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## Message from the Principal

### Interim Reports



In past years, it has been our policy to issue Interim Reports at the end of Term One to parents/caregivers to provide some feedback about academic performance and behaviour for each student.

The Leadership Team is currently reviewing our assessment and reporting practices with staff in order to create a new School Based Assessment and Reporting Plan. As part of this review, we have formed the view that the Interim Reports as an administrative measure to keep parents/caregivers 'in the loop' may not be as relevant in 2016, as they were in 2004 when they first became part of the school reporting policy.

For the vast majority of our students, who are progressing well, the Interim Reports don't offer much value to any conversation with parents/caregivers. For the few students in each class who may not be travelling as well, it is my expectation that parents/caregivers would have already been contacted by staff and appropriate actions undertaken in consultation and collaboration with parents/caregivers, as soon as these concerns had become known. Whether this is in week one of the school year or week 25 is immaterial. If staff have any concerns about a student for whatever reason, they should be shared with parents/caregivers at any point in a student's educational journey.

As a consequence, the school will begin using a 'Letter of Concern' as

## Hands

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- **Mt Lawley SHS Parent Information Evening**
- **ATI Martial Arts**
- **Morley Soccer for Juniors**

## COMING EVENTS

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  
S4 Assembly- Friday,  
1 April  
ANZAC service- Friday,  
8 April  
End of Term One- Friday,  
8 April  
Term Two commences  
(students) - Tuesday,  
26 April

## Quote of the Fortnight

Success will always feel good, but when we lose it's trying hard that stops us from feeling bad.

## P&C CONTACTS:

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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 mechanism by which to start a conversation with parents/caregivers about any aspect of a student's academic, physical, behavioural or emotional state.

As this change in policy has just come into effect, staff will use this 'Letter of Concern' in the place of Interim Reports. Please feel free to speak with Mr Andrijich, Mrs Alver or Mrs Johnson if you have any questions about this change to the school reporting policy.

## Inconsiderate driver behaviour

A concerned member of the school community made contact with me yesterday to make me aware of an unfortunate incident that occurred on Kelvin Street yesterday morning. Rather than summarise the email, I have decided to publish it in full.



'This morning I was taking my granddaughter to school and parked in an angled parking bay in front of the school in Kelvin Street. I witnessed many inconsiderate actions by several drivers. This has been happening with increased frequency lately, especially when the Rangers are not present.

There was one ugly scene when one driver stopped to remonstrate with another driver who had parked in the middle of the road to drop off her two children, thus holding up about 6 cars behind her. The driver who stopped to advise her that this was not allowed received a load of angry verbal abuse in return. This sort of incident may one day result in an actual physical altercation.

In a few short minutes I witnessed several inconsiderate actions as follows:

- A. Several cars stopping in the middle of the road and dropping off their children.
- B. People reverse parking into the angled bays, thus holding everyone up.
- C. People reversing out of angled bays and then doing a 'three-point-turn' so that they could drive the opposite way.
- D. Cars stopping in the middle of the road waiting for a free angled bay, thus holding up other cars.

Thank you for your attention'.

The incident itself and the behaviours identified above are of concern to me as they are unfortunately not isolated, but regular occurrences.

I would urge all members of our school community to think about your driving behaviours around the school. Please consider alternative drop

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off or pick up points or consider parking along Gibbney Reserve and walk across the park to school grounds. I will put a flier out in the next newsletter to promote safe and responsible driver practices around our school.

Ultimately what we are endeavouring to do is to protect what is most precious to us - our kids.

## Easter Break

As this will be the final newsletter before Easter, I wish all students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. A reminder that the school will be closed from Friday, 25 March (Good Friday) until Tuesday, 29 March. Students will return to school on **Wednesday, 30 March**. Helping Hands Out of School Hours Network will be open on the Tuesday to cater for those families who may find care arrangements difficult to arrange.

## ANZAC Day Service - Friday, 8 April

On 25 April every year, our nation honours the tremendous sacrifices made by Australia's servicemen and women, and reflects on the impact of war and how it has shaped and defined our shared sense of identity.

With ANZAC Day falling on the Monday of the first week of Term Two, the school has elected to have its ANZAC Day service on Friday, 8 April commencing at 8.45am in the Undercover Area. The Student Councillors will host the service on behalf of the school community. It is anticipated that the commemoration will last for approximately 30 minutes.

