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## Issue No 2. - 17 February 2017

### Message from the Principal

Earlier this week, all families would have received a letter home regarding the minor school re-structure that will be taking place during next week through the creation of an additional class across the Year 2 and Year 3 cohort. This will provide enough space to cater for subsequent student enrolment for the remainder of the year. As highlighted in the letter, students in all other years are completely unaffected by the re-structure. Parents/caregivers with children in Kindy to Year 1 and Year 4 - Year 6, please feel free to mark any items of personal equipment with the teacher's name and room number.

Things have progressed quite quickly since my initial letter went home on Wednesday afternoon stating our intentions to create an additional class. As staffing is now complete, and the new class lists extremely close to being finalised, the Leadership Team has decided to progress with the creation of the new class earlier than anticipated. A letter will be coming home this afternoon to all parents/caregivers with a child in Year 2 or Year 3 outlining the transition process taking place early next week.

As a consequence of creating the additional class, I would like to welcome Mrs Alison Ruhen to school staff. Mrs Ruhen will be teaching the new Year 3 class in M1 for the remainder of the term whilst Mrs Ferguson is on Long Service Leave. Mrs Ruhen is a past member of staff and is well known to staff and students of Maylands Peninsula Primary School. Mrs Ruhen will stay on for the remainder of the year in a part-time capacity in M1 each Wednesday once Mrs Ferguson returns from leave at the start of Term 2.

I would like to thank all sectors of the school community for your patience over the last three weeks as the Leadership Team was assessing the impact of student arrivals and departures.

## 2017 Staffing and Classroom Structures

Now that all matters regarding staffing have been confirmed, below is a list of all staff members at Maylands Peninsula Primary School in 2017. We will be running with a 30 class arrangement in 2017.

### COMING EVENTS

S2 Assembly- Friday,  
24 February  
Meet the Teacher night-  
Wednesday, 1 March  
Labour Day holiday-  
Monday, 6 March  
S4 Assembly- Friday,  
10 March

### Quote of the Fortnight

When in fear we run from our problems, they always get bigger. When we courageously turn to face and tackle them they soon shrink to a size that allows us to blow them away.

### 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 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.

### SPONSORS

Year	Room	Teacher/s
Kindy A	EC3	Ms Alice Parcej-Collins
Kindy C/D	EC1	Ms Monica Merenda/ Ms Michelle Martyn (Wed)
Kindy E	EC2	Mrs Dinah Watt
Kindy F	EC2	Mrs Deb Brittain
PP	PP1	Mrs Selina Coulson/ Mrs Faye Burnaby (Mon/Tues)
PP	PP3	Ms Louise Hulme /Mrs Sandra Rojas-Walteros (Fri)
PP	PP4	Ms Nicole Selwood/Mrs Dinah Watt (Fri)
PP	PP5	Ms Sharon Hill/Mrs Faye Burnaby(Thurs)
PP/1	PP2	Mrs Maura Hansen /Ms Michelle Martyn (Tues)
1	JA1	Ms Melissa Peden
1	JA2	Mrs Dale Nixon
1	JA3	Mrs Beck Jonsson
1	JB2	Ms Amy Kinnersly
2	JB1	Mrs Kathy Richards
2	JB3	Ms Shama Avery
2	JB4	Ms Natalie Simcock
2	JB5	Miss Tessa Alver
3	M1	Mrs Alison Ruhen (Term 1) Mrs Teresa Ferguson (Term 2 )/Mrs Alison Ruhen (Wed)
3	M2	Ms Julie Powell
3	M3	Mrs Eleanor Costello
3	M5	Ms Mable Wong
4	M4	Mrs Marie Owens (Mon-Tues)/Ms Nicole Sloan (Wed-Fri)
4	S4	Ms Abby Yu
4/5	S5	Ms Breanna Manov
5	S3	Mrs Sheila Eftos
5	S6	Mr Caleb Christie
5/6	S7	Mrs Estelle McGuire
6	S1	Ms Bec Turvey
6	S2	Mr Tim Collins (Mon)/Mr Dave Sollis (Tue-Fri)
		<b>Specialist Teachers</b>
DOTT & Support Teachers	Music/Phys Ed	Mr Grant Turner
	Art	Ms Jessica Wormuth
	Year 1 Art/DOTT	Mrs Sandy Catlin (Thurs-Fri)
	Phys Ed	Mrs Robyn Trend (Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri)
	ICT	Mr Andrew Bownes (Tues and Thurs)
	LOTE- French	Mrs Heidi Kellner-Marshall (Wed-Fri)
	EAL Support	Ms Mai White
	EAL Support	Ms Natalie Bonetti (Mon-Wed)



