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Message from the Principal

Welcome Back

Welcome back to one and all, particularly those new members of the school community that have enrolled earlier this week. As usual, the last term of the school year is 'jam packed' with Year 6 Bridgetown Camp and Graduation, Christmas Sing-along and a number of class excursions taking place. As always, please keep a copy of the Term Planner on the fridge and add in any extra dates or changes to dates that are made known to you throughout the term.

At the beginning of the week, staff had the opportunity to sit down and evaluate our 2015 NAPLAN data for the purpose of developing our operational plans in Literacy and Numeracy for the coming two years. As has been the case in previous years, our NAPLAN results in Year 3 and Year 5 were above state and national averages across all assessment areas. All credit is due to staff and students as this is a reflection of the great work happening across all rooms in all year levels. Well done.

Student Absenteeism

It is never too late to get to school

As most parents/carers are aware, the Department of Education has become increasingly concerned with the nature of in-term student absence. This concern has resulted in the requirement of all

COMING EVENTS

Year 3 (M4) Assembly
Friday, 23 October

S3 and S7 Scitech
Excursion **Wednesday,
28 October**

Year 1 (JA3) Assembly
Friday, 6 November

Scholastic Book Fair
Monday, 16 November
Friday, 20 November

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Our Online Canteen

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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.*

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parents/carers to make contact with the school regarding any in-term student absence for vacations and the like.

Late last term, representatives from all schools in the North Metropolitan Region were required to attend a student attendance forum. Mrs Alver attended this forum so that the Regional Attendance Team could clarify the Department's position in respect to the types of reasons put forward by parents/carers to explain student absence in order to determine how student absence should be recorded.

Essentially, the only reasonable excuse for student absence is for sickness or related medical appointments or 'significant' family event e.g. attending a funeral. Whilst it may seem 'reasonable' to some parents/carers for students to stay at home because he/she is going to the movies to celebrate a birthday, visiting friends from across town or going to the shops to purchase clothes- which was some of the examples put forward by the Attendance Team- it is not reasonable in the eyes of the Department, and by extension, our school.

In our own school context, we often get a call/SMS from parents/carers stating that their son/daughter won't be at school as a result of sleeping in. As a consequence, staff have been directed to use the 'X' code- Unacceptable reason- for these types of absences put forward by parents/carers as well as those other 'reasons' outlined above.

Please see Mr Andrijich, Mrs Alver or Mrs Johnson if you require any clarification. Your support on this matter is greatly appreciated.

It is by far better to get to school late, rather than not at all.

M5 Assembly

Thank you to Ms Avery's M5 class for hosting the last assembly of term. What an entertaining performance it was too with a very school flavoured take on Taylor Swift and Taio Cruz. Well done to all. It was a very enjoyable way to end the term.

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Academic Excellence Awards



Academic Excellence Award - Jason Lam (Year 6)

Always striving to achieve excellent scores in Mathematics and consistently applying himself to research tasks.

Science Excellence Award - Charlie Reid (Year 1)

Making valuable contributions to Science lessons Charlie is able to represent and communicate his ideas in a variety of ways.

Writer of the month - Rosie Miners (Year 6)

Rosie has produced a very creative narrative, titled "Scars". She has used highly descriptive language to bring atmosphere to her writing and has structured her work so the action has pace and suspense. A great narrative text, Rosie. Congratulations.

Interschool Carnival- Wednesday, 23 September





We had a glorious day at Steel Blue Oval for our Interschool Athletics Carnival on the last Wednesday of term. The competition was tight and fierce all day, but the level of sportsmanship displayed by all schools in attendance was outstanding. Heading into the relay events in the early afternoon, our students were sitting in second place, a little behind Guildford PS. However, we came home with a rush by winning most of the relay events, which resulted in the school having our noses just in front at the end of the day. This is the first time we have won the Interschool Carnival so everyone can be extremely proud of their efforts. The final results are as follows:

