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## Issue No 7 - 17 May 2019

### Message from the Principal

#### NAPLAN 2019

As most parents/caregivers are aware, there has been a lot of discussion in the public domain regarding the problems that were experienced nationwide with the on-line NAPLAN assessments that took place this week for Year 3, 5 7 and 9 students. The Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and Education Services Australia (ESA), who are the entities responsible for the administration of the test, have been working to determine the cause and to rectify the problems.

Like many schools, our school experienced technical connectivity issues, principally with the Year 5 Writing assessment that took place on Tuesday. Whilst most of our students took the continual 'drop outs' in their stride, with no students experiencing significant distress, there have been concerns raised regarding the validity and fairness of the test.

ACARA and ESA are aware of these concerns and are currently convening to determine how these will be resolved for students. I will keep the school community involved of the outcome of these discussions in due course.

Nevertheless, I can report that there were no connectivity issues experienced with the Reading assessment that took place yesterday and today. It is hoped that this will be our experience next week when we move onto the Language Conventions and Numeracy assessments.

- **Community News**
- **European Wasps Surveillance and Eradication Programme**
- **WAPPA Winter School 2019**
- **Lost vouchers**
- **Bikes and Scooters**

#### COMING EVENTS

S1 Red Hill Excursion-  
20 May  
NAPLAN continues-  
Monday, 20 May –  
Friday, 24 May  
JB3 Assembly- Friday,  
24 May  
Lap-a-thon- Monday,  
27 May (Kindy C and E  
only)  
Lap-a-thon- Tuesday,  
28 May (Kindy D, F and  
PP- Year 6)  
Year 6 excursion to  
Francis Burt Law  
Education Centre- 30 May  
WA Day- Monday, 3 June  
JB3 Assembly- Friday,  
7 June  
P&C Meeting-  
Wednesday, 12 June

#### Quote of the fortnight

Success will always feel good, but when we lose, it's trying hard that stops us from feeling bad.

#### 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 committed to:  
Encouraging students to*

## MADS Campout- Friday, 10 May



We had fantastic conditions for the MADS Campout last Friday night. The skies were clear, the conditions were still and the ground was dry.

Close to 40 families took up the opportunity to set up camp on the grassed area between the Senses Garden and S3.

There were a variety of tent set ups from small, two person domes through to more elaborate affairs for large family groups. After an initial welcome and housekeeping duties, each family had dinner, followed by a Torch Light Treasure Hunt around the school grounds. The evening concluded with a marshmallow roasting session around some fire pits before turning in for the night.

With the start of the new day, many children were up at first light and awoke to the smells of bacon and eggs being cooked on the barbecues. After breakfast, it was time to 'break' camp and after a final few thank yous, everyone was free to get on with their Saturday morning.

Thanks to Daniel Ferns as the MADS convenor and principal organiser of the event, as too, the other MADS group dads who helped out behind the scenes to make the event the overwhelming success that it was.

Click on the following [link](#) to watch a short video clip put together by one of the dads.



## Thanks to Mrs O'Connor. Welcome Mrs Nicky Payne.

As many members of our school community are aware, Mrs O'Connor will commence Parental Leave at the end of next week to prepare for the upcoming birth of Baby No 1. This means that Friday, 24 May will be Mrs O'Connor's last day at Maylands Peninsula Primary School.

On behalf of the school community, I'd like to thank Mrs O'Connor and acknowledge the fine work that has taken place in PP1 this year. Her

*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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commitment to the students and families of Maylands Peninsula Primary School, not only this year, but since her appointment to the school has been truly commendable. I wish her well with the amazing journey she is about to embark on and look forward to her return to our school sometime down the track.

As one door closes- another opens. I'd like to welcome Mrs Nicky Payne, who has been appointed to the school in Mrs O'Connor's absence for the remainder of the year. I wish Mrs Payne all the best and I know that you will join with me in welcoming her to our school community.

