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### Message from the Principal

#### Welcome Back

I hope everyone had an enjoyable term break and took up the opportunity to enjoy the lovely Autumn weather we have had of late. As usual, our Term Two School Planner is looking rather busy with events including NAPLAN testing, Funky Fitness, Edu Dance and the associated Performing Arts evenings, Lap-a-thon, Go Red for Redkite Day and Semester One reports all scheduled to take place. 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.

### School Development Day- Friday, 3 June and WA Day- Monday, 6 June

As many parents/caregivers have already noted, we didn't have our usual School Development Day take place on Tuesday earlier this week due to the fact that our scheduled School Development Day for Term Two will take place on Friday, 3 June.

This day is a combined School Development Day for all schools within the Morley Network and provides the opportunity for all schools within our network to meet together. With the WA Day public holiday taking place the following Monday, 6 June, this means in effect, that families may wish to take up the opportunity to have a mini break, as students

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#### COMING EVENTS

Edu Dance lessons commence (Year 1-6) - Wednesday, 27 April  
 M4 Assembly- Friday, 6 May  
 NAPLAN commences- Tuesday, 10 May- Friday, 13 May  
 JB1 and JB5 Assembly- Friday, 20 May

#### Quote of the Fortnight

Schools that become a battleground between parents and teachers lay waste to the potential of children. Peace is not achieved when one side gives up. Peace comes when both sides have the courage and determination to reach a workable compromise.

#### P&C CONTACTS:

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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*

will not be returning to school until Tuesday, 7 June. Enjoy the extra days as it will be quite a while before the next public holiday comes along in late September.

## School Board Report



As we begin Term Two, it is a good time to look back and reflect on how our school has changed since becoming an Independent Public School in 2011.

The Department of Education Services conducts a review of each Independent Public

School in the final year of its Delivery and Performance Agreement. We will be having a review in June this year.

The focus of the review will be:

- the standards of student learning,
- the quality of the learning environment; and
- sustainability of achievements and practices.

Our school will be asked to consider the questions:

- What did we intend to achieve?
- What did we achieve?
- What can we improve?
- How are we going to sustain and improve on our successes?

Recently I read a very positive article by Ros Thomas about what being an Independent Public School means for schools. I hope you will take time to read it also and give some thought to where you want our school to be in 3, 5, or 10 years' time. The link to the article is

<http://biggerpicture.education.wa.edu.au/news-independent-public-schools.asp>

The School Board welcomes your ideas and comments. Please email the School Board at [emailschoolboard@mpps.wa.edu.au](mailto:emailschoolboard@mpps.wa.edu.au) or speak with one of our School Board Members - listed here: [mpps.wa.edu.au/schoolboard](http://mpps.wa.edu.au/schoolboard)

Kind regards.

Rosemary Lynch

**Chairperson**

**MPPS School Board**

## Other Newsletter items

### Assembly

*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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Our first assembly of the term will take place next Friday, 6 May. Mrs Owens and Ms Sloan's M4 class will be our hosts. Come one, come all.



## Edu Dance and Funky Fitness



It is pleasing to see the children enjoying the Edu Dance and Funky Fitness classes that started earlier this week which culminate in the Year 1- 6 Performing Arts evenings later in the term. In years past, the Performing Arts evenings have been one of the most well attended events on the school calendar with many parents/caregivers, siblings and other family

members attending the performance to watch the students perform.

In 2016, we will be running with a similar format as previous years with splitting the Performing Arts performance over two nights at the Morley Sport and Recreation Centre. The two dates we have been able to book are Tuesday, 14 June and Wednesday, 15 June (Week 8). In respects to our Kindy and Pre Primary students, the Kindy/Pre Primary Funky Fitness Concert will be held in Term Three.

## NAPLAN Assessment Programme 10-12 May

The National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes

place in Week 3 of term. The first assessment takes place on Tuesday, 10 May and concludes on Thursday, 12 May for students in Year 3 and 5 in the areas of Language Conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar), Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Please refer to the Term Two School Planner to see which assessment is taking place on which day. Friday, 13 May will be reserved as a 'catch up' day so that students who may have been absent for any assessment will have the opportunity to complete tasks. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents/caregivers can use this information to monitor how



their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents/caregivers may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers.

## Dogs on school site



I would like to remind parents/caregivers that at all times dogs should not be brought onto school site as this presents a risk to members of our school community. Even leaving a dog tied up to a fence line outside the school grounds whilst bringing children into the school can present a risk, particularly if a naturally inquisitive child goes up to

pat the dog. It may be best to leave the walking of the dog to times other than school drop off or pickup. I appreciate your support on this matter.

## 1:2:1 Maths Programme

In 2015, volunteers from the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN)- principally through Navitas and Wesfarmers- came into the school each Thursday morning during Term Three to work with some Year 2 students as part of the Spark reading programme. Spark is a one-to-one reading programme whereby identified students work with a mentor over one school term to assist with the development of reading skills.



