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## Week 11 Term 2, 3 July 2015

### Message from the Principal

Although we have had some gloriously sunny weather recently, the mornings have been quite chilly and have resulted in a spike in student lateness to school. A reminder to parents that our school siren sounds at 8.45 am each morning. Students who arrive after this time must report to the school office to obtain a late slip before going to class.

A further gentle reminder that scooters and bikes must be walked on school grounds. Recently a number of children, particularly pre-school age children, have had to be asked by staff to stop riding their scooters around buildings after school. Parent assistance with enforcing this safety measure is appreciated.

### Walking School Bus Update

The Walking Bus Group, led by Nina Caputo, are in the process of trialling proposed Northern and Southern walking bus routes and identifying potential safety hazards. Keep your eyes open for posters that will appear around the school after the holiday break confirming the next Walking Bus Activity.



## COMING EVENTS

Term Three commences (students)- Tuesday, 21 July

ICAS English Assessment – Tuesday 28 July

S7 (Year 5) Assembly – Friday, 31 July

Funky Fitness – commences for Pre Primary students on Tuesday, 21 July and Kindy students on Thursday, 23 July and Friday, 24 July

Let children be special sometimes and expect them to be good most times.

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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.*

*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.*

## House Crest Competition



Families should have received information and a ballot slip home last Thursday for the four house crest designs shortlisted by our House Crest Committee. Voting for both families and students closed yesterday. The votes will be counted over the term break and the winning design proposal announced early next term in time for our Athletics events.

Special thanks to the following entrants in our House Crest Design Competition whose research and creativity were appreciated:

Jo & June Millington, Amelia Stewart, Ethan Fry, Nadia Schreiber, Jordan & Luke D'Souza, Layla Eyles, Keen Family, Ashton Emmett, Duke Secco, Divkovic Family, James Horton, Ella Emmett, Georgia Williams, Rosemary Lynch, Lily Thomas-Jones and Hamish French.

## Term Two Break



As this will be the final newsletter of the term, I wish all students and families a relaxing and enjoyable Term Two break. As Monday, 20 July is a gazetted School Development Day, students will not return to school until Tuesday, 21 July.

**Narelle Alver**  
ACTING PRINCIPAL

## Other Newsletter Items

### S3 Assembly

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Thanks to Ms McKechnie's S3 class for hosting the last assembly of the school term. The class presented the aboriginal dreamtime story, Why the Emu Cannot Fly, a great lead into our NAIDOC activities.

Our other Year 5 class, S7, will be presenting our next assembly item. Come down and join in the fun on Friday 31 July.

## NAIDOC Week

Over the last two weeks, students throughout the school have been participating in NAIDOC Week activities. The Moorditj Mob dance group from Wesley College, visited the school and performed a number of traditional dances for students in Kindergarten through to Year 6 on Monday afternoon. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Hayden, Mrs McGuire and Mrs White for coordinating these events. I hope everyone enjoyed the experiences.



## School Disco



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The undercover area converted into the place to be seen last Friday evening! Both the Junior and Senior discos were very well run and a great time was had by all who attended. The P&C Fundraising Committee did an excellent job of organising this event and were very ably assisted by many volunteers on the night. Congratulations to all those involved.

## School Lap-a-thon Winners Announced

Congratulations to all the winners of the various school Lap-a-thon categories that were announced at last week's assembly. The final total raised was only 5 cents shy of \$14 000. What an outstanding result. Thanks to all members of the school community and the P&C Fundraising committee, once again, for your on-going support of the school.



This year's winners were:

### **Fundraisers:**

Solomon Brown JA3 (overall highest fundraiser), May Pettigrew (Kindergarten), Connor Detiuk (Pre Primary), Nathan Pettigrew (Year 1), Bridget Bennett (Year 2), Taleisha Allmark (Year 3), Lilith Flanagan (Year 4), Isabelle Nguyen (Year 5) and Bastian Tovey (Year 6).

