidates will be announced at the Book Award assembly on Friday, 11 December.

**Other Newsletter Items**

**JA2 Assembly**



School office opens for 2016  
Monday, 1 February -  
Term 1, 2016  
commences for students

**Quote of the Fortnight**

Give children the power to spoil our day often enough and we will, overtime, give the the power to spoil their lives.

**P&C CONTACTS:**

Main email:  
pac@mpps.wa.edu.au  
Canteen email:  
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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**

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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Well done to Mrs Hansen’s JA2 class for the wonderful assembly item last Friday. Being persistent, like Pete Persistent, is one of the five keys to success of the ‘You Can Do It!’ programme that is adopted throughout our Early Childhood classes. The four other keys are being organised (Oscar Organisation), resilient (Ricky Resilience), confident (Connie Confidence) and the ability to get-a-long with others (Gabby Get Along). Thanks to all the students in JA2. Our next assembly on Friday, 4 December will feature a Year 1 ‘double act’ with Ms Peden’s/Mrs Johnson’s JA1 class and Ms Martyn’s JB2 class performing for our viewing pleasure. This will be the last regular class assembly of the year.

**Aussie of the Month**



**Holly Ridley**

For her kind and caring attitude towards all her classmates and her ‘can do’ problem solving skills.

**Ethan Lim**

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Who has the wisdom to know what is right and the courage to help others because he knows it is the right thing to do.

**Isaac West**

For being kind, polite, and always considerate and helpful to other class members.

**Nethara Punchihewa**

For being polite, considerate, reliable and responsible.

**Visual and Performing Arts Night- Thursday, 26 November**



What a wonderful evening we had for the Visual and Performing Arts Exhibition last night with many parents/caregivers, students and other family members turning up to see the wide variety of art work on display and the performance of our clarinet students, school choir and school band. The feedback from the many visitors who came through the school during the exhibition was very encouraging. I would like to thank Ms Wormuth for organising the Art Exhibition and her merry band of helpers who spent many hours pinning work up on display boards and to Mr Turner for the time spent rehearsing with the school band and school choir. Lastly, I would like to thank the stars of the show, the students themselves for their efforts. Well done to all concerned.





## Gngangara Ground Water Festival

On Wednesday, 18 November 2015, the Year 5s and 4s of Maylands Peninsula Primary School went to the Gngangara Ground Water Festival in Whiteman Park. We went there for a better understanding of ground water and why we need to save it.

The thing we did first was watch the Mega Water Session which was about water and why it is important to take care of water. We asked a man if he was a water saver or waster. If he was a waster, he got the water balloon of death. Unfortunately, he was one and got a huge water balloon all over his head.

The next thing we did was make an edible aquifer. Before we made it though, we were asked questions. Next, we made the edible Aquifer which consists of Nutrigrain (rocks), rice bubbles (gravel), Milo (sand), milk (rain) and ice-cream (clouds). It was delicious!

After that, we did an activity called "What's for lunch" which was about what animals eat and how water gets to the ground. We had little posters that we could put on a mat we had laid on the floor. We used pipe cleaners to connect the posters together.

Next, it was lunch, and I couldn't wait until I was sitting under shade, eating a lovely, mouth watering . . . sandwich! I also had cookies with it! Yum!

Next, we had free time. First, we went to taste water and I liked Crystal Sip the best. Then we went to a throwing game which was where I got all the balls in the target. Then we went on the bouncy slide. We went on the playground after that.

After free time, we attempted the Bucket Brigade and tried not to lose water. We lost. We then did the Frog-o-logic. I was in green team. If we won we got a Freddo Frog. Unfortunately, we came second twice and pink came first twice.

I enjoyed my day at Gngangara Ground Water Festival. It was so much fun.

### Lynda Hornung

On 18 November, the Year 4s and 5s went to the Gngangara Groundwater Festival that was held at Whiteman Park. We travelled by Midland Bus. It took us about 30 minutes to get there. When we were

on the bus, everyone was being very noisy, so the teachers had to tell us to be quiet. We reached Whiteman Park; we had to sit on the ground for 5 minutes because we were waiting for a person to show us where to go. Eventually we walked to a big tent so we could watch a session called "Mega Water."

We got to be in the early session. There were 600 students in the early session and 600 in the late session. In the tent, we watched a presenter talk about how to conserve water and what groundwater was. The presenter polluted some water that was in a bucket by putting in all types of stuff like petrol, cow poo, detergent and more. After that, the presenter popped a balloon that was full of water with a blow torch over another presenter because he was a water waster. After that, we went to a hut like place to learn about and make aquifers.

