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Issue No 1 - 7 February 2020

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to all students, families and staff to Maylands Peninsula Primary School in 2020. I'd like to especially welcome all students and families who began their journey at Maylands Peninsula Primary School earlier this week. Hopefully, everyone had a restful and relaxing summer break with family and friends.

It has been a very busy summer break! Things are looking a whole lot brighter and fresher with the painting of the verandah posts and the school office, the installation of new carpets in S3, JA and JB Blocks and the installation of the new nature play spaces around the school now complete.

On the whole, we have had a reasonably smooth start to the school year. As such, I would like to congratulate all parents/caregivers, students and staff for their efforts in making the transition into the new school year a most pleasant experience.

I'd like to welcome the following staff members who are new to our school staff in 2020:

- Mrs Renae Murphy- Kindy A/B
- Mrs Louise Banner- Kindy B
- Mrs Deanne Shields- Kindy B
- Mrs Amanda Boyd- Kindy C/D
- Mrs Phyllis Vimini- JP2 (Term 1)
- Mrs Vanessa Lake- M3
- Mr Matthew Davey- S8
- Mrs Veronica Schunck- LOTE (Italian).

- **Uniform Shop**
- **School Canteen**
- **Book Club**
- **Community News**
- **Primary Music Institute**
- **Bayswater Out of School Care**
- **Bricks Challenge**

COMING EVENTS

S1 Assembly- Friday,
14 February
School Board meeting-
Monday, 17 February
Meet the Teacher night-
Wednesday, 26 February
S3 Assembly- Friday,
28 February
Labour Day holiday-
Monday, 2 March
P&C Meeting-
Wednesday, 4 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:

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*

On the welcome theme, I'd like to congratulate Mrs Breanna Pitsonis on the safe arrival of Natalia Jade Pitsonis late last week. Mother, father and daughter are all doing well.

I would like to remind parents/caregivers that if you have any concerns regarding any aspect of your child's schooling, the first point of contact should be your child's classroom teacher(s). However, please keep in mind that teachers are busy in the morning preparing for the school day, so morning conversations are not ideal. Please arrange a mutually convenient time either directly with the teacher at the end of the school day, via email or through the school office. Furthermore, please respect the fact that if a classroom door is closed beyond 8.30am, then there would be a very good reason. Your understanding is appreciated on this matter.

If there is some aspect of school operations that you would like to discuss, please feel free to make a time with Mrs Alver, Mrs Johnson or myself.

I look forward to working alongside a highly committed and dedicated staff, our wonderful students and in collaboration with our parents/caregivers and local community members.

Potential School Re-structure

As highlighted in the letter that was sent home via Smartlink and handpouches on Monday, the Leadership Team is currently assessing the impact of student arrivals and departures leading up to the 2020 Student Census taking place on Friday, 14 February.

As has always been the case, I would like to remind parents/caregivers that our current class structures are always temporary arrangements for the first few weeks of the school year. At the conclusion of the Student Census, the school Leadership Team will re-assess our overall position with a view towards making a decision about our class structures moving forward.

I would like to reiterate that no decision will be made about school structures until every student that is currently on our school roll has been accounted for.

I shall inform the school community of the outcome of this process via a letter home to all families once the school's staffing entitlement has been confirmed and class structures have been finalised. This will hopefully be sooner, rather than later. I appreciate your patience and understanding on this matter.

Coronavirus

There have been quite a few phone calls to the office seeking clarification regarding the Department of Education's position in respects to the coronavirus outbreak. In the original letter sent home on Monday afternoon, the Department asked families who have travelled through mainland China or Hong Kong, to stay at home for a

*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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14 day exclusion period after having left mainland China or Hong Kong. Late on Monday afternoon, the Department altered its position to exclude Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan from this advice. This means that families that have travelled through mainland China are still required to follow the 14 day exclusion period. However, if you have travelled through Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan, these rules no longer apply.