### **Class prizes:**

JA3 (highest fundraising class), JB3 (highest sponsorship returning class), and S5 (best dressed class).

### **Best dressed:**

Ashton Metcalf, Zoe Quathammer, Sakura Humphrey, Luke Alexander, Amelie Wilkins, Stefan Ciutina, Mr Christie and Mr Turner.

## Aussie of the Month Awards



### **Senior - Leanna Qiu**

For being well mannered, considerate and non judgemental. She is an excellent role model and peer tutor. Nominated by her peers.

### **Middle - Wegahta Keflom**

For always using kind words and being a nice girl. Nominated by her peers.

### **Junior B - Andrew Ho**

For being caring and thoughtful to the needs of others. He is an excellent role model to his peers.

### **Junior A - Sam Doyle**

For being a kind, caring and helpful class member who always looks for opportunities to help others.

## **Design A Robot Competition**



Congratulations to Kashish Kaur of Year 6 for winning the Student Council run Design A Robot Competition. Kashish's entry was judged as most inventive and was completed entirely by herself.

## **School Enrolment 2016**

**Friday 24 July is an important date in your child's education**

If your child is 4 or 5 years old by 30 June 2016, starting Year 7 or changing schools, you need to apply to enrol them in a public school for 2016.

All children from Pre Primary to Year 12 are guaranteed a place at their local public school.

To apply to enrol your child in our school please visit the front office by Friday 24 July 2015.



## Online Programs as Tools to Improve Parenting



Can online programs improve parenting? The answer is "Yes". Since the Internet became widely available in 1995, parenting professionals

have increasingly used online technology to offer resources for parents. This includes programs to improve parenting competencies, resources for learning, modelling and support.

Visitor numbers to parenting websites run as high as hundreds of thousands per month.

Although web-based services have been claimed to hold promise for parent support, a meta-analytic review (contrasting and combining results from different studies) of online parenting interventions had not been undertaken. So researchers from the University of Amsterdam conducted a systematic review of studies published between 2000 and 2010, that describe parenting programs of which the primary components were delivered online.

Findings confirmed that the Internet is not only a source of information, but it can also be an instrument for support and training. A preliminary conclusion on the basis of this small sample is that knowledge can be improved by self-guided web-based training programs, while changes in attitude and behaviour may be encouraged through internet interventions, intensively guided by therapists or coaches.

Key messages:

- In spite of the fact that family communication is a very complex set of knowledge, attitudes and behaviours, the study showed that participation in a short web-based intervention may lead to beneficial changes in both parents and children.
- Not only knowledge can be enhanced, but also attitudinal and behavioural aspects of parenting (including enhancing parenting skills) can be influenced by online programs.

- Web-based parenting programs add to the diversity of parenting support and education.
- Online parenting programs have the potential to be directed at a large population, offer peer and professional support and make use of new technologies.

Things you can do:

- Browse the Internet for parenting web sites of quality.
- Ensure that information on parenting web sites is provided by qualified professionals in the field of parenting and child development.
- Sign up for regular updates – blogs, parenting forums, e-newsletters etc.
- Regularly browse for reviews of new books and articles on parenting.
- Check out parenting seminars, workshops, lectures and talks in your local area.

Source : Online programs as tools to improve parenting: A meta-analytic review (CC Nieuwboer, RG Fukkink, JMA Hermans), Children and Youth Services Review 35 (2013) pp 1823-1829.

## Thank you from the P&C to all those that help

Every week throughout this semester, a large number of people have helped to support the work that the P&C does. Help is often in the areas of the Canteen, Fundraising events, School banking and Uniform shop. At the recent school disco, amazingly, around 35 people helped throughout the day to make the evening happen.



Thank you again, without your support, the P&C wouldn't be able to do what it does.

## Relationship's Australia

*Relationships Australia*

Relationship's Australia run various courses for men, women, couples and parents throughout the year. Please visit <http://www.wa.relationships.com.au> to view the range of up coming courses.

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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