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Message from the Principal

'Meet the Teacher' Turnout



It was fantastic to see so many parents/caregivers turn out for the 'Meet the Teacher' evenings last week. Looking through our register of attendance, we had an average 63% (low of 38% and high of 81%) of parents/caregivers attend over the course of the two evenings. In years past, my best estimate is a turn out level of around 20-30%. As highlighted in the letter sent home earlier this term, the shared responsibility that exists between the school and home is a significant factor in ensuring student success. On behalf of the staff of our school, I would like to say thank you to all members of the school community who turned up in support.

Connect- Parents

I am pleased to announce that Connect is now being implemented in our school. Connect is an integrated online environment developed by the Department for staff, students and parents/caregivers in public schools.

Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

- **P&C Family Movie Night- Friday, 18 March**
- **Cybersmart- Office of the Children's eSafety**
- **Chaplains Chat**
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- **Maylands Helping Hands**
- **Mount Lawley Toy Library**
- **Relationships Australia**
- **North Dianella Netball Club**
- **Altone Park Leisure Centre**

COMING EVENTS

Labour Day holiday-
Monday, 7 March
S5 Assembly- Friday,
11 March
Purple Haze Day- Friday,
18 March
P&C Movie night- Friday,
18 March
Harmony Day- Monday,
21 March
Good Friday- Friday,
25 March
Easter Monday and
Easter Tuesday break-
Monday, 28 and Tuesday,
29 March

Quote of the Fortnight

There are no quotas on kindness. The world can never have too much. Yet, one act of cruelty is immediately one act too many.

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Canteen orders:

All our students have access to Connect and numbers of staff are now engaging in this space. Late in 2015, Connect replaced email as the primary vehicle for the delivery of information amongst our staff. One of the additional benefits of Connect is the capacity for schools to engage with parents/caregivers. Some members of staff have expressed a desire to go down this path and we are currently working with the Department's Connect Team to make this happen.



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Parents/caregivers are provided with a secure login to Connect via a unique P-number. A parent/caregiver account in Connect provides access to information about their children and the classes in which their children are engaged. Schools have control over which parents have access to Connect and for which children information is available. Furthermore, parents/caregivers can only see the submitted work, assessments, marks, comments or attendance information relating to their child and no other students.

Although a parent/caregiver may have several children attending multiple schools, they will only need one Connect account. However, within that one account they may have access to only one or two children depending on how each school elects to implement Connect.

Participation in Connect is entirely optional for both parents/caregivers and staff. More general information about Connect will be made available to parents/caregivers on a class-by-class basis once individual teachers have worked through the necessary start up processes.

Year 1 parents/caregivers should have received some information about Connect yesterday. If you have any questions, please see your child's classroom teacher or Mr Andrijich, Mrs Alver or Mrs Johnson.

IPS Review- 22 and 23 June

I have received correspondence from the Department of Education Services (DES) confirming the date of our second Independent Public School Review which is taking place on 22 and 23 June.

By way of information, DES is an independent statutory authority which has the responsibility to conduct an independent review of each Independent Public School in the final year of the school's three-year Delivery and Performance Agreement with the Director General of the Department of Education.

In preparation for the DES review, it is my intention to survey the entire school community- staff, students and parents/caregivers to get some feedback about various aspects of the school and its operations. This survey will be conducted via an on-line survey. The link to the survey

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.

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will be sent out via email on Friday, 11 March and will remain live until 5.00pm on Friday, 25 March.

I shall make this information available at the School Board and P&C level once all the data is collated and reviewed by the school Leadership Team in the lead up to the DES Review itself.

Labour Day holiday- 7 March

A reminder to all that the school will be closed for business next Monday, 7 March for the Labour Day long weekend.

**Happy
Labour Day**

Other Newsletter Items

S1 Assembly



Well done to Ms Turvey's S1 class for putting in a wonderful show. It was great to see so many parents/caregivers in attendance. It was always going to be hard work following on from Mr Sollis' extravaganza, but the students did tremendously well. I really enjoyed listening to the arguments put forward by the respective prosecution and defence teams. Now we know who the real culprit was in 'The Three Little Pigs.' Good on you.

We will jump down a few year levels for our next assembly with Ms Manov's S5 class hosting the next assembly on Friday, 11 March. The items just keep getting bigger and better.

Aussies of the Month



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Samson Pozzi, M2 - Samson is a good friend. He is kind and considerate and always includes everyone in games. Nominated by peers.

Kloie Wreford, JA1 - Kloie works hard to help around the classroom and deliver messages to other classrooms.

Meenakshi Krishnanand, JB5 - Meenakshi is a kind and caring student who is always willing to help others.

Riley West, S6 - Riley acts responsibly in all situations and always chooses to do the right thing. He acts with fairness and treats others with respect.

Excellence Awards



Science Excellence Award - Lena Maynard Year 2

Lena always participates with enthusiasm in Science. She makes insightful predictions and observations during investigations.

