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Maylands Peninsula
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Message from the Principal

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Visual and Performing Arts evening- Thursday- 24 November

It is all systems go for the Visual and Performing Arts evening taking place on Thursday, 24 November. Along with the Edu dance evenings, this event is another opportunity for our school community to come together and be amazed by the wonderful artwork and listen to those students who are involved in the Instrumental Music School Services program, the school band and school choir.

Information about the arrangements for the night will be communicated out to the school community next week. Please save the date on your family calendar.

Antisocial behaviour and vandalism

Unfortunately, we have had a number of reports filtering through to the office regarding antisocial behaviour and vandalism taking place in the Maylands area in the last few weeks. Teenagers being assaulted on the way home from school and having mobile phones taken off them and damage to cars parked around the school site during drop off and/or pick up to name a few. These incidents have been reported to the Bayswater Police.

As always, I would urge parents/caregivers to be vigilant and take note of anything that looks suspicious and report any suspect activity to WA Police or the City of Bayswater Rangers. Furthermore, if your children ride/walk to school unaccompanied, please take the time to discuss ways in which to keep themselves safe e.g. travel along well travelled routes, walk/ride with friends etc.

Other Newsletter Items

Assembly



EL1 and JA2 Assembly

With In-term swimming having concluded for another year, we are now able to go back to hosting assemblies. Our next 'cabs off the rank' will be a combined performance involving the wonderful Year 1 students in Ms Offer's EL1 class and Mrs Nixon's JA2 class. We will announce the lucky winners of the next round of Excellence and 'Aussie of the Month' awards. Come on down and enjoy the fun.

Year 6 Camp- Monday, 14 November- Friday, 18 November

Next Monday morning, our Year 6 students and their teachers will set off for Camp Dare in Dwellingup.

We are looking forward to seeing the new facilities that were under construction whilst we were there in 2021. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us over the duration of our stay as we have a jam packed itinerary for the five days we are away. I'm sure all our students will return with fond memories of the experiences that they will undertake over the course of the week.



2023 Student Councillor elections- Wednesday, 16 November

Whilst the Year 6 students are on camp, the students in Year 1-5 will vote for the four individuals they believe will serve them well as part of the 2023 Student Council. Before the election takes place, each of the 12 candidates in Year 5 who have been chosen by their peers as part of a short listing process will have the opportunity to put forward the reasons why he/she should be considered for the position next Tuesday.

As I will be away on camp next week with our Year 6 students, I would like to wish all the candidates the best of luck. In keeping with our usual practice, the names of the four successful candidates will be announced at the 2022 Book Award assembly on Friday, 9 December.

School Board Meeting- Monday, 21 November

The MPPS School Board is required under its *Terms of Reference* to formally report to the school community at least once each calendar year by way of an 'open' meeting. This meeting is open to any member of the school community who wishes to attend.

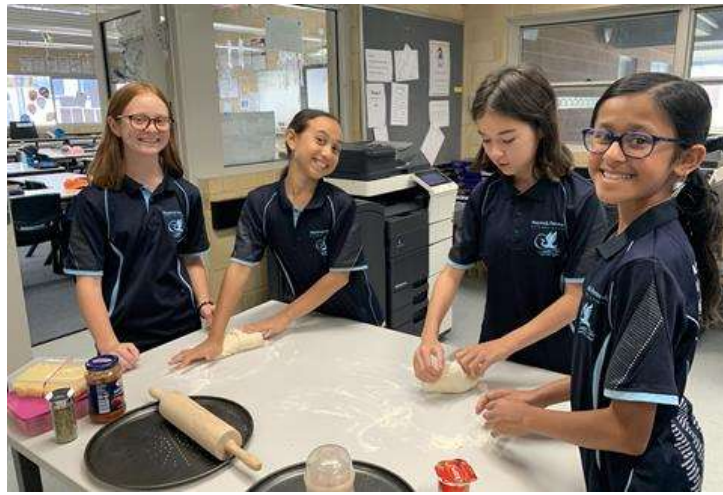
This year, the open meeting will take place in the school library on Monday, 21 November from 3.30pm onwards. **Please Note: This is a parents/caregivers only event. No student supervision will be possible. Hopefully, providing enough notice about the Board Meeting will allow the opportunity for parents/caregivers to make alternative arrangements with family or friends.**

Peter Klinger
School Board Chair



S1 Pizza Day

Last week, the students in S1 had the opportunity to put their pizza making skills to the test under the guidance of Signora Schunck. The students had to knead the dough, roll out their pizza, select from an array of lovely ingredients before finally cooking their pizza. I am reliably informed that the pizzas tasted just as good as they looked.



Running Club

Congratulations to the next round of Running Club achievers. Well done to Afomiya from Venville and Urgresh from Hardey who have been awarded their 100km badge. Well done also to Milena and Finn from Venville who have made it to 200km. Good on you all. A huge shout out to Jack from Hardey who has completed 600km! We shall acknowledge Jack's achievement at the next assembly.







P&C News



P&C Christmas raffle



MAYLANDS PENINSULA
PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



**AS ALWAYS,
MANY AMAZING
PRIZES TO BE WON**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ON QQR!
or with cash and form in school office.**

Tickets can be purchased until Tues 13 December, draw on Wed 14 December 2022.
Family & friends welcome. To be environmentally friendly no 'RAFFLE TICKETS' will be sent home.

