

Maylands Peninsula  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Newsletter

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### Message from the Principal

### Canberra Tour

At the School Board meeting on Monday 29 September, I raised for discussion my thoughts in regards to not committing the school to any subsequent Canberra tours after 2016. This discussion was a follow up to concerns I had raised at the School Board level in late 2015 as a consequence of the 'fall out' the school received once the ballot for places for the 2016 Canberra Tour had concluded.

As part of this discussion, the School Board considered the various points of view about the risks/rewards associated with continuing to offer the Canberra Tour to subsequent cohorts of students as they pass through the school e.g. the tour is a point of difference between our school and other schools in our region, the fact that some students may not be able to have the experience that their older siblings had in previous camps, cost factors, equity of access etc.

Whilst the School Board was in agreement that the Canberra Tour provides a great opportunity for our students, the proposal was put forward to forgo any subsequent Canberra tours for the following reasons:

- The underlying principle/historical rationale for going on the Canberra tour i.e. an incentive for our Year 6 students to continue their schooling at Maylands Peninsula PS in Year 7, to stop the 'drift' away to Catholic and independent secondary schools, is now a moot point,

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## COMING EVENTS

### Coming Events

Interschool Athletics  
Carnival- Jumps, throws  
and long distance-  
**Monday, 19 September**

Interschool Athletics  
Carnival- Team games,  
relays and sprints-  
**Wednesday, 21  
September**

Funky Fitness  
performance- **Thursday,  
22 September**

M3 Assembly- **Friday, 23  
September**

End of Term Three-  
**Friday, 23 September**

Term Four commences  
(students)- **Wednesday,  
12 October**

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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*

- The size of our cohorts moving through the school are increasing in size, which means potentially, more students will not secure a place on tour,
- The administrative workload has increased significantly to fulfil Departmental requirements. This takes Mrs Alver away from core school business,
- In terms of equity of access, the costs associated with the tour have increased significantly e.g. the air fare component rose by \$300.00 alone from 2014-2016,
- Some parents/caregivers expressed the view that their son/daughter felt sad because they were 'missing out' and weren't able to share in the experience with their peers. Furthermore, many parents/caregivers also expressed that they felt pressured to provide the experience for their son/daughter as their friends were going,
- The increased cost to the school in respects to our one-line budget to backfill staff who accompany the students on tour, and
- The maturity levels of our students, particularly our Year 5s, only added to the normal stresses associated with taking a large group interstate. Dealing with students who found it difficult to be away from home for this length of time was challenging for staff.

The question was asked about alternative opportunities for our students to experience a tour of some sorts at Maylands Peninsula PS. My response is that the Year 6 Bridgetown camp would become the focus of any camp experience for our senior students. Unlike the Canberra Tour, the Bridgetown Camp School is able to accommodate large numbers of students without too much difficulty. Furthermore, the costs associated with attending the Bridgetown camp i.e. approximately \$300.00 as opposed to \$1750.00 for Canberra is much more palatable to our school community and provides for equity of access.

At the P&C meeting last Wednesday, I also raised these same points for discussion to seek the feedback of the parents/caregivers in attendance. All were in agreement that the proposal and the arguments put forward for and against at the School Board level, were sound.

Whilst I understand that some parents/caregivers and students may be disappointed by this decision, I am of the firm belief that it is the right one to make. Furthermore, I believe it is fit and proper to make the school community aware of this decision sooner, rather than later, so as not to raise expectations amongst our current Year 3 and Year 4 cohort.

## Term 3 break



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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As this will be the final newsletter of the term, I wish all students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable Spring break. As has been the case in previous years, the students will have an extra day at home with both Monday, 10 October and Tuesday, 11 October being set aside as School Development days. As a result, students will be returning to school mid-week on **Wednesday, 12 October**.

### Other Newsletter Items

#### M2 Assembly



Thanks to all the amazing students in M2 for your yoga inspired assembly item. Having both the body and mind at ease makes a huge difference to having the brain switched on to learning. No wonder M2 is such a relaxing place to visit. Well done to all.

Our next assembly will be hosted by Mrs Costello's M3 class on Friday, 23 September. I'm sure it will be a wonderful way to end what has been a very busy term.

#### Aussie of the Month



### **Tilly Brown - JB3**

For being a helpful and courteous class member. Tilly always looks out for the needs of her class mates before her own.

### **Alicia Xavier - JA2**

Alicia is a kind, considerate member of JA2. Alicia has a compassionate disposition, and is keen to share with her class members. She is thoughtful and generous with others and always willing to help those in need.

Congratulations, Alicia you are a valued member of JA2.

