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Maylands Peninsula
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Message from the Principal



Thank You

As expressed in the *Connect* message that went home on Wednesday afternoon, I would like to thank all sectors of the school community- parents/caregivers, staff and students for your patience over the last three weeks as we worked through the 2023 Student Census. Now that things are all said and done for another year, we can all move forward and get on with the business of teaching and learning.

Kindy- Year 6 'Meet the Teacher' night- Wednesday, 22 February

Now that classroom arrangements have been confirmed, a reminder that the Kindy - Year 6 'Meet the Teacher' night will take place this coming **Wednesday, 22 February**. This will provide the opportunity for the

teacher(s) to explain various aspects about the class and its day-to-day operations. Staff spend quite a deal of time putting together the information for their presentation and ideally would like to share this with every family.

Commonly asked questions about the school and its operations are available on the [Parent Information](#) page on our school website. This webpage provides answers to a range of commonly asked questions e.g. Can we bring in birthday cupcakes? What are the term dates for the year? Who are the Out-of-School-Hours Care providers that service our school?

There will be four timeslots over the course of the afternoon/evening in order to get through all classes on the one night to make it easier on families. The timeslots are as follows:

- Kindy A/B- 5.00-5.20pm
- Kindy C/D/E and Pre-primary- 5.30-5.50pm
- Year 1-3- 6.00-6.20pm
- Year 4-6- 6.30-6.50pm

Please make arrangements for a parent/caregiver to supervise your child/ren at home or seek the support of family or friends to help out for the evening. However, in order to encourage as great a turnout as possible, the Leadership Team will provide supervision for those families that are **genuinely unable** to make arrangements for childcare to attend class meetings. Students will be supervised in the school library during meeting times. Please drop off your child/ren just prior to going to your child/ren's scheduled meeting and promptly collect them at the conclusion of the session. **Students are not permitted to play on the playgrounds or in the school grounds.**

Whilst I understand that we all live rather hectic lives and are often time poor, I believe giving up 20-30min of your time to engage with staff is a reasonable ask and therefore there is an expectation that every family is represented on the night. I look forward to seeing many parents/caregivers out in support.

Looking after ourselves and one another

As many people would know, maintaining a healthy work/life balance is critical for ensuring one's mental health and physical wellbeing. In recent years, many organisations have been proactive in developing strategies to look after the physical and mental health of its employees.

As part of the Department of Education's Wellbeing strategy for its employees, staff are encouraged to 'disconnect' from work related activities outside of business hours or whilst on leave to provide time to engage in activities that maintain a healthy work/life balance. As such, please do not be too disappointed if that email you have sent through over the weekend/overnight is not responded to within a few hours. Staff will get back to you in due course during the working week or when they return to work. The same also applies during the course of the school day. It is often difficult for staff to respond to emails that are sent during the day, as they are either busy teaching, or undertaking other important tasks- preparing for lessons, marking work, undertaking playground duty etc. Do not be disheartened if you haven't had an immediate response to the email that you sent at 8.30am in the morning. Staff will get back to you in due course. However, if the matter is of an urgent and pressing nature, it is far better to call the office to get your message across e.g. change in pick up arrangements or family emergency- rather than leave it to chance via email contact alone.

We all require the opportunity to step away from what is a very demanding yet rewarding occupation to re-charge our batteries. Thanks for your support on this matter.

Other Newsletter Items

Assembly





S2 Assembly

Thank you and well done to Miss Schuhkraft's S2 class for hosting the first assembly of the school year. It is never easy being the first class 'up to bat', particularly when you have a limited preparation. Nevertheless, the students put on quite a show. I was particularly impressed with Isabelle's and Wesley's performance as the lead characters for the item. It was a top class performance.

Our next assembly on Friday, 24 February will feature the S1 students in Ms Turvey's class. At this assembly, we will present the first Excellence and Aussie of the Month Awards, as too, the first SMART Class awards of the year.

