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#### COMING EVENTS

Term 1 ends- Thursday, 9 April

## Issue No 4 – 20 March 2020

### Message from the Principal

#### COVID-19

I would like to thank all staff, students and parents/caregivers for their continued support in what has been a very interesting few weeks to say the least. As a school community, we have been able to navigate troubled waters due to the amazing way our entire school community has pulled together. I would like to make special mention of all our staff- from our cleaners and gardener right through to all teaching and non-teaching staff- who have gone above and beyond to maintain a sense of order and calmness to the school day. I would also like to express my gratitude to all those parents/caregivers who have sent in messages of support over the last week or so. Your patience and understanding has been greatly appreciated.

As always, I will keep the school community informed of any major developments in respects to school operations as they come to light.

#### NAPLAN 2020- Cancelled



Education Ministers met today and decided that NAPLAN will not proceed in 2020. The NAPLAN test window was scheduled to be held from 12 to 22 May.

The decision to not proceed with NAPLAN in 2020 has been taken to assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the

Term 2 commences -  
Wednesday, 29 April

### Quote of the fortnight

The eager learner welcomes the emotional discomfort that learning ceases because by overcoming it, they experience the uplifting pleasure of achievement.

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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 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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wellbeing of students and continuity of education, including potential online and remote learning.

Education Ministers reiterated that the National Cabinet has agreed, on the advice of the chief health and medical officers, that “pre-emptive closure of schools are not proportionate or effective as a public health intervention to prevent community transmission of COVID-19 at this time.”

## School Board Report

This year was always going to be a significant one for Maylands Peninsula Primary School as we prepare for the triennial Public School Review by the Department of Education, a process our Board is closely involved with.



But like all of us in the School community, we did not anticipate the emergency of the COVID-19 pandemic and the influence and impact it would have on the daily lives of all us at MPPS.

The School’s priority focus, of course, is on the well-being of all students and staff, as well as ensuring a “business as usual” approach is adopted wherever possible to continue the learning experience that underpins our School.

At our Term 1 board meeting on Monday we were updated by Mr Andrijich on the steps our School was taking with regards to COVID-19 and the advice and support MPPS was receiving from the Department of Education.

Communication with all stakeholders – students, parents/caregivers, school staff or community members – is vital and the Board noted the strong efforts of Mr Andrijich and his leadership team to provide updates and advice whenever possible without creating a sense of panic.

A global pandemic like COVID-19 represents uncharted waters for all of us and, to reiterate Mr Andrijich’s messages, the School will continue to follow the best advice of relevant health and education authorities.

In the meantime, it is pleasing to see the School continue on its learning journey.

The Board also had the opportunity on Monday to hear for the first time from this year’s group of student councillors – Poppy Hale, Ethan Cook, Ben Tanner and Deakin Stoute.

Central to the councillors’ ambitions for 2020 was a desire to ensure MPPS is an environment where students care for each other. In addition, we heard about the councillors’ plans to introduce a book

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club, a students-versus-staff soccer match, a handball tournament and a mural made of recycled materials by students.

The councillors' presentations again demonstrated to the Board our School's ability to produce terrific young leaders who rightfully have earned the respect of all students to represent and guide them.

The councillors, along with all leaders across all sections of the MPPS community, will play an important role this year as we learn to go about our school business in this COVID-19 pandemic environment and ensure we are nonetheless able to learn, grow and prosper.

Our Board will continue to work closely with Mr Andrijich and his leadership team to assist the School wherever possible.

Please also don't hesitate to contact me at [schoolboard@mpps.wa.edu.au](mailto:schoolboard@mpps.wa.edu.au) if you would like to discuss a particular issue.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our School.

Kind regards,

Peter Klinger  
**MPPS School Board Chair**

## Other Newsletter Items

### M3 Assembly

Congratulations to the students in Ms Bonetti's/Mrs Lake's M3 class for hosting last week's assembly. Given the current set of circumstances, the Harmony Day themed assembly was a refreshing break for staff, students and the wider school community. The performance of the Dr Seuss' story *The Sneetches* really brought home the message that we should celebrate and embrace diversity in its many shapes and forms. Well done to all.

As everyone would know, there will be no further assemblies for the foreseeable future. However, we will still recognise the great work taking place across the school through the issuing of Merit Awards, Excellence Awards and 'Aussie of the Month' badges at the classroom level.

