

Newsletter

Maryland Public School

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Our P & C Association meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm
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, 29 August 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 7.

The weeks are rolling by so quickly and before we know it, Term 3 will be a distant memory! Please keep checking our calendar for event dates and times as well as reading notes that come home, as there are a number of BIG activities headed our way shortly.

Next week is our Birthday Celebration week. Maryland Public School is 25 years old this year. We have a number of significant events to coincide with this week and encourage as many people as possible to come and enjoy them with us.

- Wednesday: Art Show
- Thursday: Performance Extravaganza – Matinee and Evening performance for you to enjoy. Tickets on sale at the office now. **Tickets are only pre-sale, not available at the door.**
- Friday: Birthday Assembly in our hall. We look forward to hearing from some previous staff members as they share their memories and experiences about MPS in the earlier days. We will also have performances and we will hear from some of our students about our school's history. **Students to wear regular school uniform to school as this is a formal assembly.** Students can change into sports / colour run shirts after the assembly.
- Friday: Colour Run – Thanks to our P&C for their ideas, planning and work alongside our teachers to prepare what will be a fantastic afternoon of physical activity and fun for all! Please note that the colour powder will mix with water and will not affect asthmatics or those with allergies. It will however, make your children very colourful and messy! This will be a fantastic way to finish our birthday week.

Last Thursday, our school executive team participated in our school's External Validation. It was an incredibly positive experience and we received outstanding feedback from the panel for both our written submission and our school systems and practices. Throughout the preparation process, we gathered a wide range of evidence samples to validate our journey along the School Excellence Framework. The process has provided clear directions for our school moving into our next three year planning cycle and we look forward to finalising this and sharing it with you. Thank you to our wonderful executive team for their expertise about our school and for sharing it so wonderfully with the panel. I'd like to acknowledge also our teaching staff for their input at the beginning stages of the process and our

community for providing feedback about aspects of our school.

Have a fabulous week everyone and remember, *"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."* - Maya Angelou

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

Maryland Partners in Learning

Are you keen to hear about where are we now and where are we headed?

Come along for some round table discussions about how our students are learning and performing at MPS.

Topics covered: NAPLAN, Numeracy, Reading, Writing and our Bump It Up initiative.

- Who: Interested parents and friends
- When: Thursday, 21 September – Session 1 at 2.30pm, Session 2 at 5.30pm
- Where: Our Library

Come and join us for some light refreshments at either of the above times.

We look forward to your questions, input and company!

OFFICE NEWS

Ticket Sales for Performance Extravaganza

Tickets are available from the school office for the Performance Extravaganza being held on Thursday, 7 September in the school hall.

This year we are having 2 sessions, a matinee which will commence at 11.30am and an evening performance which will commence at 6.30pm.

Entry tickets \$3.00 per seat.

Both performances will be allocated seating **ONLY** (due to WHS no strollers, toddlers sitting on the floor, etc will be permitted).

All money raised will be used to replenish, rejuvenate or replace materials and items necessary to ensure that the Creative Arts Groups continue to provide enriching opportunities for all students.

SMS ABSENCES

Thank you to the parents who have been replying to the SMS Absence Notifications. It is imperative that if you have more than one child away that you reply to each child's SMS Notification as this is an automated service. Your explanation automatically attaches to student's absence. For further information please contact the office.



2018 Kindergarten Orientation Program

Planning is underway for the 2018 Kindergarten Orientation Program. If you have a child or know of any families who have a child turning 5 on or before 31 July 2018 please contact the school office.

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club brochures are being sent home today. Parents wishing to order books from the Scholastic Book Club will need to process their orders online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP

LOOP orders for Issue 6 will be open until next Tuesday, 5 September 2017.

An instruction sheet for ordering online is attached to this newsletter.

Orders cannot be accepted at the office.



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

Calendar

Term 3 - Week 7

Wednesday, 30 August 2017	Book Fair in the Library Year 6 Taster Lessons @ CCWC
Thursday, 31 August 2017	Fathers' Day Stall Book Fair in the Library 5.00pm – 6.00pm Kinder 2018 Parent Information Session
Friday, 1 September 2017	Stage 3 Canberra Final Payment Due Stage 1 Swimming Program 2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly

Term 3 – Week 8

Tuesday, 5 September 2017	Hunter Life Education Centre Excursion (S1T, S1G, S1-3W, S1C, S1M, S1S & ESW)
Wednesday, 6 September 2017	Maryland Meander (Art Show) Hunter Life Education Centre Excursion (ESO & ESB)
Thursday, 7 September 2017	Performing Extravaganza 11.30am Matinee Performance 6.30pm Evening Performance
Friday, 8 September 2017	Stage 1 Swimming Program 12.00pm 25 th Birthday Assembly 2.00pm Colour Run & Obstacle Course Fun Day

Important Dates for Your Diary

Thursday, 14 September 2017	Permission note and payment due for Stage 2 Sportslink
Friday, 15 September 2017	Sport & Group Photos Stage 1 Swimming Program Finishes

