



Message from the Principal



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 12 December

Reports go home with students

Provisional Class Lists go up

Wednesday 14 December

Last day for students
School Holidays Start

Wednesday 25 January 2012

Office Staff Return
Woodridge's Stationary
Pick up 9am-11am
In the **Library**
**Wednesday 1
February 2012**
Students Return

Hello everyone.

Congratulations to Pre-primary One students and staff who presented today's assembly. You did an excellent job of introducing our special guest and presenters. What clear and confident speakers they are!

We have just returned this week from the Year Seven camp to Bridgetown. Students participated in activities such as canoeing, mountain bike riding through the bush at Donnelly River, team building activities on the challenge course at the Bridgetown Camp School and a music workshop involving beat-box and drumming. Year sevens, you were absolutely outstanding both in your behaviour, but especially in the way you had a real go at all of the requirements during the week. I am very impressed. If you take that attitude to high school in 2012 you will enjoy considerable success.

Congratulations also go to the following people who have won individual awards:

- * Julian Jeakings and Trent Young have been accepted into the Darling Range Sports College. There were over 200 students who applied for entry, so this is a great result for the boys.
- * Alexandru Manescu who achieved the highest score in Western Australia in the Science testing for the University of New South Wales 2011 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). He will be presented with a medallion at a special ceremony next Monday afternoon.

Don't forget our Christmas Sing-along evening next Friday Night. It is a fabulous night with the students entertaining us with the songs they have learned under Mr Turner's tutelage, the choir presenting some of their material and recorder recitals from our very talented students who have participated in Ms Laura Peden's Head Start program.

As this will be the last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank all of our staff for the outstanding job you have done once again, willingly taking on those things that make such a difference. Your expertise, efforts and your boundless energy is acknowledged and appreciated.

Lastly of course thank you to you, the parents of our students who are always supportive and positive about the school and in your interactions with staff and the administration. The fact that you are positive and supportive of the school is reflected in your children's positive behaviours and attitudes towards schooling and ultimately in their overall performance.

I wish you all a safe and happy festive season.

STEVEN SALAMON
PRINCIPAL



Academic Excellence Award



Peter Tzotzis Ph:9473 4888



Emma Nolan Year 4 SI

For always producing work of an exceptional standard. Emma is a perfect student.

Science Excellence Award



Summer Hicks-Aussie Broker
9267 4444 or 0407 667 678



Sophie Gerus Year 2 M2

Sophie has the ability to identify variables and provide reasons for what makes a fair test. She takes great care to make clear and accurate observations and her written work is of a high standard.

Schools that become a battleground between parents and teachers lay to waste the potential of children. Peace is not achieved when one side gives up. Peace comes when both sides have the courage and determination to reach a workable compromise.

Wilson McCaskill,

The Game Factory.



Interschool Games Day



Children from Years 6 and 7 had a very successful day at our first Interschool Summer Games Carnival on Friday 18 November.

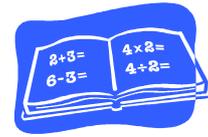
We played cricket, volleyball, tee ball and soft ball against Eden Hill, Bayswater and Bassendean Primary Schools. Our volleyball team won all their games and won the shield. All the other teams lost only one match each.

This resulted in Maylands Peninsula being the overall winners of the carnival.

Congratulations to everyone. Thankyou to Mr Sollis, Mrs Threlfall and Mr Jones for helping Mrs Trend coach the teams.



NOODLER Questions Return 2012



Noodler Solutions from last week

Pre-Primary/Year 1 Winner: No Winner Answer: 4 Balloons

Year 2/3 Winner: Olivia Mesndoza M5 Answer: He would need \$65 more.

Year 4/5 Winner: Mohamed Jassir S1 Answer: Mass of the parcel was 8.5 kg .

Year 6/7 Winner: Zachary Mac Gregor S4 Answer: The temperature would be 21 degrees.



