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Message from the Principal

Harmony Day- Thursday, 4 April



One of the wonderful aspects of our school is its cultural diversity. Of the 630 students in our school, 48% have a language background other than English with 59 different languages represented in our

school community. Given this cultural diversity, it is no wonder that Harmony Week is such an important week in our school.

Harmony Week is an opportunity to consider the many benefits Australia gains from its cultural and linguistically diverse communities. However, as Harmony Week takes place during In-term swimming, we have chosen to postpone our celebrations until Week 9 of term.

The theme this year is 'Harmony- It's up to us'. Please take time out this Harmony Week to join in celebrations with your friends, your family, your workplace, and our remarkable multicultural community!

To celebrate Harmony Week, we would like to see as many children as possible wearing traditional costume from another country on Thursday, 4 April. If you don't have a traditional costume, please wear something orange, in support of Harmony Day.

Please note: Kindy groups (D and F) who are not attending school on the Thursday, 4 April, your Cultural Dress Day is Friday, 5 April.

- **Maylands Lions Club- Needs you.**
- **SVAPA Parent Information Night**
- **The Fathering Project**
- **Helping Hands Maylands**
- **John Forrest Secondary College - Specialist Programs**

COMING EVENTS

In-term Swimming continues- Monday, 25 March – Friday, 29 March inclusive
 Harmony Day- Thursday, 4 April
 Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival- Tuesday, 9 April
 S8 Assembly- Friday, 12 April
 ANZAC Day service- Friday, 12 April
 Term 1 ends- Friday, 12 April
 Term 2 commences - Tuesday, 30 April

Quote of the Fortnight

Praise, praise, praise makes children crave, crave, crave more praise, praise , praise.

P&C CONTACTS:

Main email:
 pac@mpps.wa.edu.au
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

In-term Swimming

Thanks to everyone's support with getting children to school on time and ready for swimming lessons. Apart from the usual first day teething problems, particularly with our Pre-primary students who were going to swimming lessons for the very first time, the students have become familiar with the routines of going to the pool and back. However, I would like to remind parents/caregivers to please refrain from using the 'Kiss and Drive' bay out the front of the school during before school drop off and after school pick up whilst the lessons are taking place. This area needs to remain clear for the bus to get in and out to collect and drop off students. One week down, one week to go.

Meet the Teacher night- Wednesday, 13 March

Thanks to all those many parents/caregivers who turned up last Wednesday week for our 'Meet the Teacher' night. On average, we had 63% of families represented across the school. On behalf of our staff, I would like to say thank you to all members of the school community who turned up in support.

School Board Report

On behalf of the School Board, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2019 school year.

This is my first year as Board Chair and I am excited about what lies ahead as we seek to further connect with the school community and contribute to the ongoing positive development of MPPS.

The Board held its first meeting of 2019 last week, at which we welcomed new board member Sheila Eftos (representing the MPPS teaching staff) and parent representatives John Kelly and Jarrad Pozzi. We are fortunate to once again have a well-balanced group of board members with complementary skill sets and a clear desire to help our school.

Parents regularly ask me what the Board does. In a nutshell, our role is to oversee the governance of the school. That means making sure the school fulfils its obligations to the Education Department and uses the resources at its disposal to meet the needs of its students. We do not get involved in school operational matters. Instead, we provide support to the school's leadership team and work with the school to continue to deliver excellent outcomes for the entire MPPS community.

There was no better way for the Board to kick off 2019 by inviting this year's councillors – Ashleigh Bolton, Kai Kabugua, Samson Pozzi, Alysha Trinh – to address our meeting to tell us what matters to the students. The councillors' passion for our school and enthusiasm to be role models for all students was very clear for us to see.

We also used our first board meeting to endorse the school's 2018 Annual Report, which is now available on the school website and the

*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
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Schools Online directory. I urge you to read the annual report and learn more about your school community. Many thanks to Narelle Alver for again compiling the annual report, while recovering at home from her injured heel.

