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#### COMING EVENTS

To be advised

## Issue No 6 - 1 May 2020

### Message from the Principal

#### Welcome Back

After what was a most unusual Easter break to say the least, it was great seeing so many students walking through the school gates this week. As stated in the Connect message that went home Wednesday afternoon, I would like to thank all parents/caregivers, students and staff for the smooth start to the school term, both at school and for those students undertaking Learning at Home. The patience and flexibility from all members of our school community as we adjust to the 'new normal' has been greatly appreciated. It has also been very pleasing seeing how well our students have coped with the new drop off and pick up arrangements that are in place, particularly those older siblings who have taken on the responsibility for ensuring their younger sibling(s) get to and from class safely each day. Thanks also for the many messages of support that the school has received over the last few days. On the welcome back theme, I would like to welcome back Mrs O'Connor (JP2), Ms Sloan (S8), Mrs Owens (Junior Art) and Ms Dunne (Kindy C/D) who have returned to the school after a period of absence.

A reminder to those families that will be returning to school next week to follow the directions of staff at each entry point and observe the 'No adults on school site' and social distancing rules that are in place. If anyone needs clarification regarding drop off and pick up arrangements, please feel free to speak with staff who are manning the gates. Your support on this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Quote of the fortnight

Sincerity carries the words and actions from the heart of one to the heart of another.

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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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The Department of Education will be continually reviewing the situation across the state in these first weeks of term before issuing further advice to schools and parents/caregivers in the week leading up to Monday, 18 May. Parents/caregivers will be informed of any developments and associated impacts on school operations as they come to light in subsequent COVID-19 updates sent out by the school via Connect. Please read these updates carefully as they provide the most up-to-date information available to the school.

## Return to 'Normal' classroom operations- Monday, 4 May

In the letter that went home yesterday afternoon, I made mention of the fact that we will be returning to 'normal' classroom operations as of next Monday. This decision was based on the fact that the vast majority of students are currently attending school, along with the fact that many parents/caregivers have indicated that their child/ren would only be undertaking Learning at Home for the first three days of the school term, and would be returning to school next week. As such, it made good sense to return to regular classroom operations earlier than expected.

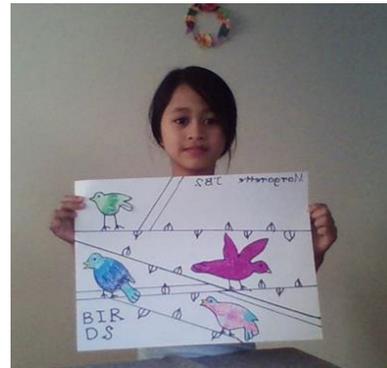
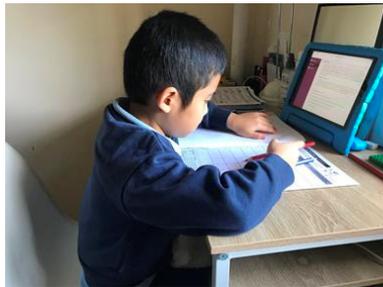
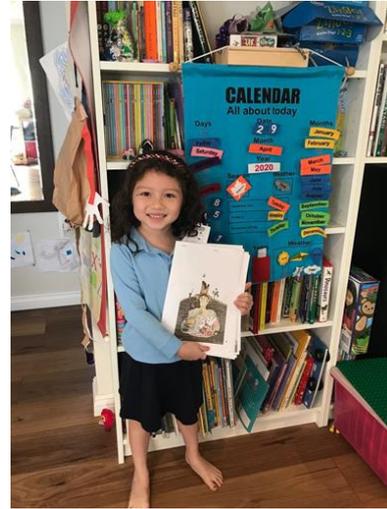
As outlined in the letter, students who are undertaking their Learning at Home will still have access to the class based programme of work set by their classroom teacher for next week. However, as we move into Week 3 of term, the programme of work on offer for our Learning at Home students will be year level based and coordinated by Mrs Alison Ruhen. Please bear in mind that whilst some of the materials provided by Mrs Ruhen may reflect what is being taught at the classroom level, it will not reflect the entirety of the classroom programme provided by each individual classroom teacher.



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## Other Newsletter Items

### No Term 2 School Planner



Due to the fact that many of the planned events on our Term 2 School Planner will no longer be taking place e.g. school assemblies, Edu Dance and Lap-a-thon to name a few, we have made the decision to postpone publishing the term planner until we have received further

advice from the Department of Education. Any activities that are not affected by COVID-19 restrictions will be made known to the school community via the normal channels- Connect, the Smartlink, letters home and the newsletter.

### Revamped Mud Kitchen

Towards the end of last term, alterations to the design of the Mud Kitchen in the Pre-primary area were undertaken. The new and improved model was unveiled at the start of this term to the delight of our students.



### Report COVID-19 testing to the school and student sickness

Symptoms	COVID-19 Symptoms range from mild to severe	COLD Gradual onset of symptoms	FLU Abrupt onset of symptoms
Fever 	Common	Rare	Common
Cough 	Common	Common	Common
Sore Throat 	Sometimes	Common	Common
Shortness of Breath 	Sometimes	No	No

Fatigue		Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Aches & Pains		Sometimes	No	Common
Headaches		Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or Stuffy Nose		Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea		Rare	No	Sometimes, especially for children
Sneezing		No	Common	No

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Even though there are glimpses of light at the end of the tunnel, it is very important that we all remain vigilant and maintain social distancing and good hand cleaning etiquette at all times. It is also timely to remind all members of the school community that if you are being tested for COVID-19 to follow the advice of the Department of Health to self-isolate whilst awaiting results. It is important to make the school aware of the fact that you or a member of your immediate family has been tested, as this will assist the Department in support planning.

With cold and flu season on the way, it is especially important to remember to keep any students at home with coughs, sniffles and runny noses in order to protect all members of our school community. If a student presents at school with such symptoms, or becomes unwell throughout the day, parents/caregivers will be called to collect the student from the office.

Above is a visual checklist developed by the World Health Organisation that provides some guidance about recognising the difference between COVID-19, the common cold and the flu.

## P&C News

### School Banking - Commonwealth Bank

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking programme will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.



In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

- **Start Smart:** these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.
- **The Beanstalk:** offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

## Community News

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