### **Jessica Nguyen - M4**

Jessica is thought of by her peers as extremely honest and trustworthy. She is a generous and caring person, always willing to get on with others and is selfless. Challenges are not a problem for her as she is always happy to give it a go. In the classroom she works quietly and responsibly. Jessica has a positive attitude and her peers enjoy her company a lot.

### **Sophia Notaras - S1**

For always being inclusive of others within the classroom, particularly during collaborative tasks.

## **School Board report**

The School Board met at the end of August and were delighted by the 2016 Department of Education Services (DES) review findings which gave the school's self-review process a glowing report. It is to the great credit of the school leadership team and all of the staff at the school that the reviewers were pleased with all areas of school performance - Student Learning, Quality of the Learning Environment and Sustainability. The reviewers particularly commended the school for the cohesive and collaborative approach by all staff in the delivery of teaching and learning programmes. The role of the school within the Morley School's Network was also recognised and acknowledged.

Some areas for improvement were identified and will be taken into account as the next School Business Plan is developed for 2017-2019.

An electronic copy of the **2016 DES report** is available on the School Board page on the school website for school and community members to access.

The next School Board meeting is our annual Open Meeting when members of the school community are welcome to join us in the library on Monday, 21 November at 3.30pm. We would love to see you there.

## **Faction Athletics Carnival**

Apart from a few spits of rain during the long jump, long throw and long distance events on Monday, 29 August, we were most fortunate to have mostly fine conditions for our Faction Athletics Carnival. The students displayed good sportsmanship and competed well throughout the day. The results were as follows:



- **1st- Ferguson -706 points**
- **2nd- Venville - 687 points**
- **3rd- Brearley- 663 points**
- **4th- Hardey- 607 points**

As with the overall competition, the battle to decide Champion and Runner Up was extremely tight. I'd like to acknowledge the following individuals for placing in each respective category:

**Year 6 Champions-** Kobe Brown (Boys) and Somiya Kumar (Girls)  
**Year 6 Runner Ups-** Orlando Gately (Boys) and Senayet Tekesti (Girls)

**Year 5 Champions-** Robert Marchesi-Scott (Boys) and Holly Ridley (Girls)

**Year 5 Runner Ups-** Charlie Charushenko/Michael Omelchuk(Boys) and Sophia Holovko (Girls)

**Year 4 Champions-** Michael Kilkenny (Boys) and Emily Rivers (Girls)

**Year 4 Runner Ups-** Hytham Emad and Alya Hunter (Girls)

**Year 3 Champions-** Kai Kabugua (Boys) and Samantha Ridley (Girls)

**Year 3 Runner Ups-** Daniel Klinger (Boys) and Alya Hunter (Girls)

I'd like to thank the P&C for making the arrangements for the cake stall and coffee van for the day, the staff for their fine efforts in preparing the students and for setting up and packing away equipment, parents/caregivers for turning up to support the students and the students themselves for their good sportsmanship and team work throughout the day. I would also like to particularly acknowledge our school gardener, Bruce for marking out the oval and our Physical Education teachers- Mrs Trend and Mr Turner- for coordinating the carnival. Well done to all.

**Interschool Carnival- Monday, 19 September (Long jump, throws and long distance) and Wednesday, 21 September (Sprints, Relays and Team Games).**



With the school carnival all done and dusted for another year, our thoughts now turn to the Interschool Athletics Carnival taking place next week. Parents/caregivers are most welcome to attend the jumps, throws and long distance events on the Monday at Guildford Primary School and the sprints, relays and team events at Steel Blue Oval in Bassendean on the Wednesday. Good luck to all competitors.

### **Funky Fitness performance- Thursday, 22 September**



Preliminary information about the Funky Fitness performance for our Kindy and Pre-primary students was sent home earlier this week. A reminder that proceedings will start promptly at 4.10pm with a tabloid skills session taking place on the bottom oval followed by a short performance by each class starting at 5.00pm on the stage area set up by the P&C Shed on the school oval. I look forward to seeing many parents/caregivers and family members on the day. Additional information will be sent home at the start of next week with more specific arrangements for the evening.

### **Department of Education Gifted and Talented (GAT) Parent Presentation Date 2016**

The Gifted and Talented (GAT) Parent information evening for the 2017 testing cycle will be held at Mount Lawley Senior High School on Tuesday, 18 October. The presentation will start at 6.00pm upstairs in the blue Main Administration building off Woodsome Street.

The session will contain content and detail the application, selection and placement process for entry to the Gifted and Talented Secondary

Selective Entrance Program and run for approximately 40 minutes. This session is very popular so a RSVP is essential to the Middle School Office on 9471 0350.