All students are expected to wear full school uniform on the day, with the exception of scouts, guides or cubs who are encouraged to wear their group uniform. Any students who have medals or other service decorations at home that have been passed down to them are encouraged to wear them on the right hand side of their uniform on the day. Furthermore, students are encouraged to bring in flowers to place at the base of the flagpole during the service itself.

We hope to see as many families present at our ANZAC Day service as possible.

## Other Newsletter Items



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## S5 Assembly



Our assembly items continue to amaze me each week. Ms Manov's S5 class put on quite the performance at our assembly last week. In the lead up to NAPLAN next term, it was great to see a real-life example of what a narrative looks, sounds and feels like. All credit is due to the students as the script was entirely of their own creation. You should all be very proud of your efforts. Well done to all.

Our next class 'up to bat' is Ms Yu's S4 class, who will host the assembly taking place on Friday, 1 April.

## Excellence Awards/Aussie of the Month



### Academic Excellence Award

Daniel Klinger - Year 3

Daniel has an excellent understanding and knowledge of text structure and purpose. He was able to apply these skills to write an outstanding

persuasive piece on why our school is important.

### **Writer of the Month**

Tanvi Patel - Year 5

For her well-planned narrative writing which captures readers' interest with lively, interesting and meaningful ideas.

### **Science Excellence**

Giles Brown - Year 4

Giles has a sound understanding of forces within Physical Science. He can produce detailed and accurate annotated drawings to represent his ideas.

### **Aussie of the Month**

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.

James Fitzgerald - JA2

For always encouraging others and being a supportive friend.

Kyan Tremaine - JB4

For diligently looking out for the needs of others, he is a good mate to all.

Alex Primilson -M3

For always displaying honesty, manners, thoughtfulness, determination, perseverance, responsibility and caring. He is a role model for others.

Michael Fong Hu -S7

For being kind, patient and helpful. He is always there when you need him. **Nomination and citation written by peers.**



## Purple Haze Day - Friday, 18 March



Thanks to all for your support of Purple Haze Day today. Together we raised \$764.70 This money will be put to good use by the Starlight Foundation to help sick kids forget their illness and re-discover the joy of childhood. Thanks again to everyone for your support.

## Edu Dance and Funky Fitness (Kindy)

Yesterday afternoon all students in Year 1-6 and Kindy would have received some information about the Edu Dance and Funky Fitness (Kindy) programme that commences in the first week of Term Two. For our students in Edu Dance lessons commence on Wednesday, 27 April and for our Kindy students, lessons commence on Thursday, 28 April (Kindy A,C and E) and Friday, 29 April (Kindy B, D and F).

With three school days being lost to Easter, it would be appreciated if

parents/caregivers could start forwarding payment to the school office before the end of term, so that monies can be receipted efficiently, rather than wait until next term when the lessons commence.

As always, if parents/caregivers are unable to meet this cost in the one payment, you are able to pay each week or in several instalments over the course of the term. Please see Ms Madden or Mrs Millar in the school office if you would like to take up this payment plan option.

## Sea Turtle Conservation Incursion



On Tuesday, 15 March students in Year 1-6 went to the undercover area for the sea turtle incursion. The sea turtle team came and told us about sea turtles and this is what we learnt.

- There are different species of turtles.
- They can hold their breath for seven hours.
- Turtles don't ever know who their mother is.
- Sea turtles eat jelly fish, small fish, seaweed and sponges.
- Sea turtles can mistake a plastic bag for a jellyfish.

The dangers that hurt sea turtles are: Plastic bags, artificial light, cars on the beach and also other sea creatures.

The team showed us how they put GPS units on the sea turtles' shell so they can track the movements of the turtles. At the end we had a question session, thanked them and that was the end of the sea turtle incursion.

Holly and Sophia – S3

## Canteen

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	21 March	22 March	23 March	24 March	25 March
Week 8	Judith	Janine	Hortense	Karen Jo	Closed
	28 March	29 March	30 March	31 March	1 April
Week 9	Closed	Closed	Hortense Slyvia	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 is a must for health and safety regulations. Please let the canteen or P&C know if you can help by telephoning 9473 4111.

## Online Ordering

Did you know that you can place a canteen order online? Visit [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://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.

