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Maylands Peninsula
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Message from the Principal



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Welcome back to all students, families and staff to Maylands Peninsula Primary School in 2022. I'd like to especially welcome all students and families who began their journey at Maylands Peninsula Primary School earlier this week.

Given the circumstances we are living with at the moment, 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.

I'd like to welcome the following staff members who are new to our school staff in 2022:

- Mr Jack Bardsley- JA3
- Ms Helene Offer- JB2
- Ms Dawn Farr- M1
- Miss Hannah Smith- S6
- Miss Laura Schuhkraft- S2
- Miss Spencer Lynn- Education Assistant
- Miss Jessica Collins- Education Assistant
- Mrs Lucrezia Del Gesso- Education Assistant
- Mrs Patricia Hughes- School Psychologist

On the welcome theme, I'd like to congratulate Mrs Sharna Reed on the safe arrival of Indiana Reed, as too, Mr Caleb Christie on the arrival of Eloise Christie during the term break. Furthermore, I would like to welcome back to staff Mrs Maura Hansen- EL2 and Mrs Sheila Eftos- 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.

COVID Update

With a number of schools in Perth being affected by COVID cases, I have received a number of emails from concerned parents/caregivers in respects to what would happen in the event of a positive COVID case being reported in our school.

In short, the advice from the Department is that there will be no 'blanket'/one-size-fits-all response that will be applied across all schools, as the nature of the outbreak will be different in each circumstance e.g. Is it a staff member? Is it a student? What has the level of contact/exposure been? School characteristics also come into the equation. A small wheat-belt school will more than likely be treated differently to a large metro secondary school as opposed to a remote community school in the Gibson Desert. This being said, there are a few commonalities that will apply in each instance e.g. cleaners being brought in to undertake a 'deep' clean, notification provided to parents/caregivers etc.

In the event of a reported positive COVID case in our school, I will notify our Regional Office, who will in turn assist the school to liaise with the COVID-19 Incident Management Team (IMT) in Central Office. The COVID-19 IMT will seek further information from the school in order to inform the Health Department, as this will inform the Chief Health Officer's (CHO) response.

Based on the circumstances, the CHO will advise the Department/school about the appropriate level of response- which, again, will differ depending on the individual circumstances. All the associated responses will flow naturally as a consequence of the CHO's decision e.g. Do we close selected classes? The whole school? What about siblings of students who are in a COVID affected room? How will the school ensure the continuity of learning? Whilst each school will not know the specific conditions that are being set by the CHO until things come to pass, each school has developed contingency plans to cover most eventualities.

As has always been the case since the pandemic began in early 2020, *Connect* will be the medium by which we communicate with the school community and ensure the continuity of the Teaching and Learning program. In order to ensure that our database is completely up-to-date and parents/caregivers are able to access *Connect* with ease, the school will send out some test messages next week. By parents/caregivers opening the test message, we will be able to see from our end

who has been able to access the messages and to identify any potential issues. A SMS from the school will also be sent out at the same time to alert our school community to the fact that the test message has been sent. The SMS will ask you to open the *Connect* message to check on connectivity. In the event that you are unable to open the message, or alternatively, do not receive the *Connect* message at all, please contact the school via email.

As a consequence of the outbreaks this week, the Department is currently reviewing its operational guidelines for a range of regular school activities where people gather in numbers e.g. assemblies, school camps, interschool carnivals, parent-teacher evenings etc. In the event that the policy settings change, and ultimately affect what we have planned as a school, I will send out a *Connect* message to inform the school community of the nature of the changes.

Lastly, it goes without saying that in the event that a student or family member tests positive to COVID, it is imperative that you inform the school immediately.

Assembly changes

Earlier today, the Chief Health Officer advised the Department of Education to limit in-school gatherings of students and staff to class groups or small groups within a year level. This is to minimise the numbers of students or staff impacted by the presence of a positive case. This means that we are unable to hold our normal whole-of-school assemblies each Friday fortnight.

