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Week 9, Term 2, 19 June 2015

Message from the Principal

JB2 'comes to life'

Late last week, the Leadership Team met with parents/carers of Year 1 students to discuss the creation of an additional Year 1 class- JB2- and the arrangements for transitioning students into the new classroom with their teacher- Ms Michelle Martyn.

As part of this transition plan, Ms Martyn has been working across the JA classrooms to begin meeting with the students that will be going into her class during the last week of term. Furthermore, Mrs Alver and Mrs Johnson have now made contact with the parents/carers of students that have been identified as suitable candidates for the new class and the list is now finalised.

I would like to thank all Year 1 parents/carers for their patience and understanding as we have been working through this process, particularly those who have been directly affected by the creation of the new class. Fingers crossed, we will have enough space to cater for any additional Year 1 enrolments throughout the remainder of the year.

As a consequence of Ms Martyn moving in to JB2, Mrs Sharon Hill will now be working across Kindy A/B every Wednesday and in Pre Primary 1 each Monday to take over from Ms Martyn.

After school supervision

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COMING EVENTS

NAIDOC Week celebrations commence at school - Monday, 22 June onwards

Year 5 (S3) Assembly - Friday, 26 June

Wesley College indigenous dance group performs - Monday, 29 June

Semester One Reports go home - Monday, 29 June

End of Term Two - Friday, 3 July

Term Three commences (students) - Tuesday, 21 July

I suspect too many children see too many parents behaving like

As mentioned at last week's assembly, I have had cause to speak to several children over the last month or so regarding incidents surrounding after school play. In each instance, when I asked the children who was supervising their play, the answer was along the lines of 'Mum/Dad is here, but they are over at the playground talking to Paul's mum.' In other words, they are at school, but not in a position to provide supervision.

The after school rule is a simple one. It is the same message that you see all around the pool deck at Bayswater Waves or any other council pool. Who is watching your child? Does your child know where you are if they get into trouble, fall off the monkey bars and hurt themselves etc?

Children are less likely to get into mischief or disagreements when they know they are being watched and going to be held accountable for their actions by their parents/carers. Whilst I appreciate that the after school play is a great way for parents/carers to catch up, there is also an onus of responsibility to make sure adequate supervision is provided. This may mean you ask another parent/carer to supervise your son on the handball court whilst you are watching your daughter on the playground or alternatively, saying to your children that you will split the after school time between the two playground areas so each child's interests can be accommodated. Furthermore, in the event that you see something going on that probably shouldn't, please address your concerns with the parent/carer of that child directly, rather than the child him/herself.

The after school atmosphere in the playground is one of the things we celebrate at Maylands Peninsula PS. Please do the right thing by you and your child. If we all live by the old African adage 'It takes a village to raise a child' then our school will be a much more harmonious and safe place. Thank you for your support on this matter.

House Crest Competition- It's time to vote

The short listing committee- comprised of student councillors, staff, P&C and School Board members- met yesterday morning to have a look through the 20 or so design proposals that were submitted for consideration.

Many of the proposals focussed on the historical aspect of the Maylands district e.g. buildings and important individuals who made a difference to Maylands, whilst others focussed on animals or places of significance to Maylands.

The process was a 'blind tasting' exercise, as names had been removed from the original entries to ensure the integrity of the process. The committee was 'blown away' by the quality of the proposals and it was extremely difficult to narrow the field down to the final four proposals that will be put to the entire school community next week.

The committee has decided that every child from Year 1-6, each staff

children.

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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.

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member and each family will get a vote so that all sectors of the school community will have input into the final decision.

Information about the voting process will be sent home next week. All the designs, including the final four chosen for shortlisting, will be available for viewing in the Art Room windows early next week.

The committee would like to thank every single person/family who took the time to submit a proposal.



Mr Andrijich has left the building

This will be my last newsletter for the next month or so, as, I will be taking four weeks of Long Service Leave starting next Monday. In my absence, Mrs Alver and Mrs Johnson will be in the office full time to take the reins of the school. All being well, I will be back at school on Monday, 3 August. Please enjoy the upcoming Term Two break. I know I will.

Other Newsletter Items

JB1 Assembly



Congratulations to Mrs Richard's JB1 class for performing at last week's assembly. Didn't they all look great dressed up 'in days of old'. The children spoke and sang beautifully. I had flashbacks of my own days as a Year 1 student reading stories about Dick, Dora, Nip and Fluff. Well done to all.

For the final assembly of the term we head back up the school with Ms McKechnie's S3 class 'stepping up to the plate'. Come down and join in the fun.