### Excellence Awards





#### **Manjot Dhaliwal - Academic Excellence - Year 4**

Manjot demonstrates excellent achievement by maintaining academic excellence. Manjot maintains a positive attitude towards learning and willingly takes on feedback to improve her learning. She demonstrates excellent written work and is a reliable and committed person who achieves her best in every opportunity that is provided to her.

#### **Oliver Fardoe - Science Excellence - Year 5**

For being a motivated group member in all Science activities this term. Oliver observes well and describes investigations in detail. He is able to classify substances into the three states of matter and explain the behaviour and characteristics of these substances.

#### **Lewis Cochrane-Poller - Writer of the Month - Year 6**

For writing an intriguing 'losing tale' with exciting events and meaningful resolutions. He has included excellent descriptions to create an adventurous atmosphere and characterisations. Well done, Lewis.

## **Harmony Day**

With all that is happening in the world, it was pleasing to see a little bit of colour and joy out in the playground with many students coming to school in national dress or wearing orange in support of Harmony Day. Thanks to Mrs White, Mrs Ruhen and Mrs J for coordinating activities throughout the week. As we no longer have an assembly to acknowledge the winners of the various Harmony Day competitions, Mrs White has distributed the prizes to the award winners today.



## Chaplain's Chat

Deep breaths are like  
**LITTLE LOVE NOTES**  
to your body

Greetings, MPPS community!  
With so much emphasis  
around us to keep our hands  
clean and bodies well, I just  
wanted to add this little  
reminder to look after our

mental health as well. These are uncertain times, and the constant news feeds and empty shelves at the shops can add to one's anxiety level. However, there are things we can do to keep calm and stay positive in the midst of it all.

Below are some excellent tips and resources for looking after your wellbeing as well as how to help your child/ren through this time:

Beyond Blue: Looking after your mental health during the coronavirus **outbreak**

Talking to kids about scary stuff in the **news**

As always, if you feel you're having trouble coping, please reach out to someone you trust and don't go it alone. If you would like to chat or would like more information and resources, you can reach me via the email link below or through the school office.

Kind Regards,

**Eva Johnson ("Mrs. J")**

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## Gardening Group

Students from Years 4 and 5 have been working in the school garden under the guidance of our volunteers Belinda Scott and David Dyke on Monday afternoons. They learned to identify weeds and harvested some crooked, but



very tasty carrots, huge zucchini and some cherry tomatoes. Soon, students will be planting seedlings in the nursery area behind the JB Block. Another group of students set up compost bins with Ms Wormuth and learned how to maintain them.

Over the year, we will rotate the groups to make sure that a large number of students will have access to our gardening program. If you would like to join our volunteer team to either work with students or assist with garden maintenance out of school hours, please contact Ms Wormuth via the school office.





## P&C News

### Ride2School Day

It was pleasing to see so many students and parents/caregivers come to school last Friday morning on bikes and scooters of all shapes and sizes for Ride2School Day. The bike racks were bursting at the seams with 87 students having registered for the Speedlite Cycles draw.



Thanks to the MADS group, in particular, Jawid Dadakar and his merry band of bakers who supplied the muffins and other treats for the morning.





## Canteen

	Mon 23 Mar	Tue 24 Mar	Wed 25 Mar	Thurs 26 Mar	Fri 27 Mar
Week 8	<b>Sandeep</b>  Another Volunteer needed	Volunteers needed	<b>Hortense</b>  Another Volunteer needed	<b>Ginny</b>  <b>Sandeep</b>	<b>Felix</b>  Another Volunteer needed
	30 Mar	31 Mar	1 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr
Week 9	<b>Sandeep</b>  Another Volunteer needed	Volunteers needed	<b>Hortense</b>  Another Volunteer needed	<b>Ginny</b>  <b>Sandeep</b>	<b>Felix</b>  Another Volunteer needed

### Hot Dog Day Delayed 😞

Due to supply problems, we have had to delay the Hot Dog Day. To everyone who pre ordered, when we have a new date, your orders will be ready for the new Hot Dog Day. If you haven't already ordered you will get another chance to do so before the new Hot Dog Day.

The normal canteen menu will be available Tuesday, 24 March.

Keep washing your hands and sneezing into your elbow.  
Stay well.

**Helen and Charlotte**

## Community News

### Notice from CommBank School Banking



The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused by Commbank from 20 March 2020 until the start of Term 2. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.

**School Banking**

## Drama for Kids WA



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### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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