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Issue No 1. – 3 February 2017

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to all students, families and staff to Maylands Peninsula Primary School in 2017. I am hopeful everyone had a relaxing Christmas with family and friends and an enjoyable beginning to the 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 first 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 at present are hovering at around 700, which is slightly more than we had at the start of 2016.

As highlighted on the draft class lists earlier this week and in the last newsletter of 2016, I would like to remind parents/caregivers that these class structures are always temporary arrangements for the first few weeks of the school year until School Census is complete. Consequently, there may be a need to alter the proposed structure to cater for arriving/departing students early in the school year. Please do not mark any items of personal equipment with the teacher’s name or room number as these are subject to confirmation.

I’d like to welcome the following staff members who are new or returning to the school in 2017:

- Ms Sandra Rojas-Walteros (PP3)
- Miss Tessa Alver- (JB5)
- Mr Tim Collins (S2)
- Mrs Debbie Fielding (Library)

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COMING EVENTS

S1 Assembly- Friday,
10 February
S2 Assembly- Friday,
24 February
Meet the Teacher night-
Wednesday, 1 March
Labour Day holiday-
Monday, 6 March

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
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.*

SPONSORS



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.

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 stated above, during the coming week, the school Leadership Team will begin assessing the overall impact of student arrival and departure and the affect that this has on our overall staffing entitlement leading up to the Student Census on Friday, 17 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 appreciate your patience and understanding on this matter.

School Board position for parent/caregiver

In 2011, Maylands Peninsula Primary School became an Independent Public School (IPS). To assist in achieving the best possible outcomes for its students, the Maylands Peninsula Primary School Board was established to seek input from all members of the school and local community.



In 2017, an opportunity exists for a parent/caregiver to nominate (or re-nominate) for the one vacant parent/caregiver position on the Maylands Peninsula Primary School Board (2017-19). Information about the roles and responsibilities of the School Board and the nomination process accompanies today's newsletter. If you didn't receive the information, and would like to know more, please see Mr Andrijich in the school office.

Other Newsletter Items

Newsletters and Term Planners

Every Friday fortnight on the odd weeks

Harcourts Integrity
Peter Tzotzis
Ph: 9473 4888

**FiN4NCE
YOU**

Finance 4 You
Sonia Roll
Senior Mortgage Broker
0404 917 691



Richard and Sandy Catlin
boschtimber.com.au
Ph: 9309 2991



of each school term, an SMS alert/email/Smartlink message will be sent out to all families with the link to the school newsletter on our school website. In our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, our newsletters are sent out in electronic form only.

However, hard copies will also be available from the school office and the canteen on request.

Please take the time to read through the newsletter each fortnight as it is the main avenue for communication between the school and home. The Term 1 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/>

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.

School App- The Smartlink

In late 2016, the school and P&C commenced using a school app that had been developed by Smartlink. The Smartlink app is just another way for the school and the



P&C to connect to our school community. All other existing means of communication e.g. newsletter, school website, SMS messages, notes coming home via handipouches etc. continue to operate. The Smartlink app will not replace these existing means, just supplement them.

You can download 'The Smartlink' App from the following:

1. Apple App Store:

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/the-smartlink/id1105845010?mt=8>

2. Android Play Store:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.thesmartlink>

Before and After School Supervision

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 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 on Richard Street to discuss before school arrangements.

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 2017, the School Board has approved a flat rate of \$40.00 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 for students in Year 1-6 are held each Friday fortnight just after the commencement of the school day at 8.45am.



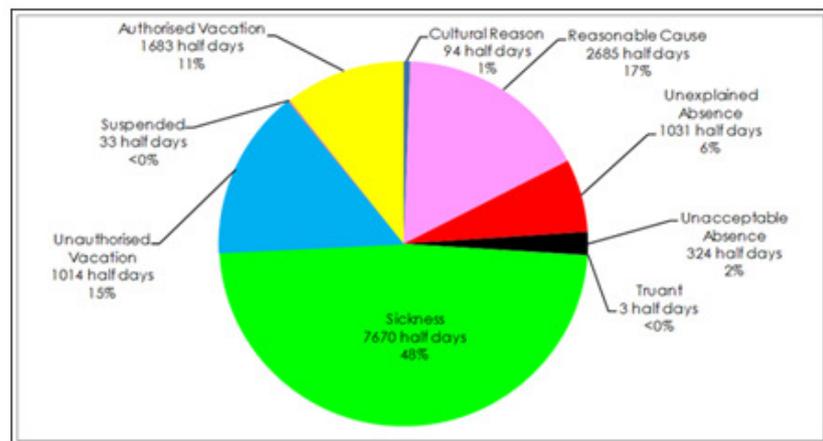
Each class teacher will award Merit Certificates at every assembly. Furthermore, you will also notice on the Term Planner that Excellence Awards and Aussie of the Month Awards will be presented on alternative assembly dates. We are again very fortunate to have the continued sponsorship of Harcourts Integrity, 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 Ms Turvey's Year 6/S1 class starting proceedings on Friday, 10 February.

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.

2016 Student Attendance data



An analysis of student absences from 2016 has indicated that after illness, the second most common reason for students missing school is vacationing during the school term. As highlighted in the pie graph above, over a quarter (26%) of absences last year were due to parents/caregivers withdrawing children from school to take holidays.