Aussie of the Month



Jagath Binesh - Pre Primary

For being a happy and polite class member who is always willing to help others and is positive at all times.

Kai Kabugua - Year 2

For being alert to the needs of other students. You consistently show initiative in you care for others.

Chloe Burns - Year 3

For her care and consideration of other students. Chloe is a supportive class member who helps others.

Lili Mphande - Year 5

For being a kind and considerate class member who has a wonderful sense of humour and demonstrates excellent leadership qualities. Nominated by her peers.

Excellence Awards



Asha Watkins Year 6

Her positive approach to learning and consistent effort resulting in excellent achievement in Maths, English and Science.

Ethan Cook Year 1

Making detailed and interesting observations during Science whilst working collaboratively in small groups.

Neave Cunningham Year 4

Really good descriptive writing doesn't just describe SIGHTS, but also SOUNDS, SMELLS and less often TASTE and TOUCH. This gives the reader a fuller experience in their imagination, because in real life we experience the world through all 5 senses. Neave's writing has successfully evoked five senses to bring the setting to life. Well done, Neave!

Creative Play and Garden Area Busy Bee- Sunday, 7 June

We had an amazing turnout from parents/carers, students and staff at the Creative Play and Garden Area Busy Bee held on Sunday, 7 June. Despite the weather initially looking gloomy, the sky cleared during the morning just as work commenced around the school. We had over 80 members of our school community turn up during the day to lend a hand. I am certain that all that were present would agree that the community atmosphere was tremendous and enthusiasm for the project overwhelming.

The Green Shed has been stripped clean and the caged area by JB3 is now restored to its former glory. As we had so many numbers on the day, we were even able to strip back the vegie patch and orchard area ready for development next term.

Each of the respective committees will now start putting their collective thoughts together in respects to developing a working plan for Phase Two- the re-development of the vegie patch and orchard area and the 'kitting out' of the Loose Parts Shed.

I would like to thank all members of the school community who turned out, but I would like to particularly acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Kristie Metcalf who has spent many hours working behind the scenes to promote the garden project.

I look forward to the next weekend community event sometime next term as we come together to develop the next phase of each of the respective projects.





Creative Play Shed- It's time to start filling it up



On a somewhat related note, the Creative Play Committee is looking for donations to fill the Loose Parts Shed. If you have any dress ups, shells, pine cones, honky nuts, old pots and pans, tyres or similar items you no longer want and that we can stock our shed with, please send in to your child's classroom teacher.

Edu Dance Concerts- Tuesday, 16 June and Wednesday, 17 June



As has been the case in years past, we had a great turnout for the Edu Dance concerts earlier this week. Each of the classes should be proud of their performance and how hard they have worked over the previous 8 weeks during rehearsals. Well done to all concerned. On a secondary note, a pink hairbrush was left behind at the Morley Sport and Recreation Centre after the Tuesday night performance. If you have picked up the brush, could you please return it to the school office as it holds sentimental value to the person who left it behind. Thank you.

School Disco



EduDance and Lap-a-thon are almost done and dusted, so brace yourself for the Disco! The disco is ridiculously fun, so it's time to put your hand up to help. The great thing about helping at the disco is that it's the best way to get involved on the night.

Sessions:

Setup - 3.30 to 5pm

PP-Year 2 - 5pm to 7pm

Year 3-6 - 7pm to 9pm

On the night we will need help with setup, entry, making it run smoothly, pizzas and selling items. There are things that kids can help with, so if you're needing to juggle helping and your kids, (just let me know).

If you can help (fantastic), let me know when and put your dancing shoes on.

The 2016 Canberra Tour Fundraising Group will have a cake stall at the disco. Make sure you bring some change along to buy a delicious cup cake or some slice.

Tammie Deshon

P&C Fundraising Committee

School Lap-a-thon Prize winners announced

Now that all the money has been collected and counted, the P&C are in the position of awarding the various prizes to each of the various category winners at the next assembly on Friday, 26 June. Good luck to all.



Walking School Bus update



Over the last few weeks, the Walking School Bus committee has been working diligently behind the scenes to develop the necessary processes, protocols, walking routes etc. for the Walking School Bus programme and volunteer handbook.

Having now done this, the first trial run of the Walking

School Bus will be taking place early next week to see if the theory works in practice.

If you are new to the school, or would simply like to know more about the Walking School Bus programme, please contact Mrs Nina Caputo on 0432 373 483 or by email at nina@alphaconveyancing.com.au

At this point in time, I would like to thank the Walking School Bus committee for the time and effort you have put into this exciting initiative.