Tuesday, 19 September 2017	2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly 9.30am – 10.30am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session CCWC Rugby League 7's Competition
Thursday, 21 September 2017	Stage 2 Sportslink Maryland Partners in Learning Discussion Sessions 2.30pm Session 1 5.30pm Session 2
Friday, 22 September 2017	2.00pm Whole School Assembly Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday, 9 October 2017	Staff & Students resume for Term 4
Wednesday, 11 October 2017	S3 Canberra Excursion
Thursday, 12 October 2017	S3 Canberra Excursion S2 & S3 Swimming Program Money Due
Friday, 13 October 2017	S3 Canberra Excursion
Tuesday, 17 October 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Wednesday, 15 November 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Wednesday, 29 November 2017	9.30am – 10.15am Kinder 2018 Orientation Session
Monday, 11 December 2017	Presentation Day
Tuesday, 12 December 2017	Year 6 Farewell
Friday, 15 December 2017	Last day of Term 4

2018 Early Stage 1 Parent Information Evening

An invitation is extended to all parents and carers of students who will be starting at Maryland Public School in 2018 to attend an Information Evening to be held this Thursday, 31 August 5.00pm - 6.00pm in the school library.

We will be discussing the orientation process and it will give you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Williams (ES1 Leader)

STAGE 3 NEWS Canberra News

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. Students will be 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 of \$20 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.

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

Students enjoyed a 'Responsible Pet Education' session today. Students were introduced to Miley the dog, who along with the pet educators Mel and Belinda who gave some very valuable information on how to be safe around dogs. Students showed enthusiasm for the interactive elements of the presentation and happily joined in a variety of activities.

Just a reminder to ensure names are put into all items of clothing. Mrs Williams is gathering a large pile of jumpers and jackets in her room that have no names attached. These will be placed into lost property on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs Williams (ES1 Leader)

LIBRARY NEWS



The students of Maryland PS should be congratulated, as EVERY STUDENT in our school has achieved success in conquering this challenge!

It is with great pleasure that, for the last time in 2017, we list the names of students who have completed Premier's Reading Challenge.



Dilan B, Ebony E, Sienna H, Bethany K, Cameron L, Edison L, Cooper M, Rory T and Neha Y



Thomas C, Ryan C, Maddi K-O, Layla M, Thomas S, Ethan T and Riley W-M.

Also, don't forget the Book Fair this week on Wednesday and Thursday. The Library will be open from 8.30am – 9.00am, at recess and 2nd half of lunch for students to purchase books / items.

Due to the busy schedule we have (see dates of events), **there will not be a book parade at this time.**

Keep your eye out for next week's newsletter, where we will hear from some of our avid readers who have reviewed some of our



Mrs Gleeson (Teacher / Librarian)

BAND NEWS

Our students have several performance opportunities to be practicing busily for!

We have decided on our repertoire for Bandfest next term and band students should be focusing on these four songs during practice sessions. More information in regard to Bandfest will be forthcoming in future weeks.

Next week is extremely busy for our band! Performing students will require their instruments **EVERY DAY** except for Tuesday. Monday is a dress rehearsal for Thursday's matinee and performance evening shows, and Friday we will perform as part of the school's 25th birthday celebrations. Students will receive labelled band shirts on Monday and will require their **black pants**

/ **shirt and shoes** for the dress rehearsal. These can be left at school in a labelled bag for Thursday and Friday. We can't wait to polish our performance pieces in preparation for these events!

Mrs Garven & Mrs Shaw (Band Coordinators)

SPORT NEWS

Athletics Champions

Apologies to Josh D who was the dual winner of the Senior Boy Athletic champion with Kye J.

PSSA Cricket

Congratulations to Zayad A, Isaac C and Lachlan B for their selection in the Zone Cricket squad.

Stage 2 Sportslink

The Stage 2 Sportslink note is to be placed in the letterbox at the front office. The Sportslink canteen order form is to go to the canteen. The Gala Day will be held on Thursday, 21 September.

Mrs Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

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 3

Day	Date	Name
Week 7		
Wednesday	30 August	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	31 August	Katie O, Jessica
Friday	1 September	Jamie, Alicia G, Sheree, Cassandra
Week 8		
Monday	4 September	Carmen, Cath
Tuesday	5 September	Carmen, Sheree
Wednesday	6 September	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	7 September	Rachel, Alisa, Carmen

Friday	8 September	Jamie, Deanna, Nathan, Cassandra
Week 9		
Monday	11 September	Carmen, Vicki Q
Tuesday	12 September	Carmen, Sheree
Wednesday	13 September	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	14 September	Susan B, Helen
Friday	15 September	Jamie, Bec S, Amanda S, Sheree

