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Maylands Peninsula
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Message from the Principal

Thank You

As expressed in the *Connect* message that went home on Tuesday, I would like to thank all sectors of the school community- parents/caregivers, staff and students- for your patience over the last two weeks as we worked through the 2022 Student Census. Now that things are all said and done, we can all move forward and get on with the business of teaching and learning.

Remote Learning

Thanks to all those parents/caregivers who responded to the Remote Learning test conducted earlier this week. **If you haven't responded to your child/ren's**

classroom teacher as yet to let them know about how things looked from your end with the test, please do so ASAP via the Comment section in the Notice itself. Furthermore, a reminder that the materials and content placed onto your child/ren's Remote Learning page is only to be accessed when directed by the school in the event of a COVID related disruption to face-to-face learning, whether this be for individual students, classes or cohorts.

Looking after ourselves and one another

As many people would know, maintaining a healthy work/life balance is critical for ensuring one's mental health and physical wellbeing. In recent years, many organisations have been proactive in developing strategies to look after the physical and mental health of its employees. With staff currently engaged in face-to-face teaching, whilst also simultaneously planning for Remote Learning, it is more important than ever to look after our own health and wellbeing, as too, the health and wellbeing of those that we work alongside.

As part of the Department of Education's Wellbeing strategy for its employees, staff are encouraged to 'disconnect' from work related activities outside of business hours or whilst on leave to provide time to engage in activities that maintain a healthy work/life balance. As such, please do not be too disappointed if that email you have sent through over the weekend/overnight is not responded to within a few hours. Staff will get back to you in due course during the working week or when they return to work. The same also applies during the course of the school day. It is often difficult for staff to respond to emails that are sent during the day, as they are either busy teaching, or undertaking other important tasks- preparing for lessons, marking work, undertaking playground duty etc. Do not be disheartened if you haven't had an immediate response to the email that you sent at 8.30am in the morning. Staff will get back to you in due course. However, if the matter is of an urgent and pressing nature, it is far better to call the office to get your message across e.g. change in pick up arrangements or family emergency- rather than leave it to chance via email contact alone.

We all require the opportunity to step away from what is a very demanding, yet rewarding occupation to re-charge our batteries. Thanks for your support on this matter.

Meet the Teacher Night- Cancelled

The 'Meet the Teacher' night scheduled for next Wednesday night has been **cancelled** as a consequence of the Operational Guidelines released to schools last week. In order to provide parents/caregivers some insight into classroom routines and operations, class teachers will put together information that will be uploaded to *Connect* by **Wednesday, 2 March**. They will send out a notice to let you know when the classroom information is available.

Parent/caregiver positions on the School Board

A reminder that all Expression of Interest documentation for the three identified parent/caregiver positions on the School Board needs to be provided to Mr Andrijich at Paul.Andrijich@education.wa.edu.au by the close of business **Wednesday, 23 February**.

In the event that we need to proceed to a formal election process, Mrs Alver will upload the documentation supplied by each candidate to the school website. An email will then be sent out to each eligible parent/caregiver on **Friday, 25 February** containing your unique voting code and a link to the online election platform. The election process will conclude on **Wednesday, 2 March**.

Please refer to the Notice on *Connect* sent out on Wednesday, 9 February for further information, or alternatively contact Mr Peter Klinger on 0411 251 540 for general information about the role of the School Board or Mr Andrijich on 9462 6700 for information about the election process.

Peter Klinger
School Board Chair



Other Newsletter Items

Assembly



S1 Assembly

It was a very different looking assembly last Friday, with only the three class groups and no parents/caregivers in attendance. Nevertheless, the students in Ms Turvey's S1 class put on quite a show. In the lead up to Valentine's Day, the 'Bachelor' themed item, with three very beautiful young "ladies" competing for the heart of Bruce the Bogan, went down a treat. Mrs Mohr videoed the performance that was shared with S1 parents/caregivers and sent out to classes to watch at their leisure later in the day.

At the conclusion of the assembly, it was back to the office to complete the rest of the normal assembly proceedings- Student Council and Faction Captain reports and the presentation of the first round of merit awards of the year.

Our next assembly on Friday, 25 February will feature the S3 students in Mrs Eftos'/Mr Sollis' class. At this assembly, we will present the first Excellence and Aussie of the Month Awards, as too, the first SMART Class awards of the year.



2022 Student Health Care Summary and Student Update Form

Yesterday afternoon, all families would have received the 2022 Student Health Care Summary and 2022 Student Update Form.

