

Newsletter

Maryland Public School

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Skills for Life

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

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

Safety

Tuesday, 5 September 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Happy 25th Birthday Maryland Public School!

We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you all across the week through our myriad of events and activities. Please come along and join in the fun!

Our week began with everybody out in the beautiful sunshine to have an aerial photograph celebrating 25 years of MPS. Thanks to Thomas Stamford and Jacob McGowan (ex Maryland students now attending Callaghan College Jesmond - Senior Campus) and their teacher Sean Druitt, for coming to our school and navigating the drone to take our fabulous photos! The results speak for themselves. Our students are so fortunate to be heading through the Callaghan Education Pathway when they leave us, with exciting and innovative programs such as this!



Yesterday afternoon, our performance groups were put through their paces during the dress rehearsal in the hall. Our Performance Extravaganza on Thursday is going to be spectacular! Don't miss out, head to the office now to purchase your tickets!

Two sessions – Matinee at 11.30am and Evening (**SOLD OUT**) at 6.30pm.

Also on show this week is our Maryland Art Adventure. Come and meander through our library and experience the wonderful art of our students here at MPS.

Open viewing times 1pm-2pm and 3pm-4pm Wednesday.

Our official birthday assembly will be held this Friday. Here we will acknowledge those who have contributed to 25 years of outstanding public education here at MPS.

There will be many familiar faces in our crowd and we invite you to come along and witness history!
Assembly: Friday in the hall at 12.10pm

Our final event of the week is of course our Colour Run! Children have been collecting sponsorship for this fantastic event and our P&C and teachers have been planning activities, courses and colour!

What a way to finish our birthday week! All welcome. Some acknowledgement and thanks – Events like these are not possible without people providing their time and expertise. The entire staff of MPS have been instrumental in the organisation of this week and in particular the following staff and community members have provided their leadership to coordinate:

Mrs Groth and Mr Wells – Aerial photograph
Mrs Khay, Ms Curtis, Mrs Toll, Mr Wells and Mrs Gleeson – Art Adventure

Mrs Williams and Mrs Garven (and team) – Performance Extravaganza Co-ordination

Mrs Garven, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Groth, Cheryl Bailey, Mr Blyth, Mrs King, Mrs Oughton, Mrs Conn and Mr Newham – preparing performances and compares

Mr Wells – Birthday Assembly

Alissa Jamieson, and Renae Phillips (P&C), Mr Blyth, Mrs Gero and Mrs Conn – Colour Run

Ms Colleen Mannis – for the donation of Performance Extravaganza tickets

Thank you all and Happy Birthday Maryland!

SASS Recognition Week

This week is SASS Recognition Week. We would like to show our appreciation to our School Administrative and Support Staff (Our Office Staff, Learning Support Officers, General Assistant and Cleaning Staff).

We recognise and acknowledge the incredibly important work they all do each and every day to support our students, staff and families. At Maryland Public School we are very fortunate to have an awesome team of SAS staff, who make our days brighter. This week we say thanks to them.

Enjoy this special week everyone!

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



Maryland Public School is very grateful for your contributions to making our good school a great school! You make a difference every day you are here..... we are lucky to have you!

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 (**SOLD OUT**) 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.

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.

PARTNERS IN LEARNING SURVEY - NOW OPEN!

We invite all parents and carers to participate in the *Partners in Learning* survey. 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/carers 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. To access the survey for our school go to: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/maryland2017>

Maryland Partners in Learning

Are you keen to hear about where we are now and where we are 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!



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

Calendar

Term 3 – Week 8

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 (SOLD OUT)
Friday, 8 September 2017	Stage 1 Swimming Program 12.00pm 25 th Birthday Assembly 2.00pm Colour Run & Obstacle Course Fun Day

Term 3 - Week 9

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 2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly

Important Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday, 19 September 2017	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

EARLY STAGE 1 AND STAGE 1

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Wallsend - Maryland for supporting our recent visit to Healthy Harold and the Hunter Life Education team.

The students loved seeing Harold and can't wait to see him again next year. Life Education supports us by empowering Hunter young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.

**PEER SUPPORT NEWS**

This week in Peer Support the children will discuss the importance of showing gratitude to others. Children are encouraged to reflect on the positive aspects of their lives, including people. The activities will give the children an opportunity to thank someone who has helped them. During the week encourage your child to appreciate and thank people in their lives.

IMPORTANT COLOUR RUN ORGANISATION FOR FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Rounding off 25 year celebrations this week, colour run fundraising activities are taking place this Friday from 1.30pm.

Students K-6 will be involved in tabloid activities and running a course with a dose of non-toxic rainbow colour, raising money for school equipment.

