

Newsletter

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Skills for Life

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

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

Safety

Tuesday, 27 February 2018

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 5

This afternoon we look forward to seeing many families and friends attend our MGoals session in the library. This is a fabulous opportunity to work in partnership, developing goals for our aboriginal students this year and to enjoy a BBQ afterwards. The staff of MPS welcome you and your families! Thanks to Mrs Dalais for her coordination and to Mr Higgins for volunteering his time to cook!

This Thursday morning we will be having a short assembly to welcome Mr John Fleming to our school. Please come along to meet John and to hear about the work he is going to be undertaking with MPS staff and students in Explicit Instruction. All welcome. *Please refer to last weeks' Newsletter for more details.*

This Friday we are holding our first 2018 Recognition Assembly. These assemblies are where we celebrate a wide range of student achievements and successes. We will be presenting our Swimming Carnival ribbons at this assembly. Again, all welcome to share this event with us – 2pm in the hall.

Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who volunteer their time in our school. Your support is invaluable and we appreciate all that you do from helping with class groups, to school banking, fundraising, covering hundreds of books and everything else in between! Please remember that when you are helping in our school (classrooms, office, canteen, anywhere else) we need you to sign in at the office and let our office staff know you are on site. *All parent volunteers must have completed an "appendix 5" (available at office) and have provided 100 points of ID.* To support this, we also respectfully request that parents needing to deliver student belongings after the school day commences (lunches left at home, hats etc), to please take them to the office and not directly to classrooms. This will avoid disruption during learning time. Our office staff will ensure belongings are delivered appropriately. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a super week everyone,

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



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

Calendar

Term – Week 5

Wednesday, 28 February 2018	11.30am Scripture commences
Friday, 2 March 2018	2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Order form and money due for Year 6 Commemorative Polo Shirt	

Term 1 – Week 6

Friday, 9 March 2018	2.00pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly
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Important Dates for Your Diary

Thursday, 15 March 2018	2019 Selective High School Placement Test
Friday, 16 March 2018	School Cross Country
	2.00pm Stage 2 & Stage 3 Assembly
	ICAS Digital Technology Competition closing date
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, 30 April 2018	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
Tuesday, 1 May 2018	Students resume for Term 2
Tuesday, 8 May 2018	ICAS Digital Technology Competition

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)

Save the Date!

As some of you may have read in last week's newsletter, on Friday, 6 April, four of our students will be chopping off their lovely locks for Variety – Hair with Heart. NBN will cover the event and radio host, Kim Bauer has offered to MC on the day. All students will be asked to wear RED and WHITE (Variety colours) and bring in their gold coins as they will have the opportunity to donate a gold coin to have their hair sprayed various colours or even get some crazy braids. There will be a sausage sizzle and a variety of raffles on the day as well.

It would be lovely to see as many parents, grandparents and community members as possible on this day to support our students upholding our four school values and giving back to others.

Thanks,
Mrs Jody Birleson (Coordinating Teacher)

OFFICE NEWS

Voluntary School Contribution

The Voluntary School Contribution is a payment that goes towards additional resources to support your child (for example; first aid supplies, paper, books, pencils,

toilet paper and soap). The contribution of \$20.50 can be paid online or at the school office.

Year 6 Commemorative Polo Shirt

Order form and money must be returned by Friday, 2 March 2018.

Student Emergency Contact Detail Report

The student emergency contact detail report was sent home 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.

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:....

STAGE 3 NEWS

Callaghan College Wallsend Campus (CCWC) CAPA and GATS Programs 2019

Applications are now available for the Creative Arts (CAPA) and Gifted and Talented Students (GATS) programs in 2019. These are open to any of our current Year 6 students who will be interested in attending CCWC next year.

Packages can be downloaded from the CCWC website.
<http://www.callaghancollege.com.au/wp/wallsend/transitions/>

Paper copies are also available from Mr Manners.

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

Thank you to those who attended the ES1 Parent Information Evening last week. We hope you found it informative and helpful as your children settle into 'big school'.

