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Maylands Peninsula
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Message from the Principal

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In-term Vacations

With Australia opening to the world after the restrictions on travel imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to remind parents/caregivers of the Department of Education requirement to contact the principal when children are taken out of school during term.

In recent times, I have been made aware of several families taking their children out of school for travel purposes. In most of these instances, I have not received a formal request for leave from parents/caregivers.

If you plan to take your child(ren) out during the school term, please come to the school office to complete a leave request form in the school office, complete the

In-term Vacation form available under the school forms tab on the school website or send an email to the school with the following details:

- The nature of the in-term absence- overseas holiday, attending a significant family event e.g. wedding.
- The dates your child(ren) will be absent from school.

With this information in-hand, I will then review the nature of the request to determine whether there are reasonable grounds to approve the request. In the event that a request is deemed to be unacceptable e.g. taking the family to Bali during the school term to take advantage of cheap airfares and accommodation, then the absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. However, if the request is deemed to be reasonable e.g. attending a family wedding interstate or overseas, then the absence will be recorded as an authorised vacation.

Whilst I understand that it has been very difficult to travel overseas and interstate due to extended 'lockdowns' over the last few years, the Department's position is that there are 12 weeks of the year that school is not in session that families can utilise for travel purposes. I appreciate your support on this matter.

Request for student work

With the above in mind, it has come to my attention that parents/caregivers are approaching teachers to ask for work packages to take away with them on vacation. When parents/caregivers choose to take their child(ren) out of school for vacation, staff are not required to provide work for that student(s).

Teachers undertake their work in a face-to-face environment, and as such, it can be difficult to replicate content taught in the classroom environment into a work package. As our staff cater for multiple ability levels within the classroom already, having to adapt or modify work for each student when a request is made would be particularly onerous and add to teacher workload. Similarly, if a student is unwell and at home, please do not approach teachers for 'catch up' work. Teachers will manage any missing 'gaps' in student learning when they return to school. However,

if teachers determine there is a genuine need for students to do some work at home for whatever reason, teachers will contact parents/caregivers to make the necessary arrangements.

School Board Report

The first School Board meeting of the year took place on Monday, 13 March. Our School Board Chair, Mr Clayton Hanrahan, will provide a report in the coming 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



S4 Assembly

Thank you and well done to Mrs Eftos' and Ms Farr's S4 class for hosting last week's assembly. The students put on a quite a show as they brought the book, 'All the Ways to be Smart' by Davina Bell and Allison Colpoys, to life. As the students' demonstrated on the day, we all have our own individual gifts, talents and strengths, whether it be folding paper planes, painting patterns

or building boats from boxes- we're all smart in our own special way. Well done to all.

With Good Friday being the first day of the term break, our next assembly will be the last one for the term. The students in Miss Smith's S6 class will take centre stage. At this assembly, we will hand out the final 'Aussie of the Month' awards for the term.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Writer of the Month

August Bennetts - Year 3

August has expressed himself so well through excellent use of poetic language in two poems: Peace, Trees and Me. He uses simple words to explain more complex ideas about the world and how it should be in harmony and in blending with environment.

Science Excellence Award

Jack Brookhuis - Year 6

Jack makes excellent contributions during science discussions. He has shown an interest in chemical science and during investigations is able to identify the variables and confidently present result in tables and graphs.

Academic Excellence Award

Krisha Hans - Year 3

Krishna has displayed a consistently high standard of academic excellence in Year 3. She has high expectations of herself in terms of her achievement and behaviour.



Harmony Day- Tuesday, 21 March

On Monday, 13 March, a group of Vietnamese performers came to Maylands to put on a mini show to commence our Harmony Week celebrations. The performers are volunteers from the Western Australia Vietnamese Cultural Group & WA Vietnamese Women's Association. These two non-profit organisations are newly established having only been in existence for two years.

The Vietnamese Cultural Group promotes Vietnamese culture including visual arts, performances, and cuisine. The Women's Association mainly focuses on assisting women, especially new immigrants who need support to adapt to a new life in Australia.

