

# Newsletter

## Maryland Public School

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Our P & C Association meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm  
All parents and community members are welcome to attend  
Our School Council meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6.00pm

### Skills for Life

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

Safety

Tuesday, 17 October 2017

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 2.

#### Canberra

I was fortunate last week to accompany our Stage 3 students on their bi-annual trip to Canberra.

I had been pre-warned that the itinerary was incredibly full, that there was NO down time and that I would be exhausted!

All true! However..... What an incredible 3 days, with wonderful kids and brilliant staff and parents.

Our students were an absolute credit to our school and represented proudly and respectfully. We had fun, we laughed, we walked and walked and walked. We also learnt so much about our nation's capital, our history, our government and the processes that define it.

A special thanks to Ms Blanch for her outstanding coordination of this excursion. It has taken three terms of planning and preparation but resulted in a fabulous experience for everyone. Congratulations and thank you Ms Blanch!

To our fabulous staff members; Mr Wells, Ms Berg, Ms Clunes, Mrs West and Mrs Davis, I thank you for your energy, support of our students and ongoing good humour! As a regular school day runs from 8.30am to 3.30pm, your overtime (out of the goodness of your hearts) is so very much appreciated. I think Thursday was nearly the longest day I can remember! It started with a pre-6am wake up and finished when the buses returned from the AIS at 9.30pm (followed by getting all the kids to bed). THANK YOU all.

To our superb parent helpers; Vanessa Quinn, Kate Cavallaro, Paul Campbell, Tim Boxhall and Ian Jones – What an energetic, helpful, happy and easy to get along with group you are! WOW! We are so blessed at MPS to have the support for events such as this from our parents. I thank you all for giving your time and energy to our students and this event. Again, your time and support is so very much appreciated.

Canberra was undoubtedly, an overwhelming success!

#### Establishment of new Support Class

Beginning in 2018, we will have a second Support Class at MPS. Across our region, there has been a great need for additional support classes to ensure we can provide the appropriate educational settings for our public school students. Our Learning and Wellbeing teams have been working to place many, many students. The establishment of 15 new classes across our local networks will allow for many more students to access

the support they require. At MPS, we will be establishing an Autism class for students in the primary setting. This will result in an additional demountable classroom in our school and some changes to our existing classroom set-ups. The new classroom will be delivered throughout the December / January holidays and our two support classes will work closely together. We will also gain two more staff members for this class, a full time School Learning Support Officer and a Class Teacher. I am very excited about being able to establish this class in our school as our community culture is one of support and inclusivity.

#### SLAM

The Stem, Learning, Arts and Makerspace program that was included in last week's newsletter, is going to go ahead for those students who expressed interest. All further enquiries are to be forwarded to Rob McTaggart who is running the program. The program will run in our computer room on Wednesday afternoons for the next 6 weeks, beginning tomorrow.

[rob@slameducation.com](mailto:rob@slameducation.com) or 0422 709 463

School Council and P&C meetings are on tonight – 6pm and 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome to attend our P&C meeting.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

### OFFICE NEWS

#### Group Photos

The group photos listed below are available to view and order at the school office. Orders need to be returned to school by **Friday, 3 November 2017**.

The cost of each photo is \$15.00.

Public Speaking	Senior Band
Junior Band	House Leaders
Choir	State Representatives
Junior Girls Touch Football	Junior Boys Touch Football
Senior Knights Knockout	Junior Knights Knockout
Zone Swimming Team	Swimming Champions
Hunter Regional Athletics	Zone Athletics Team
Zone Cross Country	Hunter Cross Country
Zone PSSA Rugby League	Stage 2 Sportslink Football
Stage 2 Sportslink Kickball	Stage 2 Sportslink Netball
Stage 3 Sportslink Football	Stage 3 Sportslink Kickball
Stage 3 Sportslink Netball	Hunter PSSA Basketball



## PACER

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

**This rebate was taken into account when costing for the excursion was set.**



## HURRY!

### Time is running out to have your say!!!

There are still a few days left to complete the TTFM *Partners in Learning* Survey. The survey only takes 10 – 15 minutes of your time but your responses will go a long way in guiding our direction for the 2018 – 2021 school plan. We value the voice of our parents and caregivers and appreciate the feedback that we receive through this survey. All responses are confidential and you can complete the survey on most smartphones, tablets, ipads, laptops and computers. The survey will close at **5pm on Friday, 20 October.**

To complete the survey, head to <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/maryland2017>. **Your feedback can help make our great school even better!**



