

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, 13 March 2018

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 7.

Congratulations to two of our students Garuahgal and Sienna F who auditioned last week for the Callaghan Education Pathways (CEP) Aboriginal dance group and were successful in being selected!

Garuahgal and Sienna will represent our school and the wider CEP at Star Struck later this year.

Our Work, Health and Safety team met recently and one item on our agenda was to discuss the idea of purchasing a Defibrillator.

A sudden cardiac arrest is a medical emergency of the highest priority and it does not discriminate. It can and does affect people of all ages and walks of life. A Sudden Cardiac Arrest can occur at any time without warning. The chances of survival following an arrest decrease by 10% as every minute passes, but you can significantly improve these chances by applying three dynamic steps: Call 000, start CPR and apply an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

Our WHS team has made the decision to investigate this further. There is a lengthy process involved in the decision making and purchase (including consultation with staff and parents). This will be discussed at our P&C meeting next week and I will keep you updated with the progress.

Our annual Cross Country is being held this Friday afternoon. The weather forecast looks promising so this should be another great sporting event at MPS. Thanks to Mrs Wingrove for her organisation.

All welcome to cheers our kids on!

Next Tuesday we are holding our Harmony Day activities. There will be an assembly at 9.15am and we look forward to sharing this with many families and friends. Children have been invited to wear cultural clothing or items of orange which signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. We will wear orange to show our support of cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

Please mark Wednesday 4 April (afternoon and evening) in your diaries for our Student Led Conferences. Stage information about these will be communicated shortly. These conferences are an opportunity for students to lead conversations (supported by their teachers of course) about their learning, their goals, their strengths and areas for development. *These are not traditional*

parent / teacher interviews to discuss academic progress or social concerns with the teacher.

These conferences are your child's chance to talk about school and how they feel about their learning. If you need to discuss your child with the class teacher in a more formal manner, please make an appointment at a mutually convenient time by phoning the office.

Have a wonderful week everyone and remember - **"With confidence, you have won before you have started."**
– Marcus Garvey

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



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Calendar

Term – Week 7

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

Term 1 – Week 8

Tuesday, 20 March 2018	9.15am Harmony Day Assembly 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

Important Dates for Your Diary

Thursday, 29 March 2018	Easter Celebrations / Grandfriends Day
Friday, 30 March 2018	Good Friday
Monday, 2 April 2018	Easter Monday
Wednesday, 4 April 2018	Student Led Conferences (afternoon & evening) Leaderlink
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
Friday, 4 May 2018	Zone Cross Country
Tuesday, 8 May 2018	ICAS Digital Technology Competition

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 5 and Year 6 Literacy Resource Pack

All Year 5 and Year 6 students have been invoiced \$11.00 for their Literacy Resource Pack. Payment is due by the end of term.

Mozzies

Due to the weather we currently have an infestation of mozzies. Please spray your child before school with insect repellent to prevent bites while in the playground. No insect repellent should be sent to school.

Scholastic Book Club

Book club brochures were 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 2 will be open until Wednesday, 21 March 2018.

Orders cannot be accepted at the office.

ICAS Information

ICAS stands for International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students.

Notes and money are due this Friday for the first of the ICAS competitions, Digital Technology.

Maryland Public School participates in ICAS competitions for Digital Technology, Science, Mathematics and English. Notes for the remaining competitions will be sent home closer to the date of the competition. An individual note is sent home for each competition.

Mr Andrew Wells & Mr Ben Blyth (ICAS Coordinators)

DANCE NEWS

Grandfriends' Day is quickly approaching and the dancers are working hard to master their routines for Thursday, 29 March 2018. Please note that all girl dancers will need a black leotard, ¾ black tights, black socks and black shoes. Skirts and headbands will be

provided on the day. Boy dancers are required to wear a black t-shirt and black shorts, black shoes and black socks please.

Kindly note that Senior Lunchtime dance will have a lesson on Monday and Thursday next week in lieu of the Easter Monday public holiday. To ensure that the time is maximised with the dance teacher lunch orders should be purchased on other days wherever possible. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Groth (Coordinating Teacher)

100% Attendance Award

Congratulations to the following students who received the 100% Attendance Award at the Whole School Assembly on Friday, 2 March 2018. These awards were granted to students who have had no partial or whole day absences in Term 4 2017.

Bronze Award

Ivy C, Charlie H, Eli P, Tyler C, Jacob G, Jordan R, Imogen T, Tristan C, Olivia E, Thomas F, Lewis GW, Ava H, Joseph M, Ava R, Dane Q-G, Max U, Cooper B, Cadence C, Letitia N, Seth W.