The Buddy program has now finished and we thank our buddies for their time and commitment to this wonderful program. ES1 classes sit and eat together for 10-15 minutes at recess and lunchtime before going to play. Many students are confidently accessing all areas of the playground and are enjoying the alternate activities

available at lunch time such as the library, games room and toys Mrs Williams puts out.

Sight Words

Sight word sheets will be sent home this week so look out for those in school bags. Developing a bank of words that students can recall automatically assists independence in reading and writing. Have fun with learning the words. Some Ideas: make copies of them so students can match them, cut them out, make them with magnetic letters, play games like snap, make sentences and write them. When you think your child is ready to read them to their teacher send back the completed slip located at the bottom of the sight word page, students can put this into the class 'Post Box'. Teachers will check the words and issue your child with the next list to learn.

Mrs Lorraine Williams (Early Stage 1 Leader)

SPORT NEWS

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who swam at the Zone carnival last Thursday. It was great to see good sportsmanship shown to the other competitors. Thank you to parents and carers for your ongoing support to ensure all students have great experiences outside of school.

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 Netball

Good luck to the following girls who will trial for the Zone netball team this Friday - Ana A, Ella S, Amy K, Lily F, Ella S, Rhani C, Summah S and Shianne F.

Swimming Ribbons

The swimming ribbons will be awarded at the whole school assembly this Friday.

Coles Sports Vouchers

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

Mrs Debbie Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

P C NEWS

Coles Sports for Schools Coupons

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. The more we collect together the more equipment for the school children to use and be active.

Grandfriends Day / Easter Hat Parade

This event will be held on Thursday, 29 March 2018 and we are seeking donations of Easter eggs, boxes of chocolates, baskets, bunny ears, or Easter merchandise for the raffle. Traditionally many prizes have been on offer, so if you can assist please bring them to school and leave them at the school office. Tickets will be \$1 each and will be distributed in the coming weeks. Your

generosity and assistance with donations would be greatly appreciated.

Fundraising Committee

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 1

Day	Date	Name
Week 5		
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
Week 7		
Monday	12 March	Carmen, Carolyn R, Tanya
Tuesday	13 March	Carmen, Sheree
Wednesday	14 March	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	15 March	Lesley, Cath, Bree
Friday	16 March	Amanda S, Bec S, 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

MAKE A MARK ON YOUR PARK






COME AND MEET THE ARTISTS BRINGING THE NEW CHARLESTOWN SKATE PARK TO LIFE, AND HELP NAME YOUR NEW SKATE SPACE

FREE PIZZA AND DRINKS
CHARLESTOWN SQUARE ENTERTAINMENT PASSES TO BE WON

THURSDAY 1 MARCH, 6.30-9PM
THE PLACE CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE, CORNER FREDERICK AND PEARSON STREETS, CHARLESTOWN







THIS WORKSHOP IS PRESENTED BY LAKE MACQUARIE CITY COUNCIL, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EASTLAKE YOUTH CENTRE

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FEMALE FOOTBALL WEEK PRESENTED BY **rebel**

SATURDAY 10 MARCH, 2018

FESTIVALS

These festivals offer opportunities for young girls to engage in additional skill development sessions to improve their confidence and coordination, and will include fun football games. An opportunity to engage and celebrate with other enthusiastic girls, and a chance for girls aged 4 to 11 to experience football before the 2018 season starts.

Limited spaces apply, register now!

Date: Saturday 10 March 2018

Time: 9am to 11am

Cost: \$22 pp - each participant will receive a rebel Female Football Week shirt and drink bottle.

Locations: Speers Point + Singleton + Lennox Head + Taree + Coffs Harbour + Tamworth

REGISTER: www.northernnswfootball.com.au/female-football-week



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TARNAMBAI

Tarnambai is a Traditional Indigenous Game. Tarnambai means 'running' in the language used in the Batavia area of north Queensland.

How to play:

Players roll a tennis ball away from their partners, who sprint after it, pick it up on the run after it crosses a line 20 metres away, and return to the starting line. Time the attempts, hold a team relay, or use this as a tabloid event in small groups (two to four players) with a set time (2-3 minutes).

Check out the Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games resource book online to see more fun games for the family to enjoy and to learn more about Aboriginal culture.



Source: Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games 2009



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