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**Maylands Peninsula**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Message from the Principal



### **Thank you, Mrs Johnson**

It is with mixed emotions that I announce to the school community that next week will be Mrs Rosemary Johnson's last week at Maylands Peninsula PS.

In 2004, Mrs Johnson was a foundation staff member of Maylands Peninsula PS. Before this, she had been part of the old East Maylands PS staff since 1998. This means that Mrs Johnson has spent well over 25 years working within the Maylands community, initially as a classroom teacher, but later as a school administrator.

Her passion for working with students, particularly those who experience some challenges for whatever reason, is only matched by her commitment to her beloved Fremantle Dockers. She always finds time within her very busy day to offer support and guidance to students, staff and parents/caregivers alike. Mrs Johnson has taken responsibility for leading our Student Services portfolio- liaising with therapists and outside support agencies, organising our senior student camp to Bridgetown and more recently Dwellingup, assisting the students on our Student Council and is our school liaison with Instrumental Music Services. Quite simply, Mrs Johnson has been a key part of the fabric of our school community and has seen us grow from a relatively small metropolitan primary school with 280 students to where we are today at just over 740.

On behalf of our school community, I would like to wish Mrs Johnson all the best in her retirement and

acknowledge her fine work, not only this year, but in all years. There is a big hole in our school that will take some filling.

The reign of the 'Purple Dragon' is over, but not forgotten



### **Welcome Ms Congdon**

As one door closes- another opens. On behalf of the Maylands Peninsula PS community, I would like to welcome Ms Stacey Congdon to our staff. Ms Congdon will move into the Deputy Principal position vacated by Mrs Johnson. Ms Congdon has worked in a variety of schools during her career from small primary schools in the Wheatbelt through to large metropolitan primary schools. Ms Congdon comes with a wealth of experience- particularly in Student Services- and is looking forward to the opportunity of working with our students, staff and parents/caregivers when she commences next term.



### **Semester 1 Reports**

A reminder that a 'link' to the Semester 1 reports will be sent home via email on Monday, 26 June. **The link on the email will only be valid for four weeks, so will expire after Monday, 24 July.** As such, I encourage all families to save an electronic copy of the report on your laptop, desktop or portable hard drive. **If you do not receive the email link on Monday afternoon, please contact Mrs Nielsen or Mrs Reddish in the school office to confirm your email address, so that a subsequent email link can be sent out.** Furthermore, student reports are always available for parents/caregivers to access via the *Connect Now* app under 'My Children'. The advantage of having the reports available on *Connect* is that parents/caregivers will be able to access the reports well after the electronic link expires.

Please take the time to go through the report(s) with your child(ren) to discuss the comments provided by staff. A reminder that if any parents/caregivers are wishing to make an appointment with their child's classroom teacher/specialist teacher to discuss the contents of the report in more detail, to either send through an email directly to the staff member concerned or contact Mrs Nielsen or Mrs Reddish in the office.

### **Staffing Changes- Semester 2**

There are a few changes to staffing that will take place at the beginning of next term. Ms Dawn Farr (S4) has won a substantive position at Orange Grove PS for the start of Term 3. On behalf of the school community, I would like to congratulate Ms Farr on her appointment, and acknowledge her work in S4 this semester. In her absence, I would like to welcome Mrs Laura Bannister to our school. Mrs Bannister will teach in a tandem position with Mrs Eftos in S4 each Thursday and Friday for the rest of the year.



### **Term 2 break**

As this will be the final newsletter of the term, I wish all students and families a relaxing and enjoyable Term 2 break. Please note, unlike most starts to the new

school term, our students will be back at school on the first day of term- **Monday, 17 July.**

## Other Newsletter Items

### Assembly



#### S3 Assembly

Well done to the Year 5/6 students in Mr Sollis'/Miss Sobianina's S3 class for the amazing assembly performance last Friday. The creative 'mash up' of the 'Lion King' and the similarities between the 'Circle of Life' of students moving into a new classroom at the start of each school year was most entertaining and had the audience literally on the edge of their seats. It was truly a delight to behold.

The last assembly of term will be a combined effort with the Year 3 students in Miss Swadling's M2 class and Ms Bonetti's/Mrs Lake's M3 class performing for our viewing pleasure. At this assembly, the P&C will announce the names of the students who have won an award because of their fundraising efforts at the Lap-a-thon.

#### Aussie of the Month



#### Finn Ginbey

Finn is an amazing addition to M1. He is generous, compassionate, responsible and always helpful. He is

to be commended for his caring and inclusive nature.

### **Camden Mitchell**

Camden is a friendly and caring student who displays initiative and a willingness to help others. He supports and encourages his peers, strives to do the right thing and has a positive mindset.

### **Robert Benson**

Robert is considered by his peers to be kind, caring, sensible, a lot of fun and very friendly. Everyone in S4 enjoys having him in the class.

