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**Maylands Peninsula**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Message from the Principal

### **Welcome Back**

I hope everyone had an enjoyable term break and took up the opportunity to get out and about in the lovely Autumn weather. Term 2 is looking rather busy with events including NAPLAN testing, Edu-Dance lessons and concert, Faction and Interschool Cross Country and Semester 1 reports all scheduled to take place. The school calendar has been updated on the school website. All the key dates/activities that are already known to the school have been included.

### **COVID-19- Changes to Term 2 Operational Guidelines**

With the lifting of most of the COVID-19 restrictions overnight, the playground and the school in general had a completely different feel to it. After wearing

masks for the best part of 15 weeks, it was a very surreal experience actually seeing people's faces, rather than the masks we have become so accustomed.

As outlined in the letter that was sent out earlier today, the changes announced earlier in the week, specifically around the close contact definitions, means that students will no longer be identified as a close contact at school. Furthermore, if your child becomes an asymptomatic close contact, due to a person in your household being COVID-19 positive, they will no longer have to isolate for 7 days. They will be required to:

- Undertake a daily Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and receive a negative result each day to attend school.
- Wear a mask at school (for students in Year 7 and above) and when travelling on public transport or ride-share.

Whilst the school has not received the full set of operational guidelines, it is anticipated that the school will no longer be providing specific notification to parents/caregivers when a positive case is reported in each class. As such, the onus is on parents/caregivers to monitor for symptoms and report any positive cases to the school using the [COVID-19 Positive Case Form](#), which can also be accessed from the [home page](#) of the school website.

Furthermore, as a consequence of the changes to proceedings, we have pretty much returned to 'normal' school operations. In the Maylands Peninsula PS context, this means that parents/caregivers are able to:

- o attend whole of school assemblies- which will resume in full next Friday, 6 May.
- o volunteer in roles outside of the classroom, including the canteen and Uniform Shop.
- o attend face to face parent/teacher meetings.
- o drop-off/pick up children outside of classrooms.
- o attend indoor and outdoor sporting events, infrequent special events, performances and other interschool events e.g. Faction Cross Country and Lap-a-thon.

- o attend face to face meetings e.g. P&C and school board/council meetings.

Please keep in mind, that whilst the restrictions have been lifted, we are still living with COVID-19. Continue to observe those behaviours that help reduce the spread- social distance, good hand and health hygiene, regular use of hand sanitiser etc. Even though the mask restrictions have been lifted, please feel free to wear a mask if this provides a sense of comfort to you or your child(ren).

We are looking forward to a vibrant and exciting Term 2 as we become accustomed to living with our new 'normal'.

## **2022 NAPLAN Assessment Programme 10-20 May**

The 2022 National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place in Week 3 and 4 of term. The first assessment takes place on Tuesday, 10 May and concludes on Friday, 20 May for students in Year 3 and 5 in the areas of Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and Numeracy.

Next Tuesday, parents/caregivers of students in Year 3 and Year 5 will receive a *Connect* message from Mrs Alver with a timetable of when each assessment will be taking place with each class.

In the lead up to NAPLAN, staff working with our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be undertaking some practice assessments in order to familiarise students with how the tests present, how to operate the functions of the laptop devices we will be using etc.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents/caregivers can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing

and to identify any areas of concern.  
Parents/caregivers may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers.

Please visit [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) for more information about NAPLAN in general. Furthermore, if parents/caregivers wish to have a look at how the NAPLAN assessments presents, a public demonstration website is available at <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

## **Other Newsletter Items**

### ***Safe Routes to School survey***

In the last week of Term 1, parents/caregivers would have received a *Connect* notification containing a link to the *Safe Routes to School* survey that the City of Bayswater is currently undertaking through their Engage Bayswater platform.

Please take the time to complete the survey, as the school community has a wonderful opportunity to provide feedback to the City of Bayswater about what works and doesn't work about each of the proposed routes.

