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Message from the Principal

Welcome back to all students, families and staff to Maylands Peninsula Primary School in 2016. 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 transitioning into school over the coming two weeks.

I would like to congratulate all parents/caregivers, students and staff for their efforts in making this transition into the school year a most pleasant experience. Our numbers continue to grow with over 680 students on the school roll. This is 50 students more than we had at the same time last year. This increase in numbers has resulted in the creation of an additional two classes to cope with demand.

Despite the fact that we had our school bore breakdown during the New Year break, resulting in a very barren school oval for a number of weeks, we have had a relatively smooth start to the school year. Our new PP5 unit that was delivered on site in December is up and running and the nature play areas underneath the trees by the basketball courts and in front of the Kindy cubby are starting to take shape. It has been wonderful watching the students engage with these new play spaces during recess and lunch. On this note, I would like to thank John and Gayle Elgin from Specialised Tree Lopping who have donated the materials and labour to create these spaces. Their ongoing support of the school is greatly appreciated.

Helping Hands Network (Out-of-School Hours Care) has now opened its doors at the old Maylands Primary School site on Guildford Rd with

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many of our families engaging their services at the start of the school year. Further information about Helping Hands is included with this newsletter.

I'd like to welcome the following staff members who are new or returning to the school in 2016:

- Ms Nicole Sloan- (M4)
- Ms Louise Hulme- (Kindy A)
- Mr Ben Cobussen- (PP1/PP2)
- Ms Abby Yu- (S4)
- Mrs Gayle Elgin (Kindy A)
- Ms Prathima Banger (Kindy F)

I would like to remind parents/caregivers that if you 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. Furthermore, feel 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.

COMING EVENTS

S2 Assembly- Friday,
12 February
Meet the Teacher night
(Year 4-6) - Wednesday,
24 February
Meet the Teacher night
(Pre Primary & Year 1-3) -
Thursday, 25 February
S1 Assembly- Friday,
26 February
Labour Day holiday-
Monday, 7 March

Quote of the Fortnight

Praise, praise, priase
makes children crave,
crave, crave more praise,
praise, praise,

P&C CONTACTS:

Main email:

pac@mpps.wa.edu.au

Canteen email:

canteen@mpps.wa.edu.au

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*

I look forward to working alongside a highly committed and dedicated staff, our wonderful students and in collaboration with our parents/caregivers and local community members.

Potential School Re-structure

As highlighted in the letter sent home to all families on Tuesday, proposed school structures can change dramatically over the summer break as students enrol or leave the school. Over the last week, the school Leadership Team has been assessing the overall impact that these arrivals/departures have on staffing in the lead up to the Student Census on Friday, 12 February. No decision will be made about school structures until every student that is currently on our school roll has been accounted for.



I shall inform the school community of the outcome of this process via a note home to all families once the school's staffing entitlement has been confirmed and class structures have been finalised. This will hopefully be sooner, rather than later. I appreciated your patience and understanding on this matter.

Meet the Teacher nights- Wednesday, 24 February and Thursday, 25 February

We know that learning and
teaching is most effective when

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.

Meet the Teacher



students, parents/caregivers 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 Wednesday, 24 February (Year 4-6) and Thursday, 25 February (Pre Primary and Year 1-3) starting at 6.00pm and concluding at 6.30pm. This will provide the opportunity for the teacher(s) to explain various aspects about the class and its day-to-day operations. At this meeting, parents/caregivers will be supplied with a Class Information Booklet- which will outline the key information relevant to that particular class.

In years past, the turnout has been rather disappointing in respects to the numbers of parents/caregivers who attend these meetings. Staff spend quite a deal of time putting together the information for their presentation and ideally would like to share this with every parent/caregiver.

Whilst I understand that we all live rather hectic lives and are often time poor, I believe giving up a half hour of your time to engage with staff is a reasonable ask and therefore there is an expectation that at least one parent/caregiver attends. A letter will be sent home to all parents/caregivers in the coming weeks to talk about the Meet the Teacher night in more detail. I appreciate your support on this matter.

