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Message from the Principal

Semester 2 Reports- Monday, 11 December

Semester 2 reports will be sent home via email during the last week of term on **Monday, 11 December**. The link on the email will be 'live' for four weeks from the time of sending. As such, I would encourage all families to save an electronic copy of the report on your computer or portable drive before the four week time period passes. 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.



Families eating on the oval after school

As the warm weather returns, there have been quite a few families having afternoon snacks and the like during the 20min after school play time around the playground areas. In recent weeks, I have become increasingly concerned with the amount of chip packets, drink bottles and other snack packaging that have been left behind once the siren

**along- Friday 8
December**

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COMING EVENTS

Visual and Performing Arts evening- Thursday, 30 November
JA1 and JB2 Assembly- Friday, 1 December
P&C/School Volunteers Morning Tea- Wednesday, 6 December
2017 Book Award Assembly- Friday, 8 December
P&C Christmas Sing-a-long- Friday, 8 December
Semester 2 Reports go home- Monday, 11 December
Year 6 Graduation- Thursday, 14 December
Last day for students- Thursday, 14 December

School office opens for 2018 - Wednesday, 24 January- Thursday, 25 January 2018 (Closed Friday, 26 January for Australia Day).
Term 1, 2018 commences for students- Wednesday, 31 January 2018

Quote of the fortnight

Not being brilliant at something is not an excuse to be awful at it. Be as good as you can

sounds at 3.20pm to indicate that it is time to leave school grounds. Parents/caregivers, please ensure that you take your rubbish home with you as you leave or deposit the rubbish on the bins located on Gibbney Reserve. I appreciate your support on this matter.

Other Newsletter Items

JA2, JA3 and JP2 Assembly



Thanks to the wonderful Year 1 students in JA2, JA3 and JP2 for hosting last week's assembly. By all accounts, the assembly item based on the book 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson was quite a show. The Ladybird was very clever in the way she organised the farm animals to thwart the baddies- Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len- from stealing the farm's prize cow. It would have been very handy having the Ladybird around the school at the time our kangaroo paws were stolen from our school gardens outside JA1, JA2 and JA3 late last term. Perhaps she would have been able to thwart those baddies as well. Congratulations to all concerned.

Our last class assembly of the year will also be a combined effort with the Year 1 students in JA1 and JB2 putting on the show. Please come on down to enjoy our last regular assembly of the year.

Aussie of the Month and Excellence Award winners

be. Remember, the more time you spend in the good zone the more chances you have of being brilliant. Brilliance by its nature is occasional, whereas good can, through effort, be constant.

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Canteen email:

canteen@mpps.wa.edu.au

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.

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Henry Giltrow - S6 - Aussie of the Month

Henry shows genuine care and consideration for others, particularly to those in need. He is always courageous and goes against the flow to stand up for people who are being treated unfairly.

Abby Ridley - JB1 - Aussie of the Month

Abby is an enthusiastic class member who is keen to help others. She follows the rules inside and outside the classroom and always strives to do her very best work.

Alysha Trin - S5 - Aussie of the Month

Alysha has been nominated by her classmates for being a cheerful and kind student who is always loyal, helpful and respectful.

Conrad Divkovic - JA1 - Academic Excellence

Conrad has consistently achieved excellent results. He has worked conscientiously all year and is keen to share his extensive knowledge with the class.

Audrey Fisher - JA2 - Writer of the Month

With the story "The Weird Home", Audrey has performed excellent skills in language choice, the correct use of high level punctuation and most of all, her narrative writing is very well-structured and creative.

Oliver Thomas-Jones - M2 - Science Excellence

Oliver is able to explore topics presented. He plans investigations and uses written, oral and visual evidence to present his findings. He is able to use the correct scientific language to summarise his results.



Year 6 Bridgetown Camp

The weather gods were smiling as we had wonderful conditions right throughout the week for our Year 6 camp at Bridgetown. Our Year 6 students 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. I am confident that all of the students came back with some fond memories of their week away. I would like to thank Mrs Johnson for her outstanding organisation yet again and Ms Turvey (Snr and Jnr), Mr Sollis and Mrs Martyn for giving of their time to accompany the students on camp.





School Board Report

The School Board's annual Open Meeting was held on Monday of this week.

After the regular reports had been presented, Mrs Narelle Alver stepped the Board through the 2017 NAPLAN data and Operational Plans for 2018.

Mr Caleb Christie finished his term as a staff representative. The Board thanked Caleb for his excellent contribution to our efforts.

The Board also recognised the significant involvement of one of our Community Members, Mr Peter Tzotzis, who has served on the Board for a total of six years since our initiation as an Independent Public School in 2011. Peter steps off the Board having been a constant supporter and contributor to our school community for many years after his own children graduated. The Board extends a huge thanks to Peter and wishes him well for the future.