Whilst there isn't an opportunity within the survey itself to provide specific feedback/comments about some aspect of the *Safe Routes to School Project*, parents/caregivers and other community members are able to provide comments in Question 6 of the survey. For example, if you notice that there is a missing concrete kerb ramp for prams, bikes or scooters at a logical crossing point, a tree or large shrub blocking existing signage for drivers, a 'tricky' pedestrian crossing or lack of trees providing shade along existing path networks, let the City of Bayswater know by leaving some comments to this effect in Question 6.

Even if you have already completed the survey, everyone still has the option of going back in and entering in additional commentary about the proposed project as outlined above. The feedback will be collated and 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.

To raise further awareness of the *Safe Routes to School* project, a local sustainability group [Transition Town Bayswater](#) (the community engagement arm of [Enviro House](#) in Bayswater), will be hosting two guided community walks along the proposed routes on Saturday, 7 May and Sunday, 15 May. If you would like further information about this event and/or would like to register your interest in attending, please click [here](#).

The *Safe Routes to School* survey closes Friday, 20 May. Your attention to this survey would be greatly appreciated.



### **The double slide is now on!**

After what seems like an eternity, the double slide on the new Pre-primary playground was installed over the

Term 1 break. The students are now taking great delight in taking turns going up to the top of the platform and sliding down the slide, as too, hanging from the monkey bars, scrambling up the cargo net and the wooden step ladder. Thanks once again to our wonderful P&C for making the funds available for this project.

## **Staffing Changes- Term 2**

There have been a few changes to staffing and roles over the term break. With Mrs Watt moving down to Kindy C for the remainder of the year, I would like to welcome Miss Joanna Schapel to our school. Miss Schapel will be working in EL3 each Friday and in EL4 each Tuesday for Term 2.

## **Annual Report**

The [2021 Annual Report](#) has now been uploaded to the school website. Please take the time to have a look at the report to gain a better understanding of what happened in our school during 2021.

## **Gibbney Reserve upgrade**

The [final concept plan](#) and a copy of the Engagement Outcomes Report for the upgrade to the Gibbney Reserve precinct has been released by the City of Bayswater. Please visit the [engagement website](#) to have a closer look at the planned works which are due to commence in spring of this year.



## **Running Club**

Congratulations to Cooper Mitchell who recently was awarded a certificate for running 200 kilometres.



## P&C News



### **Easter Raffle**

Thank you to all parents for their generous donations – 32 prizes were offered. 540 tickets were sold and \$728.00 raised.

## Mothers Day Raffle

MAYLANDS PENINSULA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C



# Mother's Day RAFFLE

1 ENTRY \$2    3 ENTRIES \$5

MANY AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON

All Qkr purchases will get an extra ticket.  
Family & friends welcome!

Tickets can be purchased until Thursday, 5 May 2022,  
winners drawn on Friday 6 May.

To be environmentally friendly no  
paper raffle tickets will be sent home.

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

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### School Board

The School Board can be contacted via email:

[schoolboard@mpps.wa.edu.au](mailto:schoolboard@mpps.wa.edu.au)

## Community News



## Grasshopper Soccer is back

After a very successful turnout in Term 1, Grasshopper Soccer is back on Gibbney Reserve in Term 2. The programme kicks off on Tuesday, 10 May. For further information and enrolment details, please visit the [Grasshopper Soccer](#) website, email [perth@grasshoppersoccer.com](mailto:perth@grasshoppersoccer.com) or call 0451 172 877.

## Guide Dogs WA- Searching for volunteer Puppy Raisers

Guide Dogs WA have recently launched the very first Western Australian Guide Dog Breeding Program and are searching for Volunteer Puppy Raisers! Puppy Raisers provide the very first homes for future Guide Dogs, Autism Assistance Dogs, Therapy Dogs and Court Dogs.

