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Message from the Principal



COVID-19 Update

In line with the announcement earlier in the week by the Minister of Education, I would like to make our school community aware of the updated school settings that come into effect at the start of Term 2.

- Parents/caregivers are allowed on school sites for pick-up and drop-off, face to face parent-teacher meetings, attending year group assemblies, volunteering in roles outside of classrooms e.g. canteen and Uniform Shop, and infrequent special events (in line with community venue capacity and density limits);
- In-school special events bigger than a single class size can be held with masks and physical distancing;
- Single year-group assemblies can be held in line with mask requirements;
- Parents/caregivers are allowed to spectate at indoor and outdoor sporting events, performances, and other interschool events with masks and physical distancing; and
- Gatherings of parents/caregivers,(P&Cs) can occur with mask wearing.

The mask wearing requirements for adults and students Year 3 and above remain unchanged.

In terms of contact tracing, WA Health have asked schools to make parents/caregivers aware that the school is only responsible for identifying close contacts

that occur during school and at school-based activities. In the event that close contacts have been identified, parents/caregivers will be advised by the school of the testing and isolation requirements.

When transmission risk is likely (e.g. mask is not worn at all times) through activities outside of school, and a family member becomes positive e.g. the weekend birthday party, parents/caregivers are responsible for informing friends and community members that are close contacts. [Healthywa.wa.gov.au](https://www.health.wa.gov.au) has information on close contacts, the close contact definition, and isolation requirements should you require further clarity on how to identify a close contact.

A *Connect* message will be sent out this afternoon with detailed information for parents/caregivers.

Changes to our notification protocols.

Due to the fact that we are now finding ourselves being in the position of being able to exclude large numbers of students in each class from being close contacts, the school has changed the way in which we provide notification of COVID-19 related cases to our school community.

By way of information, students can be **excluded** as a close contact for one of the following reasons:

- They were absent from school during the infectious period;
- They were correctly wearing a mask at all times whilst the positive case was in the class; or
- They have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 12 weeks, and as such, cannot be identified as a close contact.

Under the new notification protocols that will be in place, parents/caregivers will still be informed of positive cases in your child's class. In most instances for our Year 3-6 students, this will be a 'Positive Case-No Close Contacts' letter sent to you via a *Connect* message.

However, due to the fact that mask wearing is not mandated in our Kindy-Year 2 classes, and we have numbers of students who can be identified as either a close contact or not a close contact, parents/caregivers will receive a:

- Positive Case- Your child is a close contact letter via email; **or**
- Positive Case- Your child **is not** a close contact letter via email.

In the event that your child has been identified as a close contact, your letter will include all the necessary details about what actions are required under the new 'Very High Caseload' settings. This includes:

- The dates of infectious period;
- When the initial RAT/PCR tests need to be undertaken;

- The dates of when follow up RAT/PCR tests need to be undertaken; and
- The date of the end of the isolation period.

If you receive a 'Not close contact' letter, your child is not required to isolate or observe the same return to school protocols that will be in place for his/her peers.

Sending home just the one communication to parents/caregivers, will provide absolute clarity about your child's set of circumstances and the required level of response.

If anyone has any questions about the new protocols outlined above, please contact the school office for clarification.

As always, if anyone in your household tests positive, please advise the school.

Harmony Day

The school celebrated Harmony Week in style last week. It was wonderful walking around the school and seeing so many students in national dress or wearing orange in support. During the week, students had a chance to read books and discuss the event during library sessions and in class. Students also enjoyed the artwork and big posters that they made.



Term 1 & Easter Break

As this will be the final newsletter of the term, I wish all students and families a relaxing and enjoyable term break. Hopefully, the Easter holiday will be a great opportunity to relax and unwind for all families. Time to break out the board games, do jigsaw puzzles, get outside to ride a bike, or plant flowers in the garden.

A reminder that due to the ANZAC day holiday on Monday, 25 April, students will return to school on **Tuesday, 26 April.**

Other Newsletter Items

New nature playground is open for business

After looking on with interest over the last few weeks, the new nature playground underneath the peppermint trees by the Loose Parts Shed, is open for business. The students took great delight in traversing their way around the platforms, bridges, and steppers to test their balance and coordination skills. Hopefully, the new Pre-primary playground will not be too far away. Projectscape has experienced some delays with suppliers being unable to source a double slide that will finish the area. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the double slide will be delivered in the very near future.