Nature Play Spaces

It is great to see so many students enjoying the new nature play spaces that have been created around the school. I would once again like to thank the P&C for their tremendous support in making funds available for the installation of these areas that will serve our school community well for many years to come.



Other Newsletter Items

Newsletters and Term Planners

Every Friday fortnight on the odd weeks of each school term, an email/Smartlink message will be sent out to all families with the link to the school newsletter on our school website. In our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, our newsletters are sent out in electronic form only. However, hard copies will also be available from the school office and the canteen upon request.



Please take the time to read through the newsletter each fortnight as it is the main avenue for communication between the school and home. The Term 1 School Planner also accompanies this newsletter. All the key dates/activities that are already known to the school have been included. Please keep a copy on the fridge and add in any extra dates that are made known to you throughout the term. For those families new to our school, the school's web address is www.mpps.wa.edu.au/

Furthermore, as a general rule any hard copy, whole-school information will be sent home via the eldest/only child in each family on Thursday afternoons via classrooms.

School App- The Smartlink



A reminder to all parents/caregivers that the Smartlink app is the primary method of electronic communication between the school and home as it

enables messages to be communicated quickly to our school community. For those families new to our school community, the Smartlink app was purchased by the school and P&C to provide an additional way to connect to our school community. All other existing means of communication e.g. newsletter, school website, notes coming home via handipouches etc continue to operate. The Smartlink app does not replace these existing means, just supplements them.

You can download 'The Smartlink' App for free from the following:

1. Apple App **Store:**
2. Google Play **Store:**

Mobile Phone Policy 'Off and Away'

Late last year, the State Government announced a new *Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools* policy to come into effect from the start of the 2020 school year. As we already have a mobile phone policy that meets these requirements, there will be no changes for our school.

Essentially, all students must have their mobile phones switched off and away whilst on school

grounds and hand them to their class teacher for safe keeping at the beginning of the school day. Phones will be returned at the end of the school day, but cannot be switched on again until the student has left school grounds



Handwriting



The Western Australian Curriculum (English) requires teachers to formally teach and assess aspects of students' handwriting. The overall aim is that all students develop a personalised, fluent and legible handwriting style that enables them to communicate effectively when writing for different purposes.

From 2020, NSW Foundation Script will be progressively implemented throughout the school, beginning with Kindergarten to Year 2 until full implementation in Year 6, 2024. The NSW Foundation Script was selected for the following reasons:

- Students learn a foundation style and then learn how to join letters to form a cursive script. This does away with the need to learn a completely new style when moving from printing to cursive writing.
- It is based on natural handwriting patterns (basic scribble patterns), and requires no retracing of letter parts.
- The NSW Foundation Script 'matches' with the script introduced to our students in Kindergarten as part of our whole school approach to spelling- the *Promoting Literacy Development (PLD)* programme.

Please speak with your child's classroom teacher if you would like to know more about the changes to our handwriting policy.

Before and After School Supervision

I would like to remind all families that the school does not provide before school supervision. As such, it would be appreciated that parents/caregivers not bring students to school earlier than 8.30am. Any student and family member/caregiver that arrives earlier than 8.30am, including our students and family members in Pre-primary, must make their way to the central courtyard area where they will be supervised by the Leadership Team. Students are not permitted on any playground equipment before school. Please do not drop off students earlier than 8.30am as this has the potential to put students at risk. Please make arrangements with a friend or neighbour for drop off, or alternatively speak with one of the Out of School Hours Care providers- Maylands Out-of-School Hours Care, Bayswater Out-of-School Hours Care or YMCA Maylands- to discuss before school arrangements. Information about these providers is available in the office.

At the conclusion of the school day, any students who haven't been collected by 3.15pm will either be brought to the office by staff for supervision, in the case of our younger students, or expected to make their own way to the office under their own steam for our older students. Contact with parents/caregivers will then be made by the office staff. For the safety of your children please do not make arrangements for your child(ren) to wait in car park areas or out on Gibbney Reserve for extended periods of time as this may put them at risk. They must come to the office.

