



Newsletter

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Message from the Principal



Hello once again. Week 7 already-where has the time gone?

The last two weeks students from Years 1-7 have been attending swimming lessons at Bayswater Waves. These will culminate with a swimming carnival at Bayswater Waves on Thursday morning March 24 at 9:15am for children in Years 4 to 7 who have attended swimming lessons. Parents are most welcome to attend. Students will return to school for lunch and the afternoon.

Keep April 1 free for a special assembly. I cannot announce details at the moment, but we will be having some very special guests attend as well as our usual awards of Academic Excellence sponsored by Mr Peter Tzotzis from Harcourt Integrity Maylands and the Science Excellence award sponsored by Aussie Homeloans.

Next Tuesday our school will celebrate Harmony Day. We have wonderful cultural diversity in our school characterised by 26% of our students being born outside Australia in one of 36 different countries and 7% of our students being Aboriginal. While we embrace this diversity at Maylands Peninsula every day, we will take time to celebrate it on Harmony Day. We will begin with a short assembly **on Monday** where students can come along dressed in their national dress. If they do not wish to do this, they are encouraged to wear something with orange in it- the colour representing Harmony Day. On Tuesday afternoon at 2:00pm all students from Pre Primary to Year 7 will move onto Gibbney Reserve to fly kites together. It should be a magnificent sight. Come a little earlier when you pick your children up and maybe you can give them a helping hand.

We held a meeting for parents of Year 5&6 students earlier this week to ascertain the amount of interest in a Year 6&7 six day tour of Canberra in 2012. We will need a minimum of 30 students attending to make the tour viable. We took a group across last year and it was one of the best educational experiences for students. We have deliberately set a long lead time for the tour so that we can engage in some fundraising to reduce the cost of the tour. We also break the cost up into small payments over the next eighteen months. Last year we raised over \$8 000 through fundraising efforts to offset the costs. The tour eventually cost \$700 which included airfares, all accommodation costs, all meals, entry to all venues and all snow gear for the day in the snowfields at Mount Selwyn.

Just one more reminder about parking. Please be very careful when you drop off or pick up your child. Some people are putting children at serious risk with their driving practices each day. We need to keep our children safe. Please drive with care and only park in the designated parking areas. As we have some parents with ACROD parking stickers it is essential disabled bays are not used by others.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend.

STEVEN SALAMON

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.

Coming Events

Monday 21 March	School Board Meeting 4pm
Tuesday March 22	Harmony Day
Thursday March 24	First Day Banking Day
Friday March 25	Year 5/6 Assembly
Friday April 1	Special Assembly
Wednesday April 6	P&C AGM Meeting Staffroom at 7pm



You Can Schools Program



Would you like to help young Australians survive Cancer and contribute to a greener planet and assist Maylands Peninsula Primary gain valuable educational resources?

Sony Foundation and CanTeen have joined forces to help young Australians survive cancer through their 'You Can' fundraising campaign. The 'You Can' Program encourages you to donate your old mobile phones which will be recycled to raise much needed funds to build youth cancer centres across the country. For all the mobile phones you donate we as a school will be rewarded with educational tools such as interactive whiteboards, laptops and video cameras.

For every **65** phones that are donated we receive a **14.1 Mega Pixel 4x Optical Zoom Camera**.

For every **150** phones that are donated we receive a **80GB SD HDD Handycam**.

For every **325** phones donated we would receive a **15.5 inch VAIO Notebook**. The list goes on and on! So over the weekend try to find all your old mobile phones and come drop them off in the bright yellow box up at the office and help the Canteen Organisation as well as Maylands Peninsula Primary.



Chaplains Chat

I have just come back after a week away at the Youth Care Annual Conference, and am happy to be back at school this week! Chaplains from around the state converged upon the Sheraton Hotel (now the Pan Pacific) for three days, where we attended mental health PD's, and had the pleasure of enjoying several great guest speakers. I have come back a refreshed and slightly wiser chaplain!

I am pleased to announce that we have secured Food Bank funding for our Breakfast Club, which is fantastic news! We were fast approaching the last of our Woolworths Healthy Eating Grant, and the program is now secure. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Food Bank, as well as all the parents, staff and volunteers who have helped out with breakfasts. We can now move confidently toward an even better Breakfast Club for 2011!

Maylands Coffee Connection had its first run last week, and was enjoyed by several mums and bubs! We hope to see you there over the coming weeks.

It will be held every fortnight after Assembly in the demountable classroom. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Children welcome.

Next week is Harmony Week. We have a few activities organised, one of which will be held on Tuesday on the school oval. Kites have been ordered for each child in the school, and as a school we will all have a wonderful time flying the kites together!

