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Message from the Principal

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Outdoor Classroom taking shape

Many parents/caregivers would have noticed that work has commenced on the Outdoor Classroom concept between JB Block and Kelvin Street earlier this week. The crew from Project Scape have cleared out the area and installed the Six Seasons poles along the brick path, constructed a tepee and installed the arbour entrances at each end of the crushed red earth pathway. In the coming week, the tiered yarning circle area will be constructed underneath the large eucalypt, the dry creek bed will be completed and the standing tables that the students will use throughout the space will be installed. I would like to acknowledge the support of Patrick Gorman- MHR for Perth and the P&C who have contributed the funds for the works. I look forward to seeing our students and staff making use of the space in the not too distant future.



How can you help?

Earlier this week our School Board met to review aspects of the school's current Business Plan. In particular, data relating to students' Literacy and

Numeracy achievement and progress was reflected on.

A suggestion from the Board was to provide parents/caregivers with information about ways in which they can assist their child to achieve their best. The list below provides some ways in which you can support your child to be the best learner they can be.

Ask your child regularly what they are doing at school. It is always best to be specific. 'What did you do in your Science lesson today?' is more likely to get a more detailed response, than, 'What have you done at school this week?'

Check in with your child's class teacher from time to time to see if there is anything you can assist your child with at home. An email prior to set up a time to meet, even if it is before school or at pick up time, is always appreciated.

Keep up to date with what is happening in your child's class by reading Connect notices that are posted.

Ensure your child has 9-12 hours of sleep each night.

Make reading a regular part of your home life:

- read daily to young children and involve them in the story, ask what they think will happen next, why they think characters acted in certain ways etc.
- listen to your young child's oral reading daily.
- assist your child to get a local public library borrowing card and visit the library regularly.

Make your child take responsibility for packing their school bag each day and dealing with the consequences of forgetting their library book, lunch etc.

Monitor your child's screen time.

Attend the free 'parenting sessions' offered at school. These sessions, run by Midvale Parenting Hub, cover a range of topics such as 'Anxiety and Your Child', and always receive great feedback from those who attend. Keep your eye on the school newsletter for details.

Make use of your child's Reading Eggs and/or Mathletics subscription at home to practice literacy

and mathematics concepts. Email your child's class teacher if your child has forgotten their log in details.

In addition to Mathletics and Reading Eggs, the Department of Education's <u>Learning at Home</u> website and <u>Education Services Australia</u> also contain excellent resources for parents/caregivers to work on at home with their child.

Find the right balance – take an interest in your child's learning and have high expectations of them but avoid setting 'overly' high targets.

Term 3 break

As this will be the final newsletter of the term, I wish all students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable Spring break. Hopefully, there will be some lovely days ahead to get out and enjoy the great outdoors.

As Monday, 9 October and Tuesday, 10 October are designated School Development days, students will not return to school until **Wednesday, 11 October.**

Other Newsletter Items

Assembly

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JB4 and M1 Assembly

After a bit of an extended break, it was great to see so many parents/caregivers attend the combined JB4 and M1 assembly. I very much enjoyed the entertaining and educational performance of the combined group as they gave some insight into the animal which has pride of place on our school logo- the White Ibis, or as most of our students would call it, the 'Bin Chicken'. As we learnt on the day, the White Ibis has adapted its behaviour to live successfully in urban environments, and don't we know it, as there aren't too many days where we don't have a student coming up to the office asking for some lunch as the 'Bin Chickens' had got into their bag. Thanks to all for a wonderful performance.

Our last assembly of Term 3 will feature the students in Mr Bardsley's JA3 class and Mrs Ekeh's JB5 class. The final round of 'Aussie of the Month' awards for the term will also be presented on the day.

Excellence Awards



Bella Howe

Bella Howe for your well researched and written scientific information report on the Black Cockatoo. It contained subject specific language, facts and statistics and demonstrated a strong understanding of the required structure and format. A very strong piece of writing, Bella. Well done.

Viktor Males

Viktor consistently achieves excellent results across all learning areas. He recently received a perfect score in an assessment for mathematics and has demonstrated a high level of fiction and non-fiction writing.

Carla Smethurst

Carla is an inquisitive learner during science lessons. Her responses during discussions, and the questions she asks, indicate her critical thinking skills. She enthusiastically participates in investigations and links results to scientific concepts. Carla applies her creativity to projects, including one where she designed a new species perfectly adapted to an artic biome.