As always, I would like to thank the P&C for their generous contribution that has made the installation of these new playgrounds possible.



National Ride2School Day - Friday, 25 March

Last Friday, 25 March we celebrated National Ride2School Day. It was a major event that saw just over 150 students ride, walk, scoot or skate to school. Students were greeted at the bike racks with a piece of fruit and a muffin. What a great way to start the day! We are hoping that after seeing how enjoyable and easy it can be, more families will choose active modes of transport to get to school more regularly.

This year, we held a competition between the factions to see which faction had the most students choosing active transport to get to school. It was very close with Brearley just taking out the top spot with 41 students. Well done, Brearley! They have received 200 points towards their total for the faction shield.

It was a very enjoyable morning and I look forward to seeing you all at the next event.

Mr Christie

Your Move coordinator





Purple Haze Day

Thank you to all those members of the school community who wore purple on Wednesday for Purple Haze Day. All up, \$594.00 was raised by our school community. This money will now be sent to the Starlight Children's Foundation.



Learning at home feedback

The K to Year 6 *Learning at Home* program on Connect has been designed to give isolating students the opportunity to continue their learning outside the classroom environment. Over a course of five days, the students isolating have access to a daily work pad with instructions for their self-paced learning. Along with this are resources and links to websites to support the activities.

Once the school has been notified that a student is to isolate, parents/caregivers are sent an email informing them their child now has access to a flexi-class for their year group. On the Summary page of the Connect flexi-class is information on how to use the *Learning at Home* program. Daily folders in the Content tab contain the resources and website links.

The *Learning at Home* program is available to those students who are well enough to participate. The students are under no obligation to complete all the activities before returning to school.

If your child has used the *Learning at Home* program whilst in isolation, it would be appreciated if any feedback you/your child may have could be sent to: alison.ruhen@education.wa.edu.au.

Safe Routes to School survey

Next week, parents/caregivers will receive a *Connect* notification containing a link to the *Safe Routes to School* survey that the City of Bayswater is undertaking through their Engage Bayswater platform. Please take the time to complete the survey, as the feedback provided will allow the City of Bayswater to identify any potential risks and plan for any associated improvements to enable our school community to safely walk, scoot and ride to school. Your attention to this survey would be greatly appreciated.

Running Club

There have been quite a few students who have achieved a significant milestone this week. Congratulations to Harrison from Brearley who has become the first person in our school to achieve the 500km milestone. Harrison is now the proud recipient of a 500km medal, which was presented to him at a special gathering of the senior students last Friday on the school oval. Well done, Harrison.

I would also like to acknowledge Ashton from Ferguson, Eleanor from Hardey, Fynn from Brearley, and Luca from Venville for cracking the 100km barrier. What a great week for Running Club.



**Ashton M -
Ferguson
100km**



**Eleanor B -
Hardy 100km**



**Luca H -
Venville
100km**



**Fynn B -
Brearley
100km**



**Harrison P -
Brearley
500km**



**P&C News- Invitation to the Parents & Citizens
Annual General Meeting Wednesday, 6 April**

The P&C's Annual General Meeting will be held online at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, 6 April 2022.

At the Annual General Meeting, all Committee positions will become vacant, with elections to take place on the night. In order to vote or nominate yourself for a position, you must be a financial member of the P&C for 2022. The P&C Membership and Nomination forms are available on Qkr!

A General Meeting will then follow the AGM, for the General P&C matters. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend, if you have any queries, please feel free to contact Sinead at pac@mpps.wa.edu.au

The more volunteers and support the P&C receives, the better we can assist the school in supporting our kids!

**Easter is just around the corner, so it's
EASTER RAFFLE TIME!**

This is a really great fundraiser for the P&C, so hop to it and purchase your tickets.

It would be greatly appreciated if families are able to donate an Easter Egg, and all donations can be dropped off at the **school office** next week.

Tickets are now available for purchase on Qkr, and sales close on Thursday morning, 7 April.

Winners will be announced on Friday, 8 April.

[GET YOUR QKR TICKETS HERE](#)



MPPS P&C **Easter**
RAFFLE

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Tickets available on Qkr
or with cash and form in school office.
All Qkr purchases will get an extra ticket



We are also looking for donations,
please drop off an Easter Egg
to the school office at any time.



