

Maylands Peninsula
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

Monday, 27 May
School Board meeting

Friday, 31 May
Year 4 (M1) Assembly

Monday, 3 June
WA Day public holiday

Tuesday, 4 June-Friday, 14 June
In-term Swimming commences

Wednesday, 19 June
Lap-a-thon

Friday, 21 June
Year 3 (M4) Assembly



Sometimes, the benefit of a dent in self-esteem is an improvement in character.
Wilson McCaskill
By Wisdom not by Force

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Principal's Message

Welcome to our new newsletter format, as discussed in the flier that went home yesterday, we are trialling a new software package that will change the way our newsletter is made available to the school community. The new web-based format will allow enable parents/carers to access the newsletter directly from your smartphone, tablet device, laptop or home workstation without the need to navigate to the school website to open the newsletter document itself.

This new newsletter format will provide the opportunity to add in additional photos of school activities, such as assemblies, sporting and fundraising events, and provide direct links to our school website for term planners, canteen menus and Uniform Shop information when applicable. The new format will also allow the school to provide hyperlinks to other web sites to access additional information that may be relevant to a particular theme or topic.

I'd like to thank the P&C Executive for their support of this new approach, in particular, Mrs Rosemary Lynch who has provided her technical knowledge, expertise and time over the last few weeks in our endeavours to try something different.

I am hopeful that this new approach with our school newsletter will enable greater access and opportunity for our school community.

School Bullying Policy

In recent times, I have been approached by parents/carers about the school's policy and response to issues surrounding bullying. This was also an area of concern expressed in the school community survey.

Unfortunately, incidents of bullying, such as name calling or physical intimidation, have always been part of the school landscape. However, with the ready access to personal technologies (mobile phones, iPads etc) and the advent of social media, such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, the manner in which bullying can manifest itself has become more prevalent in society in general. Furthermore, the reporting of bullying in the mainstream media has further highlighted this complex social issue.

At Maylands Peninsula PS we aim to provide a positive, collaborative and cooperative culture within the school community to cater for the academic and social needs of all learners. Our school Bullying Policy has two main aims:

- To support the victims of bullying, as well as the bully, and help them to avoid and/or deal with the bullying.
- To help young people understand the difference between assertive and aggressive behaviour.

At the classroom level, staff educate our students about what bullying is, and also what it isn't. This is an important step in helping our students recognise of bullying as often every 'bad' thing that happens in the playground is reported back to staff as "... bullied me today". The National Centre Against Bullying defines bullying as:

"When someone or a group of people with more power repeatedly and intentionally causes hurt or harm to another person or group of people who feel helpless to respond. Bullying can continue over time, is often hidden from adults and will probably continue if no action is taken.

Bullying isn't:

- single episodes of social rejection or dislike,
- single episode acts of nastiness or spite,
- random acts of aggression or intimidation, and
- mutual arguments, disagreements or fights.

These actions can cause great distress. However, they're not examples of bullying unless someone is deliberately and repeatedly

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Canteen orders...
Our Online Canteen

Messages for the Canteen or the P&C can be placed in class canteen baskets.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS
To have items included in the newsletter email Stacey Buckley.

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.

examples of bullying unless someone is deliberately and repeatedly doing them to you."

There is a wealth of information available on the school website for parents/carers, staff and students. Please follow the link to the school website at <http://www.mpps.wa.edu.au/view/policies-and-regulations/bullying-policy> to learn more about the strategies that can be employed at school and at home. Furthermore, the National Centre Against Bullying at <http://www.ncab.org.au/> also has some great advice for parents/carers.

Please see your child's classroom teacher or a member of the Leadership Team if you have any questions regarding our response to bullying at school.

School Chaplain

After an exhaustive search, I am pleased to announce that Miss Sylvia Spatara has been appointed by YouthCare as our new school chaplain. Miss Spatara will officially commence work in mid-June, but will be in attendance at our school assembly on Friday, 31 May. On behalf of the school community, I would like to welcome Miss Spatara and wish her well in her endeavours to support the range of pastoral care programmes we have in operation within the school.

Student Update Forms

The office will continue to accept these forms if you have not returned them by the closing date 23 May 2013.