Faction Carnival

It was great to see so many parents/caregivers and extended family members out in support at our faction carnival last Friday fortnight. With the weather forecast not looking too good for the afternoon, we were continuing to watch the weather radar throughout the day and kept our fingers crossed. Nevertheless, we were able to get through all of the events without any hiccups before the torrential deluge arrived right on the stroke of 3.00pm. The final results are as follows:

- 1st- Hardey- 3887 points
- 2nd- Venville- 3416 points
- 3rd- Brearley- 3024 points
- 4th- Ferguson- 2662 points

As with the overall competition, the battle to decide Champion and Runner Up for Year 3 - Year 6 was extremely tight. In fact, there were several ties in some of the year levels. I'd like to acknowledge the following individuals for their efforts over the two days of competition.

Individual Champions:

Year 3 Champions- Oisin (Hardey) and Shay (Venville).

Runners Up- Akhilesh (Hardey) and Krisha (Hardey).

Year 4 Champions- Finn P (Hardey) and Eloise (Hardey).

Runners Up- Nikau (Venville) and Robert (Venville)- tied.

Jewel (Venville) and Jessica (Hardey)- tied.

Year 5 Champions- Tom (Hardey) and Zachary (Brearley)-tied- and Sophia (Venville).

Runners Up- Jaxon (Venville) and Molly (Ferguson).

Year 6 Champions- Finlay (Venville) and Milena (Venville).

Runners Up- Harry (Hardey) and Bridie (Ferguson).

I'd like to thank the P&C for making the arrangements for the special recess and lunch menu, the staff for their fine efforts in preparing the students and for setting up and packing away equipment, parents/caregivers for turning up to support the students and the students themselves for their good sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day. I would also like to acknowledge Hannah Biegel for taking on the responsibility of organising the parent/student/staff Leader Ball event, our school gardener, Bruce for marking out the oval and our Physical Education teachers, Miss Wyatt and Mr Christie for their efforts in organising the carnival itself. Congratulations to all.



Interschool Carnival- Monday, 18 September (Long jump, throws and long distance) and Wednesday, 20 September (Sprints, Relays and Team Games).

With the school carnival all 'done and dusted' for another year, our thoughts now turn to the Interschool Athletics Carnival taking place next week.

Parents/caregivers are most welcome to attend the jumps, throws and long distance events on Monday at Guildford Primary School and the sprints, relays and team events at Steel Blue Oval in Bassendean on the Wednesday. Good luck to all competitors.

Mount Hawthorn Area Band concert performance

Last week, our Instrumental Music School Services students who are also part of the Mount Hawthorn Area Band had the opportunity to showcase their skills at the Churchlands SHS. It was quite the experience for all concerned performing in a purpose built venue. Well done to all.





WA Bike Month

The month of October is WA Bike Month and to celebrate, the *Your Move* student team will be holding their Active Travel Day each Friday morning during October. This will be the 13th, 20th and 27th October. On these days, any student who rides, walks, scoots or skates to school will receive **two** hole punches on their Star Cards. Meet the student team as you arrive on the grass at the front of the library. Don't have a Star Card yet? No problems, you can collect one from our friendly student team on one of these mornings.

Why do we do this? Our aim, as the school's *Your Move* team, is to encourage students and their families to get active by walking, scooting and riding to school. Making a small behavioural change a few times a week can result in huge benefits for your child and the community, including:

- Reduced congestion, travel times and parking problems around schools;
- Improved safety for everyone at drop-off and pickup times;
- Reduced carbon dioxide emissions around the school;
- Lifelong improved health and emotional well-being due to instilling positive exercise habits at a young age;

- Improved concentration and academic performance;
- More sustainable and cost-effective transport outcomes, such as reducing the need for investment in parking that may only be utilised for a short period each day, and reduced road infrastructure maintenance costs.

We hope to see you all getting active in October!!



Caleb Christie

Your Move coordinator

Tiny Tots Tennis

On Monday, our students in Pre-primary and Year 1 had a fun day participating in a tennis skills session with Anthony Harbrow from Tiny Tots Tennis. It was pleasing to see the joys on the faces of the students participating in the games that Anthony had planned. For many students it was the first time they have ever held a tennis racquet. A good day had by all.