<https://www.facebook.com/MarylandPublic/>

## Calendar

### Term 4 – Week 2

Tuesday, 17 October 2017	6.00pm School Council Meeting 7.00pm P&C Meeting
Thursday, 19 October 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program Commences
Friday, 20 October 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program Commences

### Term 4 – Week 3

Thursday, 26 October 2017	2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly
Friday, 27 October 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program Bandanna Day Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly

### Important Dates for Your Diary

Thursday, 2 November 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program
Friday, 3 November 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly
Thursday, 9 November 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program Digifest CCWC
Friday, 10 November 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Monday, 13 November 2017	2019 Year 7 Selective High School application website closes
Wednesday, 15 November 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Thursday, 16 November 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program
Friday, 17 November 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly
Tuesday, 21 November 2017	P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday, 23 November 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program
Friday, 24 November 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly
Wednesday, 29 November 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Thursday, 30 November 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program
Friday, 1 December 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Tuesday, 5 December 2017	CCWC Year 6 High School Orientation
Thursday, 7 December 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program Finishes Carols Evening
Friday, 8 December 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program Finishes Principals Picnic
Monday, 11 December 2017	Presentation Day
Tuesday, 12 December 2017	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday, 13 December 2017	Party Day
Friday, 15 December 2017	Last day of Term 4

### Term 1 2018

Monday, 29 January 2018	Staff resume for 2018
Tuesday, 30 January 2018	Year 1 to Year 6 resume for 2018
Friday, 2 February 2018	Kindergarten commence for 2018
Wednesday, 14 February 2018	Swimming Carnival
Monday, 19 February 2018	Individual and Class Photos
Thursday, 15 March 2018	2019 Selective High School Placement Test

### EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS



A great start to the new term - our students are settled and eager to learn.

Some students are bringing toys with small parts such as 'Beyblades' to school to play with before school, at recess and lunchtime. Some problems are arising from parts being mixed up, lost or damaged as students 'battle' each other with the toys. We would prefer these toys be left at home from now on. Thank you for your anticipated support with this.

Presentation Day: for forward planning with work commitments etc, all ES1 students are recognised and receive a prize on Presentation Day at the end of the year.

Mrs Williams (Early Stage 1 Leader)

## STAGE 2 NEWS

### Swimming

Swimming begins this Thursday and Friday for Stages 2 and 3. Please ensure that your child has packed goggles and a cap and comes to school with swimmers underneath their uniform. **Students without a cap or swimmers will stay behind at school.** Caps are available for sale at the front office for \$10.00.

### Composting

As part of an environment focus for Stage 2, classes have been composting fruit break scraps daily. S2B and S2D had a joint writing lesson focussed on creating complex sentences. A complex sentence - *a sentence containing a subordinate clause or clauses* (thank you Google)- has more than one idea, with one of those ideas depending on another to make sense.

We held a competition to write the best caption to this photo, using a complex sentence. See our winning sentence below.



Starting this year, Stage 2 send two people from each class to help the environment. Lauren and Sienna S2D

Mr Blyth (Relieving Stage 2 Leader)

## STAGE 3 NEWS

### Congratulations Canberran Travellers

Last week I had the pleasure of taking 131 senior students to Canberra. After three terms of planning and

preparing, it was wonderful to see the students enjoy themselves so thoroughly.

The kids were respectful, responsible and highly engaged in all the activities. They did Maryland proud! I would like to say congratulations to them all and say that parents should be very proud of their kids and how well they managed away from home during a very exciting and highly paced event.

The school would like to thank the parents who gave their time to attend the excursion. Without your support, excursions of this nature would be very difficult to offer.

Finally thanks to the staff. They all leave their families and attend such events in their own time so the school can offer well rounded educational programs.

Over the next few weeks we will be compiling photos and movies from the excursion, ready for public display. Keep an eye on the newsletter and Facebook for more details.



## Selective High School Placement Process for Year 7 2019

If your child is currently in Year 5 and performing at a high academic level you may wish to apply for them to attend an academically selective high school in 2019. The nearest selective high school for Maryland students is Merewether High School. Information can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

### What Are Selective High Schools?

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. There are: • seventeen fully selective high schools • twenty-four partially selective high schools • four agricultural high schools, three of which have boarding places where students live at the school for the school term.

### Applying for Selective High School Placement

Parents must apply online at the following link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> and should read the instructions carefully. Applications are available between **10 October and 13 November 2017**.

