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**Maylands Peninsula**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Message from the Principal

*Principal's signature*

### **COVID-19 Update**

I would like to make the school community aware of some of the answers to the common questions the school has been asked of late as a result of moving to the 'Very High Caseload Settings' that came into effect last week. This is not an exhaustive list, but covers the vast majority of scenarios we have been asked to respond to. For a comprehensive list of the common Q + A questions asked by parents/caregivers, please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page on the WA Government website.

**Q. Under the new settings, can asymptomatic (No COVID-19 symptoms) household close contacts still attend school?**

**A.** No. All household contacts must isolate for 7 days in the event that a family member tests positive. However, any member of the household that has recovered from COVID-19 in the past 8 weeks does not need to isolate provided they have no symptoms and are not immunocompromised.

**Q. Under the new settings, can asymptomatic close contacts still attend school? If so, what are the rules around this?**

**A.** Yes. Under the new settings, students in school or early childcare, who have been identified as a close contact, but are asymptomatic:

- Can attend school, before school care and after school care;
- Can travel between home and school with family- avoid public transport unless no alternative option is available;
- Can attend **school-based** sporting or cultural training events or school events at school; and
- Must isolate at home at all other times until 7 days have passed.

As part of these protocols, asymptomatic close contacts must:

- Undertake a RAT or a PCR test on day 1,
- Followed by either a PCR test on day 6, **or** a RAT on day 7.

If all symptoms are clear, the individual can exit isolation. There is no requirement to provide evidence of the PCR or RAT being undertaken.

**Q. Can my child who has been identified as an asymptomatic close contact still attend after school or weekend sporting commitments or family events during their period of isolation?**

**A.** No. Any individual who has been identified as an asymptomatic close contact **can only be either at school or at home during their period of isolation.** This means that after school dance class during the week or Sunday morning football is off the table, as too, going out for a family barbecue on the weekend.

Please note that these rules only apply to the close contact themselves. Other members of the household,

Mum, Dad and siblings are not bound by the same rules. They are free to go about their lives as per normal.

**Q. How will I know if my child has been identified as a school based close contact?**

**A.** In the event that your child is identified as a close contact at school, you will receive a text and a *Connect* notice outlining all the key information that you need to know regarding managing the case. This includes:

- Being made aware of the infectious period;
- Outlining the period of isolation and the return to school date, and
- Identifying the key testing dates for either a PCR or RAT.

**Q. My child is a close contact. Do I need to quarantine with my child?**

**A.** No. Only close contacts of a positive case need to quarantine. However, parents of close contacts need to take extra precautions and limit interaction with the person who is a close contact where possible.

It is important to monitor for symptoms. If you or your child experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19, you should get tested immediately. If your child is a close contact (not a household close contact) and has no symptoms, they may continue attending school, day-care and other approved activities under a modified quarantine arrangement.

**Q. If one of my children tested positive for COVID-19 and my second child tested positive a few days later, do we need to start our isolation again?**

**A.** No. If a second person tests positive while the family is completing 7 days of isolation, you do not need to start the 7 days of isolation again. The family members who are close contacts only need to complete one 7-day isolation period. The second child who tests positive will need to start their 7-day isolation period from the time they tested positive, but the other family

members continue their own journey out of isolation according to the first case in the household.

However, if a second person tests positive several weeks after the family have completed their first 7 days of isolation, the family will need to complete another 7 days' isolation.

**Q. Does my child need to isolate for 7 days if they are identified as a close contact after recently completing isolation as a positive COVID-19 case?**

**A.** No. Any individual who has had COVID-19 is not considered a close contact for 8 weeks after they have been released from isolation unless they are immunocompromised or symptomatic. There is no need to be re-tested for COVID-19 during this 8-week period. However, once the 8-week window has expired, they can be identified as a close contact.

As always, it is imperative that parents/caregivers keep the school informed of any positive cases in the household. Furthermore, in recent times, we have had to ask parents/caregivers to collect children from school who were clearly unwell. Given the circumstances we are living with, please do not send your child/ren to school if they are not 100%. I appreciate your support on this matter.