## Other Newsletter Items

### JB1 Assembly



Thank you to all the students in JB1 for hosting the first assembly of the new school term. Despite the little technical glitches at the start of the performance, the students put on quite a show in their re-telling of 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' Each of the students spoke so well and they were quite demonstrative in their actions as part of the performance. Well done to all concerned. Our next assembly of the term will take place next Friday, 24 May, with the students in Ms Yu's JB3 class performing for our viewing pleasure. At this assembly, we will hand out the first Excellence Awards for the term. Come one, come all.

### Aussies of the Month





### **Carter Ly - Year 1**

Carter is a friendly classroom member who treats his peers and teachers with respect. He is a kind friend to many and genuinely cares about the feelings of others. Carter's positive attitude and good sense of humour make our classroom a brighter place.

### **Josephine Ferstat - Year 4**

Josephine challenges herself in her learning and consistently approaches all tasks with a positive outlook. She carefully considers those around her and is always willing to lend a hand. Josephine displays a concern for the environment and has assisted in the Senses Garden. She displays a high level of initiative and independent thinking.

### **Ethan Cook - Year 5**

Ethan's classmates have voted for him to receive this award because he treats everyone kindly and is a great role model.

## **Faction Sports**

Lunchtime Faction Sports commenced last week with the students in Year 5 and Year 6 taking part in netball (Monday) and soccer and basketball (Friday). In the first round of fixtures Brearley vs Venville and Hardey vs Ferguson.

There were good numbers of students who took up the opportunity to represent their faction, and the games themselves were tightly contested affairs that were competed in good spirit. The next round of fixtures will be taking place in Week 5 of term with Brearley vs Hardey and Venville vs Ferguson.



## **Interschool Cross Country**

On the sporting theme, the Interschool Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 26 June (Week 9) at Guildford Primary School. Two boys and two girls will be selected from each year level, Years 3-6 to compete in this event.

The selection trials for the carnival will take place in Week 7. Years 3-4 will run 1.5km and Years 5-6 will run 2km. All students from Years 3-6 are welcome to attend training sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8:15am on Gibbney Reserve. Meet either Miss Wyatt or Mr Doney at the cricket nets.

Miss Wyatt  
**Phys Ed specialist**

## Kindy Mother's Day Learning Journey

In the week leading up to Mother's Day, the children in our Kindy E and F groups invited their mother into the class as part of a Learning Journey.

The room was a hive of activity, as each child completed some art and craft activities with his/her mother to create a little memento of the occasion. I'm sure there would have some very proud and surprised mothers come Sunday morning, even taking into consideration that they had helped create the artwork in the first place.



## Sorry Day Fundraiser



A group of Indigenous and Non-indigenous students from Years 4 to 6 have made glass jewellery in the colours of the Aboriginal flag to raise money



for the GO Foundation. Founded by Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin (with much help from their good

mate, James Gallichan), the GO Foundation began its focus on education in 2014. With strong foundations in place, GO is now expanding its program beyond independent schools into public schools and universities.

As Sorry Day is on the 26 May, students will offer their glass designs before and after the assembly on the 24 May. If you are interested in buying some, please bring in some cash. Prices range from \$3.00 for a small lapel pin to \$5.00 for a small pendant. Donations are welcome as all proceeds help create opportunities for Indigenous youth through education.

**Ms Jessica Wormuth**

## P&C News

## Canteen News

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May
Week 2	<b>Volunteers needed</b>	<b>Hortense Another needed</b>	<b>Volunteer needed Ginny (after 11am)</b>	<b>Volunteers needed</b>	<b>Ginny Another needed</b>
	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May	17 May
Week 3	<b>Volunteers needed</b>	<b>Hortense Another needed</b>	<b>Volunteer needed Ginny after 11am</b>	<b>Hortense Another needed</b>	<b>Ginny Another needed</b>

### Is there anyone else out there?

We need some more volunteers. Canteen work is just right for people who want to contribute, but not be involved in the hard work of planning and attending meetings. We will show you what to do. Newbies will have someone to train them. Just come to the canteen and put your name on the calendar. Covered shoes are required.

### Lapathon Hot Dog / Hot Chicken Roll / Sushi day

Tuesday, 28 May is our annual Lapathon! To coincide with this the canteen has hot dogs, hot chicken rolls and sushi hand rolls for that day only. Orders should be in by today but 🐦 a little birdy has told me that you can still order online via QuickCliq over the weekend. 🐦

Sushi hand rolls are new! They are an uncut sushi roll equivalent to 4 of the little ones you are used to.

