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Message from the Principal

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Harmony Week

It was wonderful seeing the wide array of traditional dress that the students wore to school last Tuesday in recognition of Harmony Week. When speaking with students throughout the day, they were only too eager to tell me more about the traditional dress that they were wearing. A great day was had by all.



ANZAC Commemorative Service- Thursday, 6 April

On 25 April every year, our nation honours the tremendous sacrifices made by Australia's servicemen and women and reflects on the impact of war and how it has shaped and defined our shared sense of identity.

With ANZAC Day taking place during the Term 2 break, the school has elected to have its ANZAC Day service on the last day of term, that being **Thursday, 6 April.** The service will commence just after the start of the school day in the Undercover Area. The Student Councillors will host the service on behalf of the school community. It is anticipated that the commemoration will last for approximately 20 minutes.

All students are expected to wear full school uniform on the day, except for scouts, guides or cubs who are encouraged to wear their group uniform. Any students who have medals or other service decorations at home that have been passed down to them are encouraged to wear them on the right-hand side of their uniform on the day. Furthermore, students are encouraged to bring in flowers to place at the base of the flagpole during the service itself.

Term 1 and Easter break

Being the final newsletter of the term, I would like to wish all students and families a relaxing and enjoyable term break. Hopefully, the Autumn weather will be kind, and everyone will have the opportunity to get out and enjoy the outdoors with family and friends.

A reminder that we have a scheduled School Development Day on Monday, 24 April followed by the ANZAC Day holiday on the Tuesday. As a result, students will not return to school until **Wednesday, 26 April.**

Other Newsletter Items

Assembly

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S6 Assembly

Congratulations to Miss Smith's S6 class for hosting the last class assembly of the term. Everyone very much enjoyed the re-telling of Nick Bland's book 'The Walk of the Whales'. This powerful story about the flow on impacts of climate change, on both whales and humans alike, was both educational and entertaining. Some very important messages for all of us to take on board. Well done to all.

Ride 2 School Day- Friday, 24 March

Last Friday, 24 March we

celebrated National Ride2School Day. It was a beautiful morning that saw just over 160 students ride, walk, scoot or skate to school. Students were greeted at the bike racks with a piece of fruit and a muffin thanks to the hardworking canteen staff, the generosity of the P+C and our wonderful parent helper, Helen Ginbey! What a great way to start the day! Thanks also to the amazing student team who were such a great help on the day.

It was great to see and hear of groups of students who met up to travel to school together. We are hoping that after seeing how enjoyable and easy it can be more families will choose active modes of transport to get to school more regularly.

This year, we also gave out raffle tickets to go into the draw to win some bike related goodies. Congratulations to our winners, Mia (EL2), Imogen (also EL2) and Theodore (JA1) on winning the prize packs.

As I briefly mentioned at the assembly, next term on odd week Fridays, we will be begin a regular active travel day. If students walk, ride, scoot or skate to school on these mornings, they will have their active travel star card punched. Students can then receive rewards for every 10 holes they have punched in their cards. After the card is filled, they can go into the draw to win a major prize.

It was a very enjoyable morning and I look forward to seeing you all at the next event.

Mr Christie

Your Move coordinator















Commedia Academy incursion

On Wednesday, 29 March Commedia Academy visited our school for an Italian incursion. There was a show in the morning and one after lunch and they were both *fantastico*!

"Commedia dell'Arte" in Italian means, the art of comedy and it's almost like improvisation. Commedia Academy got the audience (the students) involved on the stage as dancers, actors and people playing instruments. They had everyone laughing and we all had an awesome time participating and learning Italian expressions like, *Bravo, Schifo* and Mamma mia!

Grace McFarlane



Grow & Grind Coffee Van

Some parents/caregivers may have noticed the <u>Grow &</u> <u>Grind</u> coffee van that was parked behind the assembly area last Friday. You may have even purchased a coffee from Jarrad and the crew as well.

Grow & Grind is a social enterprise delivered by <u>55</u> <u>Central</u> with generous funding from the Bendigo Community Bank – Bayswater. All profits are directed back into the Grow & Grind training program to build skills and confidence in people doing it tough. As well as great coffee, the van provides on-the-job training and employment for people who need a hand up. Every cent of profit from any coffee purchased flows back to the Grow & Grind training program, providing barista training to people experiencing the impacts of homelessness and isolation.