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		Support Staff
	Kindy A	Mrs Min McDonald
	Kindy C/D	Ms Ros Dunne/Mrs Margaret Stephens
	Kindy E/F	Mrs Clare Muniz
	PP1	Ms Fiona Awa
	PP2	Mrs Debra Rogers
	PP3	Ms Leanne Jones
	PP4	Mrs Toni Saxon
	PP5	Mrs Sandra Mrasic
	JB5	Mrs Lyn Seedy-Dittrich
	S2	Mrs Trish Martyn
	S6	Mrs Maria Hadi
	Kindy D/E	Mrs Meena Manjunatha
	JA2/JB2	Mrs Christine Godfrey
	Kindy C	Mrs Margaret Stephens
	Office	Mrs Selina Millar
	Office	Mrs Gayle Tippett
	Office	Mrs Prathima Banger
	Office	Mrs Lynn McLaren (School Psychologist)
	Library	Mrs Debbie Fielding
	Library	Mrs Claudia Barbaro
	Gardener's Shed	Mr Bruce McKnight

## Other Newsletter Items

### S1 Assembly



Thanks to Ms Turvey's Year 6 class for hosting the first assembly of 2017. What a tremendous way to start the year with the delightful 'mash up' of a number of popular nursery rhymes and fairy tales. The younger students in particular took great enjoyment in the performance. Well done to all. I was also impressed by the first up performance of our Student Councillors- Holly, Tarita, Ben and Charlie.

I look forward to Mr Sollis'/Mr Collin's assembly next Friday morning when we hand out the first 'Aussie of the Month' and Excellence Awards for 2017. Come one, come all.

### Meet the Teacher night- Wednesday, 1 March

We know that learning and teaching is most effective when students,

parents/caregivers and staff work together in partnership to meet the needs of each individual child. As a result, teaching staff will be holding Parent Information meetings on



**Wednesday, 1 March.** This will provide the opportunity for the teacher(s) to explain various aspects about the class and its day-to-day operations. Staff spend quite a deal of time putting together the information for their presentation and ideally would like to share this with every parent/caregiver.

In 2016, we had a good turnout in respects to the numbers of parents/caregivers who attend these meetings which were held over two nights. In 2017, the Meet the Teacher night will be held on one night only with staggered starts for various year levels throughout the evening. This will allow parents/caregivers to make arrangements for childcare on one night only, rather than potentially two.

The timetable for the evening is as follows:

Kindy and Pre-primary (Inc PP2)- 6.00-6.20pm

Year 1-Year 3- 6.30-6.50pm

Year 4- Year 6 7.00-7.20pm

Whilst I understand that we all live rather hectic lives and are often time poor, I believe giving up a half hour of your time to engage with staff is a reasonable ask and therefore there is an expectation that at least one parent/caregiver attends. A letter will be sent home to all parents/caregivers in the coming week to talk about the Meet the Teacher night in more detail. I appreciate your support on this matter.

## After School Play



One of the unique aspects of our school is the opportunity to utilise the playground areas at the end of the school day. This only adds to the great community feel we have at Maylands Peninsula Primary

School. As we have a number of new families entering the school this year, I would like to remind everyone of the 'rules' governing after school play on the school playgrounds:

- Children will have access to school playgrounds and facilities **up to 3.20pm** provided their parents/caregivers are supervising their play. All unsupervised children are to make their way home or to the school office if they have not been collected.
- **At 3.20pm**, the school siren will sound as the signal to indicate that the playground areas are closed for the day. Parents/caregivers and children are to make their way off school site.
- Parents/caregivers who wish to continue with play, please make your way to the playgrounds located on Gibbney Reserve where drinking fountains and toilet facilities are located.
- Cleaning staff will commence the process of locking up toilet areas.