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Other Newsletter Items

Newsletters and Term Planners

Every Friday fortnight an SMS alert/email will be sent out to all families with the link to the school newsletter on our school website. Hard copies will be also available from the school office and the canteen. 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. For those families new to our school, the school's web address is

<http://www.mpps.wa.edu.au>



You may notice that in-term swimming lessons do not appear on the

Term One planner. This year, our swimming lessons for Pre Primary to Year 6 students will be conducted in November and December. Furthermore, as a general rule any hard copy, whole-school information will be sent home via the oldest/only child in each family on Thursday afternoons via classrooms.

Before and After School Arrangements



I would like to remind all families that the school does not provide before school supervision. As such, it would be appreciated that parents/caregivers not bring students to school earlier than 8.30am. Any student and family member/caregiver that arrives earlier than 8.30am, including our students and

family members in Pre Primary, must make their way to the undercover area and central courtyard area where they will be supervised by Mr Andrijich, Mrs Johnson or Mrs Alver. Furthermore, it has been brought to my attention that there were a few students dropped off at school well before 8.00am during this week. This puts students at risk. Please make arrangements with a friend or neighbour for drop off, or alternatively speak with either Helping Hands Network or Maylands Out-of-School Hours Care at Richards Street.

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/caregivers will then be made by the office staff. For the safety of your children please do not make arrangements for your child(ren) to wait in car park areas or out on Gibbney Reserve for extended periods of time awaiting collection as this may put them at risk. They must come to the office.

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. In 2016, the School Board has approved a flat rate of \$30.00 per student for each child from Kindergarten to Year 6. Please feel free to see Mrs Millar in the office to arrange payment at your earliest possible convenience. At the request of parents/caregivers, reminder notices will be posted out throughout the year for those families who would prefer to pay their Voluntary Contribution and Charges later in the year once uniforms, booklists etc have been attended to.

Assembly



As has been the case in previous years, assemblies are held each Friday fortnight just after the commencement of the school day at 8.45am.

Each class teacher will award Merit Certificates 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 provide our Writer of the Month prize and Finance 4 U who supply our Science Excellence Award. Our senior classes will host the assemblies this term with Mr Sollis' Year 6's starting proceedings on Friday, 12 February.

Due to the increasing demands on space in the Undercover Area as a result of increased enrolments, the assemblies this year will only involve students in Year 1-6. In the case of our Pre Primary students, we will have at least one special Pre Primary Assembly each term-commencing in Term Two- involving only our Pre Primary students. This will provide the opportunity for each of the Pre Primary classes to showcase their talents for our school community.

I look forward to seeing many members of our school community out in support throughout the year.

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.

In-term Vacations



In early 2014, the Department of Education put in place new protocols for recording student absence for In-term vacations. This was in response to the large numbers of students across

the state taking vacations during the school term.

As a consequence, parents/caregivers are reminded of the requirement to make contact with a member of the Leadership Team- principally Mr Andrijich- to discuss the reasons why your child(ren) will be absent during the school term, nominate the length of stay, expected return date etc. Once this meeting takes place, the Leadership Team will use their discretion to determine if a student's absence for a vacation is justified (authorised) e.g. family wedding, significant cultural or religious event as opposed to a family holiday (unauthorised) e.g. sipping cocktails in Bali or cycling around Rottneest.

So if you are intending to take children out of school during school term, please make a time to meet with Mr Andrijich through the school office.

Every day matters with your child's education.

Chaplain's Chat

Greeting to all students, teachers, parents/caregivers and welcome to our new students and families to the school. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and have made a fresh start to 2016.

For those families new to the school, my name is Kasorn Campbell and I am your school chaplain. My role is to provide pastoral care to students, teachers, parents and caregivers. Students are able to catch up with me in the playground at recess and lunch or use the Chaplain



Contact slips and place it in the Chaplain Chatter Box- both are located in the library.

For parents/caregivers I am available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm-3.30pm and Wednesday morning from 8.30-10.00am. Alternatively, you can use Chaplain Contact slips as mentioned above.

The very popular Breakfast Club programme re-commences next Tuesday, 9 February in the Art Room. For those families new to the school, Breakfast Club is open to all students from 8.00-8.30am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and provides an opportunity to be part of the school community in a fun and socially responsible way. Feel free to come along and join in the fun next week.

