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Maylands Peninsula PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Message from the Principal



Welcome back to all students, families and staff to Maylands Peninsula Primary School in 2023. I'd like to especially welcome all students and families who began their journey at Maylands Peninsula Primary School earlier this week.

During the summer break, our reticulation controller for the school bore died, so our school gardener, Mr McKnight, spent 10 days in the middle of January hand watering the school oval and gardens- which is a monumental task. The controller was replaced just under two weeks ago, so things are slowly recovering.

In comparison to past years', things got off to a reasonably smooth start. Other than our 100 kindergarten students we welcomed this week, we had 50 additional students start across the school from Pre-primary- Year 6. Whilst we are still awaiting transfer notes to come in from former students who have enrolled in new primary schools this year, it is our belief that our total numbers will be around 720, which is the largest the school has ever been since opening our doors in 2004 with 280 students.

I'd like to welcome the following staff members who are new to our school staff in 2023:

- Mrs Lisa Shepherd- EL3
- Miss Riley Davidson- S5
- Mrs Ella Britton- Junior Art
- Ms Sylvia Vong- School psychologist

Furthermore, I'd also like to welcome back Mrs Sharna Reed- JB2 and Mrs Natalie O'Connor- EL2 who are returning from parental leave.

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 this needs to be by prior arrangement only.

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. 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.

Student Census

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 on Friday, 17 February, 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 *Connect* message to all families once the school's staffing entitlement has been confirmed and class structures have been finalised. I appreciate your patience and understanding on this matter.

Other Newsletter Items

Wombat Crossing and 'Kiss and Drive'

As communicated out to parents/caregivers at the start of the week, there has been a change to the 'Kiss and Drive' area and the pedestrian crossing on Kelvin Street closest to the staff car park. This crossing point is now pedestrian priority, so all drivers approaching this area will need to stop for any pedestrians approaching the kerbside. At present, there is no signage to indicate the changes to priority access, nor indication that this is a pedestrian crossing. This has been followed up with the City of Bayswater, so I am hopeful that signage will be in place in the coming week.

In order to meet 'line of sight' requirements in respect to the wombat crossing, the 'Kiss and Drive' bay has been cut in half. For those families that utilise this area, please be mindful that the wait times to get into the bay may be longer than experienced last year. If this becomes problematic, it may be a better option to park your car and collect your child or alternatively consider another pick up point around the school site.



Safe Routes to School

Thanks to those members of the school community who 'answered the call' in signing a petition circulated by a concerned member of our school community about getting a firm commitment from the City of Bayswater in respects to the recommendations outlined in the *Safe Routes to School* report that was completed at the end of last year.

I am pleased to say that at the council meeting that took place this Tuesday night, that the councillors voted unanimously to support the motion put forward by Councillor Petersen-Pik to prepare an implementation plan for the *Safe Routes to School* project.

Thanks to all for your support in achieving this outcome.

Newsletters and Term Planners

Every Friday fortnight on the odd weeks of each school term, parents/caregivers will receive an email/*Connect* message about our school newsletter being available to read. 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 on 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. Furthermore, for those families new to our school, important information about the school, such as newsletters, canteen menus, enrolment documents and uniform price lists etc are available on the [school's website](#)

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 do 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 playgrounds 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 and

KidsCare Out-of-School Hours Care in Inglewood- to discuss before school arrangements. Information about these providers is available on the [Parent Information](#) page on our school website.

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. 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.

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 at selected assemblies throughout the year. Our senior classes will host the assemblies this term with the Year 6 students in Miss Schuhkraft's S2 class getting the year underway on **Friday, 10 February**.

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 Card. 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.

Mosquitoes

Maylands appears to be in the midst of a mosquito plague at the minute, which has resulted in numbers of children being bitten. We have raised this as an area of concern with the environmental officers at the City of Bayswater directly and are hopeful that they will take appropriate action in the near future. In the interim, it's absolutely fine for parents/caregivers to spray your child(ren) with insect repellent before coming to school to help reduce the risk.

Running Club

The very popular Running Club program will commence next Tuesday morning on Gibbney Reserve, and then again on Friday morning.

Information about the MPPS Running Club, its aims, and its operations are available on the [Parent Information](#) page on the school website.

Please see Miss Wyatt or Mr Christie if you have any questions about Running Club.

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.

Debbie Fielding and Claudia Barbaro

Library Officers

P&C News



Canteen News

Welcome to all for 2023. We are looking forward to another busy year in the 'Tummy Rumbles' canteen feeding the hungry hoards.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers. If you think you can help out, even for a couple of hours a month, we would love to see you. Simply call into the

canteen and speak to us or phone us on 9462 6705 to discuss any queries you have.

Online orders are preferred and can be placed online via [Qkr](#). Orders need to be placed by 9.00am on the day the order is required and can be made up to two weeks in advance. If ordering with cash, please place the correct money inside a sealed envelope or lunch bag with your child's name, classroom and order on the front and place in the classroom lunch basket. The Term 1 summer menu is available on the [canteen](#) page of the school website. No credit is available.

The counter will be open for students at recess and lunch, but no lunch orders will be accepted at the counter in the morning.

Pia and Helen

Tummy Rumbles

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Community News



Midvale Hub Parenting Services

[What's On Term 1, 2023](#)

Primary Music Institute

PMI PLUS offers instrumental music lessons right here on school campus. Lessons are held once per week via the PMI PLUS website. See [website](#) for prices for small groups. \$27.50 for Pair Lessons and \$36.50 for Private Lessons.



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5 Australian Podcasts that every parent should be listening to

When you're a parent, advice comes from all angles - friends, family, your son's best friend's mum who owns that super cute dalmatian up the road. Literally, EVERYWHERE. Your eyes are constantly scanning page after page of blog advice and website information. Looking for the answers to your daughter's selfie obsession, your son's late night gaming or your twins' TikTok misadventures.



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There is so much to sift through that sometimes, your eyes just need a break from it all. That's where podcasts come in. Jump into your favourite podcast provider, hit play and close your eyes, listening to one (or all!) of the [5 podcasts](#) that every parent or caregiver should be listening to right now.

Upcoming Events

Friday, 10 February | S2 Assembly

**Friday, 17 February | Midvale Parenting Hub
Workshop - 'Anxiety and your child' - MPPS
Playgroup**

**Wednesday, 22 February | Meet the Teacher night
(TBC)**

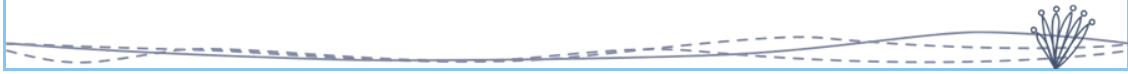
Friday, 24 February | S1 Assembly

**Friday, 24 February | Midvale Parenting Hub
Workshop - 'Building your child's resilience' -
MPPS Playgroup**

Monday, 6 March 2023 | Labour Day holiday

Visit the school calendar on the website for details of all future events.

[VIEW ONLINE CALENDAR](#)



Quote of the Fortnight



Life is short but there is always time for courtesy

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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