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Message from the Principal

2018 Student Census and classroom structures- Everything stays 'as is' for now

I'd like to thank all the students, staff and parents/caregivers for your patience over the last three weeks in the lead up to the 2018 Student Census taking place today. All up, we have 653 students 'on the books' from Kindergarten to Year 6, which is approximately 50 students less than we had at the same time last year. I have been in regular contact with Central Office to discuss our staffing needs for 2018, and it is hoped that we will be able to finalise our staffing entitlement in the not too distant future. As a consequence, the current classroom structures will remain 'as is' for the foreseeable future.

As soon as our staffing entitlement has been finalised, a letter will be sent home to all families to inform you of the outcome of our staffing processes and our classroom structures for 2018.

Once again I would like to thank all sectors of the school community for your patience.

Meet the Teacher night- Wednesday, 28 February- Possible postponement

With the above in mind, a decision about whether to proceed as planned with the 'Meet the Teacher' night on Wednesday, 28 February will be made late next week. Options up for consideration at present is to proceed as planned with those classes that may be



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COMING EVENTS

P&C Meeting-
Wednesday, 21 February
S2 Assembly- Friday,
23 February
Meet the Teacher night-
Wednesday, 28 February
Labour Day holiday-
Monday, 5 March
S4 Assembly- Friday,
9 March
P&C Movie Night- Friday,
16 March

Quote of the Fortnight

Not being brilliant at something is not an excuse to be awful at it. Be as good as you can be. Remember, the more times 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:
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Canteen orders:
Our Online Canteen

unaffected by any potential changes to classroom structures, with a follow up night later in the term for those classes that may be affected in one way or another. Alternatively, moving the night in its entirety to a date later in the term is the other option up for consideration. These options will be discussed at the P&C meeting next Wednesday. Nevertheless, information will be sent home to families next Thursday, 22 February to make everyone aware of the arrangements that will be put in place.

Other Newsletter Items

S3 Assembly



Thanks to Ms Wyatt's and Mr Sollis' Year 6 class for hosting the first assembly of the new school year. What a tremendous way to start 2018. Despite the technical glitches with the laptop not behaving nicely, the item itself about the Periodic Table was particularly educational and engaging. To think the class only had a little over a week to prepare and memorise all the various elements. Well done to all concerned.

Ms Manov's S2 class will be our hosts for the next class assembly taking place next Friday morning. This will be the first time in 2018 that we hand out the 'Aussie of the Month' and Excellence Awards. Come one, come all.

Early siren for Assembly days

For those families that are new or not so new to the school, I would like to remind everyone that the siren is rung 5 minutes earlier than normal at **8.40am** on assembly days. This both enables the school to meet the required minutes of instructional time for the week and provides a little extra time for classroom teachers to get into the assembly area and back into classrooms before specialist and

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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support programmes commence at 9.30am.

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 also like to 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 2 minute 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



As highlighted in the last newsletter, almost a quarter (23%) of student absences in 2017 were the result of students being away from school on an in-term vacation. As 12 weeks of the

year are available for school holidays, and in the interest of your child's academic progress, I would urge parents/caregivers to only book family holidays during these periods.

However, if there is a genuine need for parents/caregivers to take their child(ren) out of school on vacation during the school term, there is a 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, nominate the length of stay, expected return date etc. 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.

Every day matters with your child's education.

Syringes on oval

We had a concerned member of the local community bring to our attention that they had found some used syringes out on Gibbney Reserve whilst walking their dog. Staff have been asked to run through the protective measures that children can take to protect themselves from harm whilst at school or walking to and from school. It would be appreciated if parents/caregivers could reinforce these messages at home.



Online Science iQ quiz- Well done



Well done to Jack Osborn, Saim Anwar, Ruby Tanner and Joshua Abordi from the former Year 5/S6 class who won the Term 4, 2017 Online iQ Science competition. The team had to answer some very challenging questions that tested the team's skills, knowledge and understandings in science. There was another school team that correctly answered the same amount of questions, but as our team had completed the quiz in a faster time, they were awarded first prize. Congratulations.

P&C News

Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers



The P&C have registered for the Coles Sports for Schools programme in 2018. For every \$10.00 spent in any Coles store you will receive one Sports for Schools voucher. You can either deposit your vouchers in the school's

collection box in Coles Maylands or bring the vouchers into the school and deposit them in the collection box in the school office. Every voucher you donate can then be redeemed for sports equipment for the school once the promotion ends. With a Coles store in our immediate neighbourhood, there is a great opportunity to get some much needed equipment into classrooms. Thanks for your support.

School Banking programme

Our very popular School Banking programme is up and running again in 2018. It is a fun and engaging way for young students to learn about money and develop good saving habits. Students, who deposit money into their Youthsaver accounts earn Dollarmites Tokens which they can redeem for exciting rewards.