Silver Award

Grace J, Chloe M, Keeley S, Briella W, Khoby D-H, Char W, Mia L, Heidi D, Bailey B, Liam C, Lilly H, Ava P, Anelia R, Mitchell F, Taj McK, Ella P, William R.

Gold Award

Ellis A, Darcy S, Melissa D, Cooper P, Marcel B, Callam H, Archie S, Campbell T, Shianne F, Joseph M.

SPORT NEWS

Cross Country

The school Cross Country will be held this Friday, 16 March beginning at 9.15am. Students will run the Grange Oval course. The event will begin with 8 and 9 year girls and boys, 10 year girls and boys, 11 year girls and boys, 12 year girls and boys.

The age groups will run the following distances
2 km - 8 and 9 years (run as one age group), 10 years.
3 km - 11 years, 12 years.

Certificates will be awarded at the Stage 2 and 3 assembly on Friday, 16 March.

The first 4 runners will qualify for the Zone Carnival to be held in Term 2 Friday, 4 May.

Volunteers please see Mrs Wingrove.

PSSA Diving

Congratulations to Sahra G who has qualified for the Hunter Diving team.

PSSA Football

Good luck to the boys who are trialling for the Zone Football team this Wednesday.

PSSA AFL

Good luck to Taj L who is trialling for the Hunter AFL team this week.

PSSA Basketball

Good luck to Ryder A and Cadence C who are trialling for the Hunter Basketball team.

Gymnastics

The Gymnastics Program will commence in Term 2 for Years 6, 5, 2, 1 and Kindergarten. Years 3 and 4 will not participate in the program due to their overnight excursion at the end of the year.

Coles Sports Vouchers

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

Mrs Debbie Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)



HARMONY DAY

Next week we will be celebrating Harmony Day at school.

You are welcome to join us for our MPS Harmony Day assembly on Tuesday, 20th March commencing at 9.15 am.

Staff and children are encouraged to wear something 'ORANGE' to show our support for the day. We would also like your children to share something about their cultural heritage with their class this week. This could include; National dress, dances, food, photos, special events / items (please make arrangements with your class teacher if you have something special to share).

Harmony Day is about how 'everyone belongs'. It is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country — from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world.

Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Easter Eggstravaganza Tickets

The first fundraising event for 2018 is the Easter Eggstravaganza which will be held on Grandfriends' Day, Thursday, 29 March 2018. Tickets were sent home last week and are \$1 each. Donations of chocolate eggs, chocolates, bunny ears, soft toys and Easter merchandise are needed and if you would like to make a contribution please drop the item(s) off at the front office as soon as possible. Thank you to those families that have already made a donation.

Kindly return receipt butts and money to the office as soon as you can. If you would like another book or two please ask at the school office.

Fundraising Committee

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 1

Day	Date	Name
Week 7		
Wednesday	14 March	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	15 March	Lesley, Cath, Bree
Friday	16 March	Amanda S, Bec S, Sharna
Week 8		
Monday	19 March	Carmen, Carolyn R, Tanya
Tuesday	20 March	Carmen, Danielle M, Bree
Wednesday	21 March	Miyako, Lesley
Thursday	22 March	Susan B, Anita
Friday	23 March	Sheree, Kassandra, Esme
Week 9		
Monday	26 March	Carmen, Carolyn R
Tuesday	27 March	Carmen, Sheree
Wednesday	28 March	Miyako, Lesley
Thursday	29 March	Katie O, Lesley, Bree
Friday	30 March	GOOD FRIDAY

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



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to help your family eat well.

At Cancer Council NSW we're passionate about helping families eat well!

Sign up to one of our **FREE** Fruit & Veg Sense workshops for parents at your local school.



In our free 60-minute sessions, you will learn:

- How to save money at the shops.
- How much is a 'serve' of fruit and veg and how many serves do we need?
- Strategies to manage fussy eaters.
- How to save time with easy, family-friendly recipe ideas.
- How to improve the long-term health of your family... and much, much more!

Register at eatittobeatit.com.au – if there aren't any sessions scheduled at or around your school, put your name on the waiting list and we can schedule one.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Maryland Care and Early Education Centre is celebrating 30years...