Thanks also to Lisa Baker, Michelle Streipe, Erin Gibson, Mimi Secco, Peter Klinger, Maura Hansen, Eleanor Costello, Narelle Alver, Megan Mohr and Paul Andrijich for bringing thoughtful guidance to Board matters in 2017 to help the school continue to achieve the best outcomes for students and staff.

Best wishes to all for a safe and happy summer break.

Rosemary Lynch
School Board Chair

Visual and Performing Arts evening- Thursday, 30 November

Last Thursday, all families would have received a flier promoting the Visual and Performing Arts Evening taking place next Thursday, 30 November from 5.00pm-7.00pm.

An art exhibition will take place in the library, art room and junior A block and will feature student art works from Pre-primary to Year 6. At 6.00pm everyone will be invited to head to the Undercover



Area to watch performances from our clarinet and guitar students, the MPPS Choir (Years 4-6) and MPPS Band (Year 6).

As part of the art exhibition there will be glass jewellery for sale which has been made by the students. Furthermore, you will also have the opportunity to order A3 colour prints of your child's art work. Your child's artwork will be sent home after the art show regardless of whether you have purchased anything or not. All

funds raised go towards the school.

Thank you- Ms Jessica Wormuth, Mrs Sandy Catlin and Mr Grant Turner

P&C/School Volunteer's Morning Tea- Wednesday, 6 December

The combined P&C/school volunteers' morning tea will be held on Wednesday, 6 December at 10.15am 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 is in the process of sending out invitations to those individuals that have been nominated by the P&C/staff for his/her efforts throughout the year. Please RSVP the office by Friday, 1 December at the latest for catering purposes.

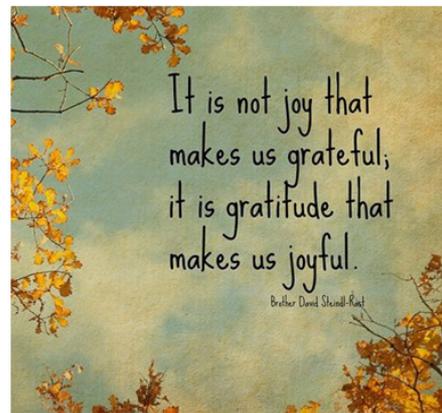
Book Award Assembly- Friday, 8 December



One of the significant events on our school calendar is the 2017 Book Award Assembly; which will be held on Friday, 8 December starting at 9.00am. The format will be very similar to those held in previous years with staff presenting the book prizes to acknowledge the 2017 class award winners. At the end of the assembly, we will announce the names of the 2018 Student Councillors. Please feel free to join us for the morning's festivities.

School Chaplain Chat

Hello everyone! Summer is in the air as the school year winds up and the holidays draw near. I know many of us are gearing up for Christmas, but my mind has been on another holiday lately...



This week, Thanksgiving Day took place in America. Of course, I have missed celebrating one of my favourite holidays with loved ones at a traditional feast, but the day has taken on a special meaning for me this year. I came across a few quotes that helped me remember what the day is all about:

"Yes, there is a "secret to happiness"—and it is gratitude... We tend to think that it is being unhappy that leads people to complain, but it is truer to say that it is complaining that leads to people becoming unhappy. Become grateful and you will become a much happier person." - Dennis Prager, Happiness Is a Serious Problem

"I don't have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness--it's right in front of me if I'm paying attention and practising gratitude." - Brene Brown

"It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful." - David Steindl-Rast

As I thought about these sayings, I was reminded to be thankful for what I have and to not focus on what I don't. One thing I am grateful for is the opportunity to serve as chaplain at Maylands Peninsula PS. I am grateful for each person I've come to know here. The last few months have been a wonderful start to my career as a school chaplain, and I look forward to what 2018 will bring.

I hope this encourages you, as it did me, to pause in this busy season and remember the little and big things we have to be thankful for. With gratitude,

Eva Johnson a.k.a. 'Mrs. J'
MPPS Chaplain

Crochet Club



Crochet Club has been running for most of 2017. It was started by our previous chaplain, Mrs Kasorn Campbell, at the request of some students. After she left MPPS to complete her studies, Crochet Club has continued, being run by a number of dedicated staff. The numbers in attendance has varied from week to week, however most recently our younger students have shown a keen interest.

In addition to helping children to develop their fine motor skills, crochet also teaches them a number of important life skills.

Responsibility - Students are responsible for bringing their yarn project to class.

Ability to focus and follow through - Learning these skills is a step-by-step process.

Persistence - Projects take time and patience to complete.

Finally, we will gladly accept and appreciate donations of yarn or tools. They can be left at the library.

