



# Newsletter

## Independent Public School

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### 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.

## Message from the Principal



As I have mentioned previously, we are a member of the Morley/Mt Lawley Network of schools. This network consists of 20 schools that will work together to improve the quality of education available to their students.

The primary focus of our network at this time is to ensure the effective implementation of the Australian curriculum by developing teacher expertise and understanding. To this end, some 70 teachers from across the network schools participated in professional learning on Wednesday. This included four teachers from our school. These four people have agreed to undertake a leadership role within the school to assist all staff to effectively meet the requirements of the new curriculum.

My thanks go to Dale Nixon (Mathematics), Melissa Peden (Science), Nicole Sloan (English) and Jodie Threlfall (History) for taking on this additional commitment.

We receive many requests from community organisations to advertise in our newsletter. Due to the large numbers of such requests, it is not always possible to fit them in. However, all such requests are displayed on the community notice board next to the uniform store. If you are looking for a sporting club for your child to join, I recommend that you check on the board as a starting point.

One important notice on there at the moment concerns the Western Australian Government's Sport4All initiative that in part provides a \$200 subsidy for children who cannot afford to join a club. The subsidy (in the form of vouchers), goes directly to the sport or recreation club. Further information can be gained from [www.clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/sport4all](http://www.clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/sport4all).

Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are currently working hard to prepare for NAPLAN testing early next term. The primary purpose of this is to familiarise students (particularly Year 3) with the test formats and to expose them to the time required to complete each test. Additionally, students are given opportunities to practice the persuasive writing form required in the writing assessment.

Just a reminder to you that on Tuesday February 28 from 6:30-7:30pm you have the opportunity to attend our parent evening where teachers (Kindergarten to Year 7) will talk about what is happening in their individual classrooms this year and answer any questions you may have.

The Canberra History and Politics Tour fundraising group will be at the Morley Bunnings store all day tomorrow selling sausages in a bun. If you are in the area please drop in and support us with a purchase.

Can I end with a reminder that school commences at 8:45 am and that it is important that your child is at school at least by that time so that they are ready to commence the school day and more importantly do not disrupt the learning program in the classroom because they arrive late. Your support in this is appreciated.

**STEVEN SALAMON**  
PRINCIPAL

## Coming Events

### Saturday 18 February

Canberra Fundraising  
Sausage Sizzle Bunnings  
Morley All day

### Friday 24 February

Assembly EC4 Year 6/7  
Parent Information  
Books go home.

### Wednesday 22 February

P&C Fundraising  
Meeting 7pm Staffroom

### Tuesday 28

### February

Parent Information  
Evening 6.30pm-7.30pm

### Monday 5 March

Labour Day Holiday  
No School

# Regular Attendance at School

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to your child's learning. Consistent attendance and participation are essential for your child's social and academic learning.

As parents or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the School Education Act 1999 to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child's achievement and learning by making regular school attendance a priority in your child's life.

The Department of Education's Student Attendance policy requires parents/guardians to provide an acceptable explanation to the school for any absence of their children. This can be done by either providing a note to the teacher or by sending an sms to the school.

Principals must authorise all absences. The Act defines health, religious and cultural observances as reasonable cause for a school absence and the absence would be recorded as "authorised" by the principal.

As the parent/guardian you must obtain the principal's approval for any **planned** absence.

*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  
- By Wisdom not  
by Force*



## Library Snippet



Wow what a huge start to the new school year, so many new names and faces to remember.

Book club has been great, I estimate over \$150.00 has been raised towards school resources in this one edition.

With all the tasks necessary to get the library functioning each year my shelving is falling a little behind. Is there anyone out there who could spare an hour or so each week to help shelve the books and tidy up the shelves? I would be very grateful if there is. Please come and see me any time on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

We will soon be putting up the Harmony week displays in the library to replace the renewable energy display. Feel free to come and browse at any time.

Happy reading

Carol Abell - Library Officer



# Sean Choolburra Visit

## Sean Choolburra

He made a fire out of sticks, dry grass and leaves. Sean also showed us a dance and was really funny.

Sean told us about how his mum made him do chores instead of going to the blue light disco. I definitely want to have that experience again.

Bastian Tovey Year 3 M5



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



# West Coast Eagles Visit

On Wednesday we had a visit from Tom Roach and Rick the Rock. Tom spoke to students about the importance of playing sport and 5 values the Eagles promote within the club and the community. The values were respect for self, respect for others, respect for the environment, reaching out to your community and reaching your potential. Rick the Rock then joined Tom and showed everyone how important reading is. He also tried to show how strong he was by challenging two students to an arm wrestle. Eric managed to beat Rick but Salwa was not quite able to do it. They left us a football signed by the forty 2012 players, some stickers, an activity book and some interactive CDs.

The Eagles will return next week and work with a couple of lucky classes demonstrating the importance of reading.



## P&C News



Entertainment Books are coming back! The new Entertainment Book will be out in May you can get yours from the P&C and help support your school.

Soap Inspirations are too! Just in time for Mother's Day, our luxurious soap fundraiser will be on again.

### NEXT P&C DATES

**Fundraising:**  
Wednesday 22  
February 7pm  
Staffroom

**P&C AGM**  
Wednesday 7  
March

All Welcome

### Contacts for the

**P&C:**  
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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: [gcham@iinet.net.au](mailto:gcham@iinet.net.au).

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