We first learnt about aquifers, and then the presenter started to ask some questions about aquifers and how they work. After that, the presenter showed us how an aquifer works by pouring water into a cylinder that was filled with all types of materials like sand and rocks. We also made our own edible aquifers that were made of Nutri Grain, Rice Bubbles, milk, Milo and vanilla ice cream. It then started to rain. We walked to a small tent where a lady was waiting for us. We were going to learn about animals and what they eat.

The session was called "What's for lunch?" We learnt about how animals eat each other and also about algae, how there's good and bad algae. We got to match cards up to what they need for life to survive. It started to rain hard. I didn't wear my jacket because I left it home. It was really cold.

It started to get sunny so we had lunch. The ground was still wet, so we had to find a dry spot to sit on. We eventually found a dry spot. I sat with Aleka, Marcus, Lili M, Radiet, Franchellin, Allanah and Isabelle.

We got to have free time after lunch. I was in Miss McKechnie's group with Radiet, Marcus, Reilly, Olivia, Johann and Mathew. First, we went to the bubbles and fish toss to play, then we went on other activities like bag painting, bouncy castle, badge making and more.

We versed S7 and the other schools in bucket brigade. I accidentally left S3 down by falling down with the bucket. I fell down because the bucket was too heavy. In the end another school won and S7 beat us. We learnt that one large bin full of water equals what one adult human uses in a day.

After that we got to play Frog-o-Logic. It was like snakes and ladders but it was a really big board. My team, the Turtle Frogs won both of the games we had played. In my team I had Yana, Radiet, Marcus, Salwa, Franchellin, and Reilly. We had lots of fun. For the prize we got two Freddo Frogs each.

It was time to go back to school so we chose our seedlings (an eucalypt plant or other.) So we hopped on the bus and went back to school.

### Somiya Kumar







## City of Bayswater Christmas Banner Competition

Congratulations to Sagar Manjunatha (S3) and Mitchell Sim (M1) who were selected as runners-up in the City of Bayswater Christmas Banner Competition. The banners will be on display in the Morley, Maylands and Bayswater town sites from December to early January 2016 for our community to enjoy. Keep an eye out for the banners in the next few weeks or so. Well done, Sagar and Mitchell.

## Year 6 Bridgetown Camp

Next Monday morning, our Year 6 students and their teachers will start the long drive down to Bridgetown. I know that the students will really enjoy the programme of activities that staff have prepared. I am confident that all will return with fond memories and wonderful stories to share.





## Volunteer's Morning Tea- Wednesday, 9 December



A reminder to all of our invited guests to the volunteer morning tea on Wednesday, 9 December that proceedings will start at 10.20am in the staffroom. This morning tea is to acknowledge and thank those volunteers who freely give up their time in so many different ways for the betterment of the school. Mrs Johnson has sent home the invitations to those individuals that have been nominated by staff for his/her efforts throughout the year. Please RSVP to the office by Thursday, 3 December at the latest for catering purposes.

## Book Award Assembly- Friday, 11 December

One of the significant events on our school calendar is the 2015 Book Award Assembly; which will be held on Friday, 11 December starting at 9.00am. The format will be very similar to those held in previous years. Staff will present the book prizes to acknowledge the 2015 class award winners and announce the 2016 Student Councillors.



## Christmas Sing-a-Long



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Friday, 11 December is the annual Maylands Peninsula PS Christmas Sing-a-long. Classes have been practising their songs, and all year groups will have their turn at delighting the crowd with their singing. Singing will commence at 6.30pm, and family and friends are welcome to come and watch.

Forms went home yesterday for sausage sizzle pre-orders to have on the Sing-a-long night. These are due back by next Friday, 4 December - unfortunately no late orders can be accepted. We will also

have drinks, a few snacks and glow sticks available for purchase on the night. Anyone able to help on the night or assist with setup, please email [pac@mpps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pac@mpps.wa.edu.au). We look forward to seeing you all there.

## Annual P&C Raffle

Raffle tickets went home last Thursday, with some already being returned all sold. This year's raffle is raising money to provide all of our schools' students with Athletics in 2016, and we're asking for every family to try and sell at least one book of ten tickets. Tickets are due back through the class canteen basket by next Friday, 4 December, and extra tickets can also be collected from the canteen.



A huge thank you to Steve Horton at locally based Scout Creative, who has once again donated his talents to design the tickets and arrange the printing [www.scoutcreative.com.au](http://www.scoutcreative.com.au).

This year's prizes have been kindly donated by:

- 1st Prize Karma Royal Experience: One night's Lakeside room accommodation with breakfast at Rottnest Lodge
- 2nd Prize Alpha Conveyancing: Dual function bicycle trailer
- 3rd Prize Maylands Lions Club: Set of four crystal Royal Doulton glasses

4th Prize Maylands Explorers: Handmade Adirondak chair

5th Prize Lisa Baker MLA: \$200 Rebel Sports voucher

6th, 7th and 8th Bayswater Waves, Adventure World and Great Escape: a range of Fun Packs of entry tickets

Complete book sold prize by GamesToGo: GamesToGo prize pack

Winners will be announced at the school assembly on Friday, 11 December. Good luck everyone!