Rather than cancel or postpone assemblies, we will adopt a modified assembly approach for the three assemblies scheduled for this term, the first being the S1 assembly being held next Friday, 11 February. Arrangements are yet to be finalised by the Leadership Team, but it is likely that only the presenting class, along with those classes whose students are from the same year level, will be in attendance in the Undercover Area.

A message will be sent out early next week via *Connect* to all parents/caregivers once the arrangements have been finalised.

Student Census

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, 11 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. I appreciate your patience and understanding on this matter.



School Board Election

In line with the School Board's Terms of Reference, the three-year terms of two of our parent/caregiver representatives expired at the end of last year. We will therefore hold an election in the coming weeks to fill those two vacancies. In addition, and as part of our succession planning, the Board is calling for the election of a third parent/caregiver representative to maintain the number of parent/caregiver representatives on our Board at five.

Serving on our Board is a rewarding experience and another valuable opportunity for you to contribute to our School and be part of conversations that matter. I

encourage you to consider nominating yourself for election to one of the three available Board seats.

The School will provide more information on the election process and timetable via *Connect* early next week. It is our hope to complete the election in time for the first Board meeting of the year on Monday, 14 March.

If you have any questions about the role of a Board member, please don't hesitate to email me at schoolboard@mpps.wa.edu.au or phone me on 0411 251 540.

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 on request.

Please take the time to read through the newsletter each fortnight as it is the main avenue for communication between the school and home. Furthermore, for those families new to our school, important information about the school, such as newsletters, the school calendar, 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, YMCA Maylands or Inglewood Station- to discuss before school arrangements. Information about these providers is available on our [website](#).

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.

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 Card. 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.

Kiss and Drive/Parking

I have already received a number of emails from concerned parents/caregivers and neighbours along Kelvin Street in respects to poor parking behaviours around the school site. The City of Bayswater has developed a [parking brochure](#) which is available under the 'parking' tab on the parent information page of the school's website. Please take note of the street signage, traffic rules and regulations at all times, this includes not parking in the Kiss and Drive at the front of the school office or in the staff carpark. Furthermore, a reminder about the 40km/h limit that is in place around much of the school site, and along Queen and Mephan Streets.



Running Club

The very popular Running Club program is about to get up and running (Pardon the pun) in 2022. The first session is scheduled to take place next Tuesday morning on Gibbney Reserve.

Miss Wyatt, who manages the program, would like to thank the P&C who have helped cover the costs of the new Running Club app which is used to track student progress, the milestone badges handed out to students and the laminating sheets for certificates.

This year, the collective goal for each faction is to run to Broome. The faction captains will keep us updated

throughout the year about each faction's progress and individual milestones achieved by students. They will also move the pins on the map of Western Australia outside the Sports Shed.

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.

Who:

- All students in Years 3-6. Younger students are able to attend **but must be supervised by parents/caregivers.**
- 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 8:00am-8:30am.
- Commencing in Term 1, Week 2.

Where:

- Meet Miss Wyatt/Mr Christie 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 8:30am. 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 8:00am with your QR code and start running!

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

Miss Amy Wyatt
Phys Ed Specialist

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 Thursday.

Debbie Fielding and Claudia Barbaro
Library Officers



P&C News



School Canteen

Welcome to all for 2022. We are looking forward to another busy year in the 'Tummy Rumbles' canteen feeding the hungry hoards.

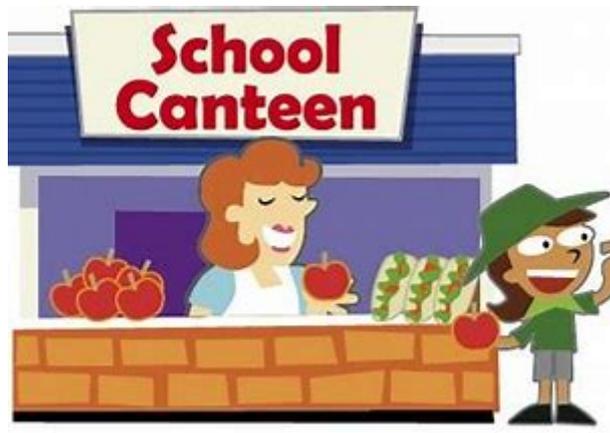
We are always on the lookout for volunteers. If you think you can help out, even for a couple of hours a month, we would love to see you. Simply call into the canteen and speak to us or phone us on 9462 6705 to discuss any queries you have.

