

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, 3 April 2018

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 10!

What a lovely way to end last week with our Grandfriends Day and Easter celebrations. Once again, a wonderful crowd of friends and family came to support our students and celebrate with us. We trust you enjoyed the day as much as we did. Thanks to Mrs Groth and her team for the organisation of this event. Thanks also to our P&C volunteers for the terrific raffle that resulted in fabulous prizes and raised funds for our school. Our day was a great lead into the Easter break!

Tomorrow afternoon (and over the next couple of weeks) we have scheduled our student led conferences and look forward to seeing many visitors here to participate. These meetings are a super opportunity for your children to lead conversations about their learning, their interests and strengths at school. I encourage all families to participate and to make an appointment with the class teacher, if not done so already.

Next week Mr Kieran Jeffriess has once again offered his time, artefacts and expertise to set up his ANZAC display in our hall. All classes will have the opportunity to visit the display and to ask Keiran some questions. Kieran has many stories (many that are unknown to us) to share with our students. We are incredibly fortunate that Kieran has once again offered his time and personal memorabilia to share with us. Thank you, Kieran.

I will be taking some long service leave for the last part of this term. On Thursday, I will head to Jordan to support my daughter and her Matildas team mates as they participate in the Asian Cup tournament. During my absence, Mrs Khay will be the relieving Principal. I'm looking forward to this tournament as it is also the qualification tournament for the women's World Cup in France next year. C'mon Matildas!

Enjoy the last couple of weeks of Term 1.

Mrs Van Egmond ☺



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Calendar

Term 1 – Week 10

Wednesday, 4 April 2018	Student Led Conferences
Thursday, 5 April 2018	Student Led Conferences
Friday, 6 April 2018	Student Led Conferences Variety's 'Hair with Heart' 2.00pm Whole School Assembly

Term – Week 11

Thursday, 12 April 2018	Gymnastics payment due.
Friday, 13 April 2018	ANZAC Day Assembly Semester 1 Lunchtime Dance final payment due Last day of Term 1

Important Dates for Your Diary

Monday, 30 April 2018	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
Tuesday, 1 May 2018	Students resume for Term 2 Zone Cross Country payment due
Friday, 4 May 2018	Zone Cross Country
Tuesday, 8 May 2018	ICAS Digital Technology Competition

OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS

Parents, all clothing for out of uniform days should still be safe and appropriate for school. It is important that outfits comply with policies for student safety. Shirts/Tops should cover shoulders and midribs for sun safety. Shoes should be enclosed for safe play in the playground (no sandals or thongs). No clothing with inappropriate slogans or bad language. Hairstyles should still allow students to wear their school hat. Out of uniform days usually follow a theme and it is expected that students dress to the theme or wear their ordinary school uniform.

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.

Reminders

Zone Cross Country notes were issued last week. Payment and notes need to be returned by **Tuesday, 1 May**.

Gymnastics payment and notes are due next **Thursday 12 April**.

Final payment for Semester 1 Lunchtime Dance due next **Friday, 13 April**.

Friday, 6 April

**THIS FRIDAY! BIG, HUGE,
AMAZINGLY WORTHWHILE EVENT!**

Variety – Hair with Heart Fundraising Day...
STARTS AT 12:30PM SHARP!

Students to wear **RED and WHITE**
for a gold coin donation

Special assembly chaired by Kim Bauer for the big hair
chop of our 4 brave students including our big raffle

Sausage sizzle lunch - Family and friends can purchase
extra sausage sizzles and spend lunch
with their children

Cup cake stall, coloured hair spray stall
and tattoo stall for gold coin donations

Save your **GOLD** coins and come and join in on the fun!

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

A huge 'Thank You' for your support on Grandfriends' day. What a wonderful day! There were some fabulous creations on show in the Easter Hat Parade, our junior dancers were confident as they showed off their dance moves and a visit from the Easter Bunny just topped it off. We certainly had a lot of fun and we hope you did too!

Student Led Conferences this week - please see your child's teacher to make an appointment if you have not done so already.

Home Reading Program

Could you please send a plastic A4 style wallet folder that can be used as a home reading folder for your child. Please make sure it is labelled clearly with your child's name and class. Once a folder has been supplied Home Reading will commence. An information note about the program along with a recording sheet for books read will be provided and kept in the folder. Books can be changed daily. Home Reading provides an opportunity for children to show you what they can do, revise skills being taught and to build confidence as they learn to read, so...happy reading!

Mrs Williams (EST Leader)

SPORTS NEWS

Zone Cross Country

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

PSSA Touch Footy

Good luck to the following students who will trial for the Zone Touch Football team today.

Abby S, Abbie B, Lily F, Latesha W, Kaihem H, Brodie W, Ethan H.

PSSA Rugby League

Good luck to the following boys who will trial for the Hunter Rugby League team this Friday.