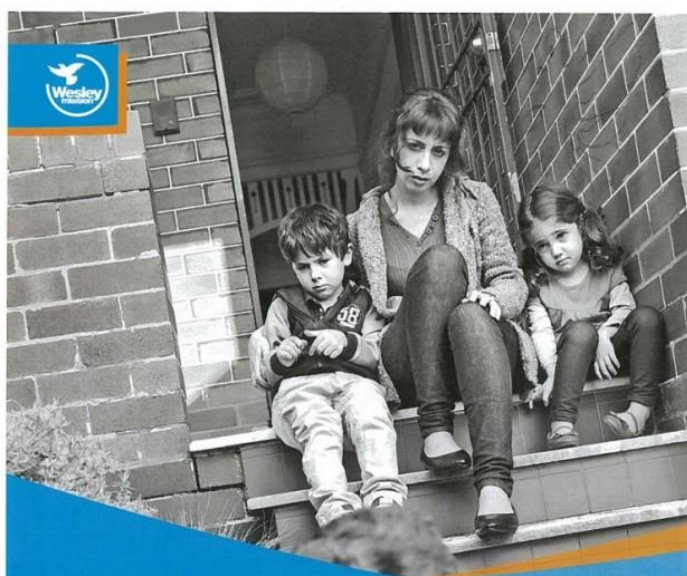
COMMUNITY NEWS

WESLEY MISSION FOOD APPEAL

The Wesley Mission Food Appeal is asking for assistance with donations for disadvantaged people and families in The Hunter. We would appreciate contributions of non-perishable food items to help our community. Suggested items include: pasta & pasta sauce, rice, cereal, spaghetti, baked beans, drinks, long-life milk, biscuits, canned vegetables & canned fish.

Donations can be left at the school office before Thursday, 7 September 2017.

THANK YOU on behalf of Wesley Mission.



Wesley Mission Food Appeal 2017

Wesley Mission is looking for contributions of food items to help disadvantaged people and families in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie.

You can help by donating non-perishable packaged and tinned food items

Do all the good you can because every life matters
wesleymission.org.au

Wesley Mission Newcastle: 49153683

Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving

ALL Nippers Registrations Online

NEW Members & Renewing Members Applications
OPEN IN AUGUST



**NO REGISTRATIONS TAKEN
AFTER 30TH AUGUST**



For more information visit www.cookshillsurfclub.com.au



Newcastle Junior Oztag Term 4 Competition

Start date – Wednesday 11th Oct 2017

Finish date – Wednesday 20th Dec 2017

Venue – Smith Park Broadmeadow

When – Wednesday afternoon

Times – 4pm, 4.32pm, 5.04pm.

Cost - \$60 PP Shorts \$30 (teams will need to provide their own team shirts)

Contact Rhianon - 0401279544 or email newcastlejnrns@oztag.com.au
Like us on facebook! Newcastle Hunter Junior Oztag



Registration Dates

Wednesday 20th September

Wednesday 27th September

Wednesday 4th September

From 5pm-6pm at Hamilton North Bowling club. (No Eftpos, ATM available in club)

We will take individual registrations but encourage you to enter a team as we cannot guarantee you will be placed in a side.

DIVISIONS

Mixed Girls & Boys (8 players on field – 4 girls and 4 boys)

7 years

8 years

9 years

10 years

Single Sex Competition (8 Players on field)

11 years

12 years

13 years

14 years

15 years

Maryland Wallsend Netball Club

1 Day Shopping Bus Trip

- When 21/10/17
- Where Sydney Factory Outlets
- Cost \$60pp
- Time- 7am (Please be at the Maryland Shops at 6:45am).

Contact Margaret 49558334 (ASAP)

Tell Them From Me - Years 4-6 student survey

This term our school will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

Students in Years 4 - 6 participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

The survey is confidential. It is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between weeks 8 - 9. Participating in the survey is voluntary. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

A non-consent form is attached to this newsletter. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 1st September**.

Partners in Learning – K-6 parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between Tuesday 29th August and Wednesday 13th October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>. To access the survey for our school go to: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/maryland2017>

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Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form (Year 4-6 students only)

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to school by **Friday 1st September**.

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me*** student feedback survey.

Name of student 1 _____ class _____

Name of student 2 _____ class _____

Name of student 3 _____ class _____

Name of parent / carer

Signature of parent / carer Date

Maryland Art Adventure

Parents and friends of Maryland Public School are invited to visit the Maryland Art Adventure during their child's class viewing session or between 1pm - 2pm & 3pm - 4pm in the open viewing time. Every student will have a masterpiece displayed.

When: Wednesday 6th September 2017



Time: Class Viewing Sessions
11.30am - 3.00pm

Open Viewing Sessions
1.00pm - 2.00pm
3.00pm - 4.00pm



Where: Artworks will be displayed in the school library, office foyer and hall.

The exhibition can also be viewed from 5.30pm - 6.15pm, prior to the Performance Extravaganza on Thursday 7th September.

Class Viewing Sessions (approximate times only)

11.30 – 11.50am	ESO, ESB, ESW
11.40 – 12.00pm	Pre school
12.00 – 12.20pm	S1S, S1C, S2B
12.20 – 12.40pm	S1T, S1M, S1-3W
12.40 – 1.00pm	S3B, S2G, S1G
1.00 – 2.00pm	Open viewing session (students must be accompanied by a parent)
2.00 – 2.20pm	S3W, S2/3N
2.20 – 2.40pm	S3K, S2K, S2D
2.40 – 3.00pm	S3A, S3C
3.00 – 4.00pm	Open viewing session (students must be accompanied by a parent)

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.