The Board has a busy year ahead of us. We have to oversee development of a new three-year Business Plan and assist the school's leadership team with the Education Department's triennial school review, which is expected to happen in the second half of this year.

At the same time the Board will continue to be strong and positive advocate for our school in the broader community.

You can learn more about the role of the Board at <http://www.mpps.wa.edu.au/schoolboard>. To ask questions, or to provide feedback to the Board, please feel free to send me an email at schoolboard@mpps.wa.edu.au.

I look forward to seeing you around the School.

Kind regards,

Peter Klinger
MPPS School Board Chair

Other Newsletter Items

M4 Assembly



Well done to the super students in M4 for hosting the last assembly. This was the first time that I can recall that we had a mime presentation as an assembly item. It was pleasing to see how focussed the audience was during the performance, as they had to watch very carefully to make sense of the story unfolding before them. In a drying climate, it is important that we all 'do our bit' to conserve water whenever we can. Thanks to all.

As we are in the midst of In-term swimming, we will have quite a break before the final assembly of term on Friday, 12 April. Ms Bonetti's and Mrs Owens S8 class will be our hosts.

Purple Haze Day



Thanks to all those staff, students and parents/caregivers who came dressed in purple last Thursday and donated so generously. Together we raised \$621.25 This money will be put to good use by the Starlight Foundation to help sick kids forget their illness and re-discover the joy of childhood.

Ride2School Day



It was pleasing to see so many students and parents/caregivers come to school this morning on bikes and scooters for Ride2School Day. All up, we had close to 50 students come to school on their bikes.

In the 1980s-1990s, when many of our parents/caregivers would have been going to school themselves, around 80% of students rode or walked to school each day. However, the percentage of students walking or riding to school nowadays has dropped significantly. Thanks

to the MADS group, in particular, Daniel Ferns, who coordinated the event with the Bicycle Network and organised the muffins and fruit to feed the hungry hordes.

Senses Garden refurbishment

Unfortunately, during the summer break, some senseless vandals gained access to the Senses Garden located at the bottom of the school site and ripped out plants and destroyed the bricked herb spiral that is the centrepiece of the garden itself. This was a source of sadness for many of our staff and students who have spent many hours tending to the garden.

Such is the great community spirit that we enjoy at Maylands, that last Sunday morning, a number of dads in the MADS group along with Ms Wormuth, spent a few hours restoring the garden beds and returning it to a state whereby we can re-stock it with plants. Thanks to all those parents and students who answered the 'Call to arms'. Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated.



P&C News

Invitation to the Parents & Citizens Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, 3 April

The annual P&C AGM will be taking place on Wednesday, 3 April at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

At the P&C AGM, everyone fills out their membership forms to join for the year. As part of the proceedings, all office bearer positions will be declared vacant with elections to take place on the night. To become a member of the P&C bring \$1.

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend, if you have any queries, please feel free to contact Sinead at pac@mpps.wa.edu.au.

School Canteen

	Mon 25 Mar	Tue 26 Mar	Wed 27 Mar	Thurs 28 Mar	Fri 29 Mar
Week 8	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Another needed Ginny after 11am	Hortense Another needed	Ginny Another needed
	1 April	2 April	3 April	4 April	5 April
Week 9	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Another needed Ginny after 11am	Hortense Another needed	Ginny Another needed

Apple Slinkys

An apple a day keeps the doctor away. I can't imagine many kids at MPPS get sick because we slink so many apples! Bring your own apple and we will turn it into a slinky. All it costs is a 'Please' and a 'Thank you'. Something magic happens to an apple when it is slunk. Ask Mr Turner. It changes a yummy apple into a YUMMY apple!

Hot Dog / Sushi Day

Pia, Heather and Charlotte, what a fantastic effort for Hot Dog Day! We were very busy but not stressed thanks to Pia's immaculate planning. Thanks to everyone who placed their orders before cut off time as this is key to maximise efficiency and minimise waste.

