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Issue No 13 - 21 August 2020

Message from the Principal

New school website

As part of our review of school communication processes at the end of last year in the lead up to the Public School Review, the Leadership Team were of the view that our current website was in need of a refresh, as it was close to 10 years old.



As a consequence, the school has been working with Millstream, which is the company that manages our current website and newsletter, to develop a website that is more contemporary in feel and easier to navigate. It will have fillable enrolment and absentee forms, policy documents and links to the Qkr payment system which the school and P&C will be moving towards over the coming months.

The new website, along with Connect, will be the two points of reference in respects to sourcing information made available by the school. The school is undertaking some final checks to ensure the functionality of all links, and it is anticipated that the website will be up and operational before the end of term. A Connect message will be sent out to inform the school community when the new website is up and operational.

Waste Free Wednesdays

- Recycling Station
- Community News
- Weird Water

COMING EVENTS

JB1 Assembly- Friday,
28 August
Faction Carnival- Jumps,
Throws and Long
Distance- Monday,
31 August
Faction Carnival- Sprints,
Relays and Team Games-
Friday, 4 September
S2 Assembly- Friday,
11 September
School Photos- Monday,
14 September- Thursday,
17 September
S7 Assembly- Friday,
18 September

Quote of the fortnight

Most things don't happen
because of who we are
but because of what we
did or did not do.

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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*

The Smartlink and Connect

In a related communications update, the school has been informed by the developers of the Smartlink app, that as of 1 August, the app would no longer be supported, nor will the developers be engaging in any further product development. Whilst this is disappointing, the impact on the school will be minimal due to the fact that much of the information that would have been put up on Smartlink will be available via Connect or on the new school website.

As Connect is our primary means of communication for all day-to-day school information- excursions, incursions, student reports, Student Council charities, canteen information etc. We encourage parents/caregivers to download the Connect Now and Qkr apps to their phone or device. As such, it is important that all parents/caregivers are on Connect. If you do not know your Connect login, please contact the school and we can send your login details to you.

Other Newsletter Items

JB4 and JB3 Assembly



Well done to the amazing students in Mrs Coulson's JB4 class and Miss Yu's JB3 class for hosting the last two assemblies. Mrs Coulson's environmentally themed assembly had some very important facts and key messages about the sorts of things that we can do at the local level to make a difference to the health of the planet. This has also extended into the playground, with a number of Mrs Coulson's students taking it upon themselves to collect rubbish around the school grounds. Thank you!

and the environment.
Maintaining a safe
environment for all.
Building partnerships with
students, parents and the
community.

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Miss Yu's JB3 class recital of Spike Milligan's ABC poem went down a treat. Spike Milligan was famous for his witty poems, but this is the first time I had heard this particular poem. The performance was very entertaining and enjoyed by all. What a great way to end the week.

Next week, the last of our Year 2 classes, Mrs Richard's/Mrs Ruhen's JB1 class, will perform for our viewing pleasure.



Excellence Award Winners



Toby Goldstraw - Year 2

Toby has an inquisitive mind and natural curiosity. He has a deep understanding of Science concepts taught. Toby enjoys sharing his knowledge of Science with others.

Riana Alecsa - Year 5

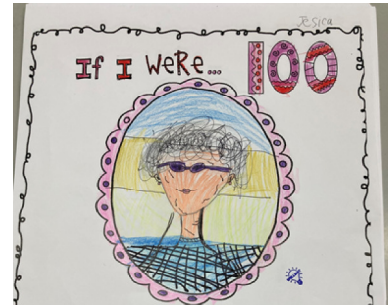
Riana has written a range of texts with great control of sentence development and grammar. Her pieces, titled 'Noongar Seasons', 'All My Poems', 'Mini Pizza' and 'Leopards' all contained a clearly defined central topic and were insightful, reasoned and creative.