Thanks

Maria Hadi



P&C News

P&C Christmas Sing-along- Friday 8 December

The P&C will be holding a Sing-along for all our students on the evening of Friday, 8 December between the Middle and Senior Learning blocks. Gates open at 5.30pm, and the concert runs from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. 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.

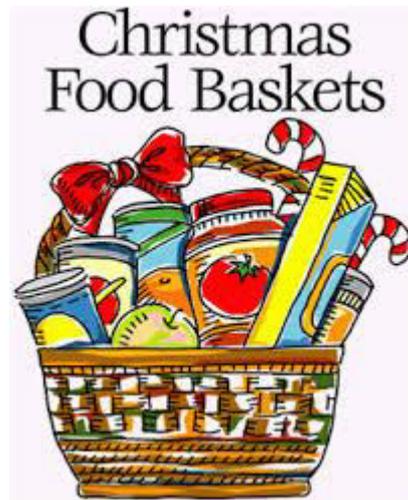


On offer will be...Cold drinks, a Festive Food Stall, a Coffee van, Glow products and \$1.00 raffle tickets for the chance to win a Christmas hamper! Thank you, MPPS P&C

Visual Arts Stall

Come along between 5.00pm and 7.00pm on Thursday, 30 November to grab some tasty treats from the P&C stall as you enjoy art and music created by our students. We will also have coffee and tea available to purchase on the night.

Christmas Hamper Raffle



Thank you to those people who have already donated items for our Christmas raffle, which will be drawn at the Sing-along on Friday, 8 December. If you have any items to donate, please contact Cate on 0408 261 019. Thanks!

Community News

The 4Rs of Online Safety

Kirra Prendegast from Safe on Social has sent through a link to an article titled '**The 4 Rs of online safety**' that may be of interest to our school community. The article is contained on the Australian Government's Office of eSafety Commissioner website. Please click on

the highlighted link above if you are interested in knowing more about safely navigating an online world.

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programmes: Applications open

Applications are open for students starting Year 7 in 2019 (our current Year 5 cohort) for a range of Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programmes for academic, arts and languages courses in a number of secondary schools. Applications for these programmes close on Sunday, 1 February 2018. Resources and additional information are available to assist with informing parents/caregivers about the application process.

Enquiries: Joanna Kemps Joanna.Kemps@education.wa.edu.au
9264 5391.

Drum and Percussion Lessons

**DRUM AND PERCUSSION
LESSONS**

Hi there,

My name is Laura Saxon and I have been learning drums and percussion for 7 years and teaching it for 2 years. I am currently heading into Year 12 and am studying ATAR Music. Over the past five years, I have been involved in many competitions and festivals, including Catholic Performing Arts Festival, Generations in Jazz Festival, Festival Gala Concert in Dublin directed by Janet Galván, and performing at the Opening of the London International Music Festival. If your child would like to learn to play the drums for a reasonable price, or you would like more information, please feel free to contact me through the number or email below.

Email: saxonlaura@hotmail.com
Mobile: 0412 934 901

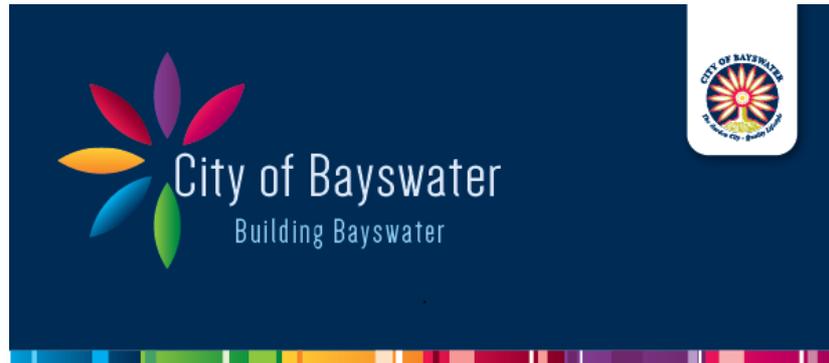


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Building Bayswater Focus Group



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RSVP to: buildingbayswater@bayswater.wa.gov.au

- **DRILL HALL, BAYSWATER**
Saturday 25 November, 1.30pm to 3.30pm
- **NORANDA BOWLS CLUB**
Sunday 26 November, 1.30pm to 3.30pm
- **NORANDA BOWLS CLUB**
Wednesday 29 November, 6.00pm to 8.00pm
- **DRILL HALL, BAYSWATER**
Thursday 30 November, 6.00pm to 8.00pm
- **CARRAMAR COMMUNITY CENTRE BEECHBORO**
Friday 1 December, 6.00pm to 8.00pm
- **CITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE**
Monday 4 December, 6.00pm to 8.00pm
- **MAYLANDS AUTUMN CENTRE**
Thursday 7 December, 6.00pm to 8.00pm



NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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