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## Issue No 18 - 26 October 2018

### Message from the Principal

#### Classes for 2019

Once the results of the 2019 Student Enrolment Survey have been collated, the Leadership Team will determine class structures for 2019. As a consequence, staff will start to consider individual student placement. When teachers are forming classes, we take into consideration the needs of students with a view to achieving a balanced class. Where possible, we strive to get this balance based on academic performance, gender, behaviour, work habits, social networks and the specific needs of the child. In forming classes, we also factor in the additional information given to us by the parents/caregivers. We support this process, but would like to stress that any information received from parents/caregivers is considered as one part of the total picture in the formation of any class. Furthermore, I would like to point out that parent/caregiver contact with the school will not guarantee student placement in a particular class and as a school management issue, student placement remains a staff and Leadership Team decision. Requests in relation to choice of teacher will not be considered as a placement factor.

In order to get our class placements as accurate as possible, we ask that if parents/caregivers have any special requests that may impact on your child's/children's class placement for next year (e.g. placement of twins/siblings or custody issues) to please confirm this in writing in a letter marked 'Private and Confidential' and addressed to 'The Principal'. This letter can then be handed to Mrs Tippett in the school office. Alternatively, please feel free to send your letter via email to the school's email at [MaylandsPeninsula.PS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:MaylandsPeninsula.PS@education.wa.edu.au)

## Parent Information Evening

- Visual Arts Night  
Cake Stall
- VacSwim
- WAAPA Summer School 2018/2019
- Kids Clay Classes
- Morley Windmills soccer club

## COMING EVENTS

Visual and Performing Arts evening- Thursday, 1 November  
M3 Assembly- Friday, 2 November  
P&C Meeting- Wednesday, 7 November  
Year 6 Bridgetown Camp- Monday, 12 November- Friday, 16 November  
2019 Student Councillor Election- Wednesday, 14 November  
JA1 and JA2 (Year 1) Assembly- Friday, 16 November

## Quote of the fortnight

Our effectiveness as adults, parents and teachers must not be measured by how well we make our children happy, but by how well we have empowered our children to make themselves happy!

## P&C CONTACTS:

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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

marked to the attention of 'The Principal'. All requests need to be received by the close of business Wednesday, 7 November. Please note requests coming to school after this scheduled cut-off date will not be addressed.

With the number of students to place for 2019, it is not possible to accommodate all requests from parents/caregivers, but we will endeavour to make the best student placement with the information we have at hand. Please refer to our Classroom Placement Policy available on our school website at

<http://www.mpps.wa.edu.au/view/policies-and-regulations/class-placement-policy> for more detailed information about these arrangements.

## Farewell Mrs Banner.

As many of you are aware, Mrs Banner will commence Parental Leave at the end of next week to prepare for the upcoming birth of Baby No 1. Mrs Banner has been a part of our school community since 2015, when she undertook her pre-service training in Mrs Parcej-Collins' Kindy class. On behalf of the school community, I'd like to thank Mrs Banner and acknowledge the fine work that has not only taken place in PP3 this year, but in all the years that she has been with us, and wish her well on the exciting journey she is about to undertake. Her commitment to the students and families of Maylands Peninsula Primary School during this time has been nothing short of first class.

As one door closes- another opens. I'd like to welcome Mrs Helen Betteridge, who has been appointed to the school in Mrs Banner's absence for the remainder of the year. Mrs Betteridge is a face familiar to our PP3 students, having taught in PP3 at the start of Term 3 whilst Mrs Banner was on leave. I wish Mrs Betteridge all the best and I know that you will join with me in welcoming her to our school community.

## Other Newsletter Items

### M2 Assembly



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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  
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Thanks to the wonderful students in Miss Avery's M2 class for hosting the first assembly of term. Despite the best laid plans of mice and men, our CD player decided after 15 years of faithful service to 'die' on the morning of the assembly, after having worked so well all week. Nevertheless, Miss Avery's students took the setback in their stride and got on with the show. The themes of reducing, reusing and recycling are important messages to consider if we wish to make a difference with conserving our environment. Well done to all.

Our next assembly on Friday, 2 November will feature the last of our Year 3 classes with Ms Peden's M3 class performing for our viewing pleasure.

### Aussies of the Month



#### Eric Yao - Year 1

Eric is kind, funny, caring and helpful. He includes everyone when he plays and is always eager to assist others.