I'm look forward to catching up with many of you during the year.

Kasorn Campbell
Maylands Peninsula PS School Chaplain



Library News



Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new families. We hope you all had a relaxing holiday and managed to keep out of the heat most of the time.

With the New Year comes our

annual reminder:

- Each class has it individual borrowing time.
- A library bag **MUST** be used to borrow.
- If an extension to the loan is required, please bring in book to be re-scanned.
- Please encourage your children to remember their library day and return their books on time.
- The library is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday before and after school. Feel free to drop in with your child and have a look around.

Thank you
Debbie Fielding/Janie Rollinson – Library Officers

Maylands Peninsula P&C Association- 'Get on Board'.

On behalf of the Maylands Peninsula Primary School Parents and Citizens Association I would like to welcome everyone to the new school year and encourage you to "get on board" by participating and joining in the activities of the Parents and Citizens' Association.



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The P&C Association meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the school staffroom at 6.30pm. The first scheduled meeting of 2016 is Wednesday, 2 March.

Parents/caregivers and family members of our children can 'Get on board' by way of volunteering time, selling raffle tickets, providing cakes or foodstuffs for carnival days and much more. I can be contacted on 0419 043 485 for a chat on how you can get involved.

Regards
Teresa Borwick
Maylands Peninsula PS P&C President

School Canteen



Welcome to all for 2016. We are looking forward to another busy year in the 'Tummy Rumbles' canteen feeding the hungry hoards.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers. If you think you can help out, even for a couple of hours a month, we would love to see you. Simply call into the Canteen and speak to us or phone us on 9473 4111 to discuss any queries you have.

"Our Online Canteen" is our preferred method of ordering, so for those not familiar with this facility please visit - ouronlinecanteen.com.au - for further information or call their helpful staff on 1300 484 888 with any queries.

Helen and Jess
Canteen Organisers

	Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
Week 2	Help Needed	Help Needed	Hortense	Karen	Help Needed
	Monday 15th	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th
Week 3	Help Needed	Help Needed	Hortense	Karen	Help Needed

Uniform Shop - Secondhand Clothes Sale

This Thursday, 11 February from 2.30pm (afternoon only), secondhand uniform items will be available to purchase in the undercover area. Items are being sold for a gold coin donation. Any donations of secondhand uniform items are also welcome.



Thanks.

P&C Uniform Shop

2015 P&C Raffle Results



Thank you to everyone who purchased or sold tickets, donated prizes and to Scout Creative for designing and arranging the printing of our tickets for last year's P&C Raffle. We raised just under

\$3000, which will go towards providing Mathletics for all of our students this year. If you missed the announcements, the winners were:

- 1st Natalie Coutinho - donated by Karma Royal Experience
- 2nd Sam Fisher - donated by Alpha Conveyancing Maylands
- 3rd Olivia Deshon - donated by Maylands Lions Club
- 4th Bruno Meloni - donated by Maylands Explorers
- 5th Begona Gomez - donated by Lisa Baker MLA
- 6th M. Osman
- 7th Pat Roberts
- 8th Lilith Flanagan - donated by Adventure World, Bayswater Waves and The Great Escape.

Thanks for your support.

P&C Fundraising Committee

School Banking

Welcome back everyone, and hello to all those who are new

to Maylands Peninsula Primary School. We are excited about another year of school banking. This year's theme is Outback Adventure. There are great rewards for those who make regular deposits. School banking happens every Tuesday between 8.15am-8.30am in the school library.



If you aren't already doing school banking, and would like to know how to get started, feel free to drop in to see us and we can give you some information. Not only is school banking great for our children's financial literacy, but the school community benefits from getting a commission on the money deposited. Last year school banking raised over \$1800! Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Fiona Hornung
School Banking coordinator

Helping Hands Network

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope that your children have enjoyed the school holidays and have enjoyed the start to the new school year.

With the start of the new term it is a good opportunity to check your current enrolment information and bookings, or to enrol into the OSHC program. It is always a good idea to book early to ensure you secure a place.