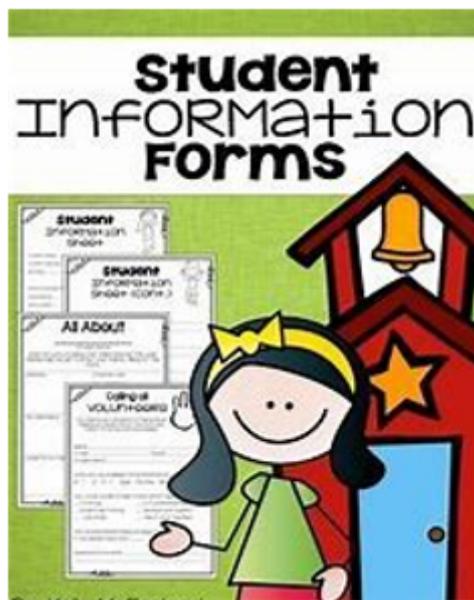
The Student Health Care Summary is completed by parents/caregivers at the commencement of the school year and is retained at the office and classroom level for staff to refer to when planning excursions or attending school events outside of school- such as In-term swimming and Edu Dance rehearsal. By completing this form, parents/caregivers will not be required to complete any additional paperwork in respects to your child(ren) when they leave the school grounds throughout the year. Any subsequent excursion paperwork that is sent home will ask you to simply tick a box indicating whether your child's health care needs that are listed on the summary form are current.

The 2022 Student Update Form lists all contact details- student address, phone numbers, email details, emergency contacts etc- for each student. Essentially, it is a record of the details supplied by parents/caregivers at the time of enrolment. Please have a look through the details on the form to see if the information on our school database is current. If no changes are required, simply tick the **'No Corrections Necessary'** box. However, if any changes are required, please indicate what these changes are

on the form itself and tick the **'Corrections Made'** box. Both forms are to be returned to your child's classroom teacher no later than **Friday, 4 March**.

Furthermore, I would like to remind all parents/caregivers, that if there is a change of circumstances regarding contact details or student health care needs throughout the year, the onus is on parents/caregivers to make the school aware of the nature of the change.

It is imperative that the school has the most up-to-date details on the school database, particularly in cases of emergency. Thanks for your support on this matter.



FEATURE STORY

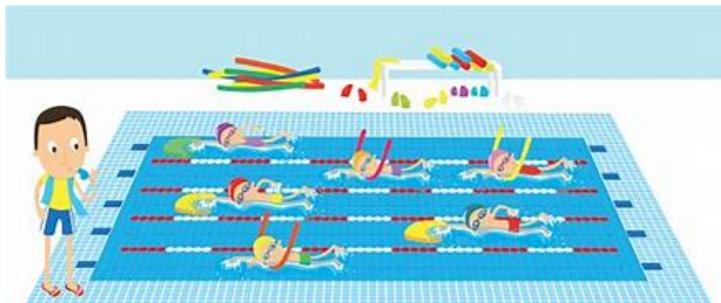


Toilet affirmations

During the summer break, the Schools Toilet Project was completed with Paul Deej painting a host of affirmations in every student toilet space throughout the school. The illustrations and positive affirmations written in each toilet block are a delight to behold, in what are, generally speaking, pretty uninviting spaces. If you haven't had the chance to check out Paul's work, please do. I am sure you will be impressed. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the P&C for their generous support of the Schools Toilet Project.

On a related note, Paul also completed a fitness/locomotion course on the paving outside the P&C Shed. The students have really enjoyed the opportunity to challenge themselves getting around the course.





In-term Swimming

Yesterday afternoon, information about the In-term swimming programme for our Year 2-6 students was sent home to families via classes. Lessons commence on Monday, 14 March and conclude on Friday, 25 March. If any parents/caregivers have any questions about the In-term swimming programme, please make contact with your child's classroom teacher or with Mrs Alver in the office.

Due to venue limits as a consequence of COVID, our Pre-primary and Year 1 students are not able to undertake their In-term swimming programme until Term 4.

