



Newsletter

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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.

School re-structure

As mentioned in the first school newsletter of the year, there always remains uncertainty at the beginning of the school year when it comes to enrolments and departures and the impact this has on class structures. System wide, there has been unprecedented demand for places in schools. This year, along with many other schools across the state, our enrolments have steadily increased to the point that some classes are bulging at the seams with children, particularly in the Year 3 and Year 4 area.

Having completed the school census last Friday, I am now awaiting confirmation from Schools Resourcing regarding our staffing budget. Nevertheless, the Leadership Team is now in discussion with Regional Office regarding the creation of an additional class in the Year 3/Year 4 area to reduce class sizes to a more acceptable number. This process may take some time to work through the range of issues that come with the creation of additional classes after the commencement of the school year.

At this stage, classes from Pre Primary - Year 2 and from Year 5 - Year 7 will not be affected by this re-structure. Whilst I am aware of the angst such a decision may cause, I can assure the school community that any actions that will result from this re-structure will be made with the students' best interests at heart and any disruption to operations will be kept to an absolute minimum. Furthermore, it is hoped that by creating the extra class, and reducing class sizes significantly in this area, that any additional enrolments that occur throughout the year will be able to be absorbed within the new classroom arrangements.

I shall keep the school community informed via a letter sent home during next week once all the details have been finalised. Whilst I understand that a re-structure five weeks into the school year is not desirable, it is a decision that needs to be made nonetheless in the best interests of the students and school as a whole. I appreciate your understanding on this matter.

Meet the Teacher nights- 19 and 20 February

Thank you very much to all parents/carers who turned up earlier this week to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' nights. As stated in the first newsletter of the year, we know that learning and teaching is most effective when students, parents/carers and staff work together in partnership to meet the needs of each individual child. It was good to see such a great turnout. I would again remind all parents/carers that if you have any questions regarding your child/ren, please feel free to make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher directly or through the school office. If any parents/carers were unable to make the meetings, please feel free to make an alternative time to meet with your child's classroom teacher.

Coming Events

1 March

Y 6/7 S2 Assembly

4 March

Labour Day Holiday

6 March

P & C Meeting 7pm
Staffroom

9 March

WA Election Day
Sausage Sizzle

PAUL ANDRIJICH
PRINCIPAL

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.
Wilson McCaskill
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Easter Tuesday- Tuesday, 2 April

There has been some conjecture in the school community regarding whether Tuesday, 2 April (Easter Tuesday) is a public holiday. Easter Tuesday is **not** a gazetted public holiday, however, for whatever reason; this is not a gazetted school day. As a result, the school will be closed for business. So please do not turn up on Tuesday, 2 April as no one will be here.



Kelvin Street Parking

I made mention at the school assembly my concerns regarding children crossing behind vehicles exiting the angled parking bays along Kelvin Street. Many parents have reported to me the many near misses they have observed when bringing children to school. I would urge all members of the school community to take extra care when backing out as small children can be difficult to see in the rear vision mirror, particularly in angled parking bays as they may not appear in vision until the very last moment. Furthermore, I have observed many parents dropping children off along Kelvin Street on the opposite side of the school site. The children then proceed to cross the road into the incoming path of a cars moving up and down the street. The safest option is to actually enter Kelvin Street from the Mephan Street end of the school and drop the children off at the 'Drop and Go' zone outside the school office. This way all students alight from the vehicle on the 'safe' side of the road. I would also ask that all parents/carers and students who walk to school to use the designated crossing points along Kelvin Street as these are the safest places to cross the road. Thank you for your understanding.



S1 Assembly

Thanks to Ms Turvey's Year 7 class for hosting the first assembly of term. I really enjoyed the performance of 'Disco Cinderella'. The costuming was fantastic and the children spoke with confidence and clarity. It is always hard being the 'first cab off the rank', but they did an outstanding job. I was also impressed by the large turnout of parents/carers who came to the assembly to watch the performance or to acknowledge our Merit Award winners. I look forward to Ms Wong's S2 assembly next Friday morning. Come one, come all.

Community Survey

As part of the process about seeking feedback from the school community about various aspects of the school and its operation, an on-line School Community Survey for parents/carers is now available. The survey consists of 41 'quick fire' questions and takes about 5 minutes to complete and information is totally confidential. Please take the time to 'log on' and have your say as this information is valuable for planning purposes. The survey will be open until **Friday, 8 March**. The survey can be accessed by parents/carers by visiting <http://apps.det.wa.edu.au/dest/38272> Alternatively visit <http://apps.det.wa.edu.au/dest/> and enter the survey ID **38272**

If families would prefer to have a hard copy of the survey, please make contact with the office. I will table the results of the survey to the P&C and the School Board once the school Leadership Team and staff have had an opportunity to reflect on the responses.

