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## Issue No 12 - 9 August 2019

### Message from the Principal

#### Some more 'Good News' about playgrounds

As mentioned in the first newsletter of the term, our new junior playground is now up and operational. We are currently trialling having our Year 1-3 students on the junior playground and the Year 4-6 students on the senior playground, for both recess and lunch, on all days. As such, we have done away with the roster arrangement that had been in place. After the initial madness involved with the 'new shiny toy' for the first few days, the number of children accessing the equipment has steadily decreased to a more manageable level. We shall continue to monitor the usage of each of the playground spaces, but early indications are good, and hopefully, the roster arrangement will become a thing of the past.

On 'other' playground related issues, at the P&C meeting on Wednesday night, I made everyone aware that I had received notification from the Department of Education that we were one of a few schools to receive \$25 000 in funding as part of the 2019 Playground and Sun Shade Programme. This funding, together with funds provided by the P&C, will be put towards creating nature play spaces within the school. I look forward to working with the P&C as we embark on this exciting new development.

This is the last time the Playground and Sun Shade Programme funding will be available to schools so we were quite fortunate to receive the 'Good News' this time around. I would like to thank Ms Lisa Baker- School Board member and MLA Maylands together with Mr Patrick Gorman- MHR Perth for their advocacy on behalf of our school.

- **VacSwim 2019**
- **Uniting Church Treasure Market**

#### COMING EVENTS

S7 Assembly- Friday,  
16 August  
Book Week- Monday,  
19 August- Friday,  
23 August  
P&C Quiz Night-  
Saturday, 24 August  
M3 Assembly- Friday,  
30 August  
Faction Carnival- Jumps,  
Throws and Long  
Distance- Monday,  
2 September  
Faction Carnival- Sprints,  
Relays and Team  
Games- Friday,  
6 September

#### Quote of the fortnight

The more you lie, the less you can trust yourself not to lie. And the less you can trust yourself, the less others can trust you.

#### P&C CONTACTS:

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*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*

## Raising Resilient Children workshop

It is well reported in the media about the increasing number of young students across Australia who suffer from childhood anxiety in one shape or form. As such, it was most pleasing to hear the positive feedback from parents/caregivers who attended the Raising Resilient Children workshop held at school last Wednesday night. Approximately 35-40 parents/caregivers attended the session, which was an extension of the work that staff had undertaken at the most recent School Development Day.

The parent/caregiver session facilitated by Helping Minds gave some important insight into childhood anxiety and provided some practical suggestions and coping strategies to parents/caregivers about how to support their child(ren). Thanks to Mrs Johnson for coordinating the evening.

## Other Newsletter Items

### S6 Assembly



Well done to all the students in S6 for hosting the first assembly of term. The students spoke so well and the performance was not only fun, but educational. I think every staff member would put their hand up for a Teacher Pleaser machine in their class. If anyone has some information about where to source one of these amazing machines, please let me know. What a great way to start the new term. Well done to all.

Our next assembly on Friday, 16 August will feature the wonderful students in Mrs McGuire's S7 class. At this assembly, we will hand out the first Excellence awards for the term.

## Aussie of the Month



environment for all.  
Building partnerships with  
students, parents and the  
community.

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#### Gemma Cook - Year 2

Gemma is a helpful and considerate student. She has a positive attitude and an outgoing personality. Gemma is always willing to assist others.

#### Mathew Pritchard - Year 4

Mathew has been chosen by his classmates for always being kind and willing to help others. He is friendly, caring and positive. Mathew makes an effort to include everyone in games and groups.

#### Yvonne Tan - Year 5

Yvonne has been nominated by her class because she is a kind and caring class member who is always there for others. Yvonne is a great peer tutor, especially with difficult maths questions.

### Yirra Yaakin performance

This year Yirra Yaakin performed Djinda Kaatijin "Understand the Stars" which was their final dreamtime story for the Kaatijin series. This year's performance saw a strong connection to language with songs like 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' being sung and performed in Noongar. They took us on a journey through the constellations in the night sky, incorporating a modern twist, as well as taking us to places from around the world and the different dreamtime stories from these places. This was a great way to help the school and



students continue to promote understanding and awareness about Noongar culture and language.



## Jeans for Genes Day



It was great to see so many students and staff wearing their jeans to school today in support of 'Jeans 4 Genes Day'. The Student Councillors collected \$633.00 which will help fund research to advance prevention and treatment of genetic disease. Thanks to all for your support of this

worthwhile event.

## Book Week- Monday, 19 August- Friday, 23 August

From Monday, 19 August-Friday, 23 August, we will be celebrating Book Week. This year's theme is **Reading is My Secret Power**. During Book Week, teachers have a number of activities planned to encourage reading and to celebrate authors who have been short listed for the 2019



Children's Book Awards which will be on display in the library. Information about these events and activities will be communicated to parents/caregivers at the classroom level. Feel free to come into the library and see what are considered to be some of the best Australian books for children published in the last 12 months.

