

# 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, 7 November 2017**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 5.

Congratulations to Tyler Franzsen for winning a Newcastle District Award - Year 5 in the 2017 Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition. Tyler received his award last Wednesday with his family and Mr Wells in attendance. A super achievement! Well done, Tyler.

Second Hand Uniform Shop - Volunteers needed on Thursdays from 2.45pm – 3.15pm. Our second hand uniform shop provides our families with pre-loved, good quality uniform items. If you can help by washing, mending or helping to sell our second hand donations, please contact the office on 4955 9430. Special thanks to Cindy Govan for the hours and hours of wonderful work she has done in this role. We appreciate the work you have done, very much.

Planning is underway for staffing and class formation for 2018. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new permanent members to the Maryland Public School team for next year.

Firstly, we are fortunate to have secured the services of Mrs Melissa Bone, appointed as the School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) for our new Support Class. Mrs Bone is a highly experienced SLSO who has worked in Sydney and Newcastle, for many years in her role as SLSO in a variety of support settings and classes. Welcome Mrs Bone!

Secondly, we welcome Miss Tanisha Brown to our teaching staff for 2018. Miss Brown's appointment fills the position vacated by Mr Macpherson in 2016. Miss Brown is a scholarship graduate who completed her recent internship at Floraville Public School. She is very excited to be joining our beautiful school. Welcome Miss Brown!

Please notify the office if you have children currently enrolled at MPS, who will not be returning next year. Like-wise if you are aware of any families who have children coming to MPS next but have not yet enrolled, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Enrolment numbers determine how classes are formed and how we staff our school. This information is vital to accurate planning. Thank you for your support with this.

The NSW Government is checking and maintaining school zone signs, as part of the NSW School Zone Flashing Lights program to improve the safety for students in the area.

Roads and Maritime currently manage over 5800 school zones flashing signs that keep school children safe across NSW. Installing flashing lights signage in school zones has led to improved driver awareness of driving at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and people coming and going from the school area.

Workers will be on site at Boundary Road between Berwick Cres and Rosamond St between Monday 13 November and Monday 20 November, for two shifts, weather permitting. Their work hours will be between 7am and 5pm, from Monday to Friday and between 8am and 1pm on Saturday.

The work will be carried out so that it does not impact the operations of school zone flashing signs around affected schools.

There will be some footpath and lane closures while work is carried out, and they will have signposting and detours in place when required. Some parking spaces will also be unavailable while work is completed.

We have been advised that there will be minimal noise associated with this work.

Have a wonderful week everyone and remember –

Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

### Calendar

#### Term 4 – Week 5

Thursday, 9 November 2017	Stage 2 Swimming Program Digifest CCWC
Friday, 10 November 2017	Stage 3 Swimming Program <b>2.00pm Whole School Assembly</b>

#### Term 4 – Week 6

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

**Important Dates for Your Diary**

Tuesday, 21 November 2017	5.30pm BYOD – Bring Your Own Device Parent Information Session (Years 2-4) 7pm P&C Meeting
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 Principal's 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



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**BYOD – Bring Your Own Device Parent Information Session (Years 2 – 4)**

Parents and caregivers of students in Years 2 – 4 (students who will be in Years 3 – 5, 2018) are invited to attend an information session on Tuesday, 21 November at 5.30pm in the library. BYOD has successfully run in Stage 3 for the past two years and has been trialled with Year 4 students in S2-3N this year.

The session will cover how devices can be used in the classroom, preferred devices and requirements for devices, the Maryland BYOD policy that parents and students must agree to before connecting and any questions that parents and caregivers may have.

An information note will also go home to all parents and caregivers who are unable to attend the information session.

**OFFICE NEWS****PRESENTATION DAY**

This year parents will be notified that their child is to receive an award on Presentation Day will be via email.

These emails will be sent out towards the end of Week 7. If you have recently change your email address please notify the office.

**BAND NEWS**

Our band students should be busy practising the new, festive repertoire in preparation for our carols evening later this term. This week, we're asking students to also revise their Bandfest songs in preparation for a performance on Friday.

The band will perform at the whole school assembly this Friday from 2pm. Students will need to remember their instrument, though they will not need their black pants for this school performance.

Next Wednesday, the band will put on a free lunch time concert in the hall to showcase their talents to students interested in joining in 2018. This will be a great opportunity for our senior students to demonstrate their instruments and answer questions that younger students may have.

Mrs Garven and Mrs Shaw (Band Coordinators)

**CANTEEN NEWS****Canteen Roster Term 4**

Day	Date	Name
<b>Week 5</b>		
Wednesday	8 November	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	9 November	Susan B, Helen
Friday	10 November	Jamie, Bec S, Amanda S
<b>Week 6</b>		
Monday	13 November	Carmen, Lynne M
Tuesday	14 November	Carmen, Sarah J
Wednesday	15 November	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	16 November	Alisa, Carmen
Friday	17 November	Jamie, Sharna, Sheree, Cassandra
<b>Week 7</b>		
Monday	20 November	Carmen, Lynne M
Tuesday	21 November	Carmen, Sheree C
Wednesday	22 November	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	23 November	Katie O, Jessica F
Friday	24 November	Jamie, Alicia G, Helen

**Full Term 4 Roster on Web Page**

## PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### Opening Hours

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

Carmen ☺☺

## NEW UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Unfortunately, the Uniform Shop will not open on Tuesday, 5 December 2017 due to the Orientation Day at Callaghan College.

All other shop hours remain the same.

### Opening Hours

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



**NEW BACKPACKS  
AVAILABLE AT THE  
UNIFORM SHOP \$35**

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

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



## Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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| laptops & tablets  | lessons & activities |
| uniforms & shoes   | books & supplies     |
| sports fees & gear | camps & excursions   |

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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.



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