Thanks to all those parents/caregivers who have been 'doing the right thing' when the 3.20pm (2.50pm on Tuesdays) siren sounds.



## Afterschool incident

Earlier this week, I spoke with a concerned parent who reported to me a troubling incident that took place after school on Tuesday afternoon. Two of our students were walking home towards the roundabout on Caledonian Avenue and were approached by a man who appeared to be quite drunk. The parent, who was in her car with her own children, observed what was happening, and stopped to offer assistance.

The children were somewhat distressed, so the parent asked the children if they would like to hop in her car for a lift home. The students took up the opportunity to hop in the parent's car whilst she distracted the man. He then attempted to hop into the car as well, but was denied access. Eventually, he left the scene and continued on his way down the road.

If your children walk or ride to and from school, it would be wise to discuss the steps they should take in the event that something uncomfortable or untoward happens on the way to/from school. It is much better to be safe, than sorry.

## Parking around school grounds

Car parking around school areas is always a major source of concern, particularly around the peak times before and after school. We have large numbers of students who walk or ride bikes to and from school each day and the safety of our students is paramount. Please be extremely careful when entering car park areas. Small children often cannot be seen when walking behind cars through car park areas. Furthermore, please observe the 40km/h limit in place around the school from 7.30-9.00am and again from 2.30-4.00pm.



I would like to also remind parents/caregivers that the car park at the front of the school office is for **staff parking only**. Drivers must remain in the vehicle at the 2min set down/pick up zone along the entrance to Kelvin Street rather than use this area as a quick car parking space. As there have been a number of complaints from local residents over the years, the area around the school is patrolled on an on-going basis by Rangers from the City of Bayswater, as too, the 'No Parking' areas along the Kelvin Street and Ferguson Street verge. Please observe the speed limits, street signage and drop off/pick up zone rules, not only for the sake of your wallets, but more importantly for the sake of our students and their families.

## In-term Vacations

In early 2014, the Department of Education put in place new protocols for recording student absence for In-term vacations. This was in

response to the large numbers of students across the state taking vacations during the school term.

As a consequence, parents/caregivers are reminded of the requirement to make contact with a member of the Leadership Team- principally Mr Andrijich- to discuss the reasons why your child(ren) will be absent during the school term, nominate the length of stay, expected return date etc. Once this conversation takes place, the Leadership Team will use their discretion to determine if a student's absence for a vacation is justified (authorised) e.g. family wedding, significant cultural or religious event as opposed to a family holiday (unauthorised) e.g. sipping cocktails in Bali or cycling around Rottneest.

So if you are intending to take children out of school during school term, please make a time to meet with Mr Andrijich through the school office.

Every day matters with your child's education.

## Speed Skating Champion



Well done to Jasper and Amelia Syme who recently competed in the speed skating championships that took place in Adelaide in January. Jasper returned with a swag of medals- 4 gold and 4 silver. He won gold in the indoor 300m time trial and 500m, 1000m and 1500m indoor sprint, whilst the four silver medals for the outdoor events in the 100m time trial and 500m, 1000m and 1500m outdoor sprint. Whilst Amelia didn't place in her events, she really enjoyed her first experience at competing at the nationals. Well done Jasper and Amelia.

## Chaplain's Chat

It was great to see so many students turn up for the first Breakfast Club of 2017 earlier this week. The students were beautifully behaved and really enjoyed each other's company. I am still on the lookout for any parents/caregivers/grandparents who may be able to lend a hand on a Tuesday or Thursday morning with Breakfast Club. If this sounds

like you, please drop in to see me at Breakfast Club one morning in the near future. Thanks.

Kasorn Campbell

Maylands Peninsula School Chaplain

## P&C News

### Student Banking



Our very popular School Banking programme is up and running again in 2017. Banking takes place every Tuesday morning before school in the school library from 8.15-8.30am. If you are new to the school and would like to know more about the programme, please collect an

information pack from the school office or come into see one of the lovely school banking ladies next Tuesday morning. By way of information, the school receives \$5.00 for every new account that is opened and 5% of deposits throughout the year. In 2016, this amounted to \$1968.79, which goes directly back into purchasing additional resources for students.