Please contact a member of the office if you require any additional information about these arrangements.

After School Play

One of the unique aspects of our school is the opportunity to utilise the main 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:



- Students will have access to the main playground area alongside the school oval up to 3.20pm (2.50pm on Tuesdays) provided their parents/caregivers are supervising their play. All unsupervised students 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 students 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 soon after the end of the school day. Furthermore, if cleaning staff are cleaning toilet areas, please respect the fact that these areas cannot be accessed for use. Please use the toilet facilities located on Gibbney Reserve.

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

Voluntary Contributions and Charges



Voluntary Contributions and Charges form an integral part of the school's financial budget each year. These monies are used to purchase resources and materials as part of the Teaching and Learning programmes offered by staff and goes directly towards improving outcomes for children. In 2020, the School Board has approved a flat

rate of **\$45.00 per student for each child from Kindergarten to Year 6**. Please feel free to see Mrs Millar in the office to arrange payment at your earliest possible convenience if you have not already paid via the

Campion Personal Items List. At the request of parents/caregivers, reminder notices will be posted out throughout the year for those families who would prefer to pay their Voluntary Contribution and Charges later in the year once uniforms, booklists etc have been attended to.

Assembly

As has been the case in previous years, assemblies for students in Year 1-6 are held each Friday fortnight just after the commencement of the school day. Please note, we ring the siren 5 minutes earlier than normal at **8.40am**, in order to provide enough time for classes to attend the assembly and be back in rooms for the commencement of specialist programmes at 9.30am.

Each class teacher will award Merit Certificates at every assembly. Furthermore, you will also notice on the Term Planner that Excellence Awards and Aussie of the Month Awards will be presented on alternative assembly dates. We are again very fortunate to have the continued sponsorship of Perth Realty Group, who provide our Academic Excellence Award; Bosch Timber Flooring, who provide our Writer of the Month prize and the Maylands Peninsula Golf Club who supply our Science Excellence Award. Our senior classes will host the assemblies this term with Ms Turvey's S1 class the first class 'up to bat' on **Friday, 14 February**.

I look forward to seeing many members of our school community out in support throughout the year.

Late Arrivals/Early Pick Ups

As per the Department of Education's Attendance Policy, any student who arrives after the commencement of the school day at 8.45am will be asked to go to the office to collect a Late Slip. This will allow the school to keep an eye on issues regarding school tardiness. Conversely, any student that needs to be collected before the scheduled end of the school day at 3.00pm (2.30pm on early close Tuesday), will need an Early Departure Sticker from the office. Please do not be affronted if staff ask you to go to the office in the event that you front up to the classroom door without this sticker. The general rule is if you arrive late, or need to go early, pass by the office first. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Running Club

In 2020, Miss Wyatt, our Physical Education specialist, is keen to get a school running club up and running (Pardon the pun). Miss Wyatt will speak about the running club operations as part of her Physical Education lessons



next week. Below is some information about the running club aims and its operations.

Aim:

- Improve students' aerobic fitness and to explore how regular physical activity keeps individuals healthy and well.
- Give students an opportunity to set goals and be accountable for their own health and wellbeing.
- Create bonds with students within the school.
- Allow students to challenge themselves.
- Prepare students for Interschool Cross Country carnival in Term 2.

How:

- Students will run around the 400m running track (soccer goals on Gibbney Reserve).
- Each student will receive a unique QR code to keep track of how far they have run.
- Once students have completed 100km they will be presented with a certificate and badge at assembly.

Who:

- All students in Years 3-6.
- Miss Wyatt will be organising and running the MPPS Running Club.
- Faction Captains are in charge of setting up the course in the mornings and recording students' laps.

When:

- Every Friday morning 8:10-8:35am.
- Commencing in Term 1, Week 3.

Where:

- Meet Miss Wyatt near the drink fountain on Gibbney Reserve.