**Harmony Day- Monday, 21 March**

When visitors come to our school, they always make special mention of the fact that we are such a culturally diverse school. Embracing and understanding each other's differences is very important as this allows us to exist in harmony with one another. Of the 666 students in our school, 52% have a language background other than English with 72 different languages represented in our school community, so it is no wonder that Harmony Day is such an important event in our school, so much so, that staff have a week of activities planned.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home- from the traditional owners of the land to those who have come from across the

seas. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.



The theme this year is 'Celebrating Harmony'. Please take the time this Harmony Day to join in celebrations with your friends, your family and your workplace.

To celebrate Harmony Day, we would like to see as many children as possible wearing traditional costume from another country on Monday, 21 March. If you don't have a traditional costume, please wear something **orange**, in support of Harmony Day.

***Please note: Kindy groups (D and F) will celebrate Harmony Day on Tuesday, 22 March.***

### **School Board Report**

The first School Board meeting of the year took place on Monday, 14 March. Our School Board Chair, Mr Peter Klinger, will provide a report next week which will be sent out via *Connect*. Please take the time to read through the report to gain an understanding of the main points of discussion. The report will also be uploaded to our school website in due course.



## Other Newsletter Items

### Assembly



#### S6 Assembly

Thank you to the students in Mrs Pitsonis'/Miss Smith's class for putting on the show at last week's assembly. The retelling of the first novel in J.K Rowling's Harry Potter series was a visual delight for the audience in attendance. Summarising all the key plot themes in under 15 minutes was an amazing feat in itself. Well done to all concerned.

As we had anticipated that we would be well into In-term swimming at the moment, we do not have an assembly scheduled to take place next week. Furthermore, as we had planned for our Faction Swimming Carnival to take place on the last Friday of term, we don't have any assemblies scheduled for the remainder of the term.



# Aussies of the Month



## **Jaxson Pentland - Year 1**

Jaxson is a kind and caring student to all members of our class. He is attuned to how his peers are feeling and shows great maturity in providing support and encouragement.

## **Daniel Johnston - Year 6**

Daniel is a delightful and considerate young man. He always puts his peers before himself, providing them with support, academically and socially. He is a pleasure to have in our class.

## **Tehya Krishnan - Year 4**

Tehya has been nominated by her peers for being kind, caring and considerate. She has a smile and friendly

greeting for everyone. Tehya has a positive attitude, always encourages others and accepts people for who they are.



## EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### Academic Excellence Award

#### Eloise Gough - Year 3

Eloise encapsulates the qualities of an exemplary student who is recognised and held in high regard for her academic excellence and leadership ability.



### Science Excellence Award

#### Louis Tan - Year 6

Louis pays meticulous attention to detail when recording the results of class investigations and makes valuable contributions during science discussions. He has a wealth of knowledge and has demonstrated excellent understanding during our unit on Chemical Science.





### Artist of the Month

#### Christian Tsige - Year 6

Christian has painted an outstanding underwater scene using all the elements of Art to depict depth and movement. great work Christian.



### M3 Design and Technology bridges

Over the last few weeks, the students in M3 have been designing and constructing bridges as part of their Design and Technology studies. The bridges had to span a gap between two desks and be strong enough to support the weight of a Sphero that would be driven across the bridge to test its strength.



## **Running Club**

Well done to Mina from Hardey who has earned her 100km badge. Your 200km badge awaits. Keep on running, Mina!



## **National Ride2School Day - Friday, 25 March**

Next Friday, 25 March we are joining hundreds of schools across Australia celebrating riding, walking, scooting and skating to school in recognition of National Ride2School Day.

We are using this day as an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to try riding, walking, skating or scooting to school as well as celebrating all the regular walkers and riders. On this day, we aim to normalise walking and riding to school, and hopefully help our families create a new habit. The day is a chance to celebrate walking and riding on a large scale and to prove it can be done.



Just like last year, a small snack will be provided for those who ride to school. In addition to this, all students who ride, walk, scoot or skate to school will earn one faction token each, with all points contributing towards the faction shield.

We can't wait to see you all arriving on your bikes next Friday!