Semester One Reports- Monday, 29 June

Staff are currently finalising the Semester One reports which will be sent home during the last week of term on Monday, 29 June. Please take the time to go through the report with your child to discuss the grades and comments allocated by staff.

A reminder that if any

parents/carers wish to make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher/specialist teacher to discuss the contents of the report in more detail, to approach the staff member directly or arrange an appointment via Ms Madden, Mrs Millar or Mrs Tippett in the office.



NAIDOC Week celebrations



We all Stand on Sacred Ground:

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As national NAIDOC Week celebrations take place during the upcoming school holidays, we have elected to acknowledge NAIDOC Week

at the school level during the last two weeks of term. Ms Hayden has planned a number of in class activities with staff and students whilst Mrs McGuire and Mrs White have made arrangements for an indigenous dance group from Wesley College to perform for our students on the afternoon of Monday, 29 July

Semester Two staffing changes

In addition to the staffing changes that will be occurring towards the end of the term due to the creation of JB2, there are some additional changes to staffing that come into effect at the start of Semester Two.



Ms Sloan (S6) has elected to take some well-earned Long Service Leave for the remainder of the year. As a result, Mrs Catlin will now work in S6 on a full time basis for the duration of the year. On behalf of the school community I would like to wish Ms Sloan all the best for her leave and look forward to her return for the commencement of the 2016 school year.

As Mrs Catlin will not be able to continue in S7 for Semester Two, Mrs Marie Owens has been appointed to the school. Mrs Owens is an experienced teacher who has a background of working with children in senior primary. She will work in tandem with Ms Bonetti in S7 for the remainder of the year. On behalf of the school community I would like to welcome Mrs Owens to our school

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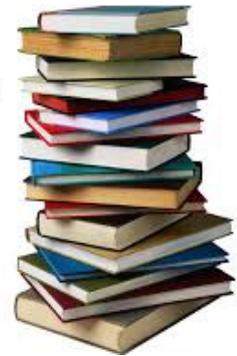
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- Limited spaces available for next term so please enrol ASAP (timetables are prepared during the holidays)

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Library News

It's been another busy term in the library, we have seen lots of happy faces borrowing and returning library books. But as we are coming to the end of the term it is time to bring back any overdue books. At the moment we have some wonderful castles on display made by PP2 and favourite book reviews from S7. The library is also decorated to celebrate NAIDOC Week later this term. We would like to thank all the parent helpers who have helped out in the library and a special thanks to Kat Abordi who helped with the NAIDOC display. You are all welcome to visit the library.

Library News



Debbie Fielding and Helen Jones
Library Officers

Creative Play



Where to from here?

The Creative Play Committee, with the much appreciated help from parents and the Garden Committee, have cleared out the shed next to the old farm to be used as the Loose Parts shed. We have been collecting items for the Loose Parts shed and organised the items into tubs. Starting on the first day back

of Term Three, the Loose Parts component of the Creative Play will be launched. Children will have the opportunity to explore what is in the

shed with their classes during Week 11 of this term. Classroom teachers will be modelling the rules and pack up procedure of the Loose Parts Shed so students have the opportunity to get creative, curious and potentially dirty the first day back after school holidays.

Within the shed there will be items for a 'mud kitchen'. These old kitchen utensils and the sand area under the trees will allow students to move water buckets from the taps to make a mud kitchen. Hand-in-hand with Creative Play and imaginations will increase the likelihood of somewhat dirtier uniforms. As a staff, we have decided that limiting students' imaginations in this play in order to keep them clean will hinder the outcomes and point of this new play area. Please keep this in mind when your child comes home a little grubbier than usual. It is all in good jest, and with every dirt patch there is creative ideas.

Minions Movie – Saturday 4th July & Sunday 5th July

Canberra 2016 Tour Fundraising have arranged two screenings of the Minions Movie at Reading Cinema, Belmont exclusively for the Maylands Peninsula Primary School community.



Tickets are \$12 each, and will be for sale before and after school from Friday 19 June, in the undercover area and at the Kindy / Senior block.

Tickets are limited, so make sure you get in early before they sell out!

Kiara College



2016 Scholarship Academic Excellence applications are due by Thursday, 15 July 2015.

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Students seeking an Academic Excellence Scholarship must also achieve a rating of at least a 3 (satisfactory) from their primary teachers in the areas of Reading, Writing and Numeracy and complete an online entry assessment through Kiara College.

If you would like to apply please contact for mor details: Richard Kardol, Program Coordinator on 9378 0200 or email:

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