Reuseable Spoons and Forks

Keep a fork and spoon in your bag. When you place an order for Spiral Bolognese, Mac n Cheese, Teriyaki Chicken Noodles, Indian Rice and Lentils, Curry Chicken or Potato Bake, you can add a note "No fork needed".

Whenever kids forget a spoon or fork for a home packed lunch, they can ask to borrow one of ours. They just bring it back when they've finished eating. The fewer plastic things chucked in the bin, the better.

Cooeee!!!

Is there anyone out there? We need some more volunteers. Canteen work is just right for people who want to contribute, but not be involved in the hard work of planning and attending meetings. We will show you

what to do. Newbies will have someone to train them. Just come to canteen put your name on the calendar. Covered shoes are required.

Keep smiling.

Helen and Charlotte

P&C Fundraising Meeting

Fundraising Meeting: Thursday, 28 March, 8.45am – 9.30am, Admin building.

All welcome to join us...

(Kindy and PP, come in after drop off and little ones welcome)

Items to be discussed:

Finalising Disco

Term 2 Events:

Mothers Day Raffle

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

Lap a Thon

EDU Dance cake stall

Look forward to seeing you there.

Mandy & Jess

P&C Disco - Last Orders Today

Last Chance to Pre Order for the Disco TODAY!!

Order online at [Quickcliq](#) or bring in your order form in an envelope with your money marked 'Disco' and place envelope in payment box in the office. Thank you.

MPPS P&C

Community News

Maylands Lions Club- Needs you.

The Lions Club of Maylands are looking for new members from the residents of Maylands, Mt Lawley and Inglewood, to join them in their service of the community. We welcome those who will be happy to join us in making a difference to the community.



Lions are a worldwide service and target a number of projects, such as community health and wellbeing- addressing issues of disability, be it sight; hearing, cancer, Alzheimer's etc.

Lions support local and large scale global health programmes to control and prevent diabetes and diabetic retinopathy, a major cause of vision loss. In short, wherever there is urgent need, there is a Lion, true to our motto 'We serve'.

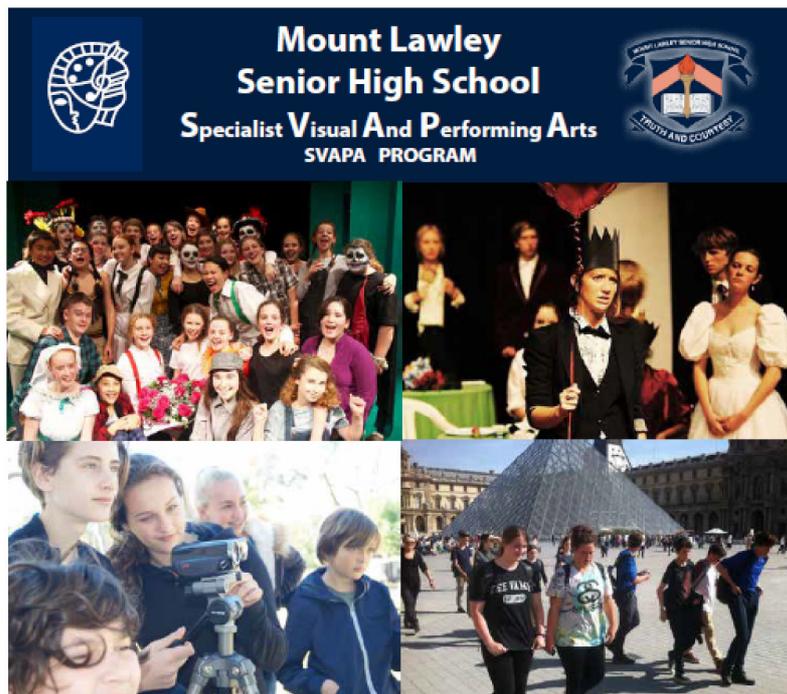
The Club is non-sectarian and non-political. All proceeds from our fundraising projects go to funding national projects. Monies from the community go back to the community.

