

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

Friday, 23 February 2018

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 4

Congratulations Maryland on another fabulous swimming carnival last Wednesday. Throughout the extreme hot weather, students participated with great sportsmanship and effort while the supervising staff ensured that events ran smoothly and efficiently.

A big vote of thanks must go to Mrs Wingrove for her excellent coordination and to the staff and parent helpers who supported the programs and our students. An incredibly HOT, but successful day!

School photos took place yesterday with students and staff looking fabulous once again. Thanks to everyone for putting their best smiles forward! I can't wait to see the results.

Tomorrow afternoon we are holding our annual Parent Information sessions from 5pm – 5.45pm. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to discover what's happening this year at MPS. We look forward to seeing many familiar and new faces tomorrow afternoon. All welcome!

John Fleming

This year we have been extremely fortunate to secure the support of John Fleming (pictured) to mentor and coach our teaching staff in Explicit Instruction.



Mr Fleming is Director of the Haileybury Institute and Deputy Principal of Haileybury. He has been at Haileybury since 2006. His roles include quality control of the Junior School in his role as Deputy Principal and consulting with schools across Australia in his role as Director of the Haileybury Institute.

Mr Fleming previously taught in the Victorian Government School system for nearly 30 years. His most notable achievement was transforming Bellfield Primary School, a significantly disadvantaged school servicing a low socio-economic community, from a low achieving school to one of the highest performing schools in Victoria.

At the core of Explicit Instruction is the belief that all students can learn the skills they need to reach their full potential.

It's the role of the teacher therefore, to make sure these skills are learned through step-by-step teaching. That is, breaking down essential skills into their many parts and

guiding students repeatedly until they have mastered each step.

John Fleming is an Explicit Instruction expert. Change in students' literacy and numeracy results happen under this model – often quite quickly. Results show that after only a short time under this model, students cannot only catch up to state and national benchmarks, but exceed them.

At MPS, we are truly excited about the change John's leadership, expertise and support is going to facilitate.

Mr Fleming is visiting our school on Thursday next week. We will have a short assembly in the hall to start the day (9am) so that our students can meet Mr Fleming. I would like to invite any interested parents / carers to join us at this assembly.

Have a safe and happy week everyone and remember –
"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think" – Albert Einstein

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Wednesday, 21 February 2018 - 5.00pm to 5.45pm

- Early Stage 1 K LW's room
- Stage 1 Library
- Stage 2 3/4MB's room
- Stage 3 5/6/BB's room

Calendar

Term 1 – Week 4

Tuesday, 20 February 2018	6pm P&C Meeting in the Library
Wednesday, 21 February 2018	5.00pm – 5.45pm Parent Information Sessions
Thursday, 22 February 2018	Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday, 23 February 2018	2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly

Term – Week 5

Friday, 2 March 2018	2.00pm Whole School Assembly
	Order form and money due for Year 6 Commemorative Polo Shirt

Important Dates for Your Diary

Friday, 9 March 2018	2.00pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly
Thursday, 15 March 2018	2019 Selective High School Placement Test

Friday, 16 March 2018	School Cross Country 2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly
Tuesday, 20 March 2018	7.00pm P&C Meeting (AGM)
Friday, 23 March 2018	2.00pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly Payment due for Band Fees and Band Tuition
Thursday, 29 March 2018	Easter Celebrations / Grandfriends Day
Friday, 30 March 2018	Good Friday
Monday, 2 April 2018	Easter Monday
Wednesday, 4 April 2018	3 Way Interviews
Friday, 6 April 2018	Variety's 'Hair with Heart' 2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Friday, 13 April 2018	ANZAC Day Assembly Last day of Term 1
Monday, 1 May 2018	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
Tuesday, 2 May 2018	Students resume for Term 2



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Special Religious Education

As per Department of Education policy

(<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/religious-education-policy?type=history&refid=285776>) schools are required to include SRE of 30-60 minutes per week where authorised teachers of religion are available.

At MPS, we offer two options for SRE by approved providers. They are;

1. Non-denominational Christian program
2. Islamic Faith Scripture

Students will attend SRE lessons unless a parent / carer has requested to withdraw their child/ren from the nominated lessons. Students who do not attend SRE will have alternative work provided during this time. If you do not wish for your child to attend SRE in 2018, please notify the office in writing. If your child was attending a non-scripture group last year and you wish to withdraw them from lessons again this year, you will need to send written notification to the office for the 2018 school year.

If you have any questions regarding SRE, please make an appointment to speak with Mrs Williams.

Thank you for your support with this.

NDIS NEWS

Students have now settled in and we now welcome enquires from you regarding NDIS providers that intend to visit your child to provide therapy / interventions within school hours. There have been some departmental changes and requirements about how providers will operate in schools and this information will be

communicated to everyone at the initial meeting before providers begin therapy. Providers will also need to produce documentation to our office staff. This will be outlined at the meeting. NDIS meetings will be held after school on Thursday afternoons between 3pm and 4pm and on Friday mornings between 8.15am and 9.00am, after Week 5 starting Thursday, 8 March 2018. If you are unable to attend during these times please call the office. If you would like the documentation emailed to you before you and your provider meet with school staff, please contact the office via email.