#### Elias Tortajada - Year 4

Elias is an active participant in all class activities, works collaboratively and generously supports his peers in the classroom and playground.

#### Freya Campbell - Year 5

Freya shows consideration for others and places their needs above her own. She courageously stands up for people who are unfairly treated.

### Excellence Awards & Writer of the Month





### **Joanne Lim - Year 5 - Science Excellence**

Joanne has achieved excellent results in Biological Science this semester. She effectively communicates her ideas and her findings about animal adaptations were outstanding.

### **Milly Osborn - Year 4 - Academic Excellence**

Milly is a model student who has a passion for knowledge and a commitment towards achieving her best at all times. Milly has outstanding problem solving skills. She seeks challenges, sets high standards and strives to reach them.

### **Sabi Thyer - Year 1 - Writer of the Month**

Sabi has worked hard to improve the structure of her narratives this semester. She uses interesting connectives to introduce new ideas and includes descriptive language to engage and excite the reader. Her cold task, titled 'The Lost Dog', was an extremely entertaining story about Donald Trump adopting a dog with a difference! Keep up the great work Sabi!

## **Visual and Performing Arts evening- Thursday, 1 November**

A reminder to all about the **Visual and Performing Arts Evening** taking place next Thursday, 1 November from 5.00pm-7.00pm.

As highlighted in the flier that went home, student art works that have been completed throughout the year will be on display in the library, art room and Pre-primary 4. At 6.00pm, we will have the opportunity to listen to performances by the Year 5 and Year 6 Instrumental Music School Services students, the MPPS Choir (Years 4-6) and MPPS Band (Year 6) in the undercover area.



As part of the art exhibition there will be glass jewellery for sale which has been made by the students. Furthermore, you will also have the

opportunity to order A3 colour prints of your child's art work. Your child's artwork will be sent home after the art show regardless of whether you have purchased anything or not. All funds raised go towards the school's Visual Arts and Music programmes.

We look forward to seeing many members of our school community in attendance.

## Lewis Jetta talk

It is a pretty rare occurrence to have a member of the school community be part of a winning AFL premiership, as was the case with Lewis Jetta, father of Lewis (JB3) and Daisy (Kindy D). Lewis was gracious enough to share his experience with many of our students on Wednesday morning. They took great delight into listening to Lewis' journey from Bunbury to the MCG and asked some pretty interesting questions about his life as an AFL player and the grand final itself. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Lewis for making the time to speak with our students.



## Mount Hawthorn Area Band performance

Yesterday morning, our students had the opportunity to listen to the Mount Hawthorn Area Band. This band is made up of primary students from inner city schools, including a number from our own school, who participate in the Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) programme. The students performed a number of instrumental pieces under the direction of our IMSS clarinet teacher, Mr Dale Pointon. As part of the performance, the students were able to learn more about the different instrumental families in a band- strings, brass, woodwind and percussion.





## Syringes on Gibbney Reserve



The school has been alerted by a concerned member of the school community about the number of syringes being found on Gibbney Reserve by City of Bayswater staff. In

response, teachers have been asked to discuss with students the steps to take in the event that someone finds a syringe on either Gibbney Reserve or on school grounds. Being a relatively open public space, it is difficult to take steps to protect members of the school community against any potential needle stick injury. The best advice is to speak with your children and educate them about what to do in the event that they come across a syringe when out playing.

## Loud Shirt Day



With Telethon taking place last weekend, it was great to see the colourful array of 'Loud' shirts on display this morning for Loud Shirt Day. \$607.10 was raised in total through gold coin donations. This money will now be forwarded onto the Telethon Speech and Hearing Institute to assist them in their endeavours to raise awareness and funds to help deaf and hearing impaired children in our community. Thanks to all for your support.

## Kindy Firefighter visit

Over the last two weeks, firefighters from the East Perth Station came out to visit the students in Kindy E and F as part of their studies about people who help in our community. The students had the opportunity to

see a fire engine and other firefighting equipment at close hand. The children really enjoyed the experience, as did the fire fighters in attendance.



