

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, 12 December 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the last week of the 2017 school year!

Firstly, thanks to all who came and celebrated last Thursday at our amazing Carols Evening. What a fantastic way to finish the school year and it was lovely to see so many of our families enjoying the experience.

A huge thanks to our wonderful staff, who as always give their time and goodwill to events such as this to ensure the enjoyment of everyone.

Thanks also to our ever-supportive volunteers, coordinated by our wonderful P&C committee who have done another sensational job of fundraising to support initiatives in our school. THANK YOU ALL.

Yesterday we celebrated the achievements of many students at our annual Presentation Day. Congratulations to all students for such beautiful and respectful behaviour throughout the assembly and thanks again to all who came along to support. It was lovely once again to welcome back past Principals of the school and other very special guests. Thank you to Ms Blanch for her excellent coordination of this event.

This evening we celebrate with our Year 6 students at their farewell dinner. I'm sure this is going to be another fabulous night which will be enjoyed greatly by all and remembered for many years to come. Again, thanks to staff for supporting and organising this event. I can't wait to see everyone dressed up!

Friday is the last school day (for students) in 2017. We will farewell our year 6 students and wish them the very best for their journey ahead with the annual clap out. Please come along and say goodbye to our year 6 friends. All welcome.

Finally, at the end of my first year at beautiful Maryland Public School, I'd like to say well done to our students for a fantastic year of learning. Congratulations to our amazing staff for providing the rich opportunities they do every day and thank you to our parents and friends for the support of our programs, initiatives and of course our students!

I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas, and a healthy, happy 2018.

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

2018 First Day Organisation

Students will remain in their 2017 class group for the first few days of 2018, while numbers and new class groupings are finalised.

Calendar

Term 4 – Week 10

Tuesday, 12 December 2017	5.30pm Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday, 13 December 2017	Party Day
Friday, 15 December 2017	2.30pm Year 6 Clap Out
	Last day of Term 4

Important Dates for Your Diary

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/>

2018 Student Executive

Captains	<i>Summah S</i>	<i>Reiley C</i>
Vice-Captains	<i>Mia S</i>	<i>Tyler F</i>
Prefects	<i>Abbie B</i>	<i>Kane C</i>

2018 House Leaders

HERON		
Captain	<i>Abby S</i>	<i>Bailey NL</i>
Vice Captain	<i>Bella J</i>	<i>Jake T</i>

IBIS

Captain	<i>Emelia P</i>	<i>Bailey L</i>
Vice Captain	<i>Shianne F</i>	<i>Lucas S</i>

KINGFISHER

Captain	<i>Taliyah M</i>	<i>Kaihem H</i>
Vice Captain	<i>Anjaly R</i>	<i>Mitchell F</i>

SWAN

Captain	<i>Cadence C</i>	<i>Bodhi R</i>
Vice Captain	<i>Rhani C</i>	<i>Seth W</i>



Education &
Communities

PRESENTATION DAY 2017

Stage 1 Citizenship Award

Senior Citizenship

Junior Citizenship

Leadership Award

Integrity Award

(Callaghan College Scholarship)

Gerry Goodger

Encouragement Award

Kay Perry Literary Award

2017 School Dux

Performing Arts - Choir

Performing Arts - Senior Band

Performing Arts - Junior Band

Performing Arts - Junior Dance

Performing Arts - Senior Dance

Premier's Reading Challenge Awards

Anela M
Viet Anh N
Mackenzie T
Isaac C
Amelia H

Mya-Rose R

Kiara W
Prian S
Kira D
Noah P
Marnie J
Sydney May R
Bella J

Caerwyn B,
Caitlyn D,
Emmerson S,
Isaac C,
Jacqueline D,
Mia W
Kye J

Sportsperson of the Year

Sport Representatives

Kahlee D, Kye
J, Lachlan BS,
Sahra G, Kiera
B
Kingfisher
Heron
Kingfisher

House Points

Athletics House

Swimming House

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

It was a proud moment for you and your child on Monday, as ES1 were formally recognised at our Presentation Day assembly. We hope they enjoy their books.

What a year it has been for our students! So much fun and learning, and now they are ready to move on to begin another journey in their school life.

We are looking forward to party day tomorrow - water fun activities, students will be provided with lunch (a sausage sandwich, a drink and an ice block), they will still need to bring fruit break, recess and of course their water bottle. Please ensure your child has a sun safe hat, appropriate clothing and sun screen.

2018: On their first day back next year, students will hang their bags up at this year's classroom and line up in the usual place, under the Area B COLA

Thank you for your support this year with all that we have asked, have a safe, happy and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Mrs Williams (Early Stage 1 Leader)

SPORT NEWS

Knights Knockout

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

2018 Swimming Carnival

The annual swimming carnival for 2018 will be held on Wednesday 14 February 2018.