## School Community Survey

A reminder to all members of the school community to complete the School Community Survey sent out via email last week. This survey will form part of the data set for the upcoming IPS Review in June. The survey will be open until 5.00pm on Friday, 25 March.

## P&C Oddball Outdoor Movie Night - Tonight!



Don't forget to join us tonight for the movie Oddball. Gates open 6.00pm and movie starts 7.00pm. All pre-paid tickets have been sent home, so please remember to bring them with you. Tickets will still be available at the door to purchase, \$6.00 for children and adults. Pre-purchased pizza can be collected from the canteen from 6.00-6.45pm. Furthermore, snacks and drinks will be available to purchase - or bring a picnic.

Bring your blanket and a jumper, and enjoy the movie!

Thanks  
MPPS P&C

## Harmony Day- Monday, 21 March

Harmony Day celebrations



commenced in earnest yesterday morning with our multicultural Breakfast Club taking place in the Art Room. There were many flavoursome treats for students, parents/caregivers and staff to enjoy. I would like to thank Mrs White, Mrs Campbell and the parents who brought in the food for the morning. A reminder that this coming



Monday students are able to come to school in national dress, or alternatively, wear something orange in support of Harmony Day. One of the major events for Harmony Day is the writing competition that Mrs White and Ms Bonetti have organised. The winners of the writing competition will be announced at the next assembly on Friday, 1 April. I am looking forward to doing the rounds of the many multicultural lunches that will be taking place next week. This year's theme of 'Our strength is our diversity' is especially relevant to our school given our school motto is 'Learning Together and Embracing Diversity'. I hope everyone enjoys the day.





## 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 egstravaganza 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



## MAYLANDS HELPING HANDS

April holiday program

Instrumental School of Music  
150 Goldford Road  
Maylands WA 6051

This program is flexible to the children's needs and wants of the day.

All children attending must bring a broad brim hat, water bottle, wear closed in shoes and appropriate clothing.

Mornings and afternoon tea provided.  
Children to bring their own lunch.

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**Helping Hands MAYLANDS**

**Vacation Care Program**

11 April - 15 April 10%  
17 April - 22 April 10%

\*This fee includes all materials and based on entry of 10 children. This fee includes all materials and based on entry of 10 children. Please contact the coordinator for a quote on other numbers of children.

**11/4 Monday**  
See the latest releases on the big screen  
**MOVIES**

**12/4 Tuesday**  
ADVENTURE PLAY Create an awesome day spend with lots of recycled material

**13/4 Wednesday**  
Imagine the ocean and "back-on land" just followed by  
**CREATIVITY**

**14/4 Thursday**  
Create a water cannon using a variety of abstract techniques  
**ABSTRACT ART**

**15/4 Friday**  
WHEELS ON! Bring a pair of old or new bike, scooter or skateboard

**18/4 Monday**  
Make a video game at your service  
**GAME WALK**

**19/4 Tuesday**  
SIBBIE'S DAD Let's get a chance to bring home, see how we can help  
**GAME WALK**

**20/4 Wednesday**  
Let's build, design and launch your own bottle rockets  
**ROCKET MAKING**

**21/4 Thursday**  
Bring a pair of socks  
**SOCKS & MEAL**

**22/4 Friday**  
You get to choose!  
**ABSTRACT ART**

**25/4 Monday**  
PUBIC HOLIDAY No Vacation Care today

## Mt Lawley SHS Parent Information Evening

Mt Lawley SHS is holding an information evening on Thursday, 31 March at 6.30pm for any Maylands Peninsula Primary School parents/caregivers who are interested in learning about what Mt Lawley has to offer.



It will be a short presentation with the chance to ask questions of staff and students at the school. It will be held in the new Year 9 building and should last no more than 90 minutes with questions. Tea and coffee will be available before and after the talk. All parents from all years are welcome to attend.

## ATI Martial Arts



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Ati Martial Arts run Taekwondo classes for children and adults from 4 years of age. They offer a 2 week free pass. For further information please contact 0402 144 018 or

## Morley Soccer for Juniors

Morley Soccer for Juniors has a new program commencing Sunday, 1 May and will be held at John Forrest SHS gym. For further information please contact 1300 772 106, email [rego@getactivesports.com.au](mailto:rego@getactivesports.com.au) or



visit <http://www.getactivesports.com.au>

## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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