2023 Student Health Care Review and Student Update Form

In the week beginning Monday, 27 February, all families will receive a link to the 2023 Student Health Care Review and Student Update Form.

The Student Health Care Review is completed by parents/caregivers at the commencement of the school year and is retained at the office and classroom level for staff to refer to when planning excursions or attending school events outside of school- such as In-term swimming and Edu Dance rehearsal. By completing this form, parents/caregivers will not be required to complete any additional paperwork in

respects to your child(ren) when they leave the school grounds throughout the year. Any subsequent excursion paperwork that is sent home will ask you to simply tick a box indicating whether your child's health care needs that are listed on the summary form are current.

The Student Update section lists parent contact details- student address, phone numbers, email details, for each student. Essentially, it is a record of the details supplied by parents/caregivers at the time of enrolment. Please complete the electronic form indicating any changes and click submit. The form is to be returned no later than **Friday, 10 March**.

Furthermore, I would like to remind all parents/caregivers, that if there is a change of circumstances regarding contact details or student health care needs throughout the year, the onus is on parents/caregivers to make the school aware of the nature of the change. In order to make this process as simple as possible, an update form is available on Qkr for parents/caregivers to complete.

It is imperative that the school has the most up-to-date details on the school database, particularly in cases of emergency. Thanks for your support on this matter.

Kelvin Street Staff Carpark

I would like to remind all parents/caregivers that the car park immediately in front of the school office is for staff and authorised vehicles only and not a student drop off/pick up point. The exception to this would be those families that have an accredited ACROD permit, and who are using the disabled parking bays in the school office car park. Earlier this week, I had to ask a number of parents/caregivers to move their vehicles from this area. Whilst I appreciate that parking around our school is at a premium during pick up and drop off- as is the case in the vast majority of schools- observing this requirement keeps our students and families safe. Please use the bays along Kelvin Street, the carpark alongside Gibbney Reserve, or alternatively park on the verge along Mephan and Queen Streets and walk across the grass to collect your child(ren). Furthermore, please take care when walking back to the car and use footpaths where possible, rather than

cut through car parks. Your support on this matter is greatly appreciated.



After school play

As a consequence of having to respond to COVID-19 protocols over the last two years, access to the playgrounds between Middle Block and Senior Block after school was not possible.

However, we are now in a position to trial a return to the arrangements that were in place before the pandemic. We spoke to the students about this at the last assembly and have reinforced the message at the classroom level with students. The arrangements are as follows:

- Only students who have a parent/caregiver present to supervise their play are able to play on the playground areas.
- Students are only permitted to play on the playgrounds under the trees between Middle and Senior Block.
- No handball games on the paved areas around the school site or in the undercover area or

football/soccer/cricket games on the school ovals.
Please move to Gibbney Reserve if students wish to play these games.

- At 3.20pm or 2.50pm on Tuesdays, the siren will be sounded. Everyone is to make their way promptly off school site to go home or continue with after school play on Gibbney Reserve.

The Leadership Team will keep an eye on things over the next few weeks.

Our preference would be for families to access the new public playground installed by the City of Bayswater late last year, as families are able to remain there indefinitely.



Running Club

It is great seeing so many families, teachers and students out on Gibbney Reserve each Tuesday and Friday enjoying the delightful weather as part of Running Club. Well done to all for making the effort.

Congratulations to Felix O'Rourke (Brearley) for becoming the latest member of the 400km Club and the first student in 2023 to be awarded a Running Club certificate. Well done, Felix.





Recycling Station

Our school **Recycling Station** is back! Since commencing in June 2019, we have collectively diverted more than 240kg of waste from landfill.

A detailed recycling brochure is available on the '[School Sustainability programs](#)' page of the school website which outlines what items can be recycled. Please ensure items are always clean and dry and that no other items are placed in the recycling station bins other than those listed. Most items can be dropped off to the Recycling Station which is located just outside the library near Middle Block.