This year, the focus will shift to Mathematics, with volunteers from Wesfarmers, OPTUS and Tata Consultancy Services working with selected students in Year 1 each Thursday for the remainder of this term. As the name suggests, mentors will work with students in a one-to-one capacity in order to develop their numeracy skills in a fun and engaging way. Good luck to all concerned.

## Year 6 Cake Stall

The Year 6 students will be holding a cake stall in the undercover area on Friday, 6 May and Friday, 20 May. The funds raised will be used to help subsidise the costs of their excursion to the Francis



Burt Law Education Centre and their Incursion from Scitech. Please remember to bring in some loose change on these days.

## Chaplain's Chat

Hi everyone. Welcome back to Term Two. I trust your break was most enjoyable and that you managed to spend some quality time with family and friends. Our Breakfast Club is up and running as usual from 8.00-8.30am (Tuesday and Thursday). It was good to see you and hear some of your fun and adventurous holiday stories. I also would like to thank all students who kindly volunteered their time to help this week.

As school chaplain, I count it as a privilege to provide pastoral care for you (students, staff and families) at our school, so if I can be of assistance please let me know. We all face challenging times in our lives, and having a safe place to share and work through our feelings can help a lot.

## Volunteers Wanted for Breakfast Club



I am still looking for some volunteers to help with Breakfast Club. It can be one day a week on Tuesday or Thursday from 8.00 am to 8.30 am. Mrs Hayley Doan is also looking for a new 'Bread Lady' to help organise free bread on Tuesday or Thursday. If you are available and would like to help, please contact me in the library or leave your contact details in the

Chaplain Chatterbox or at school office. Thank you.

Enjoy the rest of Term Two and keep warm. See you again soon.

**Kasorn Campbell**  
School Chaplain

## P&C News

## Fundraising- 2016/2017 Entertainment Books



Yesterday afternoon all families would have received some information about the 2016/2017 Entertainment Books. Each book costs \$65.00 of which \$13.00 is returned to the school P&C. Please return order forms back to the school canteen by Friday, 6 May. Please see Leanne Marchesi if you have any questions about ordering arrangements. You can also order your Entertainment Book/Digital subscription online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/843x34>. For those that order early there are limited bonus vouchers available.

The P&C thank you in advance to those that purchase as the money raised goes to much needed things at school (Mathletics, iPads, Laptops, Electronic whiteboards, construction toys etc).

## Canteen News

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	2 May	3 May	4 May	5 May	6 May
Week 2	Karen	Janine	Help Needed	Help Needed	Gary
	9 May	10 May	11 May	12 May	13 May
Week 3	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Joasie	Help Needed

## 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.

## 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.

## School Needs Digital Cameras

Our teachers are in need of more digital cameras to use in their teaching programmes. The cameras will be used either by the teachers or as a classroom camera for our students to use.



If you have a small digital camera which is no longer used, that is:

- easy to use
- in good condition
- can be connected to a computer
- and you're HAPPY TO DONATE it, please bring it in to the school's office where it will be warmly received.

Thanks for your support.  
MPPS P&C

## Kindy 2017 Enrolments

We are currently accepting Applications for Kindy for 2017. Please contact the school office on 9473 4100 for further information on enrolling.



## In Term Vacations



As previously mentioned in the Newsletter dated 5 February 2016, if you wish to take your child/ren out of school during the term parents/caregivers are reminded of the requirement

to make contact with a member of the Leadership Team- principally Mr Andrijich- to discuss and put in writing 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.

## School Payments by Cheque

Due to increasing Bank charges we are no longer able to accept cheques for school payments.



## Play soccer with Inglewood United

Inglewood United invites aspiring young soccer players, boys and girls, to join our Under-6/7 and Under-10 MiniRoos teams. Designed for kids 11 and under, MiniRoos is all about having fun, learning new skills and making life-long friends.



For more information on Inglewood's MiniRoos program visit <http://inglewoodunitedfc.com.au/teams/miniroos/> or contact Scott Richardson, Technical Director, 0424 904 200.

## City of Bayswater 2016 - Scholarships

The City of Bayswater is once again awarding education scholarships to residents who have achieved outstanding results. Three scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants of up to \$1,500.

For further information, or to download an application form, visit [www.bayswater.wa.gov.au/events](http://www.bayswater.wa.gov.au/events) or call the Events team on 9272 0622.

Applications close Friday, 27 May 2016.

## Teens and Kids Acting Course

Artist Management Australia are taking bookings for a Teens and Kids acting course at WAAPA in Term 2. Suitable for children 8-16. Please contact 9328 6555 or email [agent@artismgtaust.com.au](mailto:agent@artismgtaust.com.au).

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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