School Banking Team

## Canteen News

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb	24 Feb
Week 4	Help Needed	Kathryn	Karen	Kathryn	Gary
	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 March	2 March	3 March
Week 5	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Karen	Gary Kat

### Canteen Roster

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.

### Specials on the Menu

This term we have Chicken Curry and Rice (available every day) for the special prices of \$3 (normally \$4.20) and Potato Top Pies (Friday only) for the special price of \$3 (normally \$3.80).

**Online Ordering - Don't forget to update room and teacher name**

If you place your child's canteen order via [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au) don't forget to update their room number and teacher name so that their order goes to the right classroom. To make this update, click on your child's initials in the circle on the top left of the screen (once you are logged in) to update their details.

## Community News

### Helping Hands Network- Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope that your children have enjoyed the school holidays and have enjoyed the start to the new school year.

With the start of the new term it is a good opportunity to check your current enrolment information and bookings, or to enrol into the OSHC program. It is always a good idea to book early to ensure you secure a place.

There is NO cost to enrol and we encourage families to enrol in the service in case you ever need to use the program for an emergency or if your circumstances change. Don't hesitate to email us if you would like us to call you to provide any information that you require. We can also provide a quote for using the service. We are an approved service so families are eligible to apply for child care benefits and rebates. If you provide your CCB%, or an estimate of your income, we will be able to estimate your out of pocket costs for using our service.

Our staff onsite at the service or at our Central Office are available to assist with any enquiries regarding enrolling in the program or changes to your current contact information or booking, new bookings, account information or any other questions that you might have. You can call our Central office on 1300 612 462 or email [accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au](mailto:accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au). Alternatively you can enrol online at [www.helpinghandnetwork.com.au](http://www.helpinghandnetwork.com.au)

For those parents/caregivers who would like to know more, Helping Hands Maylands is having an Open Evening on Tuesday, 21 February between 6.00-7.00pm at the centre to enable parents/caregivers to have a look at the centre and to ask questions about enrolments. The entrance to the centre is located at the end of 6th Avenue. Please turn left into the driveway at the end of the road that leads into the old Maylands Primary School site. Please feel free to call Dawn on 0438 601 008 for further information.

## Primary Music Institute





Primary Music Institute (PMI) provides small group and private instrumental music lessons at your school through our unique keyboard and guitar programs.

To enrol now please visit our website

[www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au) If you have a paper enrolment form you can either enrol online or fax your completed form to 1300 764 674.

- Lessons are held on school campus – with exact lesson days and times confirmed on an individual student basis depending on availability and school preferences
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (typically 2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via “PMI Stars” programme – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child’s school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces are available so please enrol ASAP

For more information about any of the PMI programmes please have a look at our website, collect an enrolment sheet from the office or contact our Parent Support Team at [admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au](mailto:admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au) or call on 1300 362 824.

## Term 1 Positive Parenting Program for Teens- Mount Lawley Senior High School



Parents/caregivers are invited to attend free parenting seminars to learn practical, positive and effective ways to strengthen bonds with their teenagers, encouraging them to develop the skills to become independent and to successfully connect with the wider

community.

The seminars are standalone and parents may choose to attend one, two or all three of the seminars. However, it is best to attend all three to get the full benefit of the program.

When: Seminar One- Wednesday, 22 February: Raising Responsible Teenagers

Seminar Two- Wednesday 1 March: Raising Competent Teenagers

Seminar Three- Wednesday 8 March: Getting Teenagers Connected

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Mount Lawley Senior High School (please sign in at Main Administration Office)

Cost: Free – however bookings are essential.

Parents of children in Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are welcome to attend. This is an adult only event, so please do not bring your teenager along.

For more information, or to register to attend a free parenting seminar please:

Visit the EventBrite page to register online

<https://mlshsteenpppseminars.eventbrite.com.au>

If you wish to attend all three seminars, you have to register for each seminar separately online or send an email to Iva Filipovska at [iva.filipovska@lawley.wa.edu.au](mailto:iva.filipovska@lawley.wa.edu.au)

## **Kumon Maylands Education Centre**

Kumon Maylands Education Centre can support your child's learning. Please contact Tam Pham on 0478 219 269 for further information.

### **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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