Finn Hanrahan - Year 1

Finn consistently apply's himself to complete work to a high standard. He writes well structured, interesting narratives and achieves excellent results across all learning areas.

100 Days of School

On Monday, 10 August, a number of classes celebrated the 100th day of school for 2020 by engaging in activities and games associated with 100. These included whispering to a friend for 100 seconds, hugging themselves for 100 seconds and drawing a picture of themselves when they are 100.



S1, S2 and S3 Kings Park Excursion

On Tuesday 11 August, S1, S2 and S3 went to Kings Park



for a NatureScape excursion. We learnt about plant and animal adaptations. We completed a Climate Watch trail, where we collected data on plants and if they were flowering or not. We also met



two horticulturalists who work at Kings Park and they educated us on their jobs and kindly gifted us with a certificate, fertiliser and three Silver Princess trees that we will plant somewhere around the school. S2 learnt about vegetation and how animals depend on each other in the wild. S1 and S3 did the Bizarre Botanicals program and we completed a scavenger hunt looking for different plants and finding their adaptations. During lunch, we saw a quenda (bandicoot) and then went off into the NatureScape for free time. We got to go in a pond and play on the nature playgrounds.

By Stella Pickup, Lara Vukovic-Bond and Azura Nesa-Cliptson.



Faction Carnival- Monday, 31 August (Long jump, throws and long distance) and Friday, 4 September (Sprints and Team Games).

Staff and students are well underway with the final preparations for the school faction carnival being held in Week 7 of term. We will start proceedings on Monday, 31 August with representatives from each faction participating in the long jump, distance throw and long distance events. This will be followed later in the week with the sprints, relays and team games on Friday, 4 September. I look forward to seeing many parents/caregivers and other family members out in support. Let's keep our fingers crossed for fine weather.

A reminder that the school canteen will not be operating a normal canteen menu on the Friday as a special 'Hot Dog Day' menu has been arranged for the day. **This special menu is by pre-order only. No food will be available for sale on the day itself.** Next Thursday, 27 August is the last day to get your pre-orders into the canteen. Please look for the link on Connect if you wish to order.

Running Club

Congratulations to Milly Chin and Charlie Reid for being the newest members of the 100km Club. Well done. The 200km badge now awaits.



We have a cow!



The students in M4 accepted a most unusual delivery during the week- a life size fibreglass cow!

For over 10 years the Picasso Cows programme has taught



primary school aged students about the Australian dairy industry, its products, health

and nutrition benefits, farming practices and manufacturing processes - all while decorating a life-size fibreglass cow!

In collaboration with Ms Wormuth, Ms Powell and the students in M4 have already commenced the design process.

Click [here](#) if you want to know more about the 2019 Best Designed Picasso Cow from Maroona PS.

I look forward to seeing what amazing ideas the students come up with.



Excursions and Qkr

With a number of classes going out on excursions, many parents/caregivers would have noticed the option to pay for the excursion via Qkr, which is a payment app that enables parents/caregivers to make payment and provide consent for school activities. As the school moves towards being cashless, the Qkr app is our preferred method of payment.



With Qkr you can:

- pay for a variety of school items including excursions, incursions, voluntary contributions and other school activities; and
- provide consent for your child/ren to participate in school activities.

When using Qkr you will not need to complete an envelope with credit card details or search for the consent form at the bottom of a school bag.

Information for school activities will be sent via Connect and the activity will then be available on Qkr to make payment and provide consent.

If you have unallocated credit, you can select this option on Qkr and complete the consent form without taking any money from your credit or debit card. However, please be aware that you always need to complete payment via the checkout even if the amount is \$0.

Instructions of how to download the app and register your child/ren is available on Connect.

School Photo Day is coming



For the duration of COVID-19, please be aware that Kapture photographers are following all recommended health guidelines and safe practices.

Photographers will use verbal queues and instructions in an effort to uphold a high standard of student presentation.

Students may be instructed by photographers to use single use sterile combs, use wet wipes or tissues, to fix collars, buttons and stray hairs - without physically touching students.