Writer of the Month - Samantha Vreugdenburg Year 6

For her creative use of language to build the scene during her narrative writing.

Academic Excellence Award - Laila Lim Year 5

Laila demonstrates a high level of understanding of the different information text types studied. She uses descriptive language to describe and compare various forms of information.

Student Health Care and Contact Details Summary Forms

Yesterday afternoon all students would have received a Student Health Care Summary form which is completed by parents/caregivers at the commencement of the school year. A copy of this form is retained at the office and classroom level for staff to refer to when planning excursions or attending school events outside of school- such as In-term swimming and Edu Dance rehearsal.

By completing this form, parents/caregivers will not be required to fill in the same form again when your child(ren) leave the school grounds for any school related activity throughout the year. Any subsequent excursion paperwork that is sent home throughout the year will ask you to simply tick a box indicating whether your child's health care needs that are listed on this summary form are current. However, if there is a change of circumstances regarding contact details or student health care needs, the onus is on parents/caregivers to make the school aware of the nature of the change. Please make contact with the school office if this is the case so a new form can be completed.

All forms are to be returned to your child's classroom teacher no later than Thursday, 17 March.

Parents parking on Gibbney Reserve



It has been brought to my attention that some parents/caregivers have been driving onto the grassed area between the Gibbney Reserve pavilion and the Pre Primary rooms via the access

gate at the end of Ferguson Street to park cars when collecting children at the end of the day. I would like to remind everyone that this is not a designated parking area and puts children at risk when

moving off the school premises.

As a consequence, I have made contact with the City of Bayswater Rangers and asked them to conduct regular checks of this area. Please do the right thing.

Fremantle Dockers visit



On Tuesday of this week, Tendai Mzungu, Nick Suban and Alex Pearce from the Fremantle Dockers visited the school to address the students in Years 4-6. The players discussed the importance of staying in school, leadership, goal setting and a healthy diet. The students really enjoyed the opportunity and asked some very interesting questions during a Q&A session at the end of the talk. Thanks to Mrs Trend for making the arrangements for the visit.

Starlight Foundation- Purple Haze Day- Friday, 18 March

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STARLIGHT PURPLE HAZE

Speaking of all things purple, the Fremantle Dockers, together with the Starlight Children's Foundation and Fremantle Ports, have once again invited our school to participate in Purple Haze Day in 2016.

Living with illness or injury can cause enormous strain in the lives of children and their families. The pain, loneliness and isolation that sick children feel dominates their lives, and they often miss out on normal experiences that healthy children take for granted. The Starlight Children's Foundation provides programmes integral to the total care of seriously ill children – while health professionals focus on treating the illness, Starlight is there to lift the spirits of the child, giving them the opportunity to laugh, play and be a child again. In order to support

the great work the Starlight Children's Foundation does in the community, the Student Council has organised Purple Haze Day for Friday, 18 March. Last year we raised \$561.75. So wear purple to school on the day and bring in your gold coin donation to help support this most worthwhile cause.

In order to be eligible for the draw to win a framed Fremantle Dockers Starlight Purple Haze jumper signed by the 2016 player ambassadors, the Go Red for Redkite Day, which has been originally earmarked for Friday, 18 March will now take place in Term 2.

Harmony Day- Monday, 21 March



As we have many different cultural groups represented in our school community, Harmony Day is a very special day on our school calendar. In 2016, the Harmony Day theme is 'Our diversity is our strength'. Being able to work and play in harmony with one another is highlighted in our school motto of 'Learning Together and Embracing Diversity'. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone that calls Australia home- from the traditional landowners of this land to those who have come from across the seas.

By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. With this in mind, Mrs White, Ms Bonetti and Mrs Campbell have organised for a range of activities to take place during the week- writing competitions, multicultural lunches and a special multicultural Breakfast Club on the Thursday, 17 March in the lead up to Harmony Day on Monday, 21 March. To get into the spirit of the event, students will be able to wear either national dress or something orange on the day.

2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

As has been the case in previous years, students from Year 2-6 will be able to participate in the 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) programme coordinated by the University of New South Wales. Once

again, students will be able to compete in this nationwide competition in the areas of Mathematics, English and Science throughout Term Two and Term Three. Detailed information about the 2016 ICAS programme and registration forms will be available in the office from Tuesday, 8 March onwards. Please see Mrs Johnson if you have any further questions about the ICAS programme itself.



P&C Family Movie Night- Friday, 18 March



The Oddball movie night is only two weeks away, Friday, 18 March - gates opening 6.00pm and movie starting 7.00pm. Pre-orders for tickets and pizzas close Wednesday, 9 March. Vouchers will be returned in your child's handy pouch - please keep them safe and bring them on the night.

Pizza cannot be bought on the night, orders only. Pizzas will be available for collection from the school canteen 6.00pm-6.45pm, and snacks and drinks will be available to purchase in the movie

area from 6.00pm until just before the movie starts.