End of Year Book Award 2012

Apologies to Trinh Family. Jasmin Trinh was not mentioned in the last newsletter of 2012. She received the Book Award for Year 3 M5.



Woolworths Earn and Learn Program 2012

Last year our school took part in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program where parents put their receipts in a box after shopping at Woolworths. We earned 16 310 points.



With these points the school purchased a Unifix Super Kit for the Junior Learning Area, 60 calculators (30 for JALA and 30 for SLA), a super sorting set, 2 sets of 1000 counters, 100 jumbo dice, a Zoob construction set and Mobilo giant set. The last five items going to JBLA. A huge thank you to Woolworths and all parents who contributed to this program last year. You have helped us resource our school so the students get the best education we can provide.

Support a Reader volunteers—Our students need you!

We are looking for parents, carers, grandparents or friends who love reading. We need you to help us help our students who find it difficult to read fluently. If you would like to work with the students one on one for about 2 hours a week, we would love to train you and get you started. Leave your name and contact details at the front office and when we get a group, I will run a quick session on how to tutor our students in the same way as our regular Support a Reader volunteers. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Rosemary Johnson—Support a Reader (SAR) co-ordinator.



Library Snippet

Welcome back one and all and a big welcome to our new families. As you will be aware there will be no library borrowing for the first few weeks of this term, due to the fact we are using it as a classroom. As soon as Yr.6 has a new habitable home borrowing will commence.

Please make sure your child, whatever grade, has a library bag. This is essential as so many children carry frozen drink bottles in their bag and the condensation from these bottles wrecks the books it comes in contact with.

Volunteers to shelve books/stamp books/ cover them are always very welcome. I look forward to catching up with last years merry band of coverers. There is already some to be going on with.

Please feel free to have a browse around the library when you come to collect your child, I am here Monday, Wednesday and Friday and would love to meet you and answer any questions you may have regarding our library procedures.

Happy reading

Carol Abell

Library Officer.

Is your child starting Kindy in 2014?

Have you started to get them ready for school?
Maylands Peninsula Primary School

is offering a 3 year old program where you and your child can come along and:

- Meet other similar aged children
- Become familiar with Kindy classrooms and routines
- Develop healthy eating habits ready for school lunches
- Meet staff who may have your child in 2014
- Meet and talk to other parents
- Hear from health care providers to help you prepare your child for Kindy
- Develop skills to help your child get ready for reading
- Enjoy quality time with your child as you help them to learn

YOU need to commit to an hour every Tuesday morning with your child.

Register your interest at the school office by completing an application for Kindy 2014.
You will then be contacted regarding the 3 year old program.

Numbers are limited to 15 per group. Priority is given to students in our catchment area.

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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

Congratulations

Well done Mia Tesanovic she is going to Melbourne in October this year to compete in the School Age Championship Wrestling. She won the 2011 gold medal for the National Wrestling Championship in Canberra.



School Calendar

The Term One School Calendar will be updated on the school website in the coming week. Parents/carers will be able to see when each event is taking place plus be given a brief explanation about times/venues when applicable. Thanks to Rosemary Lynch for making all the necessary arrangements.



**Year 7,SI Assembly
Friday 15 February 2013**

P&C News

School Banking

Well done to the 37 children who came to commence School banking. Paper work has been sent to all Pre Primary students to start up your banking. School banking is open on Thursday 8.15—8.30am in the school library. Come along and check out the great new rewards.

Fiona Hornung.



Community News

John Forrest Scondary College—Specialist Program

Tennis Trial Day at John Forrest S.C. on Monday 15 April, applications accepted from Year 5, 6 and 7 students

Cricket Trial Day at the WACA on Monday 15 April, applications accepted from Year 5, 6 and 7 students.

For more details please contact Lynn McPherson on 9473 4035.

Perth College Open Day 2013

Perth College Open Day is on Monday 4 March 2013 at 10.00am to 2.00pm at Perth College, 31 Lawley Crescent, Mount Lawley. Parking will be available on the School oval, off Beaufort Street.

Moort Warring Mart - Aboriginal Grandparent & Family Support Playgroup

Thursday's 10.00am—12.00pm
Womens' Health & Family Service
227 Newcastle Street
Northbridge
Telephone 6330 5300

NEXT P&C DATES

P&C:
6 March 7pm
Staffroom

AGM Meeting
10 April 7pm
Staffroom

All Welcome

Contacts for the

P&C:
Email:
pac@mpps.wa.edu.au
CANTEEN:
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 Shauna Weeks is available on 0402 525 242

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