- 1st- Maylands Peninsula PS -1774 points
- 2nd- Guildford PS - 1747 points
- 3rd- Eden Hill PS- 1590 points
- 4th- Bayswater PS- 1411 points
- 5th- Bassendean PS- 1306 points

As with the overall competition, the battle for individual champion honours was extremely tight. I'd like to acknowledge the following students who placed as either Year Level Champion or Runner up:

Year 6 Boy Champion- Bakela Molgaard-Angel

Year 5 Boy Runner Up- Kobe Brown

Year 4 Girl Champion- Holly Ridley

Year 2 Girl Champion- Ashleigh Bolton

Year 2 Girl Runner Up- Samantha Ridley

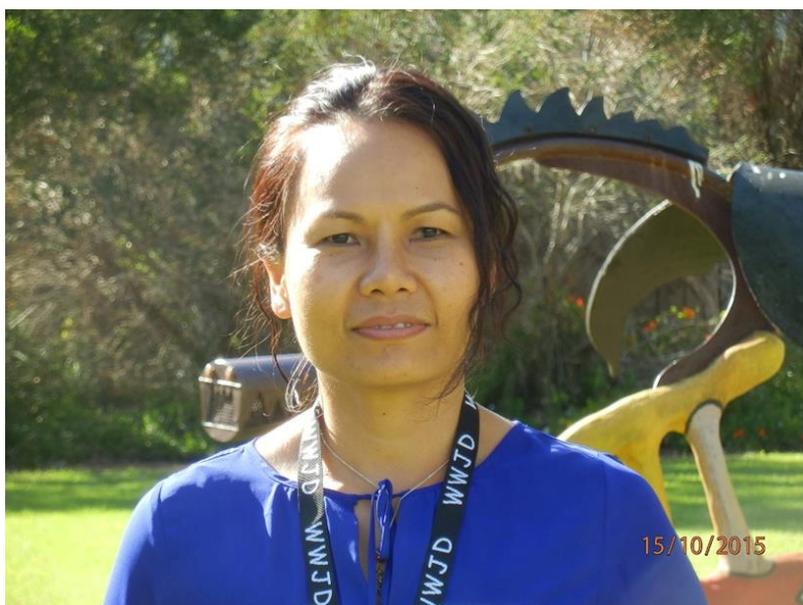
Loud Shirt Day





With Telethon weekend just around the corner, it is great to see the colourful array of 'Loud' shirts on display this morning for Loud Shirt Day. This event is aimed at raising awareness and funds to help deaf and hearing impaired children in our community. \$578 was raised which will be donated to the Telethon Speech and Hearing Institute. Thanks to all for your support.

Welcome to our new School Chaplain- Mrs Kasorn Campbell



As announced at the end of last term, we now have a school chaplain- Mrs Kasorn Campbell. On behalf of the school community, I'd like to welcome Mrs Campbell to staff and wish her well in her endeavours to support the range of pastoral care programmes we have in operation within the school. Mrs Campbell will be working in school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will be based out of the school library.

A reminder that the role of the School Chaplain is to represent the local churches in a broad, non-sectarian sense, and provide pastoral support and care to staff, students and their families, not to provide Christian Religious Education in school.

Mrs Campbell will be in attendance at our next school assembly to say hello to the school as a whole.

Hi, I am very excited to be part of your school community. As a school chaplain I am available to all students, staff, and parents to offer pastoral care and support. I have five children and my passion is to see children grow and develop to their full potential (grow, develop, have fun).

If any member of the school community would like to talk with me, there are a number of options available to you:

- Breakfast Club on Tuesday and Thursday 8.00am to 8.30am,
 - In the playground during recess and lunch,
 - Completing a Chaplain's Contact slip, which are available in the library, and place it in the Chaplain's Chatter Box on the library front desk, or by
 - Making an appointment via the office. I'll be available to speak with people from Tuesday to Thursday after lunch as a general rule.
- All matters will be discussed in confidence and with caring ear.
I look forward to meeting with you and getting to know you soon.
Kasorn Campbell

Primary Music Institute (PMI) - Stars Programme



Each school term, as part of the PMI Stars programme, the students in the PMI music classes have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and advance through a 16-level programme. The PMI Stars programme consists of 100 'Star Missions' that students need to complete as part of their musical journey. Each 'mission' is based on one of five important musical skills that students must learn: music theory, sight reading, aural skills, practical skills and performing.

