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**Message From the Principal**

**Minister of Education visit**



On Tuesday, 26 July, the Minister of Education, Mr Peter Collier, visited our school. The Minister quite often likes to get out into school communities throughout the state to see and hear first-hand what is happening in schools. He took great delight in getting out into classrooms to speak with staff and students about what they were learning, before speaking with staff later in the day to thank them for the great work that they do. On a humorous note, when going into PP2 at the start of the day to confirm all was OK for the Minister's visit, a young boy approached me to ask if today was the day Mr Turnbull was coming to visit his class. I informed him that the Minister is quite an important person, but with all due respect, is not as important as the Prime Minister.

**your Year 6 child into  
Secondary school?**

- **Helping Hands  
Maylands is now  
offering Tutoring with  
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#### **COMING EVENTS**

Canberra Tour- Sunday,  
7 August- Friday,  
12 August  
JB3 and JB4 Assembly-  
Friday, 12 August  
Book Week- Monday,  
22 August- Friday, 26  
August  
M1 Assembly- Friday,  
26 August  
Busy Bee- Sunday,  
28 August  
Faction Carnival- Jumps,  
Throws and Long  
Distance- Monday,  
29 August  
Faction Carnival- Flat  
Races and Team Games-  
Friday, 2 September

#### **Quote of the Fortnight**

Mistakes are painful but  
they help us to find out  
who we really are and  
what we really know.

#### **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 principles of  
developmental learning.*

*Life-long learning and  
reflective practices.*

*Developing attitudes and*

## **Mrs Johnson down for the count**

As many members of the school community know, Mrs Johnson has been away from school for the last five weeks for some well-deserved Long Service Leave. Unfortunately, during her travels, Mrs Johnson managed to break some bones in her left foot after stepping off a kerb in Europe and landing awkwardly. She was at school yesterday to show us the lovely Moon Boot that she will need to wear for the next month or so. As a result, Mrs Maura Hansen will be covering Mrs Johnson's absence as Deputy Principal for the remainder of the term. Furthermore, Mrs Phyllis Vimini will take JA2 whilst Mrs Hansen is in the office.

## **School uniform**

One of the things we pride ourselves on at Maylands Peninsula PS is our school uniform. However, with the onset of winter, I have noticed a huge array of colours on display in the playground with jackets and tops. If parents/caregivers are not able to purchase the appropriate school uniform, it is expected that students are sent to school in tops/jackets in our school colours. A reminder that we have many second hand jackets for sale in the Uniform Shop at a very reasonable cost. Your support on this matter is greatly appreciated.



## **Other Newsletter Items**

### **Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion**

Sixty Year 5 and 6 students, along with me, Mr Turner, Mr Sollis, Mrs Eftos and Mrs Seedy-Dittrich, leave this Sunday, 7 August, for an educational tour of Canberra. We return the night of Friday 12 August.

Whilst on this excursion we will participate in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. Amongst other places of interest, we will be visiting the Australian National Gallery, National Portrait Gallery, Old Parliament House, Royal Australian Mint, Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra Dinosaur Museum, Parliament House, National Museum, Questacon, the National Zoo and Aquarium and the Australian War Memorial. We will also be making a day trip across the NSW border to the Snowy Mountains to enjoy snow activities at Mount Selwyn.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young

*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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Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist us in meeting the cost of this tour the Australian Government has contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards travel expenses incurred. This amount has been \$240 per student.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

We are sure that this tour will be an exciting and rewarding experience for all students. A tour report and photos will appear in a newsletter later this term.

Narelle Alver  
**Deputy Principal**

### **S7 Assembly**



Thanks to all the students in Ms McGuire's S7 class for hosting the first assembly of term. I very much enjoyed the performance. It was a great way for the students to have an understanding of the electoral process. The students were able to go from 'go to whoa' in 10 minutes that took the rest of Australia over 60 days to resolve. Well done to all concerned.

Our next class 'up to bat' is a combined effort from the Year 2 students in JB3 and JB4. It is sure to be a visual feast. Come one, come all.

### **Excellence Awards and Writer of the Month**



### **Zia Thyer - Year 3**

For gradually becoming an accomplished writer. Regardless of the topic or genre, she creates enjoyable and engaging texts. Her writing flows smoothly from one idea to the next and contains interesting and descriptive words and phrases.

### **Oliver Faix - Year 2**

Oliver has achieved outstanding results in Mathematics. He constantly works hard to improve his knowledge.

### **Ankur Kanada - Year 5**

Ankur demonstrates a deep understanding of scientific concepts and openly shares his understandings with his peers. He makes interesting contributions to Science lessons.

## **Jeans 4 Genes Day- Friday, 5 August**



Thanks to all for supporting 'Jeans 4 Genes Day' today. The Student Councillors collected \$564.55 which will help fund research to advance prevention and treatment of genetic disease.

