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Maylands Peninsula
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Message from the Principal



Welcome back to all students, families and staff to Maylands Peninsula Primary School in 2021. I'd like to especially welcome all students and families who began their journey at Maylands Peninsula Primary School earlier this week.

Given the fact that we had the unexpected change to proceedings at short notice with the 'lockdown' coming into effect the day before the scheduled return to school, on the whole, we have had a reasonably smooth start to the school year. As such, I would like to congratulate all parents/caregivers, students and staff for their efforts in adhering to the return to school protocols put in place at the start of the week. Hopefully, it will be back to *Phase 4* operations next Monday.

I'd like to welcome the following staff members who are new to our school staff in 2021:

- Ms Ashlyn Burton- JA3
- Mr Jesse Doney- Phys Ed
- Ms Michelle Myers- Education Assistant
- Mrs Kylie Lycho- Education Assistant
- Mrs Sam Meek- Education Assistant
- Mrs Kim Cover- Education Assistant
- Mrs Sendra Jugov- School psychologist

On the welcome theme, I'd like to congratulate Mrs Sheila Eftos on the safe arrival of Rupert Eftos during the term break. Mother, father and the young Rupert are all doing well. Furthermore, I would like to welcome back to staff Ms Amy Kinnersly- JB1 and M5 and Mrs Breanna Pitsonis- S3, who are returning from parental leave.

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). However, please keep in mind that this needs to be by prior arrangement only. Please arrange a mutually convenient time either directly with the teacher at the end of the school day, via email or through the school office. Your understanding is appreciated on this matter.

If there is some aspect of school operations that you would like to discuss, please feel free to make a time with Mrs Alver, Mrs Johnson or myself.

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.

Student Census

As has always been the case, I would like to remind parents/caregivers that our current class structures are

always temporary arrangements for the first few weeks of the school year. At the conclusion of the Student Census on Friday, 12 February the school Leadership Team will re-assess our overall position with a view towards making a decision about our class structures moving forward.

I would like to reiterate that 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 *Connect* message 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

As part of our succession planning for parent/caregiver representation on the School Board, it was proposed at the last School Board meeting in 2020, to hold an election early in the new school year to bring two new parent/caregiver representatives onto the School Board. This will bring the total representation of parents/caregivers to four in total, and ensure that we don't have all parent/caregiver representatives ending their term at the same time. Information about the process of electing these two new members to the School Board will be communicated out to the school community via *Connect* early next week.

It is our hope to have the election process complete in time for the first School Board meeting of the year on

Monday, 8 March.

Peter Klinger

School Board Chair

Other Newsletter Items

Newsletters and Term Planners

Every Friday fortnight on the odd weeks of each school term, parents/caregivers will receive an email/*Connect* message about our school newsletter being available to read. 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.

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. Furthermore, for those families new to our school, important information about the school, such as newsletters, term planners, canteen menus, enrolment documents and uniform price lists etc are available on the [school's website](#).

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 the Leadership Team. Students are not permitted on playgrounds before school. Please do not drop off students earlier than 8.30am as this has the potential to put students at risk. Please make arrangements with

a friend or neighbour for drop off, or alternatively speak with one of the Out of School Hours Care providers- Maylands Out-of-School Hours Care or YMCA Maylands- to discuss before school arrangements. Information about these providers is available in the office.

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. 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 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.

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. Please note, we ring the siren 5 minutes earlier than normal at **8.40am**, in order to provide enough time for classes to attend the assembly and be back in rooms for the commencement of specialist programmes at 9.30am.

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 support of Perth Realty Group, who provide our Academic Excellence Award; Bosch Timber Flooring, who provide our Writer of the Month prize and Sci-tech who supply our Science Excellence Award. Our senior classes will host the assemblies this term with Ms Wong's S2 class first 'up to bat' on **Friday, 19 February**.

Late Arrivals/Early Pick Ups

As per the Department of Education's Attendance Policy, any student who arrives 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 Sticker from the 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 sticker. The general rule is if you arrive late, or need to go early, pass by the office first. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Running Club

Miss Wyatt, one of our Physical Education specialists, is keen to get the MPPS Running Club up and running (Pardon the pun) again in 2021. Miss Wyatt has spoken to students about the Running Club as part of her Physical Education lessons this week. Below is some information about the MPPS Running Club aims and its operations for those members of the school community new to our school,

Aim:

- Improve students' aerobic fitness and to explore how regular physical activity keeps individuals healthy and well.
- Give students an opportunity to set goals and be accountable for their own health and wellbeing.
- Create bonds with students within the school.
- Allow students to challenge themselves.
- Prepare students for the Interschool Cross Country carnival in Term 2.

How:

- Students will run around the 400m running track (soccer goals on Gibbney Reserve).
- Each student will receive a unique QR code to keep track of how far they have run.
- Once students have completed 100km, they will be presented with a certificate and badge at assembly.

Who:

- All students in Years 3-6.
- Miss Wyatt will be organising and running the MPPS Running Club.
- House Captains are in charge of setting up the course in the mornings and recording students' laps.

When:

- Every Tuesday and Friday morning 8:10-8:35am.
- Commencing in Term 1, Week 3.

Where:

- Meet Miss Wyatt near the drink fountain on Gibbney Reserve.

Questions and Answers:**Q: Do students have to run every lap, or can they walk some?**

A: No, students do not have to run every lap. If students would like to walk laps that is fine.

Q: Do students have to come every Tuesday and Friday morning?