We are celebrating with an Open Day

Saturday, March 17th 10am–2pm
Maryland Care and Early Education Centre
34-36 Boundary Rd Maryland 2287




Children always come first

- ◊ Sausage Sizzle courtesy of the Lions Club, Bakers Delight, Reids Meats Shortland and Coles
- ◊ Petting Farm
- ◊ Face painting/ hair spray
- ◊ Cup Cake stall
- ◊ Jolly Beans coffee van
- ◊ Tupperware stall and Luxury candles
- ◊ Thermomix stall and doTERRA oils
- ◊ Madame Rusé Jewellery and Life lockets
- ◊ Raffle
- ◊ Story time
- ◊ Games in the reserve!




Proud supports of this event:








2018 Virginia Rigby Scholarship

This Scholarship assists students in the Hunter region who have a parent that has been diagnosed with breast cancer, or who have lost a parent to breast cancer, with their education expenses.

To apply or find out more visit : hbcf.org.au/virginia-rigby-scholarship/



SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

~ Registrations **NOW OPEN** ~

Are you a passionate Junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills?
Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

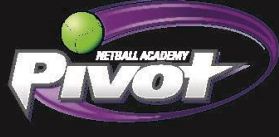
OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

**2 DAY SKILL CLINICS
FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS**

**SPECIALIST CLINICS
FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS**

**AFTER SCHOOL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

~ **REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN** ~
For children turning the ages above this year



For further info contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au
www.pivotnetball.com.au

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

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.

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. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

The survey is confidential, is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 12th March and 13th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the **non-consent form** (attached below) to school by **Friday 16th March**.

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 16th March**.

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/carers

Signature of parent/carers Date

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.

[HOME](#) | [ABOUT](#) | [REGISTER](#) | [HELP](#)



LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?



Item No.

FIND

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.



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PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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All parents, citizens and staff are warmly invited to attend the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 20th March 2018
7.00pm in the Library

At the AGM each year, all P& C committee positions are declared vacant and election of all new Executive Committee and Sub-Committee Members will take place. All members of the school community, both old and new are encouraged to attend the meeting and become a financial member of the P&C which enables them to participate in the voting and become involved in the running of the school for the year to come. Only current financial members are eligible to nominate for the positions overleaf.

MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- 20th MARCH 2018 NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR 2018

Name: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

Child's Name(s) and Class(es): _____

I wish to nominate for the following position:

P&C EXECUTIVE

☐ President ☐ Vice President ☐ Treasurer ☐ Secretary

P&C SUB COMMITTEES

☐ Canteen Sub Committee Convenor ☐ Second Hand Clothing Convenor

***Please complete this form and return it to the P&C at the school office on or before
Monday 19th March 2018 in an envelope marked P&C Secretary-Nomination.***

Maryland Public School P&C Association- General Information

The goal of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) of Maryland Public School is to assist the staff and teachers of the school to ensure that all students at the school receive a quality education encompassing both academic and non-academic pursuits in an inclusive and safe learning environment.

To assist in achieving these goals the Maryland Public School P&C strives to:

1. Raise funds to provide resources, facilities and equipment for the school
2. Increase parental participation in the school.
3. Ensure that quality extra-curricular activities are provided.
4. Work in partnership with the school staff to achieve common goals.
5. Manage and run a school canteen and second hand uniform shop.
6. Promote and facilitate open communication amongst the school community.

The P&C Meets on the 3rd Tuesday evening of the month. The meetings are friendly and informal and we welcome all our school parents and any concerned citizens to join us and find out what is going on at your school and share your views and expertise.

P& C Executive Committee Positions

President- Chairs meetings as scheduled and any special meetings as the need arises. Supports the school principal as and when required in a range of activities. Attends P&C functions when able. Liaises with the parent body and other committee conveners on issues raised, either privately or at P&C Meetings.

Vice President- Attends all P&C meetings when able, chairs meetings in the absence of the president, supports the P&C president and the school principal as required. Plays an active role in the planning and hosting of all general P&C events and activities. Attends P&C functions when able.

Secretary- Takes minutes at all executive meetings and circulates to attendees and P&C members. Handles correspondence as required after consultation with the executive committee. Prepares notes for the school newsletter regarding P&C activities as required. Assists the President and vice president in their duties as and when required. Plays an active role in the planning and hosting of all general P&C events and activities.

Treasurer- Receives and banks all monies from P&C fundraising, canteen and any other sources relevant to the P&C. Controls the bank accounts, maintains cheque books and deposits, and pays outstanding accounts after approval. Prepares a financial report for each P&C meeting and prepares the P&C accounts each calendar year, and arranges for the audit to be carried out in a timely manner. Plays an active role in the planning and hosting of all general P&C events and activities.