

Newsletter

Maryland Public School

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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, 21 November 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 7!

Congratulations to our Year 5 students who made it through to the final step of the student leadership process. Last Thursday we had the opportunity to hear twelve fantastic speeches by a group of outstanding students, all of whom are vying for our student executive positions for 2018. Regardless of the end result, you can all be very proud of your achievements!

Over the past few weeks, a number of girls have started wearing large, colourful bows in their hair. Whilst these are very nice, they do not form part of our Maryland Public School uniform. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and ensuring our students wear our uniform proudly.

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.

This evening we are holding a half hour information session (for parents of students in Stage 2 2018) on BYOD – Bring Your Own Device. The meeting will take place in our library at 5.30pm. Please come along to discuss how this initiative will be rolled out next year.

Our final P&C meeting for 2017 will be held tonight at 6pm in the staffroom. Thank you to our wonderful group of volunteers who have supported our school this year. New and returning friends, all welcome!

Have a safe and happy week everyone,

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



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Calendar

Term 4 – Week 7

Tuesday, 21 November 2017	5.30pm BYOD – Bring Your Own Device Parent Information Session (Years 2-4) 6pm 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
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Term 4 – Week 8

Monday, 27 November 2017	Last day to hand in Merit Awards for Whole School Assembly (by 3pm)
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

Important Dates for Your Diary

Monday, 4 December 2017	Payment due for Stage 1 Nobbys Beach / King Edward Park Excursion
Tuesday, 5 December 2017	CCWC Year 6 High School Orientation
Thursday, 7 December 2017	Stage 1 Nobbys Beach / King Edward Park Excursion 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

OFFICE NEWS

PRESENTATION DAY

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



Education & Communities

Bronze Silver & Award For Excellence Awards

The final Whole School Assembly for 2017 will be held on Friday, 1 December 2017. All cards need to be handed into the school office by **3.00pm Monday, 27 November 2017**.

We recognise that some students may receive gold and grey cards after this date. In order to recognise this, students will have until Friday, 16 February 2018 to hand their 2016 and / or 2017 dated cards into the school office.

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.

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our assembly on Friday. Thank you for your support with this. Early Stage 1 students certainly enjoyed their rendition of 'Bat Vowel'.

This week children from Maryland Long Day Care Centre will be joining us for lunch each day. It is an opportunity for those students to bring their packed lunch over and experience 'big school'.

Just a reminder with the weather warming up, please ensure students have their hats each day and especially on Fridays when we go out for sport.

Mrs Williams (Early Stage 1 Leader)

LIBRARY NEWS

END OF YEAR FINAL NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS ALL LIBRARY BOOKS TO BE RETURNED URGENTLY

Students who have outstanding Library books have been issued with several reminders to return books urgently. Please assist your child to locate the books at home and return them as soon as possible. If you are unable to locate the books, please reimburse the cost to the Library as listed on your child's note.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Gleeson (Teacher / Librarian)

DANCE NEWS

Carols Evening is fast approaching and the dancers are working hard to master their routines for Thursday, 7

December 2017. Please note that dance costumes will not be provided for the performance but dancers are encouraged to wear appropriate Christmas coloured clothing. For example, red, green, white, silver or gold colours with sensible footwear - closed in shoes / joggers or dance shoes to perform in. Festive items like, antlers, or headbands can also be worn. A rehearsal for both dance troupes will be held on the Monday of that week. Let's hope for fine weather on the night and that it's not too hot!!

Mrs Groth (Coordinating Teacher)

SPORT NEWS

Knights Knockout

Mr Blyth and Miss Daly have begun to train the Stage 2 and Stage 3 players in readiness for next year.

Mrs Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

P&C NEWS

The final P&C Meeting for 2017 will be held tonight from 6pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

Thoughts that Count Christmas Grant Program

For those in the community who are not aware, Fletcher Village were seeking nominations for the above campaign. Well, lots of parents nominated Maryland Public School and we are one of three finalists being considered for the grant. Firstly, thanks to all of the people that nominated our school. Also, thanks to the Stage 3 students that worked hard on the short video promoting the cause, by the way, it is to go towards a new cricket pitch for MPS and equipment. The video footage will be released on the web next Monday, 27 November, and customers and community members are encouraged to vote for the cause. More details about the voting process will be made available in due course. We are very fortunate to be a finalist and fingers crossed we may obtain some funds to improve the area for the children.