You will:

1. register to receive a password using your own email address, not one belonging to your child
2. log in to complete the application using the password
3. submit your application
4. receive an email confirming that you have successfully submitted
5. check the attachment to the email to confirm all details are accurate.

Do not apply twice for the same student, as the selection committee can consider only one application for each student. Some email providers will not accept emails with attachments sent from the Unit. If this happens we have to send all information by mail. To avoid this problem add [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au) to your email contacts list and check your spam or junk folders regularly.

Ms Blanch (Stage 3 Leader)

### National Bandanna Day – Friday, 27 October

MPS will support National Bandanna Day by selling bandannas during Week 3 of this term. There are 25 different colours and styles for just \$5 each!

Bandannas **will be sold each day from Monday, 23 October (during Week 3)**.

They can be **purchased from the Library during second half of lunch.**

On **Friday, 27 October**, we hope to see as many students as possible **wearing their bandannas to school for the day** in order to support young people affected by cancer.

Thanks for your support

Mrs Gleeson (Teacher / Librarian)



## PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### Opening Hours

- Tuesday Mornings 8.30am until 9.00am
- Thursday Afternoons 2.45pm until 3.15pm

Cyndi and Carmen ☺☺

## NEW UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Country Feeling Uniforms has just gone live with an Ecommerce website. Families can now order all their uniforms online and pick up from the Uniform Shop at school.

The Uniform Shop hours will NOT change – this is an added resource especially for busy families.

Visit the website by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.countryfeelinguniforms.com.au/>

### Opening Hours

- Tuesday 8.30am - 9.30am
- Thursday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

## CANTEEN NEWS

### Canteen Roster Term 4

Day	Date	Name
<b>Week 2</b>		
Wednesday	18 October	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	19 October	Alisa, Carmen
Friday	20 October	Jamie, Cassandra, Sharna, Sheree
<b>Week 3</b>		
Monday	23 October	Carmen, Lynne M
Tuesday	24 October	Carmen, Sheree C
Wednesday	25 October	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	26 October	Katie O, Jessica F
Friday	27 October	Jamie, Alicia G, Helen
<b>Week 4</b>		
Monday	30 October	Carmen, Lynne M
Tuesday	31 October	Carmen, Sarah J
Wednesday	1 November	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	2 November	Cath, Janelle
Friday	3 November	Jamie, Cassandra, Sharna, Sheree

### Full Term 4 Roster on Web Page



## COMMUNITY NEWS



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Saturday 21st October 2017 10 am to 2 pm

A Fete To Remember

pre-baked GOODIES

ENTERTAINMENT

Kenrick Street - Merewether - Newcastle

6 METCALFE ST, WALLSEND  
SATURDAY 28TH OF OCTOBER, 2017  
10 AM - 3 PM

## Open Day 2017

The Newcastle Muslim Association would like to invite you to attend our Open Day at Newcastle Mosque.

We welcome you to a tour of the mosque and join in some fun activities. Enjoy a sausage sizzle and come and get to know us.

Q&A | BBQ | KIDS ACTIVITIES | TOUR OF THE MOSQUE  
ISLAMIC EXHIBITION | ARABIC TEA & COFFEE CORNER



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to add Spring produce to your menu.

Adding seasonal produce to your weekly menu not only tastes better, but buying fruit and veg in season can be up to 35% cheaper than other times of year.

Here are four easy ways to add more Spring vegies and fruit to your day:

- **Add some legumes** – add chickpeas to your salad, stir kidney beans through your bolognese sauce, add canned lentils to your sausage roll mix.
- **Put vegie sticks in every lunch box** – carrots are super cheap in Spring, cut them into sticks and pack them with a small container of hummus.
- **Roast vegies and use in sandwiches** – roasted pumpkin and zucchini are delicious on wholegrain bread.
- **Make fruit salad cups** – cut up some strawberry, apple and rockmelon and put in a cup for a sweet, tasty treat.



For more information visit  
[www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

Eat It To Beat It

## Good for Kids good for life

### EAT A RAINBOW

Fruit and vegetables come in all the colours of the rainbow! But did you know that each colour provides different nutrients so why not pack a different colour for each day of the week?

- **Red:** Red capsicum sticks, cherry tomatoes, strawberries, red grapes
- **Orange/Yellow:** Carrot sticks, yellow capsicum sticks, oranges, mandarins, pineapple
- **Green:** Cucumber sticks, celery sticks, snow peas, green beans, kiwi fruit
- **Purple/Blue:** Red cabbage in salads, plums, blueberries
- **Brown/White:** Mushrooms, cauliflower rice, banana



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