As part of a trial, the van will be parked behind the assembly area from 7.45-9.00am each Tuesday and Friday to coincide with Running Club sessions and the fortnightly assembly. If you need an early morning coffee hit, and you want to do your bit to assist those in need, you know where to go.

Purple Haze Day- Tuesday, 4 April

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 Starlight Children's Foundation provides programs 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.

Please remember to wear something purple and bring in your gold coin donation.

Senior Sport

It has come to my attention that some parents/caregivers are coming down to watch the Friday afternoon sport take place on Gibbney Reserve and the basketball courts. Whilst this in itself is OK, what is not OK is running commentary from the sidelines about the umpiring when a student is not pulled up immediately after they break a rule during game play e.g. taking a step before bouncing the ball in basketball.

The focus on the Friday afternoon sport is 'having a go', being physically active and participation. Nevertheless, the umpires will interrupt the game play to discuss rules where appropriate as part of the learning process, so that the students have an awareness of what is required to play the game properly.

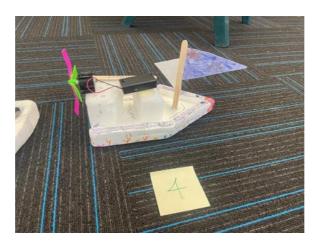
With weekend sport, there is an expectation game rules are enforced, as this is a completely different environment. Children choose to participate in these sports and receive coaching during the week about the skills and the rules of the game. This is not the case with Friday afternoon sport. For many of our students, they may not have any experience outside of the school setting with some of the sports they are playing. As such, there will be times that the rules of the game are not as rigidly enforced as they would be at weekend sport.

Your support on this matter is greatly appreciated.

S3 Electric Boat Race and Project

In S3, our electricity project involved us making a circuit, placing it on a boat and then racing them. In Week 8 on Thursday, we presented and raced our boats. This is the process of how we made them and the behind the scenes learning. Before even knowing about the boat project, we learned about electric circuits. On the first lesson, S3 was taught about the symbols and the different types of circuits and during another session we used circuit equipment to make them. A few sessions later we got started on making our boats; this process took roughly seven weeks excluding race day. The learning benefit that the students in S3 received were learning how to structure and use electric circuits and how to work as a team. Race day was enjoyed by all the students but the winning team (Aidan, Payton and Zoe) and their winning boat (Sharkey) made a winning break through with the time of 39 seconds covering 5-metre-long trench. At first the boat wouldn't move but then started up and won it all. We were all surprised that Sharkey won because they had to start over halfway through! There were two competitions, but Sharkey won both! One for the best looking and the other for fastest. We all had to film the process of design, construction, remodelling and the race. We used this footage to make a movie of the process. S3 enjoyed the whole process and learned a lot. We now have a poster on the classroom wall that shows all the teams and what place the group came in the race. Ms Sobianina had planned and thought through the whole process and was a big help to all of the students. Forevermore the students in S3 will remember the time we made boats.

By Naomi Cook The winning team and boat below:





Year 5/6 Boys footy

On Thursday, 30 March, fourteen Year 5 and Year 6 boys went to Jubilee Reserve in Eden Hill to compete in the Dockers Shield footy carnival. We had an awesome day.

We started off slow, playing against Ellenbrook PS and losing narrowly before getting a football lesson from Anne Hamersly PS in our second game. Thankfully, we learnt from that lesson and came out and won against a strong opposition in Gidgegannup PS. We then had a lunch break with many sweet treats to keep us going (thanks to Isaac's mum!) After lunch we had a bye.

Before we knew it, our last game had come around and we were versing Parkerville PS. We really wanted to finish strong in our last game... and we did, winning by 42 points!

We had a rest before the presentations started. We had an absolute blast! Thanks to all the parents who came and supported the kids and thanks to all the parents who helped transport students.

Nate Hanrahan and Tom Doyle.





Running Club



Congratulations to Finn Piper from Hardey for achieving his 300km badge.



Well done also to Jaya Vos from Venville for making it to 100km. A super effort.