We offer more than just a child minding service and strive to build stronger, happier and healthier communities through the provision of quality childcare in partnership with children, parents and schools. We are flexible in providing our service and tailor our programs to meet the local school community needs.

There is NO cost to enrol and we encourage families to enrol in the service in case you ever need to use the program for an emergency or if your circumstances change. Don't hesitate to email us if you would like us to call you to provide any information that you require. We can also provide a quote for using the service.

Our staff onsite at the service or at our Central Office are available to assist with any enquiries regarding enrolling in the program or changes to your current contact information or booking, new bookings, account information or any other questions that you might have. You can call our Central office on 1300 612 462 or email accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au. Alternatively you can

enrol online at www.helpinghandnetwork.com.au.

You are able to contact the team at the service on 0438 601 008 or email them on maylands@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.

We are more than happy to provide a quote for using the service to anyone who is interested in attending or changing their existing booking arrangements. Don't hesitate to contact us if you would like a quote done. We are an approved service so families are eligible to apply for child care benefits and rebates. If you provide your CCB% or an estimate of your income we will be able to estimate your out of pocket costs for using care.

We are very excited to be working in partnership with the Maylands Peninsula PS community in 2016 and look forward to welcoming back all of our existing families and meeting all of our new families and children.

MAYLANDS HELPING HANDS

This week at Helping Hands we are participating in:

- Chinese New Year celebrations and activities
- Creating artwork for our display wall

What is coming up at Helping Hands?

- Planning our own vegetable garden

Vacancies available now!
P: 0438 601 008
E: maylands@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Our Quality Focus Area

Quality Area 2.1.1 Each child's health needs are supported

What does this look like?

We promote Sun safety at Helping Hands. So to enjoy the outside area children must wear a hat and apply sunscreen.

MEET OUR TEAM



ALISHA
Coordinator



CAMERON
Educator



Primary Music Institute



Primary Music Institute (PMI) provides small group and private instrumental music lessons at your school through our unique keyboard program.

To enrol now please visit our website

www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au). If you have a paper enrolment form you can either enrol online or fax your completed form

to 1300 764 674.

- Lessons are held on school campus – with exact lesson days and times confirmed on an individual student basis depending on availability and school preferences
- Only \$14.50 per child per small group lesson (typically 3-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.50 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via “PMI Stars” programme – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child’s school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces are available so please enrol ASAP

For more information about any of the PMI programmes please have a look at our website and to receive any further information please contact our Parent Support Team at admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au or call on 1300 362 824.

ANZNetSetGo at The Rise, Maylands

ANZNetSetGo is an introductory program to the wonderful sport of netyball aimed at 5-10 year olds. Is is a great way to learn fundamental skills, encourage physical activity and make friends in a fun and friendly environment.



Every Tuesday for 8 weeks, starting 16 February from 3.45- 4.45pm.

Every Friday for 8 weeks, starting 12 February from 3.45- 4.45pm.

\$110 per participant (GST inclusive)

For more information, call Amy on 9380 3732 or visit netballwa.com.au/netsetgo to register.

Rockit Kids

Rockit Kids weekly singing/dance classes start Friday, 12 February in Maylands.

This fun rock/pop/performing arts school for 4-12 year old boys and girls will run during school terms at Estudio Nuevo on the Maylands Cafe Strip. Children will learn pop/rock and music theatre songs and choreography, whilst developing performing arts skills, confidence,

teamwork - and most importantly having fun and making new friends.
Fully qualified teachers with WWC certificates.

For further information please call Chloe King on 0400 953443
or visit info@rockitkidsgroup.com.

Eastern Blades Hockey Club

Learn the game of Hockey at Eastern Blades Hockey Club.

Hookin2Hockey is a 8 week programme commencing Thursday, 28 April 5:30pm at Altone Park, Beechboro. Catering for primary school children aged 10 and under. Enjoy a fun environment in which to learn the game of hockey and perfect the skills.

Registration fee is \$50.00 plus purchase of equipment pack containing stick, ball & shin pads.

Registration day is Saturday, 13 February 11.00am to 2.00pm at Altone Park Clubrooms, Benara Road Beechboro.

Contact Nick Seddon 0407 989 177 for further information.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

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