Banking takes place every Tuesday morning before school in the school library from 8.15-8.45am. 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 in to see one of the lovely school banking ladies next Tuesday morning.

By way of information, the school has received \$5.00 for every new account that was opened in 2017 and 5% of all deposits. In 2017, this amounted to \$1,522.53, which goes directly back into purchasing additional resources for students.

In 2018, The Commonwealth Bank is introducing an improved School Banking Contributions Program, which means that our school will receive an annual contribution of \$100.00 for every 100 students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year. There is also a Reward Savers Contribution of \$5.00 for every 10 School Banking deposits processed per student.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning at School Banking!

School Banking Team

Scholastic Australia Book Club

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,
 Welcome back to 2018. A big thank you for supporting Maylands Peninsula Primary School during 2017. With your support the school has been able to raise \$1800 last year. This money will go towards purchasing resources for each of the learning areas.

During 2018 there will be six Book Club issues. However in Term 1 there will only be one catalogue – Issue 1. Issue 1 catalogues have been delivered to the classrooms on Thursday (15/2) and orders will need to be placed by Tuesday (20/2).

Just a reminder that the Book Club process is as follows:

1. Catalogues will be delivered to the classrooms on a Thursday;
2. You will need to place your orders by the following Tuesday – this date will be displayed in the classrooms and the library;
3. You can place your orders using one of the two methods below:
 - a. the LOOP system, a free app that you can download onto your smartphone,(this is our preferred method of payment), alternatively
 - b. manually complete the form at the back of the catalogue (ensuring name and classroom are clearly written). Payment can be made by cash, Scholastic’s voucher or cheque (payable to Scholastic Australia) and all placed in an envelope and dropped off at the office in the box marked “Book Club”.
4. Should you have any queries please leave a message for me at the Front Office.

Once again thank you for supporting Maylands Peninsula Primary school.

Kind regards,

Miriam

Book Club Coordinator

Canteen News

	Mon 19 February	Tue 20 February	Wed 21 February	Thurs 22 February	Fri 23 February
Week 4	Joasie	Joasie	Karina until 11am Another volunteer needed	Kate Another needed	Karina until 11am Another needed
	26 February	27 February	28 February	1 March	2 March
Week 5	volunteers needed	volunteers needed	Karina until 11am Another volunteer needed	Kate Another needed	Karina until 11am Another needed

It has been a slow start to the year for the MPPS school canteen, “Tummy Rumbles”, but things are starting to pick up again for us. We thank you for your patience in getting the canteen up and running again and we hope to provide the students and staff with delicious and nutritious meals.

Please note the changes to the way the canteen operates:

1) No Credit Policy - we are no longer able to provide credit for recess and lunch orders. All meals must be paid for in advance or at the time of ordering. If your child forgets their lunch money or their lunch box, they will be assisted by staff in the front office. We would encourage

more parents and students to use the online service **QuickCliq** to order their meals.

2) Late Orders – please note that the canteen accepts recess and lunch orders until 9.15am. Late orders will consist of a ham or cheese or Vegemite sandwich.

We hope that these changes will help the canteen run more efficiently.

We must extend a big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have worked in the canteen. To our returning volunteers, Joasie, Karina, Anchana and Kate, thank you for your wonderful help and support. To our new volunteers, Ajay and Lynn, thank you for coming in and helping us out. We could not have done it without all of you and we look forward to your continued support.

If you would like to get involved, please come and see us at the canteen or phone us on 9462 6705.

Regards

Helen, Charlotte and Gary

Canteen Organisers, Tummy Rumbles

Despicable Me 3

MPPS P&C PRESENTS...

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Me 3 PG

Friday, 16 March
MPPS Soccer Field
Gates_{OPEN} 6pm,
Movie_{STARTS} 7pm

**Pizzas, ice-creams and movie packs can be
pre-ordered**
Pizza pick-up/Drinks for sale until 7pm

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A P&C FAMILY NIGHT SO AN ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY STUDENTS WHO ATTEND. IF YOU ARE OF SCHOOL AGE AND ABOVE, YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE A TICKET.

All classes will receive order forms via handy pouches in Week 4.

Community News

Maylands Magic Basketball Club



Maylands Magic Basketball Club are a local junior basketball club, based at The Rise in Maylands.

Registrations are now open for the 2018 Winter season (Terms 2 & 3) and we are seeking new players in the following age groups;

- boys aged 8 & 9

- girls of all ages

All skill levels welcome.

Please contact Heather

at maylandsbasketball@gmail.com for further information.

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.

For families new to the school, our centre is located at the old Maylands Primary School site 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 Shatford-Coordinator on 0438 601 008 or via email at

maylands@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au for further information.

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.

Furthermore, the Helping Hands Vacation Care programme is now available. Please contact Dawn on the numbers above if you would like a copy of the programme and/or further information.