We also recycle cans and bottles through the **Containers for Change** scheme. The 10-cent refund for each item is paid directly to the school and items can be dropped into the large blue bin located outside the caged enclosure behind JB Block. We also have a smaller 'Containers for Change' bin located next to the school canteen for any juice boxes that are ordered by students at recess or lunch.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to empower students to save the environment, whilst also raising funds for the school which ultimately benefits all of our students.

Kelsey Hunt

P&C Sustainability Coordinator





Welcome back!

Welcome back to a new school year. The P&C is looking forward to building community connections in 2023.

We are seeking parent/caregiver representatives from each cohort to participate in fundraising and events this year. The roles will begin after the AGM in April. Meetings take place online or in person every month. Members of the P&C Executive will be manning a sign-up table in the undercover area during Meet the Teacher night on Wednesday, 22 February so please come and say hi and have a chat about the many rewarding ways you can get involved with the P&C.

The P&C is hosting a casual meet and greet on the school oval on Friday, 17 March from 4.00-6.00pm. There will be food trucks on site, and this is a great opportunity to relax and socialise as well as welcome new families to the school.

Our biggest fundraiser, the annual Lapathon will take place on Thursday, 25 and Friday, 26 May. We are looking for prize donors and volunteers to help on the day.

Please contact fundraising@mpps.wa.edu.au to find out more about any of these opportunities.

P&C Contacts

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School Board

The School Board can be contacted via email:

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Community News



John Forrest Secondary College- Specialist program information



JOHN FORREST
Secondary College
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL



**CRICKET
TENNIS
NETBALL
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SPECIALIST PROGRAMS *Approved by the Department of Education*
Contact our Enrolment Officer on (08) 9473 4013
Applications for Specialist Programs close:
Cricket - 20 March 2023, Tennis - 29 March 2023, Music - 12 May 2023, Netball - 28 April 2023
For more information please visit the College website:
www.johnforrest.wa.edu.au/view/specialist-programs

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Calling all girls in Years 3-6 The Mount Lawley/Inglewood Junior Football Club is Recruiting



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FRIAY NIGHTS UNDER LIGHTS
SEASON STARTS END OF APRIL
PRE-SEASON STARTS MARCH



City of Bayswater- A Conversation about Crime

You may know the City is taking a proactive approach to addressing concerns about crime and community safety within the City of Bayswater, and in April 2022 held a forum called A Conversation about Crime. The forum was well attended by the community, Councillors, WA Police, Neighbourhood Watch and City officers.

Feedback and ideas captured during the forum were a first step to inform the development of a City-wide Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan. You can find the outcomes report on our engage page at the link below.

We now invite you to be part of the Community Survey that will capture input from the wider community (including residents, business and community groups).

You can complete the survey online by following the [link](#) or find a paper copy at the Civic Centre and the City's three libraries. Submissions close Friday, 31 March 2023.

Interested individuals can also attend a drop-in session to ask questions or talk to the City's security team. You can find them at:

Noranda Shopping Village Tuesday 7 March
10.00am – 1.00pm

Bayswater Twilight Market Friday 10 March
5.00pm - 8.30pm

Evening in the Park Saturday 18 March
4.00pm - 8.30pm

Coventry Village Morley Friday 17 March
10.00am – 1.00pm

We look forward to receiving your input. An outcomes report from the survey will be available on the Engage page in April/May.

The Community Engagement Team
City of Bayswater

**Midvale Hub Parenting Service - Free
Parenting Programs**

Midvale Hub Parenting Service Perth North East is a **free** service to parents/carers of children who reside in the local government areas of **Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater**. Please visit their [website](#) for information and programs available.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 22 February | Meet the Teacher Night

Friday, 24 February | S1 Assembly

Thursday, 2 and Friday, 3 March | Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Practice Testing

Monday, 6 March | Labour Day Holiday

Friday, 10 March | S4 Assembly

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

[VIEW ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

Quote of the Fortnight



To the detriment of children, parents have been convinced that if they are not being conspicuously kind, they are being obviously cruel.

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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