Questions and Answers:

Q: Do students have to run every lap, or can they walk some?

A: No, students do not have to run every lap. If students would like to walk laps that is fine.

Q: Do students have to come every Friday morning?

A: No, it is not compulsory to come. Students are able to come down whenever they like.

Q: Is there a minimum or maximum of how many laps students must run each morning?

A: No, students can run as much or as little as they want until 8:35am. At the conclusion of the session students will be sent off to class to prepare for the day.

Q: Do you need to sign up?

A: No, just turn up on Friday mornings after 8:10am with your QR code and start running!

Please see me if you have any questions about the MPPS Running Club.

Miss Amy Wyatt
Phys Ed Specialist

Chaplain's Chat



Welcome back to school! And for those families joining us for the first time, we're so glad you're here. I hope everyone had a lovely and refreshing summer break.

As the school's Chaplain, it is my privilege to provide pastoral support and care to staff, students and their families. This means listening with a caring and confidential ear if there's anything on your mind, as well as being a link to any community resources that might help you on your journey.

If you would like to speak with me for any reason, feel free to send me an email, drop a note in the Chaplain's Chatter Box (in the library), or arrange a meeting through the office. There is also a pamphlet in the office with more information about the chaplaincy program if you'd like to learn more.

Breakfast Club will start up again in Week 3, and will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00am. There is no charge, no registration required, and all year levels are welcome. It is a great way to start the day! We serve toast, fruit, and drinks, with dairy and gluten free options available upon request.

Also, Crochet Club is starting up again in Week 2. Students in Years 3-6 are welcome to join on Wednesdays at lunch time in the library after the bell. We offer crochet and knitting.

Again, please let me know if you have any questions or want to talk, and I look forward to seeing you around the school!

Eva Johnson ('Mrs. J')
eva.johnson@education.wa.edu.au

Library News



Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new



families. We hope you all had a relaxing holiday and managed to keep out of the heat most of the time.

With the new school year comes our annual reminder:

- Each class has an individual borrowing time.

- A library bag MUST be used to borrow.
- If an extension to the loan is required, please bring in the book to be re-scanned.
- Encourage your children to remember their library day and return their books.
- The library is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Parent Helpers Wanted

If you have any spare time and would like to help in the library, please see library staff. Thankyou.

Debbie Fielding and Claudia Barbaro

Library Officers

P&C News

Uniform Shop

The MPPS Uniform Shop is open EVERY THURSDAY during the school term 8.45am - 9.15am and 2.45pm - 3.15pm.

The shop accepts Cash, Credit Card & PayPass.

Uniforms can be ordered on-line at

www.QuickCliq.com.au. If you have a child enrolled at school

you can choose to have the uniforms delivered to their classroom, or you can pickup your uniform from the Uniform Shop during the opening hours listed above.



Second-hand Uniforms

The Uniform Shop has a selection of second-hand uniform items available for a \$2.00 donation/item. We always welcome more freshly laundered uniform donations. These can be dropped off to the Uniform Shop or canteen.

School Canteen

	Mon 10 Feb	Tue 11 Feb	Wed 12 Feb	Thurs 13 Feb	Fri 14 Feb
Week 2	Hortense	Volunteers needed	Felix	Ginny	Felix Another needed

	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb
Week 3	Hortense	Volunteers needed	Felix	Ginny	Felix Another needed

No More Plastic Forks (REMINDER!)

Canteen staff will no longer add a fork to meal orders. Please bring one from home and leave it in your bag. If you forget, you may come to the canteen to borrow one of ours.

Don't forget to return borrowed forks and spoons!

You can bring them back to the canteen or put them into your classroom lunch basket.

Slushies

Full size is \$2.00 and half size is \$1.00.

How would you like a full slushie for only \$1.50?

Do you have a washable straw at home? Bring a reuseable plastic cup AND a straw from home for your slushie and you can have a full size slushie for ONLY \$1.50.