A: No, it is not compulsory to come. Students are able to come down whenever they like.

Q: Is there a minimum or maximum of how many laps students must run each morning?

A: No, students can run as much or as little as they want until 8:35am. At the conclusion of the session, students will be sent off to class to prepare for the day.

Q: Do you need to sign up?

A: No, just turn up on Tuesday and Friday mornings after 8:10am with your QR code and start running!

Please see Miss Wyatt if you have any questions about the MPPS Running Club.

Miss Amy Wyatt



Chaplain's Chat

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I hope you and your family are feeling more settled this week after an unusual start to the school year. I would just like to extend a big 'welcome' to those of you who are new to the MPPS community, and a big 'welcome back' to those who are returning.

As the School Chaplain, I am here to support and contribute to the wellbeing of students, staff and families. I provide a safe place for those who need someone to talk to, and connect people with further resources that can help them along their journey.

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch with me, you are always welcome to email me at Chelsea.Wylde@education.wa.edu.au, or call 9462 6700. I will be at school Monday, Tuesday and Friday each week.

Chelsea Wylde

Maylands Peninsula PS Chaplain

Library News

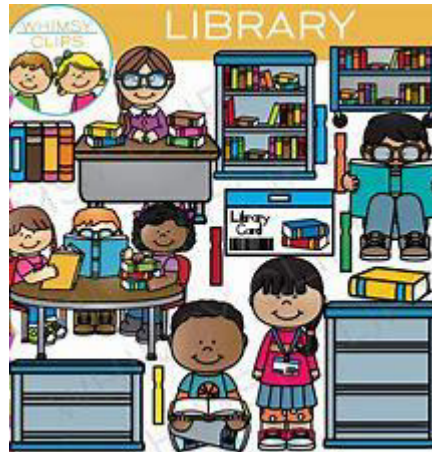
Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new families. We hope you all had a relaxing holiday and managed to keep out of the heat most of the time.

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.
- Encourage your children to remember their library day and return their books.
- The library is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Debbie Fielding and Claudia Barbaro

Library Officers



Connect and Qkr

Download **Connect Now** and **Qkr**

to receive all school information to your phone or device



CONNECT NOW

The school's main form of communication from the school to parents/caregivers

- [Connect.del.wa.edu.au](https://connect.del.wa.edu.au)
- All school communications including excursions & COVID-19 updates
- Student Reports
- Term Planner
- Reminders
- Canteen & Uniform Shop updates
- All parents/caregivers have an individual login for Connect
- Easily read attachments in Connect Now app

QKR

Payment and Consent App for school activities

- Excursions
- Incursions
- School Activities
- Contributions
- Make payment with credit/debit card or unallocated credit
- Provide consent for excursions
- Android & Apple devices
- Help us be cashless and paperless
- **Canteen & Uniform Shop** now on Qkr!



*In 2021, all information will be sent via Connect.
Handipouches will only be used for class work, swimming & book club.
Qkr is our preferred method of payment and is easy to use. Consent can be provided on Qkr and payment made by debit/credit card at any time.
If you would like to know more or to get your P number to login to Connect, please contact the school office 9462 6700.*

P&C News



School Canteen

Welcome to all for 2021. 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 9462 6705 to discuss any queries you have.

Online orders are preferred and can be placed online via [Qkr](#). Orders need to be placed by 9.00am on the day the order is required and can be made up to two weeks in advance. If ordering with cash, please place the correct money inside a sealed envelope or lunch

bag with your child's name, classroom and order on the front and place in the classroom lunch basket. The Term 1 summer menu is available on the [canteen](#) page of the school website. No credit is available.

The counter will be open for students at recess and lunch but no lunch orders will be accepted at the counter in the morning.

Pia and Helen

Tummy Rumbles



P&C Contacts

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School Board

The School Board can be contacted via email:

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Community News



Primary Music Institute



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically outside school hours
- Only \$18.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

P: 1300 362 824 E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

Gifted and Talented programmes for students entering Year 7 in 2022

Due to the delayed start to Term 1 brought about by the COVID-19 lockdown, the decision has been made to **extend the deadline for Gifted and Talented applications for students entering Year 7 in 2022.**

The first week of school is usually an important one for schools to remind their existing families and inform new ones of the opportunity to apply and we want to do our best to ensure the opportunity of that first week of term is not lost.

As a result of this deadline extension, the key dates and timelines connected to the Gifted and Talented testing and placement process have all been pushed back. The full schedule of new dates can be found [here](#).

Kick it Skills

KICK IT. SKILLS

A fun and fast way to Kick It. after school!

Kick It. Skills is a four week school-based program for all all-abilities focusing on:

- Learning new skills
- Game-based sessions
- Being active and having fun
- Creating an inclusive 'team'

PROGRAM DETAILS

Location: Gibbney Reserve
Time: 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM
Program Dates: Thursday 18/02, 04/03, 11/03 and 18/03
Cost: \$40 incl. GST
Age Groups: Suitable for K - Y6

For more information and to register: www.kickitfootball.com.au



Upcoming Events

Friday, 19 February | S2 Assembly

Wednesday, 24 February | Meet the Teacher night

Purple Haze Day | Thursday, 25 February

S3 Assembly | Friday, 26 February

Labour Day holiday | Monday, 1 March

P&C Meeting | Wednesday, 3 March

Quote of the Fortnight



Most things don't happen because of who we are,
but because of what we did or did not do.

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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