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Community News



School Nurse Information for parents

Undescended testes

Screening for undescended testes is recommended for boys at school entry (~4-5 years of age). Around 2-4% of boys have an undescended testes at birth. But sometimes the testes (also known as testicle) is in the scrotum at birth but is pulled up into the groin or abdomen at around 4-10 years of age. This happens because the cord that attaches the testicle to the abdomen doesn't grow at the same rate as the child.

Undescended testes don't fully sit within the scrotum. The condition isn't painful but can increase the risk of several other health issues such as decreased fertility and testicular cancer. For those boys who develop an undescended testicle later in childhood, the 'ascending' testicle often needs surgery between 5 years and 10 years.

Please read through the information about undescended testicles provided by [Raising Children Network](#) and encourage your child to check themselves as described there.

If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner.

Colour Blindness

Children who are colour blind can see as clearly as other people but can't tell the difference between some colours or see colours differently from other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours – most often they see red and green as very similar.

It's good to know if a child is colour blind because they may have difficulty at school with activities that use colours, such as drawing and sorting blocks, and with computers. Please read through information on colour blindness provided by [Raising Children Network](#).

If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some General Practitioners (GP), eye specialists or optometrist.



School Health Services

Health information for parents and carers of upper primary children



Your child will soon be a teenager, so now's a good time to think about some important health issues.

School health services

School health nurses provide a school health service through primary and secondary schools. If you have any concerns about your child's health, contact the school health nurse through your school office.

Other people who may be able to help are the school psychologist, your child's teacher, your doctor, or your local child development centre – see healthywa.wa.gov.au/childdevelopment

Healthy lifestyle

- Encourage children to keep physically active, choose healthy food, and get sufficient sleep.
- Eat dinner as a family to promote good communication and connection.
- Your child should have a dental health check every year. Contact the school dental health service or a private dentist.



Good mental health

Good communication with your child is always the best way to promote mental and emotional health. If you have any concerns about your child, talk to your doctor, community school health nurse or school psychologist. Find out more at raisingchildren.net.au

Immunisations

With your consent, your child will be offered immunisation against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and human papillomavirus (HPV) in Year 7, and meningococcal (types A, C, W and Y) in Year 10. Find out more at healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation

Puberty

Now is a good time to discuss physical and emotional changes with your child. We recommend **Talk soon**, **Talk often**. **A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex**, available from healthywa.wa.gov.au/Talk-soon-Talk-often. Schools usually teach students about growth and development during Years 5 and 6. Your child's teacher can give you more information about these classes.

Scoliosis

This is an abnormal, sideways curvature of the spine. It can develop during early adolescence, usually between 10 and 13 years. Your school will give your child a leaflet about checking for scoliosis in Year 6. If you have any concerns, talk to your doctor or community school health nurse. Find out more at raisingchildren.net.au

Vision

Take your child to your doctor* or an optometrist* if your child:

- covers or closes one eye when reading
- holds books very close
- complains about eyestrain or headache
- complains about double vision or blurred vision with reading or blackboard viewing
- complains that words move on a page
- loses place with reading, or skips words and lines
- has a short attention span when reading
- rubs their eyes a lot.

*Check with your doctor/optometrist about bulk billing.



For more health information including child development:

- healthywa.wa.gov.au
- raisingchildren.net.au

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.

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Scoliosis

Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can be detected by a simple examination of the back.

The normal spine has three curves – one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind the spine should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is scoliosis.

Please read through the [scoliosis](#) information provided by Raising Children Network and check your child for scoliosis as described.

If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner.

3 Ways to start the conversation about sexting with your tweens and teens

For many parents of tweens and teens, sexting can be a big concern. One of the hardest parts is talking about it with your kids. How do you bring it up? How do you let them speak without forcing your own opinions on

them? Here are 3 useful questions that might help you start the conversation about sexting with your child. "What types of images and videos do you think are ok to share and what type of images are not ok to share?" Remember to let them speak while you listen. Share your own ideas on this also but be careful not to cut your child off or to be too forceful, this can make them close up completely. "What would you do if you were asked to send images of yourself to someone online?" Peer pressure can play a big part in how tweens and teens act and behave and why they do certain things we wish they wouldn't. Ensure your child is comfortable with saying no. "Do you know what the consequences can be if an image is sent to someone else online?"



Once an image is sent online, your child no longer has control over what happens with it. Images can be sent to others, shared on social media, and be used to create fake profiles and for fraudulent purposes. Help talk through these consequences with your child so they understand what can happen before they hit send. This is also a great time for talking about consent. It's important to make your child aware of the risks of sharing online and how to protect them from these risks.

Treasure Market

The Uniting Church Mount Lawley are holding a Treasure Market on Saturday, 12 November from 9.00am to 12.00pm at 165 Railway Parade Mount Lawley.

Free parking is available at the rear of the church.

Code Camp

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Upcoming Events

**Monday, 14 November- Friday, 18 November |
Year 6 Camp**

**Tuesday, 15 November | 2023 Student Councillor
speeches**

**Wednesday, 16 November | 2023 Student
Councillor election**

Friday, 18 November | EL1 and JA2 Assembly

**Friday, 18 November | 2023 Faction Captain
Speeches and Election**

Monday, 21 November | School Board meeting

Thursday, 24 November | Visual and Performing Arts Night

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

[VIEW ONLINE CALENDAR](#)



Quote of the Fortnight



Mistakes are painful but they help us to find out who we really are and what we really know.

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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