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Message from the Principal

Walking School Bus update



The Walking School Bus committee met for the first time on Monday of this week to begin the process of developing some procedures and protocols for the day-to-day operation of the Walking School Bus e.g. creating a volunteer roster, identifying possible bus routes and stops, developing communication protocols for child sickness or inclement weather etc. At this early stage, the committee has decided that the Walking School Bus will operate one morning a week, with Monday being the best day, as this is when most volunteers are available to escort children to school. Two potential Walking Bus routes have been identified- one a northern route with the terminus at Donald Square and the other a southern route with the terminus at De Lacy Reserve. Further information will be communicated out to the school community in the coming weeks once all the necessary processes and protocols have been established. I would like to thank those members of the school community who have stepped forward to take this initiative 'On board'- please pardon the pun.

House Crest Competition

29 May

- **P&C Meeting- Wednesday, 3 June**
- **Foodbank 2015 Winter Appeal**
- **Bayswater \$WAP Program for May 2015**
- **University of Western Australia research study- Can you help?**

COMING EVENTS

School Lap-a-thon
Tuesday, 26 May

Year 2 (JB5) Assembly
Friday, 29 May

WA Day public holiday
Monday, 1 June

Year 2 (JB1) Assembly
Friday, 12 June

Make space for stillness and quiet. It's the place in which we learn to listen to ourselves.

Wilson McCaskill - By Wisdom not by Force

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Canteen orders:

Our Online Canteen

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

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.

In 2014, the School Board discussed the prospect of creating House Crests for our four factions as part of the process of building some tradition and history in our school. In the 'old' East Maylands PS days, the four factions were known by different names- Eagles, Olyroos, Blue Jays and Vikings.



Now that the school is well into its twelfth year of operation we will be holding a whole school competition to help select four house crests that best represent our factions- Blue, Red, Green and Gold.

Most people are familiar with house crests- think Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff and Slytherin from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

You may choose to come up with one design only, or you may come up with a family of four designs that are related in some way e.g. redgum, jarrah, karri and marri- native trees in Western Australia.

Maylands is a district rich in history, so you may think of looking into some names that are relevant to the Maylands area, or you may do some research on Noongar names of plants or animals found along the Swan River. The possibilities are endless. Be as creative as you can.

More detailed information about the House Crest competition will be sent home late next week.

Out of School Hours Care (OOSHC) services at Hillcrest Primary School



After-School Care

The lack of Out of School Hours Care (OOSHC) services within the Maylands area has been a cause for concern for many members of our school community for some time.

Whilst the provision of OOSHC is not the domain of the Department of Education, we do have a somewhat vested interest in our desire to accommodate the needs of our school community.

In late March, I was approached by the state manager of the Helping Hands OOSHC Network to discuss the prospect of setting up an OOSHC facility at our school to cater for the demand for before and/or after school care by parents/carers within the Maylands district. For a variety of reasons, this was not a viable option.

However, I was able to put Helping Hands in contact with Mr Bruce Herriman, the principal of the School of Instrumental Music based at

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the old Maylands PS site, to discuss the prospect of using the 'old school' as an alternative venue.

I can now report that from the commencement of summer vacation at the end of this year Helping Hands will be operating out of this venue with a view towards to exclusively servicing the needs of our school community when students return in 2016. In the interim, the management of the Helping Hands OOSHC Network have sought and been granted approval to increase the capacity of the Hillcrest PS site to accommodate the immediate needs of our school community for the remainder of the year. A win-win for all concerned.

WA Day- Monday, 1 June

I'd like to remind all members of the school community that the school will be closed on Monday, 1 June for the WA Day public holiday. Enjoy the extra day as it will be quite a while before the next public holiday comes along in late September.



Other Newsletter Items

JB3 and JB4 Assembly



Well done to Mrs Procter's JB3 and Ms Simcock's JB4 class for their amazing assembly item last week about 'Bucket Fillers' and 'Bucket Dippers'. We all need our buckets filled from time-to-time so it is really important to keep an eye on your friends and classmates to help fill their buckets when they are feeling a little sad. If everyone remembers to fill at least one person's bucket each day, our school and the world in general, would be a much better place. Our next class assembly will take place on Friday, 29 May with Mrs Watt's JB5 class 'up to bat'.

Excellence Awards



Academic Excellence Awards

Ben Hancock - Year 1

Being a studious student who loves a challenge and has recently scored high marks in Maths speed challenge and weekly Spelling test.

Writer of the Month

Somiya Kumar - Year 5

For her superb writing with all components are well-developed through deliberate language choices and logical techniques.

Science Excellence Recipients

Ashton Emmett - Year 6

His enthusiastic approach to all Science enquiries and demonstrating his ability to challenge and test ideas.

Kindy and Pre Primary Applications 2016



Kindergarten & Pre Primary
(Kindergarten are required to re enrol for Pre Primary)

Applications are now available from the school office.

Please lodge your application form at the school office by
Friday, 24 July 2015

Changes to Student details

It is vitally important to inform the school office of changes to contact details e.g. home address, phone numbers, email details, visa changes and emergency contact details. This way our database will always be up to date. Thanks for your support.

Handwriting Stars

In recent days, we have had a number of our senior students up at the office to collect their pen licence as a consequence of our new Handwriting policy that came into effect this year. In order to be issued with a pen licence, students need to consistently demonstrate correct letter formation and joining techniques, fluency and spacing across a range of learning areas. We hope to see many more students up at the office in the coming weeks and months to collect their licence.