Volunteering at the Canteen

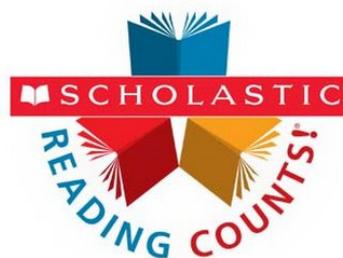
A few parents/caregivers have expressed an interest in volunteering. All you have to do is drop by and put your name on our roster. We will show you what to do. Covered shoes are required for health and safety reasons.

Spare fruit

Overflowing with fruit? Putting a call out there to families that have fruit to spare from a tree or perhaps just purchased too many for the week during your grocery shop, the canteen accepts donated fruit for the students. Apples and pears will be turned into "slinkies" and oranges cut up into wedges and offered to the kids for FREE. Even over ripe bananas are used to make delicious muffins. There is no waste in the canteen!

Keep smiling,
Charlotte & Helen

Book Club



Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

Don't forget to look for the Book Club Issue catalogue that should have come home yesterday in your child's schoolbag. I have also sent home more information on how to order Scholastics via

LOOP. There will be two Book Club catalogues sent home each term except for Term 4 when there will be only one.

Book Club provides a fun and convenient way of bringing the best in children's literature into your home. It's packed full of exciting books from best-selling authors, popular titles and series that kids love, as well as products and books that make perfect gifts for younger siblings who may not be at school yet. When ordering from Book Club, you are not only helping your children, but you are also helping your school — 20% of your spend goes back to your school in valuable Scholastic Rewards, which are used to buy classroom resources.

Book Club ordering process is as follows:

1. Catalogues are delivered to the classrooms on a Thursday. For Issue 1, the catalogues were sent home yesterday- Thursday, 6 February;
2. All orders need to be placed by the following Tuesday. For Issue 1 orders must be placed by Tuesday, 11 February;
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 student 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 dropped off at the office in the box marked "Book Club".

For more information about Scholastic and Book Club, visit www.scholastic.com.au

Miriam Xavier
Book Club Organiser

Community News

Primary Music Institute

**Instrumental Music Lessons**
On School Campus!



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically outside school hours
- Only \$18.50 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 (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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

Bayswater Out of School Care

Bayswater Out of School Care is now accepting enrolments for After School Care for Maylands Peninsula Primary School. We are linked with Maylands Out of School Care under the Bayswater Child Care Association.



We are located at 13 Roberts Street, Bayswater in a stand-alone building catering for the needs of 4-12-year-old children.

If care is required please contact the centre on 9272 4948 or send an email to bayswater@bayswaterchildcare.com.au

Bricks Challenge

The advertisement for the 'Bricks Challenge After School Club' features a blue background with a large, colorful LEGO structure on the right. The structure is a tall, narrow tower with a small figure inside. To the right of the tower is a LEGO car with a large gear on top. The text 'READY FOR A NEW CHALLENGE?' is written in white, bold letters at the top. Below this, the text 'BRICKS CHALLENGE After School Club' is written in white. A yellow box contains the text 'LEARN MATH AND LAWS OF PHYSICS'. Below this, the text 'Enrol your child today to explore the scientific world by building custom motorised models!' is written. A blue box contains the text 'DEVELOPS MOTOR SKILLS'. The Young Engineers logo is at the bottom right. A table provides the following information:

Every Monday	Maylands Peninsula Primary School Location Library
15:05 – 16:20	
10 Feb 20 to 6 Apr 20	
9 Week Program - \$180*	

Suitable for Grade 1 - 4 (STEM Focused Program)

0425 427 811 *instalments options and sibling discounts available. Enrol here: <https://goo.gl/F2QU43>

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The Young Engineers Lego After School Club starts this Monday, 10 February and runs for 9 weeks. It will be in the library from 3.05 - 4.20pm and is suitable for Year 1 – 4 students. Enrol [here](https://goo.gl/F2QU43).

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

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