When a natural disaster strikes, Lions are among the first to offer disaster relief. If you would like to become part of this great organisation, we would be happy to welcome you.

The Club will waive joining fees for any prospective members until 31 January 2020.

Please contact Rosemary on 9271 2398, Clarence on 0450 342 268 or email the Club at maylandslionsclub@gmail.com

SVAPA Parent Information Night



SVAPA Information Evening
Tuesday 26 March 6pm
Tricycle Theatre @ Mount Lawley SHS

Please join us for an evening presentation outlining the Department of Education's Specialist Program, audition process and Middle School structure. SVAPA is a program at Mount Lawley that provides a broad-based Arts course, requiring the students to participate in four arts areas of Drama, Media, Music and Visual Art.

Arts teachers work closely to establish a differentiated curriculum that creates strong links across the arts, focusing on interdisciplinary and contemporary approaches to art making. Extra-curricular workshops and events are curated to support these school based projects.

Applications for this program for 2020 intake close 12 April 2019
www.lawley.wa.edu.au (Programs & Choosing Lawley Sections)
Middle School Office 9471 0350 or mountlawley.shs.middle.school.admin@education.wa.edu.au

The Fathering Project



PRESENTS

GEOFF HUTCHISON HOW ARE YOU, DAD?

Geoff shares his personal and professional experiences as a Broadcaster/Journalist at the ABC, husband and father of two. He explores how being a good Dad starts with having a good sense of self.

Presenting at five locations across the Perth Metro area,

APRIL 02
GOVERNOR STIRLING SHS

TUESDAY EVENING 7:30-9:00PM

RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/GeoffH-TFP-event



Helping Hands Maylands

Autumn 2019 Term 1

This term the children at Helping Hands Maylands have been working on sustainability projects based on their own ideas. One that they are working on now is a worm farm. The purpose of our worm farm is to eventually grow our own fresh fruit and vegetables. A few of the resources provided for our worm farm were donated by our students.

Just to let you know

This Autumn, we will be running our annual term vacation care program which starts on Monday, 15 April and ends on 26 April.

Cost: \$68.00 per day with excursions and incursion at an extra cost.
Bookings are essential! Go to www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.

Healthy and nutritious meals are provided. Lunch will be provided for our bowling excursion on 24 April. Childcare subsidies are also available through the Centrelink Family Line on 13 61 50. For any further enquiries about bookings and cancellations please call our accounts team on 1300 612 462.

For any more information regarding vacation care or our service brochures are available in the administration office at Maylands Peninsula Primary School.

John Forrest Secondary College - Specialist Programs



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Specialist Tennis Program:

Applications close: Fri 5 April 2019

Tennis Trials held at the College Wed 10 April 2019

Specialist Cricket Program:

Applications close: Fri 5 April 2019

Cricket Trials held at the WACA Wed 10 April 2019

Specialist Netball Program:

Applications close: Fri 3 May 2019

Netball Trials held at Morley Sport & Rec. Wed 8 and 15 May 2019

Specialist Music Program:

Applications close: Fri 3 May 2019

Music Auditions held by appointment at the College
Sat 15 May 2019

Cross Boundaries Enrolments:

Applications close: Fri 26 July 2019

Local Area Enrolments:

Applications close: Wed 25 September 2019

Parents/Carers can also obtain further information regarding the Specialist Programs by calling 9473 4000, emailing JohnForrest.SC.SpecialistPrograms@education.wa.edu.au or attending the Year 4, 5 & 6 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday, 26 March 2019 at the College Gym at 6.15pm (for a 6.30pm start) please visit 'Events & Excursions' on the website home page or **Facebook**.

Thank you for helping further your students educational opportunities.

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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