Running Club



Well done Chloe on making it to 300km!

P&C News

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A Ticket To... Raffle

We are proud to bring you the 2023 raffle, just in time for the Term 3 school holidays. This year's raffle has the theme A Ticket To ... as we present three fabulous prizes, that give you and your family a Ticket To Experiment, Enjoy or Explore! A Ticket to Experiment gives an adult and a child a chance to try Karate, with a one month free membership at Yoseikan-Ryu Maylands. A Ticket to Explore will take you and your family to the Royal Show. It's not everyday you meet hundreds of horses, skilled sheep dogs or cute baby animals. A Ticket to Enjoy will take two people to

Adventure World for their 23/24 Summer season. With roller coasters, water park, wildlife experiences & events - it's fun for the whole family! We thank Yoseikan-Ryu Maylands, the Royal Agricultural Society of WA & Adventure World for their kind donation. Tickets are \$5 each, and the raffle will be drawn next Thursday so buy your tickets now.

Rollerdrome Fundraiser

Join us at the Morley Rollerdrome on the last day of Term 3 holidays, Tuesday October the 10th from 10am to 1pm.

Entry fee is \$15 payable at the door.

You can pre order Pizza on QKR! until October 2.

All proceeds help the P&C purchase an electronic drum kit for Mr Turner's music class.

Crazy Camel

The students and teachers have been working hard to make some beautiful artwork over the last few months. They will be collected next week and sent off and made into calendars, diaries, tote bags and towels to name a few. These will be ready to order next term and we will send you more updates closer to the time. We will also have some samples available to view. These make great presents, and the students love seeing their work come to life. Watch this space.

Disco dates for your diary

This year our disco will be held on Friday the 24th of November. Ticket, food and drink sales will open on QKR! at the beginning of Term 4 so keep your eye on the P&C Facebook page and Connect for more details.

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Community News

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MESSAGE FROM THE MOUNT LAWLEY DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

The Mount Lawley Dental Therapy Centre will be closed during the

September/October School holidays

Monday 25th - Thursday 28th September 2023

Emergency only dental treatment is available during this time at the following centres

Tuart Hill Dental Therapy Centre ph: 9344 1585 Tues 26^{th} – Thurs 28^{th} Sept 2023

Roseworth Dental Therapy Centre ph: 9342 4657 Tues 26^{th} – Fri 29^{th} Sept 2023

Ballajura Dental Therapy Centre ph: 9249 3812 Tues 26^{th} – Thurs 28^{th} Sept 2023

If any after hour emergencies arise and treatment is required, please contact the Emergency Service ph:

1800 098 818, The Perth Children's hospital (PCH) or your Private Practitioner.



ONLINE ORDERING STILL OPEN!



You can still order school photos online! head to **kapture.com.au** with your **school code** & **student ID** to place your order.











Do you have a student interested in applying to a Gifted and Talented Program for Secondary Education?

We would love to invite you to our next **Gifted and Talented Information Session on Thursday 9 November, 6pm-8pm at Governor Stirling SHS.**Hosted by the Department of Education, you'll be able to have one-on-one chats with a Gifted and Talented representative, learn more about the Gifted and talented programs on offer, school selections and admission requirements.

Reserve your place now by registering today https://www.trybooking.com/CLFET
Or call 6274 0300.

What are Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs?

There are programs that provide challenging and highly motivating learning opportunities to students with exceptional academic capacity or creative talent.

Offered at 18 select public secondary schools, your child will be taught by experienced teachers with specialist knowledge who will develop their talents and help them reach their full potential.

Your child will study with other gifted students and follow a curriculum designed specifically for their needs. They will enjoy a rich learning environment that is challenging and stimulating.

Applications OPEN soon for entry in 2025

To enroll into a Secondary Selective Entrance Academic, Arts and Languages Programs in Year 7, 9, 10 and 11 for 2025 Visit www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented to explore the Gifted and Talented courses.



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Upcoming Events

Monday, 18 September | Interschool jumps, distance throws and long distance events

Wednesday, 20 September | Interschool Athletics carnival

Friday, 22 September | JA3 and JB5 Assembly

Friday, 22 September | End of Term 3

Wednesday, 11 October | Term 4 commences

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



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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