M2's Assembly



Congratulations to Ms Sloan's M2 class for their assembly performance last week. The performance was not only entertaining, but educational as well. I think everyone in the school now knows about the three states of matter and how the particles relate to one another in each state.

Our next class assembly will take place on Friday, 31 May. Ms Manov's M1 class will be our hosts. I look forward to the show.

Aussies of the Month

Khawab Sharma—JA1

Khawab displays leadership by talking calmly to children who need help to follow instructions. He is a leader both in the playground and the classroom



Lidia Company—JB2

Lidia is always helpful and considerate of both her teachers and class members. She is a great role model.

Melin James—M1

Melin is a courteous and kind student who always helps her peers.

William Catlin—S3

Will is an empathetic and caring member of our school community who always considers the feelings of others.

Artist of the Month

Congratulations to the Artist of the Month April Erik Divkovic (JB2)! Erik's collage of an owl will be on display until the end of May in the Art Room window close to the courtyard next to the canteen.

Holly Ridley, Nicholas Winterbourn from JB5 and Stefan Ciutina (JB3) below at work on an edition of relief cardboard prints.



Shane Thompson and Hamish French (M4) below working on their illustration for the book 'Bip - the Snapping Bungaroo'.



In-term Swimming Tuesday, 4 - 14 June

Yesterday afternoon, all families would have received more detailed information regarding the arrangements for In-term swimming. I would encourage all parents/carers to read the information carefully in order to have a thorough understanding of the schedule and arrangements being put in place. A reminder to all parents/carers to forward the money to cover bus hire and pool entry costs to your child's classroom teacher or directly to the office. Furthermore, if any families are experiencing financial hardship, and are unable to meet the payments up front, please feel free to come to the school office to negotiate a payment plan with Ms Madden. Please see your child's classroom teacher or a member of the school Leadership Team if you have questions or concerns.

WA Day- Monday, 3 June

I'd like to remind all members of the school community that the school will be closed on Monday, 3 June for the WA Day public holiday.

Mt. Lawley Dental Therapy

The dental therapy staff will be working a 9 day fortnight for the remainder of 2013. The clinic will be closed on alternate Fridays commencing on Friday 17 May. The dental clinic covering emergencies will be Hillcrest Primary when Mt. Lawley is closed. The phone number for Hillcrest is 9271 7184.

Guildford Grammar School Open Day

Guildford Grammar School is hosting an Open Day for prospective families who wish to come and discover the opportunities available to their sons.

Date: Tuesday 11 June **Time:** 10am - 12.30pm

Where: Foundation Pavilion.

To register your attendance go online to www.ggs.wa.edu.au/Admissions/Open-Days.aspx or contact Tamara Laurito on 9377 9233.

P&C News

Lap-a-thon- Wednesday, 19 June

Ready? Set... Go! It's the Lap-a-thon! With this wintry weather it's time to warm up with a brisk jog in the School Lap-a-thon. Can you meet the challenge and reach the lap target for your age group in the allotted time?

This year the lap-a-thon will take place on Wednesday, 19 June and will include all students from Kindy to Year 7.

This is a great opportunity for the school to raise money to provide our students access to new technologies such as smart boards and tablet computers. There are great prizes to win for the highest fundraisers and for the class that raises the most funds overall.

Sponsorship forms will be coming home next week so gather some donation pledges from friends and family to help us achieve a great result for our school.

It's going to be a fun day. Mark the date in your diary and start training!

The P&C will need a few volunteers on the day to set-up cones for the track plus water stations as well as canteen helpers as it will be a hot dog day. Please email pac@mpps.wa.edu.au or text 0402 525 242 if you are able to help or speak in person to Shauna Weeks, Rosemary Lynch or Andrew York.

Fundraising

Entertainment Books

MPPS P&C would like to thank those that purchased the entertainment books this year. We raised \$741.00. Well done and thank you to Leanne Marchesi for organising this.

Canteen News

Canteen online

Don't forget that the canteen is now online for your convenience. Visit ouronlinecanteen.com.au to register.

Uniform Shop News

You may have noticed some new faces in the uniform shop - that's Peter and Trish who have taken over from Caterina Recichi. Caterina has been a wonderful resource, volunteering her time to support the shop and we thank her for her hard work over the past two years.

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