I would like to thank all community members who have assisted with our sporting programs. I hope to see you all again next year. Have a lovely Christmas with family and friends.

Mrs Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

P&C NEWS

WOW!! Hard to believe that the last week of school for 2017 is here. Congratulations to all 46 prize winners in the Christmas draw last Thursday at the Carols Evening. Thank you to everyone that came along and supported the school by purchasing tickets in the draw, sausage sizzles, steaks, drinks and confectionery. A fun night showcasing the talented students at our fantastic school.

Thoughts that Count Campaign - Fletcher Village Shopping Centre

A kindly reminder that Maryland Public School are finalists in this campaign and please support the school by voting on line at

<https://fletchervillage.com.au/whatson/thoughts-count-vote-now/>



Please ensure that you select Maryland Public School from the drop down box so that we get the vote. Voting opened from 27 November 2017 and will close on 14 January 2018. Share this information with family and friends to maximise our votes and improve our share of the prize money. Receipts over \$10 within these dates can be used in the campaign.

Preloved Uniform Shop

A vacancy exists for a volunteer(s) to operate this service at our school. If you are keen and interested in fulfilling this role in the New Year, kindly leave your details at the front office. This is a valuable service provided to the school community with hours of opening negotiable to suit the volunteer. A big thank you to Cyndi Govan and Carmen Stein who have volunteered and done an amazing job throughout 2017.

Christmas Greetings and Holiday Wishes

A big thank you to all that have supported the P&C Committee throughout this year with fundraising, helping out in the canteen and volunteering with our special

scheduled events. We really appreciate the teamwork and your cooperation in running the events and raising funds to improve the learning environment for our children.

On behalf of the P&C Committee we wish all of the school community families and friends a merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday break. We look forward to seeing you all back here safe and well, working together in 2018 to be the best that we can be.

P&C Committee

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 4

Day	Date	Name
Week 10		CANTEEN CLOSED
Wednesday	13 December	HELPERS NEEDED ***PARTY DAY***
Thursday	14 December	CANTEEN CLOSED HELPERS NEEDED ***CLEANING***
Friday	15 December	CANTEEN CLOSED HELPERS NEEDED ***CLEANING***

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

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

Maryland / Fletcher Football Club

2018 Registration Days at Kurraka Oval, Fletcher

- Saturday, 27 Jan 10 am - 1 pm
- Thursday, 8 Feb 6pm - 8pm
- Saturday, 17 Feb 3pm - 6pm
- Thursday, 22 Feb 6pm - 8pm

Further details at:

W: www.marylandfletcherfc.sportingpulse.net

E: marylandfletcherfc@newcastlefootball.net.au

F: <https://www.facebook.com/marylandfletcherfc/10>



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HEY KIDS!

WANT TO PLAY RUGBY?

4-7 YEARS

Lake Macquarie RUGBY CLUB

\$50 PER CHILD

ALL GAMES PLAYED AT WALTERS PARK SPEERS POINT

For more information contact **Rob Taylor 0417 309 588**



NORMAL OPENING HOURS

TUESDAYS	8.30AM—9.30AM
THURSDAYS	2.30PM—3.30PM

DECEMBER 2017 EXTENDED OPENING HOURS

Thursday 7th December 2017	2.30pm to 3.30pm
Tuesday 12th December 2017	8.00am to 10.00am
Thursday 14th December 2017	2.30pm to 4.00pm

JANUARY 2018 EXTENDED OPENING HOURS

Monday 22nd Jan 2018	7.00am to 9.00am
Wednesday 24th January 2018	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Monday 29th January 2018	10.00am to 11.00am

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www.countryfeelinguniforms.com.au

Child Name: _____ DOB: _____

Parent/s Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

During the 2018 January holidays Aspect will be offering an intensive group programs over a period of 3 weeks, to be conducted at Maryland Community Centre

Groups will be facilitated by occupational therapists and speech pathologists, at the ratio of 1 therapist to 2 children per group. Maximum of 8 children per group.

Cost: \$175.57 per two hour group session. Please indicate a payment preference:

☐ NDIS ☐ HCWA ☐ Private Payment

We will be running a Social Skills group. This group will be focused on initiating play and developing friendships. Therapists will help to develop positive play skills between children as well facilitating joint attention and turn taking skills.

January Group Dates

WEEK 1 – Wednesday 10th January at 10am – 12pm

WEEK 2 – Wednesday 17th January at 10am – 12pm

WEEK 3 – Wednesday 24th January at 10am – 12pm

Please bring a hat, drink and small snack for your child.

Please return this EOI by email to etowns@autismspectrum.org.au by Wednesday 20th December. For any further enquiries please contact Emma Towns – 0400 896 130