

# Newsletter

## Maryland Public School

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Our P & C Association meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm  
All parents and community members are welcome to attend  
Our School Council meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6.00pm

### Skills for Life

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

Safety

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 8.

Term 1 is flying by! Yesterday, nine staff members visited Blue Haven Public School to see Explicit Instruction in action. Blue Haven began their EI journey, supported by John Fleming about eighteen months ago and have reported significant improvements in student engagement and school learning culture as well as improvements in literacy and numeracy results. We are excited about what is ahead for our students and teachers at MPS. We are grateful to BHPS for hosting us and taking the time to welcome us into their beautiful school and classrooms.

Thanks to Mrs Dalais and Mr Newham for their organisation of our Harmony Day activities today. I'm sorry I was unable to attend and am confident that as always, the day was a huge success. Thanks to all who supported by wearing orange or national dress to celebrate our diversity and multi-culturalism. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. Australia remains the most successful multi-cultural country in the world!

Tomorrow and Thursday, Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in online NAPLAN practice tests. These will provide opportunities for students to become familiar with the testing platform before the official NAPLAN tests next term. Students will be highly supported by staff to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible. Thanks to Ms Blanch for coordinating our technology preparation for this. It has been a very BIG job. Good luck to all students.

Last Friday was our annual Cross Country event. We were lucky with the weather and again, this event ran smoothly and effortlessly. Well done to all who participated and to those who have qualified to compete at the zone carnival, Congratulations! Thanks again to Mrs Wingrove for her great organisation and thanks also to our parents and friends who helped on the day, your support is very much appreciated.

### School Plan 2018 – 2020

Our school planning for these three years is based heavily around the evaluations that took place over the last year. Our three strategic directions and vision statement were informed by feedback and evaluations provided by our community, staff and students.

The school executive team are currently finalising the last sections of the plan and it will be published in the

next couple of weeks, on our school website. Our three strategic directions for 2018 – 2020 are:

Excellence in Learning - To grow strong learning partnerships and a culture of high expectations that will support students to connect, succeed, thrive and learn.

Excellence in Teaching - To develop high quality, evidence-based teaching practices that focus on engagement, differentiation and continuous improvement of student outcomes.

Excellence in Leading - To develop the leadership capacity of the learning community, supporting sustained and measureable whole school improvement.

School Vision Statement - **EVERY CHILD, EVERY OPPORTUNITY, EVERY DAY.**

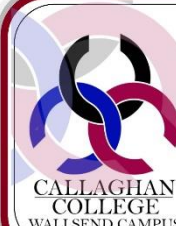
Maryland Public School is committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high quality educational opportunities for every child, developing their skills for life.

Have a wonderful week everyone,

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



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**Do you have a Year 6 Student enrolling in Year 7 at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus in 2019?**

Parents and Year 6 students are invited to come along to our Parent Expo on Tuesday 27 March 2018. There will be a free BBQ and organised tours of the school, meet under the COLA at 3.30pm. Staff and student leaders will be available to answer any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

**YEAR 7 2019 STUDENT & PARENT EXPO**

Tuesday 27 March 2018 at 3.30pm

### Calendar

#### Term 1 – Week 8

Friday, 23 March 2018

2.00pm Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly

#### Term – Week 9

Tuesday, 27 March 2018

3.30pm CCWC Year 7 2019 Student & Parent Expo

7.00pm P & C AGM & General Meeting

Thursday, 29 March 2018	Book Fair 8.30am to 9am, during Recess, following Easter Hat Parade & during Lunch  9.15am Grandfriends' Day / Easter Celebrations /
Friday, 30 March 2018	Good Friday

### Important Dates for Your Diary

Monday, 2 April 2018	Easter Monday
Wednesday, 4 April 2018	Student Led Conferences (3.15pm – 6.30pm) 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

### STUDENT BANKING

**There are quite a few parents sending in their child's banking with just the money and not filling in the deposit slip. In future when this happens the money and book will be sent home for the parents to resubmit for the next week's banking.**

### OFFICE NEWS

#### 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.

### EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

Thank you for your support of Harmony Day and our celebration of 'diversity'.

Students looked wonderful and enjoyed and participated well in the planned activities around the theme 'Everyone Belongs'. Our assembly item was lots of fun and well received by a very enthusiastic audience.

#### Grandfriends' Day

On this day Thursday, 29 March, Grandfriends' are invited to attend our school to take part in a morning of fun and activity. **ES1 students will be decorating an Easter hat at school**, helped by their 'Grandfriends' and then wearing it in our parade for all to see. Students will be given a template of a hat, so you do not need to provide one. What you do need to provide are **DECORATIONS to go on the hat (NO chocolate items please - especially if it's a hot day!)**. Students may bring these in before the day. It is also helpful to have your own stapler / sticky tape. Craft glue is not a good idea as there is not enough time for it to dry properly before the parade.