### **Pre-primary and Year 1 In-term Swimming lessons- Wednesday, 19 July- Friday, 28 July**

A reminder to all parents/caregivers with children in Pre-primary and Year 1 to complete and return the hard copy In-term Swimming enrolment forms and permission note to your child's classroom teacher or the office no later than the last day of term- **Friday, 30 June**. Whilst we have gone 'old school' providing paperwork to families, the payment side of things is still completed through Qkr. If any parent/caregiver requires new forms, copies are available at the school office.

If anyone has any questions about any of the arrangements, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Mrs Alver in the school office.

### **Interschool Cross Country - Well done on the hat-trick.**

Our Interschool Cross Country team have done extremely well in the Cross Country Carnival that took place on Wednesday at Guildford PS. For the third consecutive year, our team won the large school (Stirling) division with many of our students finishing high in the placings. Given that there are nine schools competing in the carnival each year, this is a fantastic result.

Miss Wyatt and Mr Christie would like to congratulate ALL students who attended the before school Cross Country training this term. You represented our school with good sportsmanship and pride. Thanks also to the many parents/caregivers who assisted with transport and supported the team on the day. I wonder if there is a word that describes going back-to back-to back-to back?

The results from the day are as follows:

#### **Swan Division**

**1<sup>st</sup> - Guildford PS -159**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Bayswater PS - 143**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Noranda PS - 100**

**4<sup>th</sup> - Woodbridge PS - 85**

**5<sup>th</sup> - Bassendean PS - 69**

**6<sup>th</sup> - Herne Hill PS - 66**

**7<sup>th</sup> - Lockridge PS - 34**

### **Stirling Division**

**1<sup>st</sup> Maylands Peninsula PS - 232**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Eden Hill PS - 208**

Congratulations to the following competitors who were  
Champion or Runner Up in their age group.

### **Year 3**

**Champion Boy-** Oisin McCullough

**Runner Up Champion Girl-** Helena Pejic

### **Year 4**

**Champion Boy-** Nikau Kendall

**Champion Girl-** Serena Cai

**Runner Up Champion Girl-** Eloise Gough

### **Year 5**

**Champion Boy-** Tom Doyle

**Runner Up Champion Boy-** Zachary Ashworth

### **Year 6**

**Champion Boy-** Harry McCullough

**Runner Up Champion Boy-** Finlay Dickie

**Runner Up Champion Girl-** Grace McFarland

Miss Wyatt and Mr Christie











### **The Travelling Dilburys**

Last Wednesday, the Travelling Dilburys- Mrs Sollis, Mr Davey, Mr Piper and Mr Ani- performed a musical tribute for Mrs Johnson outside the school office during recess. Due to popular demand, the musical ensemble had an impromptu encore performance in the JA Alcove area at lunch the same day to perform for the students.

There were several popular songs performed on the day- Handle with Care by the Travelling Wilburys, Crazy Little Thing Called Love by Queen and Heart of Gold by Neil Young. Everyone in attendance embraced the opportunity to see some of our staff in an entirely different light. If we are lucky, we may see them perform later in the year.





### **2024 Kindergarten enrolments cut off- Friday, 21 July 2023.**

Our community is reminded that Kindy and Pre-primary enrolments for 2024 close on **Friday, 21 July** (Week 1, Term 3). Children starting Kindergarten need to be 4 years old by 30 June 2024, whilst children starting Pre-primary need to be 5 years old by 30 June 2024. **Please Note: Students who are currently enrolled in the school's Pre-primary program will be automatically enrolled in our Year 1 program commencing in 2024.**

As Pre-primary is the first compulsory year at school, all current Kindergarten children who reside within our local-intake area will have a guaranteed Pre-primary place for 2024. However, in order to secure a place, parents/caregivers will need to come up to the office and sight the original enrolment application used to enrol your child(ren) in Kindergarten, note any changes (if any), and then sign and date the documents. By completing this process, parents/caregivers will secure a place for Pre-primary in 2024 and the school will be able to plan classes accordingly.

Unfortunately, parents/caregivers of children currently enrolled in Kindergarten who live outside the school's local-intake area will be required to apply for Pre-primary in 2024 by **Friday, 21 July**. It is at this stage that all applications are assessed against the Department of Education's *Enrolment* policy. The policy assigns a particular priority order by which all applications are assessed before a place is offered to any child.

The following documentation must be provided when you come in to complete a formal enrolment form for a new student:

- Proof of residence to be lodged with your application (e.g. council rates notice or rental agreement longer than three months **and** current utilities bill or bank statement).
- Your child's birth certificate/passport/visa, child's up to date immunisation records and child's medical information (asthma, allergies etc.)
- Parents' passport and visa details if born overseas.

Please see Mrs Nielsen or Mrs Reddish in the school office if you require any further clarification.