P&C News

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P&C News- Invitation to the Parents & Citizens Annual General Meeting- Wednesday, 5 April

All members of the school community are invited to attend the P&C's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30pm in the school library. Prior P&C members need to re-register on QKR! each year. Sign up for the mailing list and pay just \$1 on Qkr! to become a P&C financial member, which gives you the right to vote at meetings.

All positions for the next year will be elected on the night. These roles include president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and executive members. Convenors are also elected for fundraising, communications, uniform, canteen, and sustainability.

If you can't make it to the meeting in-person, no problem. You can join online via the MPPS website's P&C tab.

If you want to get more involved in your children's education, joining the P&C (Parents and Citizens) Association is a great way to do it.

The P&C provides a forum for parents and caregivers to discuss matters related to the school and is responsible for crucial tasks, such as running the canteen and uniform shop. The P&C also organises events for the school community and fundraises to buy extra resources that benefit our kids.

If you have skills you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you.

Share the journey, build community, support our school. It's your P&C.

Lapathon

Lapathon is coming in Week 5, Term 2. Kindy A,C,E on Thursday, 25 May at 9am, Kindy D and F on Friday, 26 May at 9am and PP-Yr6 Friday, 26 May at 11am. In order to give our lapathon runners a chance to win great prizes for being the "best dressed" on the day the theme was announced at assembly on Friday... Terrific Television and Movie Magic. Come as your favourite TV or Movie character, creativity and imagination might take home the Oscar! HIGHEST FUNDRAISING CLASS WINS SHERBET CUPCAKES and a movie at the end of term!



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Canteen

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Week 10 Special Recess Items

These will be for sale on **Tuesday**, **Wednesday** and **Thursday** at Recess in Week 10.

- Hot Cross Buns \$2
- Special Easter Chocolate Cupcakes \$2
- Choc Chip Big Biscuits \$2

See Qkr! for details

Last Day of School will be a Pie Day

Even though the last day of school is a Thursday, the canteen menu will be like Friday.

- Beef Pie \$4.50
- Spinach and Ricotta Sausage Roll \$3.50
- Beef Sausage Roll \$3.50
- Party Pie \$1.50
- Chicken Tenders \$2 a piece (not usually on Friday)

No Sushi

Thank You Canteen Volunteers!

Thanks Ash, Hortense, Nina D., Nina C., Sinead, Anne, Kylie and Felix, our experienced snack packers/ sandwich makers/ pizza producers/ wrap wrappers. So good to see you again this term. Special thanks to our new volunteers Tiffany, Tina, Niki, Sophie and Mat. You are all vital to our unique 5-day-a-week school canteen.

Keep Smiling

Helen Pia and Ginny

Community News

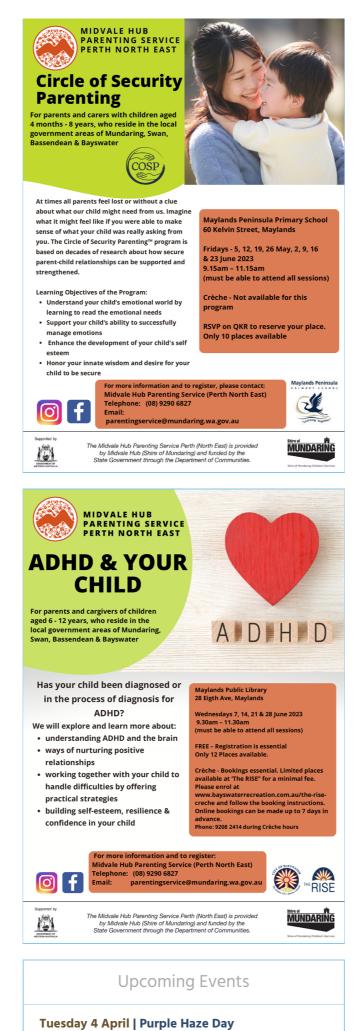
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Wednesday, 5 April | P&C AGM

Thursday, 6 April | ANZAC Day Service

Thursday. 6 April | End of Term

Monday, 24 April | School Development Day

Tuesday, 25 April | ANZAC Day Holiday

Wednesday, 26 April | Term 2 Commences

Wednesday, 26 April | Edu-Dance Commences

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

VIEW ONLINE CALENDAR

Quote of the Fortnight

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To participate only in the things you're good at is to miss all the benefits of participating in things that are good for you.

School Ethos

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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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