

Newsletter

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

Skills for Life

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

Safety

Tuesday, 24 October 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 3.

Planning for 2018

We are currently in the preliminary stages of planning for classes in 2018. Enrolment numbers determine how we form classes and what the make-up of the classes will be. If you know that you will be moving or that your children will not be attending MPS next year (aside from current Year 6), can you please notify the office as soon as possible. It will make our job much easier, if we know who is returning after the January holidays. Likewise, if you have any children beginning Kindergarten in 2018 but have not yet notified us, can you please advise as a matter of urgency. Your support with this is very much appreciated.

Opportunity Class News

Last night Mr Wells and I met the parents of our new OC members for 2018. We will welcome 15 students into the OC class to join our students who will move into Year 6 next year. Today, the new students paid us a visit to see and hear about all the amazing things they can expect to participate in next year. We are excited to welcome both students and families to Maryland Public School. To the existing MPS students who have been offered placement in the OC class for Year 5 2018, I congratulate you on your well-deserved success.

Hot Weather

Although the weekend was a little on the cool side, we have loads of extremely hot weather coming our way over the next few weeks. Please remember to encourage your children to bring plenty of water and their hat! No hat = limited areas to play.

We are very proud of our school uniform and how fantastic our students look wearing it. A few "non-uniform" items (caps, black socks, hoodies etc) have been creeping in lately which detract from our school values. Please continue to wear the FULL school uniform which represents our proud Maryland community.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Just a quick reminder to keep your eye on our busy school calendar of events. We don't want anyone to miss the wonderful opportunities coming up.

Have a safe and happy week everyone,

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

Calendar

Term 4 – Week 3

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

Term 4 – Week 4

Thursday, 2 November 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program
Friday, 3 November 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program 2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly

Important Dates for Your Diary

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



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

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

STAGE 3 NEWS**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 to your email contacts list and check your spam or junk folders regularly.

Ms Blanch (Stage 3 Leader)

BAND NEWS

Congratulations band members on your Bandfest success!

Our students represented MPS with pride and excellence on Tuesday, 17 October at the annual Bandfest competition which is open to schools across the region. The on stage professionalism of the band was outstanding and the adjudicator commented on the overall presentation of the band. Our young musicians also received feedback on their use of dynamics and overall cohesive sound. The band received a Highly Commended award, which put them second in their section behind The Junction. Thank you to the parents and friends who were able to support our students on the day. We now look forward to working toward the end of year performances.

Mrs Garven and Mrs Shaw (Band Coordinators)





LIBRARY NEWS

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)

P&C NEWS

Colour Run

We are really excited to announce that the funds raised from our inaugural Colour Run was just shy of \$8000!!!! Congratulations and thank you to each and every one of you who worked hard to raise this incredible amount of money. Keep an eye out for your prizes, they will be sent home with students this week.

Fletcher Village Christmas Donation Drive

The lovely people at Fletcher Village are currently promoting their 'Thoughts That Count Christmas donation drive'. Local Community Groups within a 10km radius of the Village (including our School) have the opportunity to self-nominate and be in the running to win a share in the \$3000 prize pool. We have registered Maryland Public School. Keep your fingers crossed! We will keep you updated.

Christmas Celebration Night

Christmas will be here before we know it, and the Committee are already working on the Christmas Celebration Night. We are eagerly seeking prizes for our major raffle for this event. Scott and Sarah Forbes of Scott Forbes Automotive and Mobile Mechanic have already jumped on board and generously donated a Major Service valued at \$360!!!!

We'd love to hear from anyone who is interested in donating prizes for our Major Raffle.

Alissa Jamieson (P&C President)

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

Opening Hours

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

Visit the website by clicking on the link below to order uniforms online.

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 4

Day	Date	Name
Week 3		
Wednesday	25 October	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	26 October	Katie O, Jessica F
Friday	27 October	Jamie, Alicia G, Helen
Week 4		
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, Kassandra, Sharna, Sheree
Week 5		
Monday	6 November	Carmen, Vicki
Tuesday	7 November	Carmen, Sheree C
Wednesday	8 November	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	9 November	Susan B, Helen
Friday	10 November	Jamie, Bec S, Amanda S

Full Term 4 Roster on Web Page

COMMUNITY NEWS



SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to be a good role model!

Did you know?

Researchers, parents and teachers know that children imitate adult behaviour. That's why role modelling sun protection is so important!

How you can be a role model:

- **Slip** on clothing which covers as much skin as possible.
- **Slop** on 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.
- **Slap** on a broad brimmed, legionnaires or bucket hat.
- **Slide** on some wrap-around sunglasses.
- **Seek** shade when outdoors.



Don't forget – when the UV reaches 3, we protect against UV! You and your kids can check the UV level together by downloading the SunSmart app!

Set a positive example and your kids will follow your lead!

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to download our free resources.

We have a bunch of great resources on our website for you to print out – free – to help make your whole family healthier.

- Reward your kids using our **My Fruit and Vegetable Chart**.
- Plan ahead, save time and money with your **Family Menu Planner**.
- Make packing lunches easier with our **Healthy Lunch Box Planner**.
- Learn how to manage fussy eaters with our **Strategies for Fussy Eaters Guide**.
- Get new ideas for healthy snacks with our **Fruit and Vegetables Snacks Guide**.
- Find out when to buy your fruit and vegies in our **Seasonality Guide**.



Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycp5a89a> to download.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Good for Kids good for life

CRUNCH&SIP®

Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip® program, also known as 'Fruit break'. Crunch&Sip® is a set time during the day to eat salad vegetables and fruit and drink water.

Below are some examples of what students are allowed to bring for Crunch&Sip®:

- All fresh fruit and vegetables
- Dried fruit or tinned fruit in juice but only sometimes
- Plain water

Items that are not considered fruit and vegetables for Crunch&Sip® include:

- Fruit products (e.g. fruit leathers, fruit roll-ups)
- Fruit jams or jellies, fruit pies or cakes
- Tinned fruit in syrup
- Vegetable or potato chips, hot potato chips, popcorn
- Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties)
- Vegetable cakes, fritter, quiches or similar
- Fruit or vegetable juices or any drink other than plain water



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

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HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

Pack your child a HEALTHY LUNCH BOX

Choose a variety of foods from each food group



= A Healthy Lunch Box

Source: Northern Sydney Local Health District



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Local Health District

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