I would like to thank the following individuals for their support on the day:

Hong Jackson: Vice-president

Annie Tran: Vietnamese Traditional Dance Teacher

Emma Hanh Ma: Committee member

Bella Hang Nguyen: Committee member

Nier Nguyen: WAAPA student

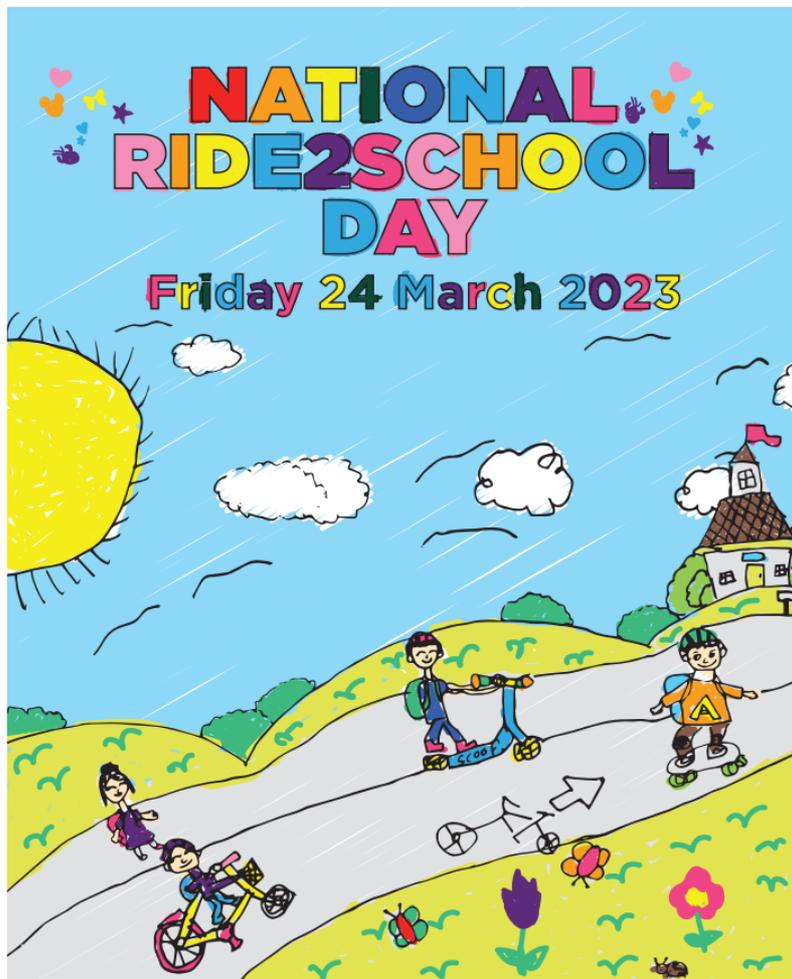
Next Tuesday, 21 March (Monday, 20 March for Kindy A, C and E) our school will celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day is about celebrating Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We will acknowledge the day by leaving our school uniforms at home and

wearing **orange** or traditional dress to school. Classes and individual students will engage in some special activities to celebrate our diversity (poems and posters).

Mrs White
EAL/D Specialist







Ride 2 School Day- Friday, 24 March

Next week on Friday, 24 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/caregivers 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. Keep your eye out next term as we look to introduce a regular active travel day.

Just like last year, a small snack will be provided for those who ride to school- thanks to our P&C. In addition to this, all students who ride, walk, scoot or skate to school will earn a raffle ticket to go into the draw to win some cool prizes. The raffle will be drawn at next week's assembly.

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

Mr Christie

Your Move coordinator

Year 5/6 Girls footy

On Thursday, 9 March, fifteen Year 5 and Year 6 girls went to Jubilee Reserve in Eden Hill to compete in an interschool AFLW carnival. We had an awesome day, and even came home hugging a shield.

We started off strong, playing against Manning PS and then we had a tense match against Ellenbrook PS. After that, we played the powerful Gooseberry Hill PS, and then had a lunch break with many sweet treats to keep us going (thanks to Charlotte's mum). After lunch, we waltzed onto the field, ready for our last two games.

Before we knew it, our last game had come around and we were versing Guildford PS. We couldn't lose, so we didn't, and that was a great way to finish off the day.

We had a rest before the presentations started. Then, Maylands Peninsula Primary School was called out. We won the Most Improved award for the day and felt so proud of each other to come home with a shield. We had an absolute blast! Thanks to all the parents who came and supported, and helped transport students.