Puppy Raisers welcome an 8-week old puppy into their home and with support, spend approximately 12 months introducing the puppy to the environments and experiences they will encounter as a working dog. They also teach the young pup basic obedience and socialisation.

Guide Dogs WA have found that many of their current Puppy Raisers are families with school aged children so are reaching out to schools to help spread the word.

If you would like to know more about the Puppy Raisers program, please watch the [video](#) that Guide Dogs WA have produced. Guide Dogs WA also require Volunteer Bed & Breakfast Boarders, and Temporary Guide Dog Boarders. Further information on those roles can be found via the Guide Dogs WA [get-involved](#) link.



Be part of something special.

# Become a Puppy Raiser or a Boarder.

Apply online today  
[guidedogswa.com.au/get-involved](https://www.guidedogswa.com.au/get-involved)

Guide Dogs WA

## Midvale Hub Parenting Services

## Tuning in to Kids

For parents and carers who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater

### A parenting program for parents of children aged 3-10 years

Tuning in to Kids is a 6 session program for parents, with children aged 3 to 10 years.

The program explores ways that parents can help their children develop emotional intelligence and increase the emotional connection between parents and children. Learn more about:

- developing emotion coaching skills to help children understand and regulate their own feelings and emotions
- promoting co-operative behaviour in young children
- developing parent's own emotional awareness
- managing emotions such as anger and anxiety



For more information and to register, please contact:

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| <b>Where:</b>  | <b>Maylands Public Library</b><br>28 Eight Ave, Maylands  |
| <b>When:</b>   | Wednesdays 11, 18, 25 May, 1, 8 & 15 June 2022<br><i>*Participants must be able to attend all sessions</i>  |
| <b>Time:</b>   | 9.30am to 11.30am   |
| <b>Cost:</b>   | FREE – Registration is essential  |
| <b>Crèche:</b> | Bookings essential. Limited places available at 'The RISE' for a minimal fee. Please enrol at <a href="http://www.bayswaterrecreation.com.au/the-rise-creche">www.bayswaterrecreation.com.au/the-rise-creche</a> and follow the booking instructions.<br>Online bookings can be made up to 7 days in advance. Phone: 9208 2414 during Crèche hours. |

Name: Midvale Hub Parenting Service (Perth North East)  
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The Midvale Hub Parenting Service Perth (North East) is provided by Midvale Hub (Shire of Mundaring) and funded by the State Government through the Department of Communities.



# ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

## HAVE YOU EVER WORRIED ABOUT



Kids always wanting to be on a device



Tech tantrums - why they start and how to prevent them



How tech affects kids' bodies, brains and self-esteem



What kids find and what finds them

## FREE PARENT & CARER WORKSHOP

Presented by WA Child Safety Services,  
Midvale Hub Parenting Service Perth North  
East invites you to join this online  
workshop to learn about:

- Social media, gaming and apps.
- How screens affect kids' wellbeing.
- Online grooming and catfishing.
- Explicit content.
- Personal information/image sharing.
- Cyberbullying.
- Resource recommendations.



MIDVALE HUB  
Midvale Hub  
Parenting Service  
Perth (North East)

Supported by



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Communities

DATE: Thursday 19 May 2022

TIME: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

BOOKING DETAILS: Phone 9290 6827 or email  
[parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au)

This program is targeted for parents of  
children who reside in the local government  
areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean &  
Bayswater.



WA Child Safety Services  
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## Upcoming Events

**Friday, 6 May - M3 Assembly**

**Tuesday, 10 May- Friday, 20 May - NAPLAN**

**Wednesday, 11 May - Year 1 IncurSION Brownes Dairy**

**Friday, 20 May - JB2 & JB5 Assembly**

**Monday, 30 May | School Board Meeting**

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

[VIEW ONLINE CALENDAR](#)



## Quote of the Fortnight



There are no quotas on kindness. The world can never have too much. Yet, one act of cruelty is immediately one act too many.

## 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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