## P&C News

## Canteen News

	Mon 29 Oct	Tue 30 Oct	Wed 31 Oct	Thurs 1 Nov	Fri 2 Nov
Week 4	Volunteers needed	<b>Kate</b>	<b>Ginny after 11am</b> Another volunteer needed	<b>Kate</b>	<b>Karina</b>
Week 5	5 Nov Volunteers needed	6 Nov <b>Kate</b>	7 Nov <b>Ginny after 11am</b> Another volunteer needed	8 Nov <b>Kate</b>	9Nov <b>Karina</b>

### **Canteen Volunteers**

The canteen is always in need of volunteers to run smoothly. If you would like to get involved, please come and see us at the canteen or phone us 9462 6700. The canteen volunteer roster is above.

### **Too Much Plastic!**

We are trying to reduce packaging and waste. To discourage the daily use of plastic spoons, forks, knives, cups and straws please be aware of the following changes:

- Canteen will not provide free spoons, forks or knives if your child has not placed an order for a meal via the canteen.
- Only 1 straw will be given out to your child if a slushie is purchased. No extra straws will be provided free.
- The canteen will start charging 20 cents for extra straws and plastic ware to discourage the consumption of plastic.

### **Monday Afternoon Cooking Bees**

The Spiral Bolognese, Macaroni and Cheese, Spicy Indian Rice with Lentils and Teriyaki Chicken Noodles are all made from scratch in the canteen. Anyone who loves cooking and can spare time between 1.00pm and 3.00pm on a Monday, we'd love to see you.

Charlotte and Helen

**Canteen Organisers, Tummy Rumbles**

## **Scholastic's final catalogue for 2018**

During Term 4 there will only be one book club catalogue, Issue 7, which was sent home yesterday. Place note this will be the last catalogue for this year.

The same process will apply:

1. Catalogues were delivered to the classrooms yesterday (25/10);
2. You will need to place your orders by next Tuesday (30/10);
3. You can place your orders using one of the two methods below:
  - a. the LOOP system, a free app that you can download onto your smartphone, this is our preferred method of payment,
  - b. manually complete the form at the back of the catalogue (ensuring name and classroom are clearly written). Payment can be made by cash, Scholastic's voucher or cheque (payable to Scholastic Australia) and all placed in an envelope dropped off at the office in the box marked "Book Club".

Once again thank you for supporting Maylands Peninsula Primary School.

Miriam

**Book Club Organiser**

## **Community News**

### **Mount Lawley SHS- Gifted and Talented Parent Information Evening**

The Gifted and Talented Parent Information Evening for the 2019 testing cycle- our current Year 5 cohort- will be held at Mount Lawley Senior High School on Tuesday, 20 November 2018 conducted by the Department of Education Gifted and Talented Unit. 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 Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs. During the evening Mount Lawley Senior High School will also provide information on the Gifted and Talented Languages Program. This Parent Information Evening will run for approximately 90 minutes.

RSVP via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/departement-of-education-gifted-and-talented-parent-presentation-evening-tickets-50156613782>

## Visual Arts Night Cake Stall

The P&C will again be holding a Cake Stall at the Visual Arts Night from 5.00pm-7.00pm next Thursday, the profits of which go directly to the Art and Music departments at MPPS. Thank you to those people who have already donated their time and food items. If you can assist us at the stall for 30 minutes, or donate sweet goodies for the night, just let Cate know on 0408 261 019.



We will be set up under the verandah on the outer corner of the Art Room. Opposite us on the grass will be a coffee van serving hot and cold beverages. So come along and enjoy all that the night has to offer!

## VacSwim



With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim programs are held at pools and beaches all across Western Australia. No matter where you are planning to spend these summer holidays, your children can take part in VacSwim.

VacSwim is for all children – from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming).

## WAAPA Summer School 2018/2019

This Summer WAAPA at ECU, Mt Lawley is offering an exciting performing arts program for students from Years 1 to 12. The Summer School includes classes in RAP, Acting, Dance, Drama, Screen Performance, Music Theatre and of course, how to perform Shakespeare. For information about the fantastic courses on offer please visit WAAPA Summer School or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at [g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au](mailto:g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au).

## Kids Clay Classes

Are you ready to get messy? ClayMake Studio, which is situated at 65 Ferguson Street Maylands, offer hand-building classes for ages 5-8 and 8-12 and wheel-throwing for teens 10-15. For further information visit [www.claymakestudio.com.au](http://www.claymakestudio.com.au) or call 0497 916 247.

## Morley Windmills soccer club

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### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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