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Message from the Principal

Semester Two Reports- Monday, 12 December

Semester Two reports will be sent home with students during the last week of term on Monday, 12 December. Please take the time to go through the report(s) with your child(ren) to discuss the grades and comments allocated by staff. A reminder that if any parents/caregivers are wishing to make an appointment with your child’s classroom teacher/specialist teacher to discuss the contents of the report in more detail, to approach the staff member directly or arrange an appointment via Mrs Millar or Mrs Tippett in the office. Uncollected reports at the end of term will be retained by the office ready for collection by parents/caregivers at the start of the 2017 school year. However, if there are any families that won’t be able to collect reports during the last week of term, as they may be interstate or overseas, but may like a copy of the report emailed out, please leave your email details with Mrs Johnson in the office by Friday, 9 December.

Other Newsletter Items

JA1 and JB2 Assembly

- P&C Christmas Sing-along- Friday 9 December
- Canteen News
- Community Announcements
- Helping Hands - Vacation Care Program
- Maylands Tennis Club
- Community Cricket Camp in Summer Holidays



COMING EVENTS

P&C/School Volunteers
Morning Tea-
Wednesday, 7 December
Year 4-6 Swimming
Carnival- Thursday,
8 December
2016 Book Award
Assembly- Friday,
9 December
P&C Christmas Sing-a-
long- Friday, 9 December
Semester 2 Reports go
home- Monday,
12 December
Year 6 Graduation-
Thursday, 15 December
Last day for students-
Thursday, 15 December

School office opens for
2017 - Wednesday,
25 January- Friday,
27 January 2017
(Closed Thursday,
26 January for Australia
Day).
Term 1, 2017 commences
for students- Wednesday,
1 February

Quote of the Fortnight

Sometimes, the benefit of a dent in self-esteem is an improvement in character.

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Our Online Canteen

Well done to the terrific students in JA2 and JA3 for your performance at last week's assembly. The sea themed performance went down a treat, particularly with the students performing as the various under sea creatures portrayed in the delightful children's book *Commotion in the Ocean*. What a great way to end the year.

The next time we get together, it will be for the 2016 Book Award Assembly on Friday, 9 December. Come along and join in the fun.

Excellence Awards



Science Excellence

Sylvia Wang - Year 3

Sylvia consistently immerses herself in all areas of her learning and willingly enjoys finding out how science is involved in everything.

Writer of the Month

Ijaz Indian - Year 1

Ijaz's writing has great neatness with correct spelling and good sentence structures. His writing includes fascinating ideas and correct use of linking words.

Academic Excellence

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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James Horton - Year 4

James is a conscientious and keen worker who consistently works to the best of his ability and has achieved excellent results in all subjects.

In-term Swimming/Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival- Thursday, 8 December

All things are going well with In-term swimming arrangements with no significant challenges to overcome during the first week. At the conclusion of lessons, swimming certificates will be sent home to parents/caregivers once they arrive in school.



On a related note, Mrs Trend is currently finalising the arrangements for our Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival taking place at Bayswater Waves on Thursday, 8 December. Money and permission forms need to be back in the office by next Friday, 2 December.

Year 6 Bridgetown Camp

The Year 6 students enjoyed the 'Country Life' in Bridgetown last week. They had the opportunity to go canoeing on the Donnelly River, mountain bike through the karri forest and fly down the Flying Fox in the Donnelly River townsite. They also had the opportunity to go out to Lucieville Farm to milk cows, ride horses and to feed baby animals. The students were beautifully behaved right throughout the camp and the Bridgetown Camp School staff were particularly glowing in their praise of our students. Well done to all. I would like to thank Mrs Johnson for her outstanding organisation yet again and Ms Turvey, Mrs Sollis, Mrs Seedy-Dittrich and Mrs Godfrey for giving of their time to accompany the students on camp.





P&C/School Volunteer's Morning Tea- Wednesday, 7 December



The combined P&C/school volunteers' morning tea will be held on Wednesday, 7 December at 10.20am in the staffroom. This morning tea is to acknowledge and thank those volunteers who freely give up their time in so many different ways for the betterment of the school. Mrs Johnson will send home the invitations to those individuals that have been nominated by

the P&C/staff for his/her efforts throughout the year. Please RSVP to the office by Friday, 2 December at the latest for catering purposes.

Book Award Assembly- Friday, 9 December

One of the significant events on our school calendar is the 2016 Book Award Assembly; which will be held on Friday, 9 December starting at 8.45am. The format will be very similar to those held in previous years with staff presenting the book prizes to acknowledge the 2016 class award winners. At the end of the assembly, we will announce the names of the 2017 Student Councillors. Please feel free to join us for the morning's festivities.



School Board Report- Everything's tickety-boo

The School Board's annual Open Meeting was held on Monday. Possibly the best meeting of the year because it included canapés!

A regular feature of School Board meetings is that our Ex-Officio members - Paul, Narelle and Selina, prepare super organised reports on how finances are tracking and matters that make up the day-to-day running of the school. This cohesive team-work results in the school running very smoothly - as was noted in the DES review earlier this year.

After the regular reports had been presented, Narelle stepped the Board through the 2016 NAPLAN data and Operational Plan for 2017.