Parents and carers please ensure that on Friday:

- your child comes to school in full school uniform for the 25 year formal assembly, and will need to change into
- joggers, old shorts and a light coloured t-shirt or purchased Colour Run shirt are packed in bags.

Following the assembly students will be changing into their colour run clothes. Please note that the colour may be difficult to wash out - older clothes are recommended.

Colour Run Fundraising

A fundraising target of \$12,000 has been set to raise money for school equipment. This equates to each student collecting about \$30. We have raised over \$4000 to date. So, get busy for a great cause and help reach our goal!

SPORT NEWS**Hunter Athletics**

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Hunter Athletics Team

- Kahlee D - shot put
- Kye J - Long jump

**PSSA Cricket**

Good luck to Zayad A, Isaac C and Lachlan B as they trial for Hunter selection this week.

Stage 2 Sportslink

The Stage 2 Sportslink note is to be placed 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.

Stages 2 & 3 Swimming Program

The swimming program for Stages 2 and 3 will begin Term 4, Week 2. Stage 2 will swim on a Thursday and Stage 3 on a Friday. All students are expected to attend as this is the sporting program for Term 4.

Mrs Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

EXTRAVAGANZA PERFORMANCE

All performers need to be at their holding rooms at 6.00pm.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

COLOUR RUN

It's just THREE SLEEPS until our Colour Run!! We hope you're as excited as we are. With regards to cash sponsorship monies collected, please return to the office no later than Wednesday, 6 September.



ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL Saturday 9th September

We'd LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU if you're able to spare an hour of your time helping out at the Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall. Volunteering your time or donations of Cakes and Slices is very much appreciated. Donations of Cakes and Slices can be dropped at the Canteen on Friday 8th September.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Our Fathers' Day Stall last Thursday was a huge success, raising in excess of \$1000! Thank you to the parent helpers who manned the stall and special mention to Alisa Webb, her mum and Danielle Fletcher who helped wrap the hundreds of gifts.



Be sure to follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with what's happening. Search 'maryland public school p&c association'.

Alissa Jamieson (MPS P&C President)

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

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours

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

Cyndi and Carmen ☺☺

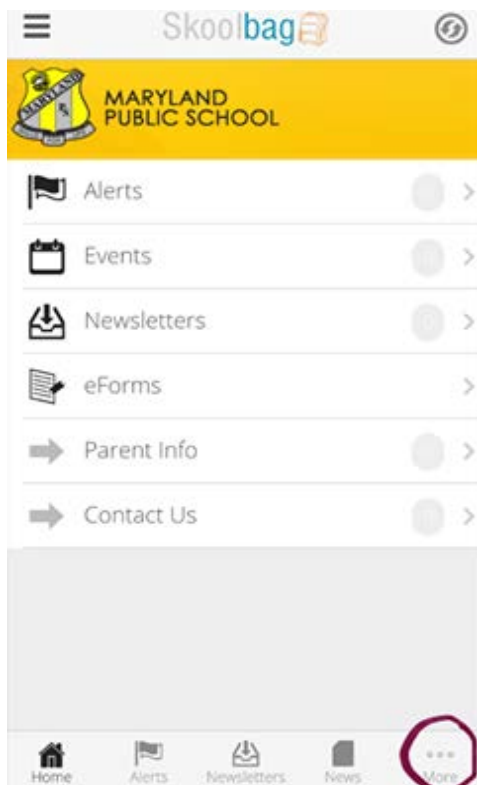
CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 3

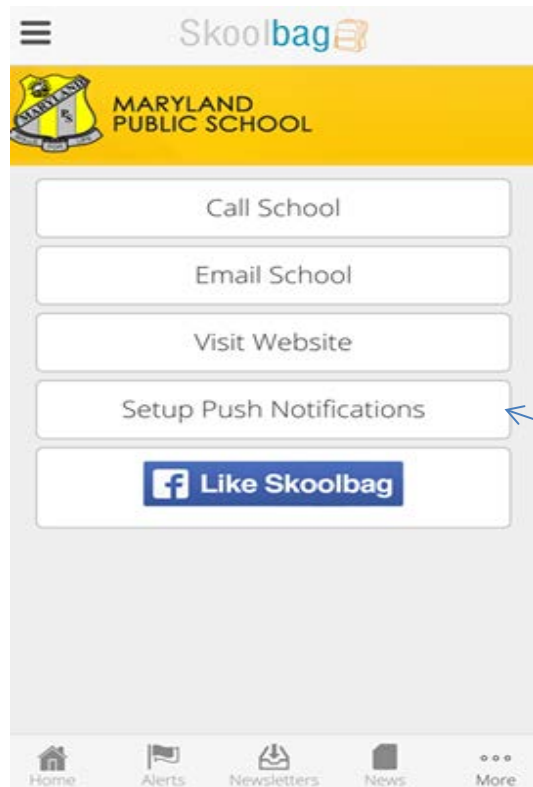
Day	Date	Name
Week 8		
Wednesday	6 September	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	7 September	Rachel, Alisa, Carmen
Friday	8 September	Jamie, Deanna, Cassandra
Week 9		
Monday	11 September	Carmen, Vicki Q
Tuesday	12 September	Carmen, Sheree
Wednesday	13 September	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	14 September	Susan B, Helen, Jessica F
Friday	15 September	Jamie, Bec S, Amanda S, Sharna
Week 10		
Monday	18 September	Carmen, Cath
Tuesday	19 September	Carmen, Sheree
Wednesday	20 September	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	21 September	Helen, Jessica F, Lesley
Friday	22 September	Jamie, Deanna, Alicia G, Cassandra