Thanks

Dawn Shatford
Coordinator- Helping Hands Maylands

Primary Music Institute



Keyboard & Guitar lessons
On School Campus!



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons outside of school hours
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars)
- 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 available – so please enrol ASAP

P: 1300 362 824 E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

Staying safe in an online world- Safe on Social

In recent times, there has been a lot of coverage in the media about cyberbullying and the long term and often devastating impacts that this can have on our children. As many parents/caregivers would know, the school has an on-going relationship with Kirra Pendergast from Safe on Social in regards to



matters involving social media and children. The first update Kirra has sent through is in respects to Snapchat.

If you have allowed your primary school student or young teen a Snapchat account, here's something you need to be aware of.

One of the search functions of Snapchat is providing too much information about their users. If the location services for the app are turned on a very concerning security problem is revealed.

Snapchat has a very clever user retention strategy behind it. They lured in a whole generation based on the fact that their 'snaps' would disappear after a short amount of time, so it became a second language for teenagers. A large percentage of kids say they use Snapchat because their parents don't. Also, if you turn off location services for Snapchat you start to disable some of the photo filters so kids won't turn off location services for Snapchat.

And there lies a BIG personal privacy and security issue that you and

your children are not aware of and should be.

Enter a school name or a suburb into the search feature on Snapchat and the app will deliver to you all of posts being made in proximity to the location. It will also suggest other schools (with other Snapchat account holders). Often this list will include the names of account holders, and provides the individual searching locations with the option to add the account holder to their contacts.

This raises two issues.

1. It provides evidence that numbers of students are using Snapchat in and around school – often in defiance of the schools' mobile devices usage policy.
2. Complete strangers are able to target your child's Snapchat profile, using the school they attend as a way to find them. This issue is particularly disturbing.

Consider this possible scenario if you are not concerned by this information.

A predator doesn't know the names or other regular locations of children attending any of the schools in the area that they may be, but simply by searching the school name in the Snapchat search feature, they are able to find regular users of Snapchat at these schools that are close to them.

Courtesy of Snapchat they are now able to add the accounts of any child they find, and may now happily follow their snaps, record or screen shot them.....and watch for other locations that appear regularly in a child's Snapchat feed, such as their home or regular place for sporting activity. They can also interact with the child through their account, and become "friends" with them on any other social media account.

What can you do to minimise risk?

- Respect the age restrictions of 13+
- Build trust with your child by explaining why you insist the account be set to private.
- Ensure that Ghost Mode is enabled on the Snap Map, so account holder information is hidden.
- Turn the location services for the app off on the device.
- Regularly review with your child who interacts with their account.
- Ask your child to respect the schools mobile phone policy.

As not all apps are suitable for younger people it is important for parents/caregivers to do their homework before any apps are purchased by their children. Furthermore, almost all online users will be exposed to an element of risk at some point, but this does not always equate to harm. Educating a child and yourself about what to expect from their online life and what actions to take in a variety of scenarios will help protect them now and in the future.

If you would like to receive important updates and tips for the safe use of social media, feel free to visit the Safe on Social website at <https://www.safeonsocial.com/> or visit the Office of the eSafety

Commissioner on <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online. The Office was established in 2015 with a mandate to coordinate and lead the online safety efforts across government, industry and the not-for-profit community.

FREE PARENTING SEMINARS – for EVERY PARENT Positive Parenting Program SEMINAR SERIES TEEN Term 1 2018 Mount Lawley Senior High School



Parents/caregivers/grandparents 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. The seminars are a presentation style format rather than fully interactive. However, there is a question and answer opportunity in the last 15 minutes of the seminar.

When: Wednesday 28 February Seminar One: Raising Responsible Teenagers

Wednesday 7 March Seminar Two: Raising Competent Teenagers

Wednesday 14 March Seminar Three: Getting Teenagers connected

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Mount Lawley Senior High School Staff Room – upstairs in Main Admin building

Cost: Free – however bookings are essential.

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

We look forward to seeing you at the seminar.

Iva Filipovska (School Psychologist) and Mary Keeley (School Nurse)

NB: These seminars focus on strategies for supporting very low level challenging behaviours that teenagers display. For more in-depth parent support and complex presentations, the Group Teen Triple P would be a suitable option. You can check when and where this program is offered through the Department of Health

http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Triple-P-Positive-Parenting-Program

Treasure Market

Saturday February 17, 2018

9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

TREASURE FOR KIDS GROWNUPS AND COLLECTORS!

Women's Men's and Children's Clothing

Jams and Cakes

Children's Toys

Pictures, Books, Plants, Ornaments, Crockery, Manchester,
Jewellery, C.Ds, DVDs, & Videos, Odds and Ends.....

SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

DEVONSHIRE TEAS!

At the Uniting Church Hall, 165 Railway Parade, Mount Lawley

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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