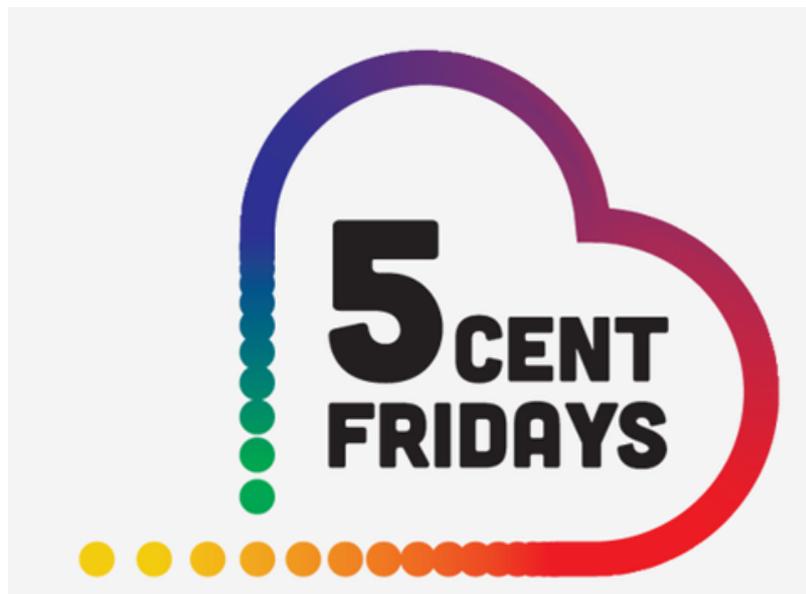
Love your Sister 5cent Friday- Friday, 4 March

Our first Student Councillor fundraiser for the year will be 5 cent Friday. 5 cent Fridays are an initiative of the Love Your Sister organisation, which was co-founded by the actor Samuel Johnson and his sister, Constance. Over the last nine years, the *Love Your Sister* organisation has donated over 15 million dollars to fund research projects into vanquishing all types of cancers.

Sadly, Constance passed away from breast cancer in 2017, but before she died, she wanted to create the biggest, shiniest love heart she could. Over 50 million 5c pieces were collected by the organisation across Australia in a single day in 2017. This is over 2.5 million dollars in 5c pieces!

On **Friday, 4 March**, students will be asked to bring in as many 5c pieces that they can. The Student Councillors will then use the collected coins to create a big, shiny heart somewhere in our school.

Start saving your 5c pieces in a small jar ready for the big day.



Running Club

Congratulations to Ethan Stoute (Hardey) and Finlay Dickie (Venville) for becoming the latest members of the 400km Club. Well done also to Jaxon Alacs (Venville) for achieving his 100km badge.





Recycling Station

Our school **Recycling Station** is back! Since commencing in June 2019, we have collectively diverted more than 150kg of waste from landfill.

A detailed [recycling brochure](#) is available on the 'Our P&C' page of the school website which outlines what items can be recycled. Please ensure items are always clean and dry and that no other items are placed in the recycling station bins other than those listed. The majority of items can be dropped off to the Recycling Station which is located just outside the library near Middle Block.

We also recycle cans and bottles through the **Containers for Change** scheme. The 10 cent refund for each item is paid directly to the school and items can be dropped into the large blue bin located outside the caged enclosure behind JB Block. We also have a smaller 'Containers for Change' bin located next to the school canteen for any juice boxes that are ordered by students at recess or lunch.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to empower students to save the environment, whilst also raising funds for the school which ultimately benefits all of our students.

Karen Hayward
P&C Sustainability Coordinator



Congratulations Karen

Late last week, the school was notified that one of our former students, Karen/Kray Gregory, has been selected for the Australian wrestling team going to Guam for the 2022 Oceania Championships! Kray has also been selected for the Tallinn Open in Estonia, Europe's largest wrestling competition!

Kray is the first Australian to be licensed by United World Wrestling (UWW) for Under 15's and the youngest Australian to ever be registered for Under 17's. She is also the first Australian to ever be invited to the Tallinn Open.

If things go well at the Oceania Championships, Kray will qualify for the Under 17 World Championship,

which takes place soon after the Tallinn Open.

While this is all amazing and a huge honour for Kray it is also very expensive. Please find attached a QR code link to her page with the Australian Sports Foundation which is a donation program to support Australian athletes. If you are able to support Kray's sporting journey in any way, her family would be very grateful.



Karen "Kray" Gregory!

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School Board

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Community News



Write It! at the Maylands Library

Maylands Library have started an after school programme called Write It! – a writing group for children in Years 2-6. The group meets every second Monday during school term from 4.00-5.00pm. The next session is on **Monday, 28 February**.

The sessions are designed to be fun and interactive with games, challenges and writing prompts and hopefully will give children confidence when faced with

a blank page. There will also be special guest authors throughout the year to run workshops to help children hone their skills.

Feel free to pop on down to the Maylands Library if you would like to find out more about Write It!

Upcoming Events
Friday, 25 February - S3 Assembly
Friday, 4 March - Love your Sister 5c Friday
Monday, 7 March - Labour Day holiday
Friday, 11 March - S6 Assembly
Visit the school calendar on the website for details of all future events. VIEW ONLINE CALENDAR



Quote of the Fortnight



Give children the power to spoil our day often enough and we will, overtime, give them the power to spoil their lives.

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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