## Canteen News

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	30 Nov	1 Dec	2 Dec	3 Dec	4 Dec
Week 8	Akari	Charlotte	Akari	Karen	Gary
					Cave
	7 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec
Week 9	Akari	Charlotte	Heather	Charlotte	Gary
					Cave

## Online Ordering

Did you know that you can place a canteen order online? Visit [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://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 by telephoning 9473 4111.

### School Chaplain Chat

Hi everyone, I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome you have given me since I started my journey with you at MPPS. It has been a pleasure to get to know more about you and I look forward to meeting more of you in the future. My goal for the remainder of this term is to continue to provide pastoral care and to build a stronger relationship with you



(staff, students, parents and caregivers) and the wider community. Once again, I would like to invite any parent/caregiver who would like to speak with me to drop a Chaplain Contact Slip (available at the library) into the 'Chaplain Chatter Box' or leave a message/Contact Slip at the school office.

I would also like to thank Coles Maylands for their weekly donation of bread for our Breakfast Club.

Kasorn Campbell  
**School Chaplain**

### Library News

We would like to say thank you to everyone who came to the book fair. We raised a record total of \$7212.00 for Scholastic. This has enabled the school library to receive \$564.00 of free books and \$1680.00 Scholastic





reward points to be used over the next year. This fundraiser could not have been done without parent and student help which we are truly grateful for.

As we are near the end of term a reminder to students to please return all library books.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday.

Debbie Fielding and Janie Rollinson  
**Library Officers**

## Syringe at School

Earlier this week, a syringe was found in one of the long jump pits outside S3 by a parent whose child was playing in the pit. Fortunately, the syringe was capped, and didn't accidentally 'jab' a child. It may be a timely reminder to all parents/caregivers to discuss with your children the need to keep shoes on when playing in sandpits.



## Earthworks have commenced



Some parents/caregivers may have noticed the earthworks that have taken place by the basketball courts yesterday afternoon. This space will be developed as a nature play space in 2016. At the same time, the old garden area at the bottom of the school site was cleaned up in preparation for some new garden beds in 2016.

## Helping Hands Network

We are pleased to announce the commencement of Helping Hands Out of School Care in partnership with Maylands Peninsula Primary School to commence at the School of Instrumental Music (The old Maylands Primary School site on Guildford Road) on Monday, 4 January.




Enrolment packages are now available at the Maylands Peninsula Primary School office. All completed enrolments can be left at reception and a representative of Helping Hands will be in contact to confirm enrolment and bookings.

If you do not receive a package, or have any questions relating to the operations of the service, please contact the Regional Operations Manger, Emma Tarrant on 0475 826 734 or [emmat@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au](mailto:emmat@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au) and she will assist you with any enquires.

Please note, staff from Helping Hands will be in the library on Tuesday, 8 December from 2.30pm to 5.30pm to answer any questions you may have.


## **Morley Senior High School- Specialist Programs Testing**



**Specialist Programs**

**AVIATION or M.M.P.**  
(Multi Media Program)


*includes Art, Design, Photography, TV broadcasting*



# MORLEY



## SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Places are available in the **Morley SHS Specialist Programs** for year 7 in 2016



(Final round of Testing for new applicants)

**Tuesday**  
**8 December**  
**1:30pm-3:00pm**

**Call to book a place NOW!**

[morleyhs.wa.edu.au](http://morleyhs.wa.edu.au) **9376 5555**

The testing for our Specialist Programs; Aviation and Multimedia/Broadcasting will run on Tuesday, 8 December, from 1.30pm until 3.00pm.

Please note we will not be running the Soccer Specialist Program from 2016.

Parents/caregivers are asked to contact Morley SHS, on 9376 5555 to book their child into the test.

### International Centre for Excellence

International Centre for Excellence are running creative and academic holiday programs in December and January. For further information, brochures are available from the school office or telephone 9271 4200.

### Carols in the Park

Sunday 13 December 2015



Location: Burswood Park Foreshore, Off Resort Drive, Burswood

Time: 6.30pm

Details: Entertainment commences at 6.30pm. Christmas Story/Carols at 7.30pm.

Bring a picnic and join in the true spirit of Christmas. Free entry. Songbook and candles by donation, proceeds to the chaplaincy of Kent Street Senior High School and Riding for the Disabled.

Telephone 9361 4475 for further details or visit

[www.burswoodpark.wa.gov.au](http://www.burswoodpark.wa.gov.au)

#### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

To include items in the school newsletter contact Gayle Tippett by email [Gayle.Tippett@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Gayle.Tippett@education.wa.edu.au)

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