Mrs Kim Mackay (School NDIS Coordinator)

OFFICE NEWS

Year 6 Commemorative Polo Shirt

A note for the Year 6 T shirts was sent home last week. Order form and money must be returned by Friday 2 March 2018.

Student Emergency Contact Detail Report

The student emergency contact detail report were sent home last week with each child. Thank you to the parents who have returned this form to the office.

Please check all these details thoroughly and make any adjustments. It is imperative that all details are kept up-to-date for the safety and wellbeing of your child.

If your child is on **ANY** permanent medication that they administer at home please also add this to the sheet, stating name of medication, dosage and when this is taken.

Please SIGN and DATE the bottom of the Lilac sheet and return to the school office even if there are NO changes.

Scholastic Book Club

Book club brochures were sent home last week. 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 1 will be open until Wednesday, 21 February 2018.

Orders cannot be accepted at the office.

Newsletter

Newsletters are emailed each week to parents. It is our preferred method to email. If you do not have an email address or you would prefer a paper copy please return the slip below as soon as possible.

Newsletter Return Slip

I would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter.

Name:.....

Youngest Child's Name:.....Class:....

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

Students looked wonderful for their school photos yesterday. Thank you for your support with this.

Students are settling in really well to 'Big School' and to encourage independence (especially in the mornings) we ask your support in allowing your child to walk to the classroom from lines independently in the morning.

This Wednesday we will be having a Parent Information session in Mrs Williams' classroom, starting at 5pm. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and teachers will be talking briefly about ES1 syllabus content, our school Reward and Recognition program, sight word program, home reading program etc. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Our buddy program is now coming to an end, Wednesday 21 February will be the last day for buddies. This means that buddies will no longer come to classrooms to pick students up at recess and lunchtime. Of course they may still see them during lunch or recess but our kinders will be encouraged to play with 'friends' from their class or other students they know.

Remember - one of the best things you can do is to read to your child! So read! read! and keep reading and talk! talk! about the pictures, the story etc. Make it a special time!

Mrs Lorraine Williams (Early Stage 1 Leader)

DANCE NEWS

Senior Lunchtime Dance

Due to the photos being taken on Monday Senior Lunchtime Dancers will have a catch-up lesson on Thursday, 1 March (Week 5).

SPORT NEWS

Swimming Carnival

What a great day for our Swimming Carnival! A huge thank you to the teachers and parents who assisted in the running of the carnival. Well done to all students who participated enthusiastically in all events. The pool staff commented on the excellent behaviour of our students.

The Zone Carnival will be held this Thursday, 22 February at Speers Point Swim Centre. Those students who had the fastest times in the 50m freestyle automatically qualify for Zone. The stroke events are based on Zone times. Ms Daly will supervise the students at the carnival. Students who are leaving with another adult will require a note from their parents / carers stating who is taking them home.

Cross Country

The school Cross Country will be held on Friday, 16 March (Week 7). Each stage is working on fitness skills during PE sessions.

PSSA - AFL

Congratulations to Taj L who was selected in the Zone AFL team.

Coles Sports Vouchers

Don't forget to place your Coles sports vouchers in the box outside the office.

Mrs Debbie Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

Hair with Heart

Last year three of our beautiful MPS students, Bella, Charlee and Abbie James told me they were going to chop their lovely long locks off for charity, so children who didn't have hair could have theirs. Yes my heart melted. Little did I know that Bailey Boxall was also growing his hair for the same selfless cause. These students will be chopping off their hair for Variety's 'Hair with Heart,' on Friday, 6 April. Their donation of hair will assist in making wigs for children with Alopecia and Cancer.

There will be a few special fundraising events happening on the day so ALL students can get involved. If you or your child has long hair, wants to join in on the fun and meets the requirements for donating hair, set out by Variety (see below) then please come and see me so you can be part of this big event.

I am sure that we are very proud of our students and will get behind their efforts to uphold our schools values by helping others.


Thanks,

Mrs Jody Birleson (Teacher)



Hair with Heart GUIDELINES

CHECKLIST FOR YOUR HAIR:

-  The length of hair needs to be 14 inches (35.5cm)
-  Hair needs to be natural - no permanent or semi-permanent hair dye.
-  Either full grey or a couple of grey strands is ok.

CUTTING YOUR HAIR:

When cutting your hair, please:

1. Make sure it is clean and dry
2. Tie hair in multiple pony tails
3. Secure with evenly spaced elastic bands down the length of the pony tail, or plait each pony tail
4. Cut above the top elastic bands.

SENDING YOUR HAIR:

1. Complete the online form <https://www.variety.org.au/hair-donation-form/>
2. Put your hair into a plastic bag
3. Post your hair and the form to: Variety - the Children's Charity, Locked Bag 2468, St Leonards NSW 1590

Thank you for your incredible contribution.

variety
the children's charity

P&C NEWS

WELCOME BACK to existing community members, as well as the new families that are joining the Maryland Public School Community in 2018. A very busy start to the year and the first Parents and Citizens (P&C) meeting will be held tonight. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held next month, where all

positions will be declared vacant and nominations for the positions will be considered and appointed.