Thanks to Miss Wyatt for making things happen.

Written by Grace McFarland and Evelyn Gough





Running Club

Congratulations to the following runners, Asher, Carla and Rudy Kenny, Charlie, Stacey and Nate Hanrahan for earning their 100km badges. Tyler Kenny for earning his 200km and Finlay Dickie for earning his 500km badge. Well done to you all!







Lost Glasses

We have had a number of glasses handed into the office; if you or your child have lost a pair, please come to the office to see if they are yours.

P&C News



MPPS Sustainability update

Congratulations to everyone who helped the school in being one of the top schools for battery recycling in the region. Maylands Peninsula PS was presented with a Bunnings voucher from the Eastern Metropolitan Region Council (EMRC) at the end of February assembly for this achievement. The EMRC representative reminded everyone that batteries are a hazardous waste that shouldn't be disposed of in your general rubbish. Batteries contain materials, like metals and acids, that can pollute the environment if not disposed of correctly. When recycled, 95% of a battery can be turned into new batteries or used by other industries.

There are several metropolitan drop off locations that also offer free safe disposal of other unwanted household chemicals (paints, chemicals, pesticides, pool chemicals and poisons) including Red Hill Waste Management Facility and Balcatta Recycling Centre. Many of the locations also accept electronic waste and other items.

Balcatta Recycling Centre accepts a wide range of electronic waste (old tvs, computers, as well as small appliances such as toasters etc). They also accept other items (large quantities of cardboard, clean Styrofoam, car batteries, etc), with a convenient drive through. You do not need to be a resident to access these free drop off facilities.

Thanks for your continued support in encouraging recycling habits in our school and wider community which have wide environmental benefits including reducing demand on precious resources as well as reducing emissions.

Kelsey Hunt

**Maylands Peninsula PS P&C Sustainability
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Community News





SPECIALIST VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (SVAPA) PROSPECTIVE PARENT EVENING



The session will outline the program's ethos, environment, structure and audition process.

This event is for parents/carers only.

Monday 27th March 2023, 7pm - 8pm

Tricycle Theatre
Mount Lawley Senior High School
65 Woodsome Street, Mount Lawley

Visit www.lawley.wa.edu.au/view/programs/svapa-home
to find out more about SVAPA program



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Midvale Hub Parenting Service

Midvale Hub Parenting Service - Free Parenting Programs Midvale Hub Parenting Service Perth North East is a free service to parents/carers of children who reside in the local government areas of Bayswater, Mundaring, Swan & Bassendean. Please visit their [website](#) for courses being held at The Rise in Maylands.

Department of Education's Career Conversations events

As parents/carers, you are the greatest influencers of your children's career decision making. Together with schools we can prepare young people for the many opportunities and challenges ahead.

We all need to be having career conversations beginning much earlier than secondary school.

Armed with accurate, up-to-date information, families can explore together the full range of options and pathways open to young people.

Join the conversation about post school options at our free parent events in your local area. Come and hear about:

- exploring university and training pathways
- career pathway information for young people with disabilities
- where to find accurate, up-to-date career pathway information
- where the jobs are • what employers and industry are looking for.

Register for an event.



Career Conversations

Bringing families together

**Together with schools we
can prepare young people
for the many opportunities
and challenges ahead.**

**Parent and student information session
Morley**

John Forrest Secondary College - Auditorium
180 Drake Street

Tuesday 20 June 2023 • 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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PLAYING BASKETBALL?

MAYLANDS MAGIC

SEASON COMMENCES TERM 2

We are a family orientated club that welcomes players of all skill levels.

Now taking registrations for the 2023 Winter Season for all age groups starting from Under 10's.



Contact us at maylandsbasketball@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Friday, 17 March | P&C Sundowner

Monday, 20 March | PP & Year 1 On Entry Reports sent home

Monday, 20 March | Harmony Day for Kindy A, C and E

Tuesday, 21 March | Harmony Day

Friday, 24 March | S6 Assembly

Thursday, 6 April | ANZAC Day Assembly

Thursday, 6 April | Last Day of Term

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

[VIEW ONLINE CALENDAR](#)



Quote of the Fortnight



Sometimes, the benefit of a dent in self-esteem is an
improvement in character.

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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