Canberra Tour Fundraising Disco



A great time was had by all at our latest disco, run by our fundraising parents. We had much better weather than we experienced for our Funky Hair Friday disco! Tasty pizzas filled the tummies of our hungry dancers.



Head Start Music



Head Start Music is now accepting Expression of Interest applications for recorder lessons in 2012.

All students who wish to enrol in 2012 need to fill out and return a yellow Expression of Interest form available from the classroom teacher and the school office. No payment is required until February 2012. Make sure you enter the competition on the back of the form for your chance to win a recorder and music book.



Starlight Foundation



Every year Kindy supports the Starlight Foundation. A very worthy cause that supports children with life threatening illness. If you would like to make a gold coin donation and receive a personalised Xmas bauble then please come to Kindy A during lunch or before or after school. In the spirit of giving please consider making a donation.

Mrs Collins
Kindy A /B Teacher



Report on "Parent Survey"



The Parent Survey (Early Childhood and Primary) carried out earlier this term has been analysed and individual teachers provided with feedback about parents' comments. 232 responses to the Parent Survey were received, representing a 57% return rate. Individual parents who indicated that they would like to be contacted to elaborate on their statements, have been, I would like to take the opportunity to respond to a couple of comments frequently made by parents.

Many parents indicated that they were concerned by the lack of homework their child received. This remark was most prevalent amongst parents of children in upper primary years. Parents may not be aware of our school's Homework Policy which outlines that in the junior years, reading, voluntary projects or activities may be set and in the middle and upper years of primary school, self-planned individual study and revision programs are to be the focus. This includes such activities as reading for enjoyment and practising multiplication tables. Teachers are very aware of impinging on time for family, recreational and cultural pursuits and the dependence on parental assistance that homework set for 'homework's sake' demands.

Another common remark related to bullying. At MPPS we have a zero tolerance of bullying behaviour and all reported incidents are treated seriously. Your child's sense of belonging and safety are very important. We can not however, act on incidents that we are not made aware of. Please encourage your child to report situations in which they do not feel comfortable as soon as they happen, whether that is to their class teacher, specialist teacher or the teacher on duty. A number of parents indicated on their surveys that they have been very pleased with the mediation processes teachers and the administration team have put in place to deal with misunderstandings/issues between their child and others. At the beginning of 2012 a revised copy of the school's Bullying Policy will be sent home to all parents. Please take the time to read this document and discuss with your child/ren the nature of bullying and what they can do when they see or hear bullying happening or experience it themselves.

We are aware that as our school enrolments grow, so does the length of time our assemblies are taking. They are a very important part of our fortnightly timetable, providing the school community the opportunity to share and celebrate the successes of each other. As of next year we will be implementing a number of initiatives designed to streamline the assembly agenda and reduce the time they take.

Overwhelmingly, 97% of returns indicated that parents had found their child's teacher and/or education assistant to be friendly and approachable.

The table below reflect the responses to the last question on the survey:

Overall, I feel the quality of my child's 2011 education year was:

Excellent	48%
Good	48%
Average	3%
Could have been improved	1%
Very poor	0%



Thank you once again for your participation.

Narelle Alver

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Mt. Lawley Dental Therapy Centre

The dental centre will be closed for the School Holidays (From Mon December 19 to January 27 2012) If your child requires emergency treatment please contact **Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre on 9313 0555**. Should an emergency arise outside these times please contact your local dental practitioner or Oral Health Centre of W.A on **9346 4400** (eligibility criteria apply). **The Mt.Lawlwy Dental Therapy Centre will reopen on Monday 30 January 2012**

Contacts for the

P&C:

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Email:canteen@mpps.wa.edu.au

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: gcham@inet.net.au.

Carols by Candlelight

Saturday, 17 December 2011

Halliday Park, Coode Street, Bayswater (Parking from Drake Street)

Children's

Entertainment

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Carols Starting: 7:00pm

More information on the P&C and community events has been placed on the noticeboard in the window of the library.