Parents and Citizens of existing and new students are invited to consider holding one of the positions in the (P&C) so your child(ren) can experience the best opportunities available to them in their education setting. At Maryland we have been very fortunate to have had dedicated parents and staff members work together to provide many opportunities to maximise the learning environment and successes of many individuals in academic, creative and sporting events over the past 25 years. An outline of the roles and responsibilities of the positions such as President, Secretary and Treasurer are included in this notice. Kindly consider undertaking one of the roles for 12 months, it can be a very worthwhile and rewarding experience.

Role of a P&C President

The President is responsible for:

- The successful functioning of the P&C Association meetings
- The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Supporting volunteers □ Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts
- Chairing meetings, in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will chair the meeting or the meeting can elect a chairperson from the members present for that meeting.

Role of a P&C Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved. The Secretary prepares, in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas.

Role of a P&C Treasurer

Whilst all P&C members must be mindful of complying with financial accountability requirements, this is the Treasurer's primary responsibility. The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques* and presents accounts. The Treasurer also ensures that all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for as the Treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C Association. This includes all P&C Association committees. This does not mean that the Treasurer must undertake the actual bookkeeping themselves but they must ensure that the various sub-committee

financial records have been kept to the Treasurer's satisfaction. The Treasurer is a signatory on the P&C accounts and should not delegate this responsibility. The Treasurer should encourage members to understand the state of the P&C Association finances. The Treasurer must ensure a case book or books are kept, recording all financial transactions of the P&C Association.

Thoughts That Count Campaign - Fletcher Village

As many are aware Maryland Public School was a finalist in this campaign which was finalised in mid January this year. Our school came first and will receive \$1,500 to go towards upgrading the cricket pitch and equipment in the playground. A huge thank you to all that supported this campaign and took the time and effort to shop and capture dockets on our behalf. It is greatly appreciated.

Coles Sports for Schools Coupons

Maryland Public School has been registered for this campaign, so if you and your family shop at any Coles supermarket please collect the coupons and place them in boxes located at both Wallsend and Fletcher shopping centres (clearly marked with Maryland Public School) or alternatively bring them to school and place them in the box located in the front office foyer.

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 1

Day	Date	Name
Week 4		
Wednesday	21 February	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	22 February	Susan B, Anita
Friday	23 February	Sheree, Kassandra
Week 5		
Monday	26 February	Carmen, Carolyn R
Tuesday	27 February	Carmen, Sheree
Wednesday	28 February	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	1 March	Katie O, Tanya M
Friday	2 March	Jamie, Sharna
Week 6		
Monday	5 March	Carmen, Carolyn R
Tuesday	6 March	Carmen
Wednesday	7 March	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	8 March	Janelle W, Cher
Friday	9 March	Jamie, Sharna

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours

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

Carmen & Alisa ☺☺

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**Wallsend South Netball Club**

Wallsend south are looking for players for the following age groups.

- 7 years (4 players)
- 8 years (2 players)
- 14 years (1 player)

Please phone Anne on 0412 516 843.



ROBERT'S FIGHT WITH MND
Motor Neurone Disease

Saturday 2nd June 2018 @ Wallsend diggers
\$30 per ticket prior to the event or \$40 on the evening

Live entertainment - auctions - raffles and so much more!!!







Contact Sharni
Sharnimattews@gmail.com or 0432683342

Tickets are on sale at Wallsend sporties club or from sharni



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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make tasty tabouli.

Serves: 6 | Preparation: 10mins | Cooking: 30-60mins

Ingredients

- ½ cup uncooked bulgar*
- 2 cups reduced-salt chicken or vegetable stock, hot
- 2 bunches Italian flat leaf parsley, chopped
- 1 bunch mint, chopped
- 3 shallots, chopped
- 3 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice

**Method**

1. In a large bowl, pour the boiling stock over the bulgur. Let sit for 30-60 minutes until softened and then strain through a fine mesh sieve. Cool.
2. Combine the bulgur, parsley, mint, shallots and tomatoes in a large bowl. In a small bowl, combine the olive oil, lemon juice and pinch of salt. Pour over the bulgur mix and toss to mix well.

* Bulgar is a cereal made from whole wheat partially boiled then dried. It can be substituted with couscous or quinoa.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
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SUGARY DRINKS

The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy was introduced in 2017. As part of the strategy, sugary drinks are not to be sold in the canteen.

Sugary drinks include: regular soft drinks, flavoured mineral waters, flavoured waters, sports waters, sports drinks, fruit drinks, coconut waters, cordials, slushies and frozen fruit drinks with less than 99% fruit juice. All energy drinks are also included.

Our canteen stocks refreshing everyday drinks for the students and includes water, plain and/or flavoured milk and 99% fruit juice.

Why not try cutting back on sugary drinks at home too?



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