Our school photo day will take place from 14-17 September. Approximately two weeks prior to the photo day every student will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture's website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. If you pay online, there is no need to return the order envelope to school.

Alternatively, you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. Please note the photographers cannot open sealed envelopes and cannot provide change.

Sibling orders can **only** be placed online at www.kapture.com.au

You have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please note there is a time limit in the school schedule to how many sibling photos can be taken. Once the maximum capacity of sibling orders has been reached, no more sibling orders can be placed.

The school or the photographers **cannot** accept late orders for sibling photography. Please do not ask as your request simply cannot be accommodated.

Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture. You can place an order online for class or individual photographs at any time for the remainder of the current school year; however, a \$20 fee will apply if you order more than 10 days after photography.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on **9240 1714** or email enquiries@kapture.com.au

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group presentation available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should **NOT** be included in the photo shoot – please contact the school office.

P&C News

Waste Free Wednesdays

As part of our school's commitment to reducing our waste to landfill, we are implementing **Waste Wise Wednesdays**, where each student will be encouraged to bring a waste-free lunch to school every Wednesday, commencing **Wednesday, 2 September**.

A waste-free lunch contains no throwaway packaging and produces no food waste. The typical waste-free lunch is packed in a reusable lunchbox or bag. Food is put in reusable containers rather than wrapped in disposable packaging. A drink is in a refillable bottle and all containers are resealable so that leftover food and drink can be saved for later. Fruit and vegetable scraps (e.g. apple cores and banana skins) will be composted at the school through our school compost bins and worm farming system. A special composting bin will be placed near the canteen each Wednesday for this purpose.

Some information will be sent home via Connect next week about Waste Free Wednesday's. Have a look through the information and discuss as a family how you will be able to commit to the initiative.

Recycling Station

Here are the latest figures for what we have recycled through the recycling station. The first figure represents the amounts recently sent off, whilst the figure in the brackets represents the total amount sent off since the recycling station first began.

Oral Care: 6kg (TOTAL 9.7kg)

Writing Instruments: 7.4kg (9.8kg)

Plastic Lids: 6.9kg (7.3kg)

Bread Tags: 0.6kg (0.6kg)

Dish/Air Care: N/A (1.0kg)

TOTAL: 20.9kg (28.4kg)

These figures do not include the batteries or printer cartridges as these are sent off to the recyclers by the school direct.

Keep up the great work!

Karen Hayward
P&C Sustainability Coordinator



Community News

Weird Water



The poster features the title 'weird water' in large, bubbly blue letters. To the right is the 'national week 2020' logo with a lightbulb icon. Below the title, the event details are listed: 'Thursday, 27 August 4pm - 5pm', 'Bayswater Library', and 'For ages 5 - 12'. A paragraph of text describes the event as a science show by Mick from Science Alive. Another paragraph explains the limited space and booking requirements. A third paragraph provides the booking website: bayswater.wa.gov.au/arts-and-leisure/libraries/programs-and-events. On the right side, there is a cartoon illustration of a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a green wetsuit and a red octopus on his head, standing on a blue wave. At the bottom, there are logos for 'City of Bayswater Library Service', 'bayswater.wa.gov.au', 'facebook.com/bayswatercity', 'Inspiring' (with a small graphic), and the 'City of Bayswater' seal.

weird water

national week 2020

Thursday, 27 August 4pm - 5pm
Bayswater Library
For ages 5 - 12

Welcome to the wacky, wet and wonderful world of water. Join Mick from Science Alive for this fun and interactive science show and learn why water really is nature's magician.

Due to limited space only one supervising adult per child can be admitted. Please book for both the adult and child attending and make alternative childcare arrangements for siblings not participating in the session.

Bookings essential. To book visit the library's Programs and Events webpage:
bayswater.wa.gov.au/arts-and-leisure/libraries/programs-and-events

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