The message of the activity is for the children to experience the spirit of ACCEPTANCE, TOLERANCE AND TOGETHERNESS which Harmony Week is all about.

Finally, after the utter shock and devastation Japan is currently experiencing, let us encourage each other to be ever grateful for every day that we have. It is during these times that we see the worst and the best of humanity, and I know we will all do everything we can to assist Japan in their hour of need. May I encourage you to give generously to the appeals that have been set up.

Thought for the week:

Have a great weekend,

Warmly,

Merryl Custers

"There is no man living who isn't capable of doing more than he thinks he can do." -- HENRY FORD

NOODLERS

Noodler Winners from 4 March will be published in the next Newsletter on 1 April 2011 with new Noodler Problems.



Peter Tzotzis Ph: 0407 199 669 / 9473 4888



A bike has been left at the school since December of 2010. If the bike belongs to you please come to the office as soon as possible.



Australian Red Cross
THE POWER OF HUMANITY

KARMA MACHINE

The boxes are here and they are Hungry!!

Thankyou to everyone who has donated to the Red Cross boxes with old clothes and shoes. We still need more! Please if you find any clothes that you can donate the boxes are located near the library and remember you will reap the Karma Rewards.



School Banking Update



The first school banking day will be **Thursday 24th March at 8.15am-8.30am in the Library.**

So far there are 31 children that have signed up and completed the paperwork to commence banking at school.

For those children who already have accounts with the Commonwealth Bank, you can bring your yellow deposit books with any deposits to school on school banking day.

For those who expressed interest but have not returned the paperwork please note that you can return the **completed** paperwork to the School Banking Box in the front office at any time. To complete the application form you have 2 options:-

- 1) If you have an account with the Commonwealth Bank you just have to indicate this and put in your account number.
- 2) If you do not have an account with the Commonwealth Bank you need to be identified by completing the identification section in the application form. This includes you being identified by an appropriate person (listed in the paperwork.)

It takes about 2 weeks from completion of the paperwork until your child/children will receive their deposit books and then be able to begin school banking.

For those who did not show interest but would now like an application form to start school banking, please just write your name and class number on a piece of paper, drop it in the banking box and we will get an application pack to you.

Please note:- In order to be in the running for one of the two \$50.00 Saver Accounts you must have made one deposit at school banking before the end of Term One!

Fiona Hornung and Sandy Catlin
School Banking Coordinators
Maylands Peninsula Primary School



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Please detach and return to classroom/office

I have read and understand the information in this newsletter .

Student's Name _____ Form _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Parent/Caregiver

P&C News



One of the main roles of the P&C is fundraising to provide extra equipment for the school. This year we are aiming to provide new audio equipment and whiteboards for the school as well as air-conditioning units in the new building.

More information about our goals will be coming in future newsletters but for now, we are launching our first fundraiser for the year – Soap Inspirations. Look out for a letter and order form with today's newsletter, just in time to order some indulgent skin care products for Mother's Day.

Community News

Environment House

Are starting up pre-schooler's gardening classes to be run by Bonnie Wykman. Fees are \$7 per child and adults are **Free**. Kids from 18 months to 5 years are welcome. For more information contact **Brenda** on **9271 4488**

Curtin School Holiday Program

Curtain Stadium is pleased to announce the return of the Curtin School Holiday program. The program starts on **Wednesday 20 April** and sports like **Badminton, Netball, Soccer, Aussie Rules** and **Novelty games**. For more information please contact **Lee** on **9266 3363**.

Old Perth Road Markets Bassendean

Invite performers of all ages to take part in its monthly 'Community Stage'. Come showcase your talents of singing, music, drama, poetry, comedy, magic, storytelling-anything of a community friendly content, the choice is yours.

For more information email www.oldperthroadmarkets.com.au

Tiny Tots Tennis & Mega Tennis

Weekly classes/Holiday programmes/Birthday Parties and Tennis leagues. Ring Now for a Free Trial Lesson!

Visit the website:tinytotstenniswa.com.au or call **9471 8491**

Cartoon Camps

Cartoon camps are back! For further information contact **1800 768 636**. Pamphlets are available in the school office.

Northbridge Dance Festival

This is a **FREE** event held at the Piazza Northbridge Corner of James and Lake Street.

Friday 18 March: 5pm to 6:30pm

Saturday 19 March: 11am to 4:30pm

Sunday 20 March: 10:45am to 5pm

NEXT P&C DATES

**AGM Meeting:
Wednesday
April 6 at 7pm**

**Fundraising:
Tuesday April 12
at 7pm**

All Welcome

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Messages can be left in the classroom canteen basket for the Canteen Organiser or the P&C. The P&C President Cheryl Hamilton's direct email is:
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More information on the P&C and community events has been placed on the noticeboard in the window of the library.