School Lap-a-thon- Tuesday, 26 May

It is all systems go for our 'Colour Blast' Lap-a-thon that is taking place next Tuesday. Hopefully everyone has been hard at work gathering donations and pledges and has their 'colours' outfit ready to go. Mr Turner has been hard at work creating the music playlist for the day. Let's hope the weather is kind to us. A note will be sent home Monday afternoon in the event that we need to postpone the Lap-a-thon due to poor weather.

Catchment Day

Earlier this term, a number of our senior students accompanied Ms Turvey and Mr Sollis to Riverside Gardens in Bayswater to



participate in a range of activities conducted by the City of Bayswater in conjunction with the Swan River Trust. A short video was put together featuring some of our students which has just been made available to the school. Click on the following link to access the video at <https://vimeo.com/127032268>

You may be prompted to enter the password: COB on the Vimeo website to access the video. As part of follow up activities, our students will be going down to Eric Singleton Bird Sanctuary on 24 June to participate in some shrub and tree planting activities. Happy viewing.

Creative Play

Safety and Risks

Often in schools we talk about students taking positive risks. Creative Play is a great example of a positive risk. Within the play time, children will experiment with items they are unfamiliar with, creating new uses for objects by “thinking outside the box”. Although children will be supervised, the possibilities are endless. Children will take a positive risk in trying new things, creating a new game, or climbing to a new height. This is the safe environment that children should be taking these risks. They will learn from their mistakes and push themselves to new levels, all while knowing that if they fail at one element in their play they will be able to pursue their idea and build their resilience.

“Play is great for children’s wellbeing and development. When planning and providing play opportunities, the goal is not to eliminate risk, but to weigh up the risks and benefits. No child will learn about risk if they are wrapped in cotton wool.”

The Health and Safety Executive (UK)

The Creative Play Committee will assess all equipment donated and purchased to ensure the item is safe. Furthermore, the equipment will be monitored and checked on a regular basis.

Stay tuned for the next newsletter to find out more about the rules of Creative Play.

(Nature Play WA: Nature Play Spaces in Partnership with Department of Sport and Recreation)

HOT DOG DAY - Tuesday, 26 May

On Tuesday, 26 May the Canteen will be offering a special Hot Dog day menu to coincide with the Lap-a-Thon.



The regular canteen menu will not be available on this day, and the online ordering will be closed.

Hot dogs must be pre-ordered by Monday at the latest as they cannot be purchased on the day.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea- Friday, 29 May



Unfortunately, there are not many families these days that haven’t been touched in some way by the scourge of cancer. As has been the case in previous years, Ms Parcej-Collins will host ‘Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea’ in the central courtyard area, just

prior to and after the JB5 assembly next Friday. Please come along with your loose change to support this most worthwhile cause.

P&C Meeting- Wednesday, 3 June

A reminder that the next P&C meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, 3 June starting at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Please email any agenda items to Stephen Boland at pac@mpps.wa.edu.au for inclusion on the agenda by Monday, 1 June. Thank you.

Foodbank 2015 Winter Appeal

Foodbank WA is again seeking the support of our school community for the 2015 Winter Appeal. Over 3000kg of tinned and packaged food for those in need was collected over the duration of last year's appeal.



The problem of food insecurity and hunger in WA might surprise you. Foodbank WA assists some 55,000 Western Australian's every month, but research shows that at least 16,000 people are left hungry because there is just not enough food in the welfare sector to meet demand. Around 40% are children living in some of the State's lowest income households.

Participating in the School Food Appeal is pretty simple and it's a great way to build community spirit, encourage philanthropy and directly help children, families, seniors and other disadvantaged people doing it tough.

Donation bins will be located in the Wet Area in each block for students to deposit their donations from Monday, 8 June to Friday, 12 June. Healthy winter foods such as soups, canned meals, tuna and other tinned fish and canned fruits and vegetables- basically all non-perishable packaged foods are just some of the items which will be gratefully received. Please help if you can.

Bayswater \$WAP Program for May 2015

The Save Water and Power (\$WAP) program is a sustainable living initiative through Environment House



with funding support from the City of Bayswater. Environment House is a community environment centre with a focus on sustainable living.

During May, City of Bayswater residents can receive free and subsidised eco-hardware to reduce household energy and water consumption. The eco-hardware available includes:

- CFL light globes - FREE
- In-line Flow Controllers - FREE
- Advice from Environment House's Energy Auditor - FREE
- LED night lights - \$1

- Showerheads - \$5
- Weather Strips for draught proofing - \$5
- Power boards - \$10

However, stocks are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

The programme runs for the month of May 2015. The eco-hardware can be collected from Environment House on Saturday and Wednesday mornings during May from 9am to 12 noon. Residents must prove their eligibility by bringing their driver's licence or a bill with their name and address on it.

Free sustainability advice

Energy and water auditor Alan Benn will give advice on installing CFL light globes, LED night lights, water saving shower heads, inline flow controllers for showers, and weather strips to draught proof doors and windows.

For more information, contact Environment House:

125 King William St Bayswater

(Last house on the left before the river and close to the Eric Singleton Bird Sanctuary)

Website: www.envirohouse.org.au

Phone: 9271 4488

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University of Western Australia research study- Can you help?



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Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents/carers with children or teens

between the ages of 8 and 16 to conduct an online survey about the influence of parenting with respects to the development of personality traits.

The survey can be done over the internet from home, and it takes about twenty minutes. Parents are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty \$50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer.

To participate go to: www.tinyurl.com/SSBParents For more information please contact Kate Derry at 0411 811 212.

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