The attractiveness of travelling during the school term to take advantage of cheap air fares and accommodation impacts on the continuity of your child's learning program. 12 weeks of the year are available for school holidays, and in the interest of your child's academic progress, it would be appreciated if family holidays were booked during these periods.

A rise in absences due to unacceptable reasons was also noted last year. An 'unacceptable absence' is one when a student is absent from school for a reason such as celebrating a birthday, going to a movie, shopping, visiting a friend/relative etc. Basically, the types of activities that can take place after school or on weekends. Having a day 'off school' for such events every fortnight, which is the cut off point for regular attendance, doesn't sound like much. However, this equates to four weeks over the course of the year. This is four weeks of learning that a student will never be able to get back and will ultimately affect his/her academic potential.

Every day matters with your child's education.

Nature play and school garden areas

Our school gardens have really come to life over the summer break. Many of our students have enjoyed going into the garden areas to pick vegetables such as capsicums, corn, tomatoes and some super-sized zucchinis. Mrs Turvey's class has already started the process of harvesting sunflower seeds for propagation later in the year.

During the school break, a large offshore oil and gas hose coupling has been donated to the school and placed under the trees in the nature play space by the basketball court. Many of our students have already enjoyed the opportunity to crawl through and jump off the pipe as part of their creative play.



Chess Club



Mr Richards, our Chess Club coordinator, is looking for a parent/caregiver who has an interest in chess and may be able to help out with the Chess Club on Monday afternoons in the school library from 12.20-1.00pm. If this sounds like you, could you please contact Mrs Johnson or Mr Andrijich in the office early next week.

Support-a-Reader

Mrs Johnson is on the lookout for any parent/caregivers or community members who may be able to assist with our Support-a-Reader programme in 2017. This programme provides the opportunity for

some of our students to spend some one-on-one time with an adult once or twice a week in order to improve their reading skills - time and days are flexible. If you are able to help out, and would like to register your interest for the programme, please speak with Mrs Johnson in the school office.



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 school year comes our annual reminder:

- Each class has an individual

borrowing time.

- A library bag MUST be used to borrow.
- If an extension to the loan is required, please bring in the 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.

Furthermore, if there are any parents/caregivers that have any spare time on their hands and would like to help in the library, please see library staff.

Thank you

Debbie Fielding/Claudia Barbaro – Library Officers

Chaplain's Chat

Dear parents/caregivers and community members.

Welcome back to the new school year, especially those students and families who are new to our school this year. I hope you all had a great break and that 2017 will be an exciting one for you.

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/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.

Parents/caregivers can contact me via email on



kasorn.campbell@education.wa.edu.au, phone call or visit me in the library before or after school. Alternatively, you can use Chaplain Contact slips as mentioned above. My days of work are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I am very grateful to be part of this wonderful community and I hope that you will receive the support you need and feel part of our community as well.

Breakfast Club

The very popular Breakfast Club programme re-commences on Tuesday, 14 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.



Until the next newsletter, I wish you all a very successful start to the school year and a positive and rewarding journey throughout the year.

Kasorn Campbell
Maylands Peninsula PS School Chaplain

P&C News

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

Maylands Peninsula Primary School Parents and Citizens Association President Teresa Borwick joins with the School Principal and Teachers to welcome you to our school



community and encourages you to get on board by participating and joining in the activities of the Parents and Citizens' Association.

The P&C Association meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the school staffroom at 6.30pm. However, the first scheduled meeting of 2017 is Wednesday, 22 February.

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 2017. 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

Community News

Mt Lawley/Inglewood Junior Football Club- The AFL footy season starts soon.



WANT TO PLAY AFL?

The footy season starts soon!



Kindy – Year 2
AFL Auskick



Year 3 – Year 6
AFL Modifieds

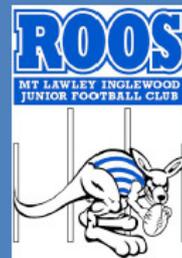
New players welcome

Maylands Peninsula Primary School students are invited to register for the 2017 footy season at the ROOS footy club.

Our club is based at Inglewood Oval, off Central Avenue in Mount Lawley. New players and families are always welcome.

Registrations now open

Online: www.roosjfc.org.au/registration
In person: Sunday, 19 February 2017
1:00-4:30 pm
Hamer Park
off Second Avenue, Mount Lawley



With the football season just around the corner, the Mt Lawley/Inglewood Junior Football Club would like to invite all students from Kindy to Year 6 to register for the 2017 season.

Our club is based at Inglewood Oval, off Central Avenue in Mount Lawley. New players and families are always welcome. Below is a description about the key activities undertaken by particular year levels.

- Kindy to Year 2- Sunday morning Auskick, where we have fun and learn to play AFL.
- Year 3 to Year 6- Saturday morning AFL competition played under rules modified for juniors.

To register your interest, please visit:

<http://www.roosjfc.org.au/registration> or alternatively come to our registration day taking place on Sunday, 19 February from 1.00-4.30pm at Hamer Park, just off Second Avenue in Mount Lawley.

Treasure Market

The Uniting Church Mt Lawley are holding a Treasure Market on Saturday, 11 February from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m at 165 Railway Parade Mount Lawley.

Inglewood United Soccer Club

Inglewood United Soccer Club are holding their registration day on Sunday 12 February for girls and boys ages 6 to 18. For further information please visit

<http://inglewoodunited.com.au/registration-day-2017-2/>

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

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