### **Running Club**



Well done Jack on reaching 800km!

Keep running. You could be our first student to get to 900km.

### **Edu-Dance Concerts- Wednesday, 21 June and Thursday, 22 June**

The Edu-Dance performances of our Year 1 to Year 6 students over Wednesday and Thursday night were again a sight to behold. Every single student should take pride in their performance. Each dance reflected the effort you have put into the previous eight weeks. Well done to all concerned.



### **Building Condition Assessment- Drone activity above the school**

Building Condition Assessments (BCA) are carried out at all schools at regular intervals as part of the Department of Education's overall asset management strategy.

In addition to the inspection of buildings and internal areas, aerial surveys using drones are used to capture footage of roof condition and coverings, including penetration points, box gutters and safety anchor points.

The Department of Finance have engaged licensed drone operators from Duratec Australia who will conduct these surveys at our school site. Drone operators will be wearing uniform and carry appropriate identification. The drone will operate within the school area to capture buildings, ovals, carparks, and surrounding street parking bays. The drone will ensure the privacy of neighbouring properties (i.e. not show private spaces in photos or videos, such as backyards).

Drones will operate during daylight hours, typically between 6.00am and 6.00pm weekdays, on weekends or during school holidays. Drone operators are required to comply with the necessary insurances and certifications including:

- current Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) safety rules and requirements; and
- the relevant Remote Pilot License (RePL) and a Remotely piloted aircraft Operator's Certificate (ReOC) certification.

All drone footage will be stored and maintained for internal use only.

Therefore please do not be concerned if you see drones flying over the school.

## P&C News



### **Terrific Television and Movie Magic Lap-a-thon**

Thanks to everyone for your sponsorship. The total amount raised by the Lap-a-thon will be announced at next Friday's assembly, when the top fundraising class will be presented with their cupcakes from Sherbet. A special announcement will also be made about the way some of the proceeds will be spent.

### **Canteen Appreciation**

Did you know that many public schools have a canteen that only operates 2-3 days a week, or don't have one at all? We are so fortunate for all the incredible work done by Pia and Helen and all the volunteers to keep hungry tummies full at recess and lunch. At the P&C we are committed to making sure the canteen has all it needs to run smoothly, even at the busiest times. That's why we've recently allocated \$4,500 to replace an aging freezer and have other plans in the works too.

### **P&C Contacts**

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**School Board**

The School Board can be contacted via email:

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## Canteen



## Community News

**Midvale Hub**

Midvale Hub are offering parent workshops at Maylands PPS during Term 3.

The following workshops are available to all parents and caregivers. There is

**Anxiety and Your Child**

- Friday 11 August
- 9.15 am – 11.15 am

**Anxiety and Your Child**

- Wednesday 13 September
- 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm \*
- \*note this is an evening session

**Build Your Child's Resilience**

- Friday 28 July
- 9.15 am – 11.15 am

**Protective Behaviours**

- Friday 1 September
- 9.15 am - 11.15 am

Please submit your expressions of Interest in any of these workshop through 'Workshops' in Qkr.



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# Building Your Child's Resilience

For parents and caregivers of children aged 4 - 10 years, who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater



Resilience is important for children's mental health.

This workshop will explore:

- the brain behind resilience
- ways to foster emotional regulation
- strengthen confidence & nurturing courage
- ways to build a growth mindset in children

Maylands Peninsula Primary School  
60 Kelvin Street, Maylands

Friday 28 July 2023  
9.15am - 11.15am

Crèche - Not available for this program

RSVP on QKR to reserve your place.  
Only 12 places available



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# Anxiety and Your Child

For parents and carers of children aged 4 - 12 years, who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater



This workshop aims to explore and give an understanding of what anxiety is.

We will discuss:

- signs & symptoms of anxiety
- how we can support our child
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## Protective Behaviours Parent Workshop

For parents and caregivers of children aged 0 - 12 years, who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater



Protective Behaviours aims to prevent abuse, increase safety and reduce violence.

The program teaches and promotes concepts of emotional intelligence, empowerment, assertiveness, problem-solving and an understanding of safety.

This program is for adults only and is not suitable for children to attend.

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### Upcoming Events

**Monday, 26 June | Semester 1 reports emailed home**

**Tuesday, 27 June | Pre-Primary Edu-Dance Performance 3pm**

**Friday, 30 June | M2 and M3 Assembly**

**Friday, 30 June | End of Term 2**

**Monday, 17 July | Term 3 commences**

**Wednesday, 19 July | Year 6 Law Courts excursion**

**Wednesday, 19 July - Friday, 28 July | Pre-primary and Year 1 In-Term Swimming lessons**

**Friday, 28 July | M4 and M5 Assembly**

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

[VIEW ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

## Quote of the Fortnight



I suspect too many children see too many parents behaving like children.

## 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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