## Smartlink App

**ALL SCHOOL  
COMMUNICATIONS**



SMS will only be used for confirming absences.

**IF YOU ALREADY HAVE THE APP, PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PREFERENCES FOR THIS YEAR.**

Download the Smartlink app on Google Play and App Store. More information available in the school office.



Only some school information is sent by email - to receive all the news and notifications from Maylands Peninsula PS on your phone or tablet, download the Smartlink App now.

## P&C News

### School Canteen

	Mon 12 Aug	Tue 13 Aug	Wed 14 Aug	Thurs 15 Aug	Fri 16 Aug
Week 8	<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>
	19 Aug	20 Aug	21 Aug	22 Aug	23 Aug
Week 9	<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>

#### Thanks to our Volunteers this Week

Thanks to Greg and Hortense for volunteering in the last fortnight. Your work is vital to the canteen and much appreciated.

A few parents have expressed an interest in volunteering. All you have to do is drop by and put your name on our calendar. We will show you what to do. Covered shoes are required.

**Helen and Charlotte**

## Fundraising

## Maylands Peninsula PS P&C Quiz Night

**ADULTS ONLY**



# Quiz Night

MAYLANDS YACHT CLUB  
SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 2019  
6PM DOORS OPEN | 6.45PM START

- Silent Auction
- Games (don't forget gold coins!)
- Awesome Raffle
- Lots of great prizes to be won
- Bar available (no BYO drinks, licensed venue)
- Pre purchase pizza available (+ BYO nibbles)
- Eftpos available

**\$160**  
per table of 8

To purchase your table  
EMAIL  
fundraising@mpps.wa.edu.au

**Dance floor open after the quiz!**

Thank you to  
our supporters:



The Maylands Peninsula PS P&C Quiz Night is coming on Saturday 24 August 2019

Get your table of 8 together and join us for a great night full of fun with plenty of prizes to be won.

Tables are limited so please contact [fundraising@mpps.wa.edu.au](mailto:fundraising@mpps.wa.edu.au) as soon as possible to secure yours!

## Community News

### Safe on Social- Social Media age recommendation guidelines and the law.



Time to clear something up that parents tell us is often used in talks about cyber



safety.

We're talking about the age recommendations provided for social media apps, and children possessing accounts well below the 13+ suggestion.

The refrain is constant. It's 'illegal' for kids to have these accounts. Except it's not. It's not illegal. There is no legal remedy or punishment under Australian law.

Almost all social media apps have a recommended age attached to them. Most of these hover around the 13+ mark, but some are 17+, some 14+, it varies.

An age recommendation reflects the minimum age that a potential account holder should be. Content and concepts that appear within the app are therefore not considered suitable for a younger user. These recommendations are the **BARE** minimum that the developers of the apps can get away with. It's an extraordinarily easy thing to lie on social media sign-up details when providing a DOB.

There is a common misconception that these age recommendations have some kind of legal tie in. That someone can be prosecuted in some way for having an account on an app in breach of the recommendations provided. For a child, this is not the case. While Australian law is set up to deal with R+ and X + rating movie and gaming content, and can prosecute for children being exposed to such content - this does NOT apply to social media age recommendations.

Let's use Instagram as an example.

There are an enormous number of kids well under the age recommendation of 13+ holding accounts on this app in Australia.

Safe on Social Media regularly see children in Year 2, happily providing their full name, age, additional social media account user names (Snapchat), and too much information in the bio area on Instagram on a public account – supported and sometimes even encouraged by Mum and Dad.

It's incredibly risky to let a tween/child loose on this social media app before they are mature enough to manage it. And the rationale that 'Everyone else has it' is no excuse anymore. Choosing followers, using privacy settings, and determining what sort of content is appropriate to post is beyond the level of maturity these children possess, but it's NOT illegal.

The options are to report to Instagram (or other social media app) that the account holder is underage, and the account will eventually be deleted if the relevant form is filled out correctly.

This is how that can be done for Instagram

[https://help.instagram.com/contact/723586364339719?helpref=faq\\_content](https://help.instagram.com/contact/723586364339719?helpref=faq_content)

That is the penalty if someone chooses to act. The removal of the account.

No fines, no charges, no safeguarding investigations for holding such an account – nothing. That these juvenile account holders have broken a law is a misconception.

It is not illegal. Age restrictions or recommendations are not enforceable under law.

The penalties for an 'underage user' on social media are .....nothing.

## VacSwim 2019

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons for the October school holidays.



With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, it's important your children are safe in the water.

Programs are available for children from five to 17 years and cater to all skill levels – from beginners to those doing their Bronze Medallion. They are being offered at pool venues across the State.

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

## Uniting Church Treasure Market

When: Saturday August 10, 2019

Time: 9.00am to 12.00pm

Where: Uniting Church Hall, 165 Railway Parade, Mount Lawley.

### 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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