During the meeting the Board also reviewed the documents that provide governance to the Board, namely the Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct. Some minor amendments were made to clarify the WWCC section of the Terms of Reference so the copy that is on the website will soon be updated.

Early next year nominations will be sought to find a Parent Representative and a Staff Representative to fill two new vacancies as members come to the end of their term. Please give this some thought over the summer holidays. Information on how to nominate will be publicised via the newsletter and a letter home in Term 1, 2017.

Each Board member brings to the table a unique set of experiences, skills and perspective. The Board extends thanks to Helen Tennant and Grant Turner for their valuable contributions to our group. We wish them well in pursuing other interests with the extra spare time!

To Maura Hansen, Caleb Christie, Lisa Baker, Michelle Streipe, Peter Tzotzis, Erin Gibson, Mimi Secco, Narelle Alver, Kate Madden and Paul Andrijich - thank you to all for the distinctive qualities you will continue to bring to our meetings in 2017.

Have a fabulous summer holiday everyone.

Rosemary Lynch
School Board Chair

Chaplain's Chat

Hi everyone. I hope you are all doing well and enjoying this warm weather. I cannot believe how fast this term has gone with Christmas just around the corner. As we prepare and approaching this wonderful time of the year I would like to share some thoughts with you.

When it comes to loving others!

Express your love: An old fisherman who'd been married for fifty years to his patient, long-suffering wife, rarely took time to express his affection. Finally in frustration one day she said to him, 'How come you never tell me you love me?' Without blinking an eyelid he announced, 'I told you I loved you when I married you, and if I ever change my mind I'll let you know!' That's a cute story, but not so cute if it's a reality. Your husband or wife may know you love them, but they

still need to hear you say it. And so do your children, your friends and the people in your circle of influence.

Christmas is not all about gifts but it's a time where family come together to express love, share the meals, and spend time with each other. But Christmas can also be sad and lonely for some people. So remember to keep an eye out for your neighbours, friends or anyone who's doing it tough at this time of the year.

Loving is good for you both through words and actions. There's nothing as rewarding, satisfying, or encouraging as loving others. So I hope that you will have the opportunity to share love or make someone feel loved this Christmas.

Have a happy day.

Kasorn Campbell
School Chaplain

Chess Champions



At our last assembly Mr Michael Richards presented medallions and a trophy to students who had competed successfully in our recent school chess competition. Special thanks to Mr Richards who has visited most Monday lunchtimes this year to coach our students.

Student Councillor Election

Last Thursday our Year 1 – 5 students cast their votes to elect our 2017 Student Councillors. Once again the West Australian Electoral Commission ran our polling place and set up the undercover area with ballot booths and the all-important ballot box. Our new councillors will be announced at our Book Award Assembly on 9 December.



P&C News

P&C Christmas Sing-along- Friday 9 December



The P&C will be holding a Sing-along on the evening of Friday, 9 December between the Middle and Senior Learning blocks. The concert itself will run from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and involve each year group taking to the stage to

sing a song they have been practising. Gates open at 5.30pm, so feel free to bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy an evening out with the family.

We would ask that you please supervise your children as this is not a school event. Light refreshments will be on offer in the form of cold drinks, a Festive Food Stall, an ice cream van and a coffee van. Bakers can drop off their goodies at the stall from 5.00pm. Glow sticks will also be available to add to the holiday spirit.

\$1 raffle tickets will also be on sale for the chance to win a Christmas hamper.

We would love to see you there!

Canteen News

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov	1 Dec	2 Dec
Week 8	Joasie	Joasie	Joasie	Karen	Gary
	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec
Week 9	Joasie	Hot Dog Day	Joasie	Karen	Gary

Canteen Roster

Thank you to everyone that volunteered during the term. 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.

Ordering from the Canteen During Swimming Lessons

You can still order your child's lunch from the canteen during swimming lessons. If their class is away from the school during recess or lunch, we organise early or late recess and lunch to accommodate.

Online Ordering - Win a \$20 canteen voucher

If you place your child's canteen order via www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au in the month of November you will go into the draw to win a \$20 voucher to spend in the canteen. If you are not already using the online ordering, it is quick and easy to sign up to and it makes ordering from the canteen quick and easy.

Community Announcements

Helping Hands - Vacation Care Program



Helping Hands are running a Vacation Care Program from Friday, 16 December - Friday, 23 December and Monday, 9 January - Tuesday, 31 January 2017. Closed 24/12/2016 - 08/01/2016.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office, contact Dawn on 0438 601 008 or email: maylands@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au for a program copy or for further information.

Maylands Tennis Club

Maylands Tennis Club have a new coach and a new program!

For more information visit www.resulttennis.com.au or contact Jack Baldwin on 0426 265 495.

Community Cricket Camp in Summer Holidays

Join us from 9 -12 January , from 9.00am to 1.00pm each day for 4 days of cricket fun. Western Warriors players will visit the camp.

Cost \$120 - Earlybird offer before 1 January (save 10%). Call David Virgo on 0439 091 418, email info@cycd.com.au or visit www.cycd.com.au/services/summer-holidays-cricket-camp/

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

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