Chocolate Milks are a Hot Dog Day special item not available any other time.

Our special Ice Cream this time is a little pot of vanilla ice cream.

### Reuseable Spoons, Forks and Cups

So good to see the note "no fork needed" appearing on orders!  
More and more kids are keeping a spoon or fork in their bag so they don't need to use a throw-away plastic one.

Whenever kids forget a spoon or fork for a home packed lunch, they can ask to borrow one of ours. They just bring it back when they've finished eating. The fewer plastic things chucked in the bin, the better. Reuseable cups for soup and hot chocolate from home are welcome.

### Thanks

Hortense you are a rock!! Thank you for coming in every week. Thanks too to Greg who comes in whenever he is free and also Yuko who volunteered on our busiest day last term.

Keep smiling

**Helen and Charlotte**

## Mother's Day Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our raffle winners. They are:

1st Prize - Nikki Hale

2nd Prize - Lisa Ridley

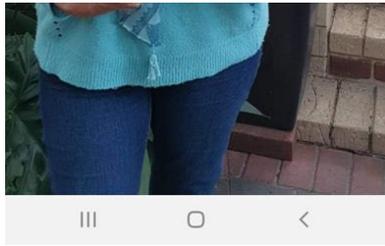
3rd Prize - Ainsley Coleman

4th Prize - Romina Cavilli

We hope you ladies enjoy your prizes and had a lovely Mother's Day. Thank you to everyone who bought entries into the raffle. Together we raised \$1098.00.

Thanks to all the local businesses and families who donated items as prizes for the raffle: Pia Cullen from The Body Shop, Angel Nails and Beauty Maylands, Sugar and Nice Inglewood, Star Gianatti from Enjo, Vintage Hairress Inglewood, Sherbet Maylands, Virginia Ting, Gemma's The Health and Beauty Spa Maylands, Lula and Sasha Boutique Maylands and Little Shop of Plenty Maylands.





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Photos of members of the School Board and the P&C can now be seen on the new noticeboard near the flag posts on the external wall of the Art Room.

## Election Day Sausage Sizzle

If you are coming down to vote tomorrow don't forget that the P&C will be here to feed the masses. We can accept both cash and card purchases this year.



## Woolworths Earn & Learn



Woolworths has just launched Earn & Learn, and we're once again joining in. For those parents who aren't aware of the program, if you shop at Woolworths between 1 May-25 June you can earn stickers. Our school will be collecting these stickers which we'll be able to swap for new school equipment; things like art and craft supplies, sports gear, teaching aids and more.

So any parents who shop at Woolworths, please collect those stickers and drop them in to our collection box, which is located at the school office.

Thanks for helping out!

## Community News

### European Wasps Surveillance and Eradication Programme

The European wasp is considered one of the worst wasps in the world - harmful to people, our outdoor lifestyles and to our horticultural and agricultural industries. Suspected European wasp sightings must be reported to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

As there have been sightings of these pests in our local area, the Department is seeking the support of the local community to help identify and locate wasp nests. Click [here](#) to visit the Department's web page to learn more about the European wasp and to find out how you can help.

## WAPPA Winter School 2019



WAAPA at ECU is offering an exciting performing arts programme for children and young people in Years 1 to 12, these July school

holidays. The Winter School includes classes in drama, acting, screen acting, film making and musical theatre. For information about the many courses on offer please visit Winter School or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at [g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au](mailto:g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au) or 9370 6775.

## Lost vouchers

Two vouchers were found on May 10 on the oval. If you have lost any, please come to the office or call 9462 6700 with a good description of the voucher/s, and they will be returned.

## Bikes and Scooters

We have a number of bikes and scooters which have been handed in to admin. If your child has been missing them for quite a while please come into the office or call 9462 6700 with a description to claim one.

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

To include items in the school newsletter contact Gayle Tippett by email [Gayle.Tippett@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Gayle.Tippett@education.wa.edu.au)

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