ARE YOU GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE SKOOLBAG APP?

Check these images and descriptions to ensure your push notifications are set correctly. We hope this helps you to stay updated!



1: Click on **MORE**



2: Click on **Setup Push Notifications**

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3: Turn to **ON** position your child/rens **Year** and/or **Extra Curriculum** activities.

This needs to be done annually

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 - 3pm

Open Viewing Sessions
1.00pm - 2.00pm
3pm - 4pm



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, ESW, S1-3W
11.40 – 12.00pm	Pre school
12.00 – 12.20pm	S1S, S1C, S2B
12.20 – 12.40pm	S1T, S1M, ESB
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)

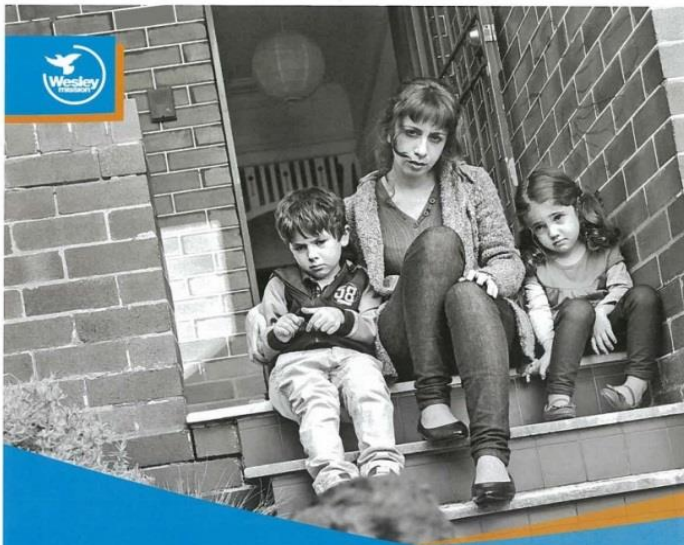
COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Wesley Mission Newcastle: 49153683

Do all the good you can because every life matters
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All children aged 4-12yrs pay only \$20 Registration Fee

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BIODIVERSITY DAY

AT BLUE GUM HILLS REGIONAL PARK

Free fun for families

Thursday 28 September, 10am-3pm, Blue Gum Hills Regional Park, Minmi Road, Minmi
(back-up day in case of cancellation Thursday 5 October)

- Free BBQ lunch
- Win great prizes
- Interact with live native animals
- Learn about bats, bees and birds
- Free native plants
- Crazy animal photo booth
- Free activities and craft
- Learn about biodiversity
- Nature walks
- Meet other nature lovers
- Freebies
- Learn about volunteering in nature
- Discover nature near you

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

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Did you know that out of more than 260 kids' packaged snacks available on the market only three scored a top rating of five health stars?*



With plugs like 'real fruit,' and 'no artificial colours or flavours' you could unknowingly be serving six or more teaspoons of sugar in one lunch box snack.

Swap the lunch box sugar with some of these healthy snacks that are tasty and easy to make:

- Veggie sticks with hummus or avocado dip.
- Homemade muesli bars and muffins.
- Plain popcorn, nuts or roasted chickpeas.
- Plain rice crackers.
- Baked pita bread with roast veg dip.
- Stewed apple with cinnamon and sultanas.

For more snack ideas visit: eatittobeatit.com.au.

*Miranda Herron. 2016. Kids' lunchbox snacks. CHOICE

Available at: <https://www.choice.com.au>. [Accessed April 2017]

For more information visit

www.eatittobeatit.com.au

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FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS

Fundamental movement skills (FMS) are the building blocks for more complex and specialised skills required in sports and leisure activities.

FMS include activities such as running, jumping, throwing, catching and kicking. FMS allow children to:

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Improve posture
- Develop parts of the brain
- Develop problem solving skills
- Socialise and interact with their environment.

Teachers at your school are helping to teach FMS to your children. Why not ask them about the skills they are learning to help them practice at home?



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