## **Purple Haze Day- Wednesday, 30 March**

Our next Student Council fundraiser will be the Starlight Children's Foundation 'Purple Haze Day'. Living with illness or injury can cause enormous strain in the lives of children and their families. The pain, loneliness and isolation that sick children feel dominates their lives, and they often miss out on normal experiences that healthy children take for granted. The Starlight Children's Foundation provides programmes integral to the total care of seriously ill children – while health professionals focus on treating the illness, Starlight is there to lift the spirits of the child, giving them the opportunity to laugh, play and be a child again.

A *Connect* message will be sent home next week with more information.



## P&C News



### **Canteen News**

#### **COVID 19 Contingency Plan**

In case Helen or Pia need to go into isolation, the canteen will simplify lunch and recess options. The daily specials - sushi, pizza, nachos, chicken /fish & chips and also snack packs, wraps and salads will be taken **off** the menu.

Hot meals, pies, sausage rolls and sandwiches will be the only lunch options. Recess options will remain the same, however some substitutions may be necessary.

Let's hope it doesn't happen.

#### **Slushy - 50c for Cup Return**

Due to an increased cost of ingredients, the cup return payment is now 50c. The reusable cups have been

such a rubbish reduction success. We want to keep it going. Only 3 weeks of slushies left this term before the machine goes into hibernation until Term 4.

### **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.

### **End of Term Special Recess Items**

In Week 10 some special treats will be for sale. The online Qkr! menu will have the details.

### **Volunteers**

Thanks, Ash, Hortense, Nina, Anne, Sinead, Felix, Naomi and Sarah 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 8.30am to 1.00pm. 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
	21 March	22 March	23 March	24 March	25 March
Week 8	Volunteers needed	<b>Nina</b> <b>Naomi</b>	<b>Hortense</b> <b>Felix</b>	<b>Ash</b>	<b>Anne</b> Another needed
	28 March	29 March	30 March	31 March	1 April
Week 9	Volunteers needed	<b>Nina</b> Another needed	<b>Hortense</b> <b>Felix</b>	<b>Ash</b>	<b>Sinead</b> Another needed

### **P&C Contacts**

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## School Board

The School Board can be contacted via email:



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## Community News


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MT LAWLEY INGLEWOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB  
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# ROOS GIRLS COME & TRY DAY!




**WEDNESDAY  
23 MARCH, 2022**




**free** 4PM-5.30PM  
ROOS HQ - HAMER PARK  
GIVEAWAYS,  
SKILLS & DRILLS  
MEET AFLW PLAYERS

ALL AGES WELCOME  
EMAIL: [GIRLS@ROOSJFC.ORG.AU](mailto:GIRLS@ROOSJFC.ORG.AU)  
GO ROOS!



**COME AND TRY  
LACROSSE**



**Bayswater Lacrosse Club  
is hosting a 3 week program for  
Boys & Girls ages 5-15**

There is no cost, all equipment is provided and it is a great opportunity for your kids to try lacrosse in a fun and supportive environment.

**Location** Bayswater Lacrosse Club

Halliday Park, Coode Street, Bayswater

**Dates:**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm all sessions

Our coaches are some of the best in the country and during the program the kids will learn the basics of lacrosse, build their confidence, stay active and meet new friends.

Any queries call Chris on 0414509494

To register your child please email [bic.clubmanager@hotmail.com](mailto:bic.clubmanager@hotmail.com) with your name, child's name, child's age, phone number and email address.

**We look forward to seeing you all there!**

The event is free thanks to the generous sponsorship by Niche Timber Flooring



## Upcoming Events

**Monday, 21 March - Harmony Day**

**Friday, 25 March - National Ride2School day**

**Wednesday, 30 March - Purple Haze Day**

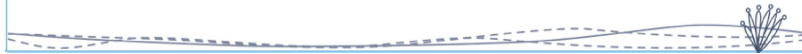
**Wednesday, 6 April - P&C Annual General Meeting**

**Friday, 8 April - Term 1 ends**

**Monday, 25 April - ANZAC Day holiday**

**Tuesday, 26 April - Term 2 commences**

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



## Quote of the Fortnight



Praise, praise, praise makes children crave, crave,  
crave more praise, praise, praise.

## 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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