Friends and family are welcome to join us, however everyone will need to purchase a movie ticket (both adults and children) - additional tickets will be available on the night for \$6.00. Please remember this is a P&C event and all children need to attend with an parent or guardian.

To help the night run smoothly, we need volunteers! Volunteering time will be broken down into the following sessions:

- Setup 2.30-4.00pm
- Pre movie 5.50pm-6.30pm and 6.30pm-7pm
- Pack up approx. 45min after the movie finishes.

All entries and sales will close during the movie, so everyone will be able to sit down and enjoy the movie with their families. If you are able to help please email pac@mpps.wa.edu.au

We look forward to seeing everyone at the movie, and hope you enjoy the night!

MPPS P&C

Cybersmart- Office of the Children's eSafety

Some parents/caregivers may be aware of Cybersmart- an Outreach programme developed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) which delivers free internet safety awareness presentations for parents, teachers and students. In previous years, we have accessed the services of qualified Cybersmart presenters to deliver free internet safety awareness presentations for parents/caregivers, teachers and



students. These presentations provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive. However, the Cybersmart programme has now moved under the banner of the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner.

With the aim to help guide children and young people toward safe, enjoyable experiences online, the Office of the Children's eSafety hopes to encourage behavioural change – where Australian children and young people act responsibly online – just as they would offline. The link to the Office of Children's eSafety is <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>.

The website contains many informative resources for schools and parents/caregivers to access. You can sign up for the Cyberzine- the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner's online newsletter featuring up-to-date resources, information and current advice about online safety.

An article of interest in the February newsletter is "*12 apps every parent of a teen should know about*" is another reminder about the technology teens use and ways parents can help them to make good choices. It makes for interesting, if not disturbing reading.

Chaplains Chat



Hi everyone.
I believe you are all looking forward to this long weekend. I hope you've planned something fun and enjoyable this beautiful autumn.

As Mr Andrijich mentioned on Thursday, 17 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day in Breakfast Club. You are all invited. By attending this event you will have an

opportunity to experience different kinds of food from different countries. You will learn about other cultures and have lots of fun together.

For those who still don't know where the Breakfast Club is, we are located in the Artroom and we run from 8.00am to 8.30 am. I look forward to celebrating this special event with you all.

Remember I am available for a chat whenever you can access me on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. You are welcome to leave a note in the Chaplain's Chatter Box in the library. Until next time, be happy and love others.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Are you able to help collect bread on Tuesday and Thursday?

Mrs Hayley Doan is looking for a new "Bread Lady" to take over the free bread at school. If you available or would like to help, please contact me at the library or leave your contact details at school office. Thank you.

Kasorn Campbell
School Chaplain

Canteen News

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	7 March	8 March	9 March	10 March	11 March
Week 6	Closed	Mal	Hortense	Sharan	Gary
		Mel	Karen	Jo	
	14 March	15 March	16 March	17 March	18 March
Week 7	Judith	Janine	Hortense	Sharan	Gary
	Joasie		Sylvia	Karen	

Canteen Roster

Thank you to everyone that volunteered last fortnight We really appreciate your assistance. We are able to have two volunteers each day, if you would like to come in and help. Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to help out at school, and your kids will love to see you at recess and lunch.

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.

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.

Maylands Helping Hands

MAYLANDS HELPING HANDS

This fortnight at Helping Hands we are participating in:

- Learning about the seasons as we come into Autumn and we begin to watch our surroundings change

What is coming up at Helping Hands?

- Celebrate Harmony day, discover the diversity we have in our community
- Easter eggtravaganza with lots of fun activities planned

Vacancies available now!

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Our Quality Focus Area

Quality Area 1.1.3 The program, including routines, is organised in ways that maximise opportunities for each child's learning.

What does this look like?

We are developing our daily routines to meet the needs of our families .

MEET OUR TEAM



ALISHA
Coordinator



Mount Lawley Toy Library



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The Toy Library is open every Saturday from 10.00am until midday and is located at 26 Blythe Avenue Yokine. For more information, please visit

www.mtlawleytoylibrary.org.au or email committee@mtlawleytoylibrary.org.au. We'd love to see you at the Toy Library soon!

Relationships Australia

Relationships Australia regularly run parenting courses. For further information please call 6164 0200 or visit <http://www.relationshipswa.org.au>.

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North Dianella Netball Club

North Dianella Netball Club are seeking interested players for the winter season. Girls or boys aged 8 - 10 years old. No prior netball experience is required. For more information please contact northdianellanetballclub@hotmail.com or Lauren Quinlivan on 0439 808 610.

Altone Park Leisure Centre

City of Swan's Altone Park Leisure Centre run a Holiday Program for primary school aged children during school holidays. For more information please contact Dan Everett on 9207 8555 or visit <http://www.swan.wa.gov.au>

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

To include items in the school newsletter contact Gayle Tippett by email Gayle.Tippett@education.wa.edu.au

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