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



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Community News



Primary Music Institute

PMI PLUS
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Instrumental Music Lessons
On School Campus!



Small Group & Private Lessons

- PMI PLUS offers instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit our website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via the PMI PLUS website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons outside school hours
- Only \$19.50 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!

Gifted and Talented programmes for students entering Year 7 in 2023

The Department of Education offers a range of Gifted and Talented programs in select public secondary schools across the state. Applications for these exceptional academic, arts and languages programs close on Sunday, 13 February.

For more information about the range of programs on offer and the application process itself, please visit the Department's [Gifted and Talented](#) page on the public facing website.



Safe on Social - 4 Back to School Online Safety Tips for Parents

School holiday periods typically see kids spending more time on their devices playing games, keeping in touch with friends or scrolling the many posts on their social media pages.

As the new school year begins, families are often faced with the challenge of re-introducing boundaries around device usage and how to keep their kids safe online as well as focused on the school term ahead.

Online safety expert, Kirra Pendergast, from Safe On Social Media, shares these 4 online safety tips to help parents this back to school period:

- Have a family discussion about the expectations on device usage and any restrictions now that school has re-commenced. Make sure all family members are

involved in the process so everyone is accountable, not just the kids.

- Have your kids hand over their devices before they go to bed. This ensures that they aren't spending their much-needed sleep time scrolling through social media or engaging in negative late night group chat behaviour.
- Get across all of the Apps and games that your kids have on their devices, paying special attention to the parental controls and privacy settings to ensure they have been applied correctly.
- Talk to them. Building a trusting relationship between you, your kids and their devices is a great way to allow them to feel safe coming to you with any issues or worries. An open online safety dialogue is very important.

As your School and along with the Safe On Social Schools Toolkit we are teaching year-round, we are always here to support you and encourage you to come to us with additional questions or concerns you may have this back to school period.



Treasure Market

The Uniting Church Mount Lawley are running a Treasure Market on Saturday, 12 February, from 9.00am to 12.00pm at 165 Railway Parade, Mount Lawley. Parking available at rear of property.

Maylands Playgroup

Maylands Playgroup is your local not-for-profit parent-volunteer-run playgroup. Providing play and

socialisation for children aged 0-5 years.

- 5 Richard Street, Maylands
- Sessions Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9.30am-11.30am
- Wednesday and Thursday also available for new groups
- Perfect space for new mothers groups
- Free trials available
- All sessions suited to a wide range of ages and abilities
- Huge toy selection for every age and stage!
- Craft, free-play, messy-play, you choose!
- Large fully fenced, tree shaded, outdoor play space
- Air conditioned interior with basic kitchen facilities, toilets and change tables and room for plenty of prams.

For more information, please check our Facebook @MaylandsPlaygroup or email maylandsplaygroup@yahoo.com.au

Upcoming Events
Friday, 11 February - S1 Assembly
Monday, 14 February - On Entry Testing PP & Year 1 Starts
Wednesday, 23 February - Meet the Teacher Night (TBC)
Friday, 25 February - S3 Assembly
Friday, 4 March - Love Your Sister 5c Friday
Monday, 7 March - Labour Day holiday
Visit the school calendar on the website for details of all future events.
VIEW ONLINE CALENDAR


Quote of the Fortnight



There are some sports people who wallow in the misery of losing. Luckily there are others, who after a brief moment of misery, show the generosity of spirit to add to the happiness of those who won.

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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