## Book Week - Monday, 22 August - Friday, 26 August



From Monday, 22 August-Friday, 26 August, we will be celebrating Book Week. This year's theme is Australia! Story Country. During Book Week, teachers have a number of activities planned

to encourage reading and to celebrate authors who have been short listed for the 2016 Children's Book Awards which will be on display in the library. Information about these events and activities will be communicated to parents/caregivers at the classroom level. Feel free to come into the library and see what are considered to be some of the best Australian books for children published in the last 12 months.

## Artist-in-Residence programme



Elizabeth Pedler and Jessica Wormuth and the staff and students in S1 and S3 are well under way with the design process for the two permanent art projects for the school which are inspired by the senses of taste/ smell and touch. Yesterday, the two classes involved had a very exciting excursion to the Art Gallery of WA and Kings Park in order to get the creative juices flowing.



### **Busy Bee- Sunday, 28 August**

Information about the planned Busy Bee on Sunday, 28 August will be sent home in the coming weeks. There are several areas that we wish to develop on the day, so please mark the day in your calendar. If you can help out by bringing in tools such as wheelbarrows, spades, shovels and power tools of all shapes and sizes, it will be greatly appreciated.



### **Australian Census- Tuesday, 9 August**

The 2016 Census is Australia's moment to pause and make a difference, and help shape the future of Australia's investment in housing, roads, schools and



hospitals. For the first time, the Census will be able to be completed online.

Data from the 2011 Census revealed that Australians come from more than 200 countries, speak more than 300 languages, belong to more than 100 religious groups and work more than 1,000 occupations.

By now, all Australian households would have received information about the Census itself and how to use the unique Census Login to complete the Census online on 9 August, or to follow the directions to order a paper form.

For parents/caregivers who have children away on the Canberra tour, please include your child(ren) on your Census household form as if they were at home on Census night.

For more information about the Census visit [www.census.abs.gov.au](http://www.census.abs.gov.au)

## **Funky Fitness**

There have been some questions asked by parents/caregivers in response to the price hike for Funky Fitness from \$45.00 last term to \$55.00 this term. This was the result of some mis-communication at the commencement of the programme in Term 2 regarding a small increase in the price of the programme itself, and a minimum cost charge per class/group for a minimum of 20 children. As the office received notification about these changes to arrangements after the Funky Fitness letters had gone out and money had started to be receipted, the decision was made to carry over the shortfall in cost to the second half of the programme, rather than issue a subsequent letter asking for an additional \$5.00 for the Term 2 programme. The costs of the programme should have been \$50.00 per term. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience.

## **Have you enrolled your Year 6 child into Secondary school?**

A reminder to all parents/caregivers of Year 6 students, that by now you should have enrolled your son/daughter into secondary school. I received an email from John Forrest Secondary College during the week who have asked the school to remind parents/caregivers to return any enrolment packs to the school ASAP, as the school requires these numbers as part of 2017 planning. This will be a similar situation for all secondary schools, so please take action if you haven't completed the enrolment process as yet.

## **Helping Hands Maylands is now offering Tutoring with Optimise.**

Helping Hands Maylands are offering tutoring sessions for all children enrolled into their service! The service will be provided by Optimise Learning. Optimise Learning is an educational organisation committed to working with students, teachers and parents/caregivers to maximise the academic development of young people.



All extra cost is eligible for the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate.

This includes:

- Choice of Maths or English
- Choice of Tuesday or Thursday or both!
- 3 sessions times available
- 30 minute sessions
- Open for individual sessions or group session (up to 3 and only 1 year group apart)

Contact the Helping Hands service Coordinator for more information on 0438 601 008.

## P&C News

## Canteen News

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1 August	2 August	3 August	4 August	5 August
Week 3	Help Needed	Joasie	Sascha Joasie	Karen Joasie	Gary
	8 August	9 August	10 August	11 August	12 August
Week 4	Help Needed	Help Needed	Sascha	Karen	Gary

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. Phone 9473 4111.

Don't forget to put your lunch order in the basket first thing in the morning

Late orders disrupt the running of the canteen; please make sure your order is in the class lunch basket on time. We know this is sometimes



hard, but if lunch orders are not in by the start of recess then we will not be able to fill them. In these cases only a basic sandwich can be supplied. Alternatively place your child's order via [ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://ouronlinecanteen.com.au).

If your child has a problem with their lunch please remind them to go to the canteen where we will try our best to sort things out.

### **Food Safe Certificate Course**

The WA School Canteen Association will run a Food Safety and Hygiene Training course here at school!

When?	Monday 5 September 2pm - 4pm
Where?	In the Conference Room, Administration Block
How Much?	\$15 per person

Interested members of the school community please write your name on the list in the canteen before Friday, 12 August.

Participants receive a certificate recognised by the hospitality industry. Please arrange your own childcare.

Any further questions, please see us in the canteen.

Helen Tennant and Jess Watt  
**Canteen Organisers**

### **NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

To include items in the school newsletter contact Gayle Tippett by email [Gayle.Tippett@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Gayle.Tippett@education.wa.edu.au)

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