## Chaplain's Chat

Hello again everyone, I hope you are all travelling well through Term 3 and you are now ready for a break.

## Breakfast Club (Pancake Day)



To celebrate last week of school term, on Tuesday, 20 September we will be serving pancakes, yogurt and some fruit. Please come and join us in the Art Room. We are open from 8.00-8.30am. Please remember that our cut off time for entry is at 8.20am.

Once again thank you to all our wonderful volunteers; Coles Maylands and Foodbank. We truly appreciate your help and support.

I wish you all an enjoyable and a safe holiday. See you again in Term 4.

Kasorn Campbell  
School Chaplain

## P&C News



**Busy Bee thank you**

The school and P&C would like to thank the following individuals for their donation of materials for the Busy Bee:

- Mick Weir from ‘Buy nothing Maylands, Inglewood and Mount Lawley’ for delivering the small dinghy supplied by Kate Brill.
- Corina Dee for a lime tree that has been planted by the bike racks.
- Cate Salom for the large dinghy and playground car for the kindy area.
- Bosch Timber Floors (Richard and Sandy Catlin) for wood supplies.
- Margo St Quentin, Libby Borman, Hornung family and Sonia Russ – bricks for the herb spiral.
- Thanks also to all those families who offered additional bricks, but we had to kindly decline.

**P&C Help Wanted – Secretary**

The P&C is looking to hear from any interested parents or caregivers that might be interested to help the current P&C Secretary with their duties and who is leaving the school next year. Helping is a good way to meet other parents, find out about the activities at the school and get involved in the school community. If anyone is interested feel free to ring or text Stephen on 0402260458. Thank You.

**Canteen Roster**

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	19 Sept	20 Sept	21 Sept	22 Sept	23 Sept
Week 10	Joasie	Help Needed	Joasie	Joasie	Gary

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.



## Faction Carnival Fundraising

A huge thank you to the school community for your support of our Father's Day Raffle at the annual Faction Carnival. We should acknowledge Inglewood Bunnings for their generous donation of a \$20 voucher, and Maylands IGA for gifting us Baci chocolates. Well done to the following prizewinners. We hope the recipients enjoy their treats!!!

1st Prize (Signed Mike Hussey Photograph) – Heather Bolton

2nd Prize (Dockers singlet, Matthew Pavlich Autobiography) – Kevin & June Watkins

3rd Prize (Bunnings gift pack) – Leanne Marchesi

4th Prize (Sporting Autobiographies) – Paula Fane

5th Prize (Mountaineering Book) – Sophia Holovko

6th Prize (IGA gift pack) – Ginny Chan

7th Prize (The Junction Ice Creamery voucher) – Namuun Addy

The raffle alone made \$499!!!

Thanks so much to all the wonderful people who assisted with our Cake Stall by selling, baking, setting up, and packing up. There were at least 30 people who volunteered in person and we know that there are many who discreetly bake and drop off their goodies year after year. The day could not have been a success without you. Sales from the Cake Stall and the Coffee van totalled over \$776.

Also, thanks to Trish Horton who took delivery of our new teardrop banner the night before the Carnival so that we could proudly display it on the day. It will certainly add professional flair to our events in the future!

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## Bears Kids AFL programme- Term 4

Yesterday afternoon, students in Year 3-6 would have received some information regarding the Bears Kids AFL programme. The programme provides boys and girls with a fun and safe AFL experience that serves as an introduction to our national game.

The six week programme will commence on Monday, 17 October straight after school and costs \$25.00 per participant. If any child wishes to be involved please return your registration form to Mrs Trend or the school office. Furthermore, payment forms for the programme are available in the school office. These will need to be completed and returned to Shaun Norman, the Bears Kids coordinator, on the first day of the programme.

## Baigup Wetland Work Session



Come and help restore the native habitat in our local wetland. This ecofriendly session is a great school holiday activity for the whole family! Morning tea is provided.

**When: Sunday, 25 September**

**Where: Go to the crossroads in the middle of the reserve and follow the signage to the work zone.**

**Time: 9.15 am - 11.30am.**

Bring: Gloves, sturdy footwear, digging tools if you have them, weather protection, water bottle and a sense of humour.

## Primary Music Institute- Term 4 programme Small Group & Private Lessons!



- Please ENROL TODAY – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office!
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons outside of school hours!

- Only \$14.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 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 (students bring their own guitars)!
- 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 available – so please enrol ASAP!

## Helping Hands Maylands

Helping Hands Maylands are now accepting enrolments for vacation care, please ring or email Dawn for more information or to make a booking on **0438 601 008** email: **mayylands@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au**

Forms for enrolment are available from the school office.

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

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