Canteen News

Hot Cross Buns

For **week 10 hot cross buns** are on the canteen recess menu. Toasted and buttered, they cost \$2 each.

Choc Chip Cookies

Also in week 10 our old favourite, the **BIG BISCUIT**, will be dressed up (actually the same as usual but with choc chips). **Same price \$1**

Only 1 Week left of Slushies

Only 1 week of slushies left this term before the machine goes into hibernation until Term 4. A

reminder that due to an increased cost of ingredients, the cup return payment is now 50c.

BYO Forks and Spoons

A reminder to everyone to keep a spoon or fork in your bag. We have a limited supply of disposable wooden forks and spoons but they are expensive and we often run out.

Winter Menu

We will say goodbye to Sushi and Nachos at the end of Week 10. In Term 2, Burgers and Soup are back! And Raisin Toast! And Hot Chocolate and Milo! We have a few other ideas too. You'll see it all on the Qkr! Canteen Menu.

Volunteers

Thanks, Ash, Hortense, Nina, Anne, Sinead, Felix, and Naomi for making a canteen shift part of your weekly or fortnightly routine. You are all vital to the continued smooth running of our 5 day-a-week canteen.

If anyone out there wants to join our happy team, just come and see us in the canteen and put your name on our calendar. We are open from 8.30 am to 1.00 pm. You need to wear covered shoes and a cap. We supply aprons and training. You won't be on your own.

Keep smiling,

Helen and Pia

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	4 April	5 April	6 April	7 April	8 April
Week 10	Jennifer	Nina	Hortense	Ash	Anne
	Another volunteer needed	Naomi	Felix		Jennifer

P&C Contacts

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Community News



Safe on Social- Tips for surviving the school

holidays

The school has had an ongoing relationship with Kirra Pendergast from [Safe on Social](#), whose company specialises in delivering training and advice to teachers, students, parents/caregivers, and school communities about navigating the ever-changing landscape that is social media.

Kirra has sent through some [information](#) for parents/caregivers about how to avoid the trap of children falling into bad habits in regards to excessive screen time during the holidays. It makes interesting reading.

SVAPA Applications 2023

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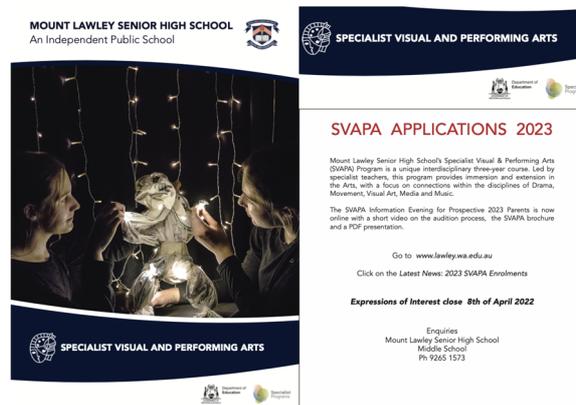
Go to www.lawley.wa.edu.au

Click on the *Latest News: 2023 SVAPA Enrolments*

Expressions of Interest close Friday, 8 April 2022

Enquiries - Mount Lawley Senior High School (Middle School)

Ph 9265 1573



The flyer is a promotional document for the Specialist Visual and Performing Arts (SVAPA) program. It features a photograph of students working with string lights. The text includes the school's name, program details, application information, and contact details. Logos for the Department of Education and the Specialist Programs are also present.

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Code Camp After-School Programme

Code Camp has incredibly fun *after-school* programmes, where kids can hone their *coding* skills and keep practicing through weekly sessions over the term!

Mondays - 3:15pm - 4:30pm in MPPS School Library.

Kids can design, code, and create!

BOOK NOW FOR TERM 2



CODECAMP

After-school has never been so much fun!

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 6 April - P&C Annual General Meeting

Friday, 8 April - Term 1 ends - Pre-primary On Entry reports sent home

Monday, 25 April - ANZAC Day holiday

Tuesday, 26 April - Term 2 commences

Tuesday, 26 April - EDU-Dance commences

Visit the school calendar on the website for details of all future events.

[VIEW ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

Quote of the Fortnight

Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.

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.

Maylands Peninsula Primary School

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