P&C Committee

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Christmas Raffle

Wow the year is drawing to a close. A huge THANK YOU to everyone that has supported the fundraising ventures this year. The final event on the fundraising calendar is the Christmas Raffle. Tickets have been sent home and are \$2 each. The winners will be drawn at the Carols Evening on Thursday, 7 December. Prizes include:

- 1st i-Pad
- 2nd Mechanical Service from Scott Forbes Automotive
- 3rd/4th Boys / Girls Bike

plus, too many more to mention. Donations are needed and if you would like to make a contribution please drop the item(s) off at the front office as soon as possible.

Kindly return receipt books and money to the office as soon as you can. If you would like another book or two please ask at the school office.

Fundraising Committee

CANTEEN NEWS**Canteen Roster Term 4**

Day	Date	Name
Week 7		
Wednesday	22 November	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	23 November	Katie O, Jessica F
Friday	24 November	Jamie, Alicia G, Helen
Week 8		
Monday	27 November	Carmen, Lynne M
Tuesday	28 November	Carmen, Sarah J
Wednesday	29 November	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	30 November	Cath, Janelle
Friday	1 December	Jamie, Kassandra, Sharna, Sheree
Week 9		
Monday	4 December	Carmen, Vicki Q
Tuesday	5 December	Carmen, Sheree C
Wednesday	6 December	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	7 December	Susan B, Helen
Friday	8 December	Jamie, Bec S, Amanda S
Week 10		
Monday	11 December	Carmen, Lynne M
Tuesday	12 December	Carmen, Sarah J
Wednesday	13 December	CANTEEN CLOSED HELPERS NEEDED ***PARTY DAY***
Thursday	14 December	CANTEEN CLOSED HELPERS NEEDED ***CLEANING***
Friday	15 December	CANTEEN CLOSED HELPERS NEEDED ***CLEANING***

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

Cindy & 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

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS**Shortland United Junior Football Club**

The Shortland Pandas invite you and family members to join our small family orientated club in the new 2018 season. We encourage children from 4 years to participate in sports and parents to volunteer and get involved in the running of the club.



Shortland United will be participating in the Active Kids Program which will entitle parents / guardians to receive \$100 per eligible child to contribute to the cost of playing football, which will make registering to play football the cheapest it has been. We also offer a payment plan.

Further information will be available via our website upon notification.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact us on:

shortlandufc@newcastlefootball.net.au

OR by calling -

- Registrar – Tom Jones - 0432 445 591
- President – Ross Buxton – 0421 000 597


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to enjoy a healthy holiday season.

You can still enjoy treats this holiday season, just don't forget it's all about moderation and aiming for two serves of fruit + five serves of veg every day.

At family dinners or barbecues with friends try these healthier choices:

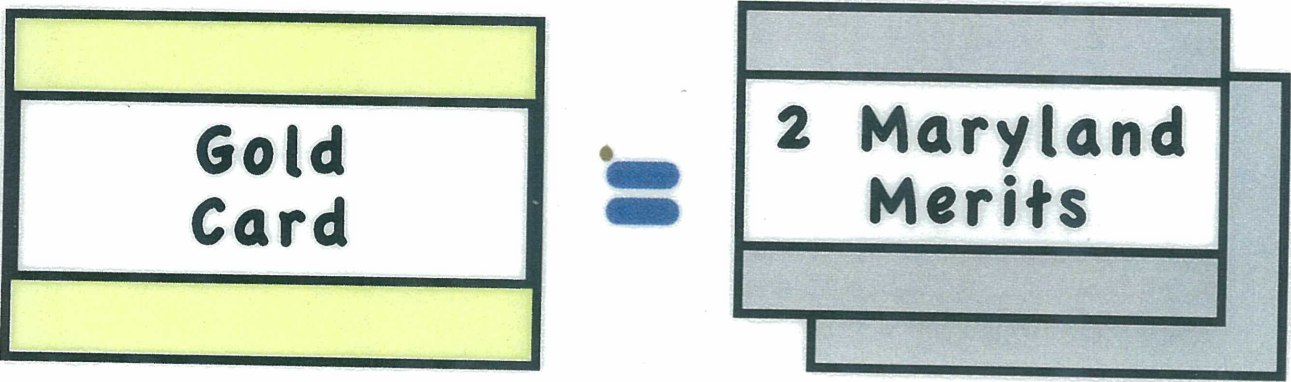
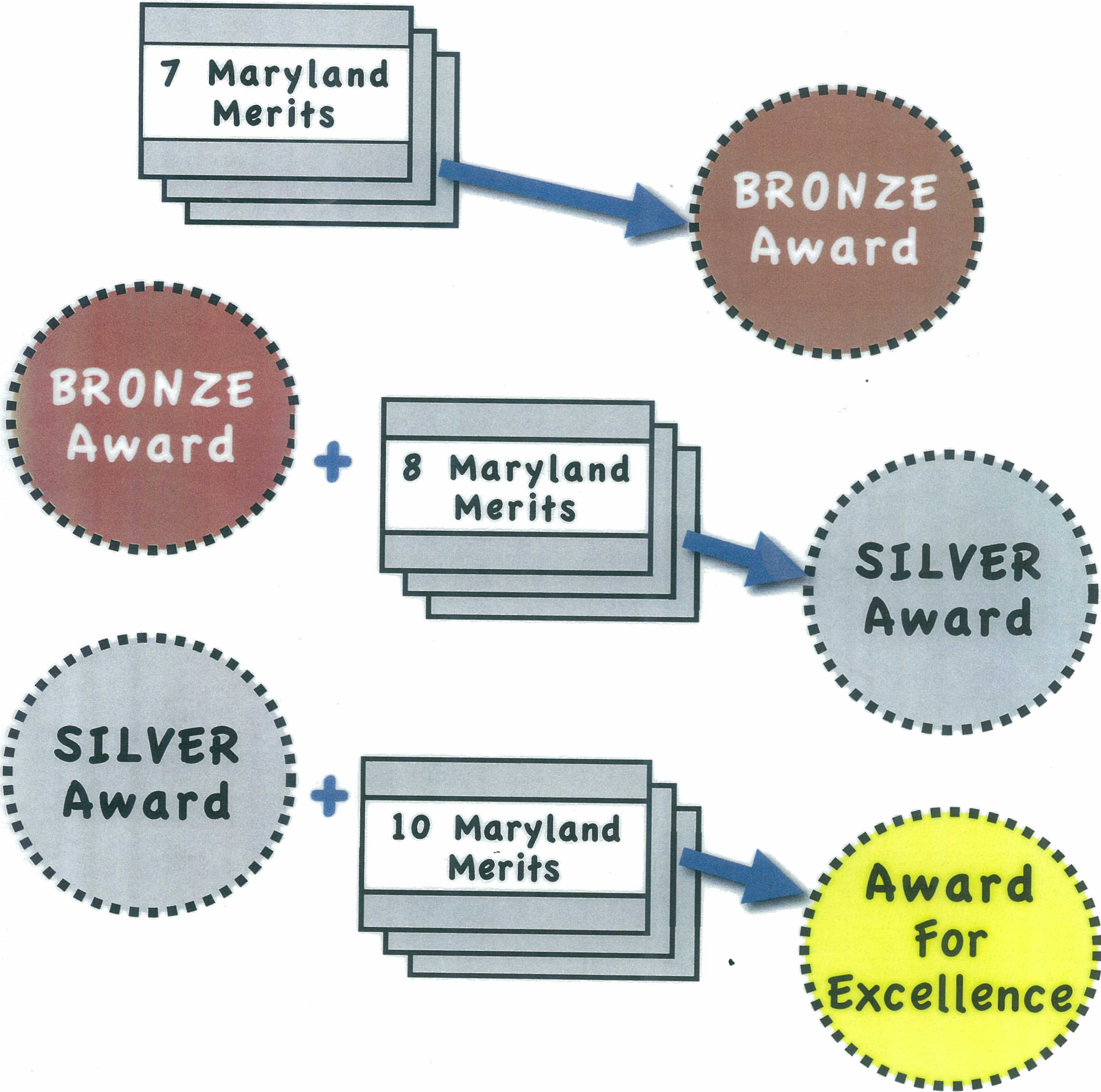
- Try veggie sticks with veggie dip as a starter. Fill up on healthier foods first.
- Snack on roasted chickpeas or popcorn, and baked veggie chips.
- Make sure half your lunch or dinner plate is filled with vegies or tasty summer salads.
- Serve a big bowl of fruit salad or fruit kebabs alongside dessert.



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