On a more serious note, we have had a few instances of rough physical play in the past week and we would

appreciate you discussing the importance of safe play with your child. We also encourage students to tell a teacher when something happens allowing for prompt follow up.

Mrs Williams (ES1 Leader)

### BOOK FAIR ON GRANDFRIENDS' DAY!

A Book Fair will be held on Grandfriends' Day. Grandfriends who purchase a book for their special student will receive a small acknowledgement certificate. The certificate can be written on by Grandfriends and glued into the front cover of the book, as a reminder of this special day.

Opening times for the Book Fair are as follows:

- 8.30am – 9.00am
- Recess
- Following the Easter hat parade
- Lunch time

EFTPOS facilities will be available at the Book Fair.

### Reminder! Hair with Heart Fundraiser

Friday, 6 April is our Hair with Heart fundraiser where four of our students will be chopping their hair off for Variety. Variety help out kids in a number of ways, including making wigs for children with Alopecia and cancer.

**Please save your gold coins and bring them on the day.** There will be a variety of fun activities including; out of school uniform – wear red and white, Cup Cake stall, Crazy hairspray stall, raffles (First Prize – Madrid Jersey and football, Second Prize - \$100 voucher to the Fire Station Hotel, Third Prize – Sandwich press and Coffee Plunger) and **DON'T FORGET** to get your money in for our sausage sizzle as the canteen will be closed on this day.

#### Donations Needed

Any donations of coloured hairspray to use on the day would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the front office.

**Sausage sizzle orders and money need to be handed in to the office with child's name, class and Variety Lunch Order written on the front of the envelope**

### DANCE NEWS

Dancers will be performing on 'Grandfriends' Day' on Thursday, 29 March at approximately 11.30am. Please note that all girls will need a black leotard, ¾ black tights, black socks and black shoes. Skirts and headbands will be provided on the day. Boys are required to wear a black t-shirt and black shorts, black shoes and black socks please.

Please label all clothing / shoes.

Mrs Groth (Coordinating Teacher)

### SPORT NEWS

#### Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who ran the Cross Country last Friday. Thank you to the teachers and parents who assisted in the running of the Carnival. The

Zone Cross Country will be held in Term 2, Friday 4th May.

### PSSA Football

Congratulations to the following boys who have qualified for the Zone Football team - Jake T, Treay P, Brodie C and Hunter K.

### PSSA Netball

Good luck to Lily F, Ana A and Mia S who will trial for the Hunter Netball team this Friday.

### PSSA Rugby League Trials

Good luck to the boys who are trialling for the Zone Rugby League team this Friday.

### Gymnastics

The Gymnastics Program will commence in Term 2 for Kindergarten, Years 1, 2, 5 and 6. 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 Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

### CANTEEN NEWS

#### Canteen Roster Term 1

Day	Date	Name
<b>Week 8</b>		
Wednesday	21 March	Miyako, Lesley
Thursday	22 March	Susan B, Anita
Friday	23 March	Sheree, Kassandra, Esme
<b>Week 9</b>		
Monday	26 March	Carmen, Carolyn R
Tuesday	27 March	Carmen, Sheree
Wednesday	28 March	Miyako, Lesley
Thursday	29 March	Katie O, Lesley
Friday	30 March	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<b>Week 10</b>		
Monday	2 April	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>
Tuesday	3 April	Carmen, Bree
Wednesday	4 April	Miyako, Lesley
Thursday	5 April	Janelle W, Cher
Friday	6 April	Sheree, Alicia G, Kassandra, Esme, Sharna

### P&C NEWS

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) and general meeting scheduled for tonight has been postponed. They will be held next Tuesday, 27 March at 7.00pm in the school Library. All welcome.

### FUNDRAISING NEWS

#### Easter Eggstravanza Tickets

A huge thank you to the families that have already given an item or two to the Easter Eggstravanza. 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. Tickets and money are trickling in and if you would like an additional booklet of tickets they are available from the front office. Prizes will be drawn on Grandfriends' Day, Thursday, 29 March 2018. Please continue returning receipt butts and money to the office as soon as you can.

Fundraising Committee

### 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 make rainbow and chickpea salad.

**Ingredients**

- 4 tbsp of reduced-fat Greek yoghurt
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- ¼ tsp ground cumin
- Freshly cracked pepper to taste
- 1 400g can chickpeas, drained & rinsed
- 1 large beetroot, peeled & grated
- 2 large carrots, peeled & grated
- ½ small green or red cabbage, finely sliced
- 1 bunch kale washed, stem removed & leaves torn



**Method**

In a small bowl whisk yoghurt, honey, lemon juice, cumin and a pinch of salt. Add pepper to taste.

In a large salad bowl toss all the chickpeas and vegetables together. Drizzle with the yoghurt dressing.

**Tip:** This is the perfect accompaniment to a grilled lamb or chicken kebab marinated with lemon and garlic. Try wrapping everything in a wrap with a little hummus and crumbled feta.

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