The 'Star Missions' are grouped into a series of 16 levels (8 Junior, 8 Senior) that the student can achieve, with names such as Musician, Performer, Maestro, Virtuoso, etc.

Students who advance through a level receive a package mailed home to their parents containing: (i) a coloured wristband as an award; (ii) a detailed letter for parents outlining: student progress, skills the student has mastered and tips for practice and parent involvement in the upcoming level; (iii) a new Star Board and stickers to put up on the fridge at home to record progress in the next level.

Congratulations to the following students who have passed a level in the last two terms.

Greta Tennant, Oakley Fung, Zoe York, Asha Watkins, Aatmi Kayangala, Thuvaragga Peter, James Horton, Jay Paton-Ballard, Jessica Nguyen, Jasmeet Singh, Racael Ho, Ethan Lim, Shelna Sony, Vaanya Agarwal, Ella Fei, Jennifer Buckingham, Sagar Manjunatha, Claire Liau, Dante Caputo, Lottie Paton-Ballard, River Horsfield, Levi Newby, Nikita Benjamin, Jemima Hart, Sakura Humphrey, Samson Pozzi, Michael Omelchuk, Elizabeth Cochrane-Poller, Fia Eldho, Ava

Adams, Kashish Kaur, Melin James, Ally Chin, Benjamin Fardoe, Daniel Fardoe, Sheth Kamishka, Andrew Sim and Mitchell Sim.

Canteen Online Ordering



Did you know that you can place a canteen order online? Visit www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to set up an account. You can place lunch orders up to two weeks in advance and pay via credit card, PayPal or direct debit.

Summer Menu

Don't forget we are now using the summer menu. Vegetarian sushi and hummus have been added to the menu, and the ever popular slushies are available this term.

Canteen Roster

Thank you to everyone that volunteered last term. We really appreciate your assistance.

Week 2 Monday 19 October - Akari

Tuesday 20 October - Charlotte

Wednesday 21 October - **Help Needed**

Thursday 22 October - **Help Needed**

Friday 23 October - Gary

Week 3 Monday 26 October - Akari

Tuesday 27 October - Charlotte

Wednesday 28 October - **Help Needed**

Thursday 29 October - **Help Needed**

Friday 30 October - Gary and Cave

Wearing closed in shoes are a must for health and safety regulations. Please let the canteen or P&C know if you can help. Phone 9473 4111

Cake Stall Helpers and Bakers



A huge thank you to the wonderful bakers and sellers at the recent Sports Carnival. Money raised from the sale of the yummy goodies will go towards items for our school community. Thanks to Kylie, Libby, Natalie, Nina, Kate, Lisa, Jess, Heather, Virginia, Akari, Cath, Karen, Teresa, Katie, Trish, Sandra, Sinead, Ann, Lisa, Belinda, Kristie, Naomi, Leanne, Amber, Hortense, Cate and Erin - the growing number of helpers is fantastic. Thanks MPPS P&C. Anyone interested in possibly helping in future events can email pac@mpps.wa.gov.au .

VacSwim Holiday Swimming Programs



Enrolments for December/January programs are now open. It is important for every child to learn and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim's school holiday programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. This year there has been a small price increase from \$10.00 per month to \$12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment for three or more children living at the same address is now \$34.50). For further information and online enrolment visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

Sacred Heart PS- School Fete

Sacred Heart Primary School, 40 Mary Street Highgate, is proud to present their 'Carnival' themed School Fete on Sunday, 25 October 2015 from 10am until 3pm. There are rides including, Bucking Bull, Game Vault, Climbing Wall, Giant Slide, Bouncy Castle, Animal Farm,

Go Karts, Toy Cup Ride, Rollercoaster Simulator and more. Plus all your favourite Stalls! We hope to see you there.

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