11 years - *Taj L, Dane G, Ben B, Lincoln S*

12years - *Rima B, Seth W, Garuahgal G, Kaihem H, Ryan C, Mitchell F.*

PSSA Netball

Good luck to *Ana A, Lily F, Mia S and Ella S* as they trial for the PSSA Hunter Netball team this Friday.

PSSA Diving

We wish Sahra G all the best in the Hunter Diving trials.

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. Payment is due by the Thursday, 12 April 2018.

Coles Sports Vouchers

Don't forget to place your Coles sports vouchers in the box outside the office. We already have over 20 000 vouchers - great work.

Mrs Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 1

Day	Date	Name
Week 10		
Wednesday	4 April	Miyako, Lesley
Thursday	5 April	Janelle W, Cher
Friday	6 April	Sheree, Alicia G, Cassandra, Esme, Sharna
Week 11		
Monday	9 April	Carmen
Tuesday	10 April	Carmen, Sheree
Wednesday	11 April	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	12 April	Lesley, Cath, Bree
Friday	13 April	Amanda S, Bec S, Sharna

P&C NEWS

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held last Tuesday night and unfortunately we only have one office bearer, a P&C Treasurer. Nominations are needed for a President, Secretary, Fundraising, and Assistant Treasurer.

As a member of the P&C Committee for the last seven years, I can honestly say that it is a very worthwhile and rewarding experience. A small number of very busy people who also have family and work commitments manage to dedicate some time out of their schedules to plan, coordinate and execute activities and events in the hope of improving the learning environment and facilities at Maryland Public School.

WE NEED YOU!!!! We are extremely lucky to have such a very supportive school community when it comes to donations and attending fundraising activities and events. Please consider becoming a member of the P&C Committee and hold a role. Many hands make light work. Details of the vacant positions are listed in the attachment, be brave and dive into one of these opportunities. The commitment is basically meeting once or twice a term and possibly getting involved with special activities and events.

Deb Groth (On behalf of the P&C Committee)

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Grandfriends Day / Easter Eggstravaganza

Thank you so much to all the families that donated Easter eggs, chocolates, bunny ears, soft toys and Easter merchandise as well as purchasing tickets in the Easter Eggstravaganza. We raised in excess of \$2000 and these funds will be used to purchase resources to improve the learning environment of our children at Maryland Public School. Congratulations to all 50 fortunate winners on the day.

Mothers' Day Stall

Traditionally, the MPS P&C hold a Mothers' Day Stall prior to this special day each year. This year is no different and it will be held on Friday, 11 May from 9 until 11am. Donations of mugs with chocolates / sweets / coffee stick or a tea bag, shower puffs, scented candles, photo frames, shopping lists, pens, bookmarks.....etc. Kindly send in any donations to the school office. Gifts will be priced from \$1 to \$5 and helpers will be needed on the day to ensure that the event is a success and runs smoothly. So, if you are out and about in the holidays and you spot a bargain please consider making a contribution to the Mothers' Day stall. Likewise, if you are able to put aside some time on the Friday morning to help with the stall, it would be greatly appreciated. The students love to see their mum, dad, grandma, carer or relative involved in these events.

Supporting the VARIETY Hair for Heart

This Friday, 6 April, will see four brave children from MPS; Abbie J, Charlee J, Bella J and Bailey B chopping off their hair for wigs to support children with medical conditions. These include children suffering from cancer and alopecia. We are supporting this event with a gold coin donations going directly to the Variety charity. Children are encouraged to wear red and white coloured clothing on the day and for the opportunity are asked to bring in a gold coin donation. Students had the opportunity to pre-order a sausage sizzle and these will be distributed from about 12.45pm on the day. During the lunch time a gold coin could get you a cup cake, tattoo or crazy coloured hair!!

As well as these fun activities the raffle will be drawn on the day. The prizes include a Real Madrid shirt and football, a \$100 gift card from The Fire Station Hotel, and a sandwich maker and coffee plunger. These tickets were distributed to the youngest family member in the last fortnight. A friendly reminder that raffle ticket butts and money will need to be returned as soon as

possible. Your assistance, support and generosity for this great cause would be greatly appreciated.

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 keep lunch foods fresh.

Food packed at home in the lunch box needs to stay fresh and safe to eat at school.

Meat, fish, poultry, eggs, noodles, rice, pasta, custard, yoghurt, cheese and milk need to be kept very cold to prevent food poisoning.

Pack lunches in a cooler bag with a cold brick or use a frozen bottle of water to keep food cold.

Items such as sandwiches, milk poppers, yoghurt, custard tubs, muffins, or fruit segments can be frozen to pack on hot days.



For more information visit
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MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL 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

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.

School Banking Information Session.

Maryland Ps is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

School Banking day is **every Tuesday**. Each week you need to **take your Bankbook to class**.

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: 2.30pm till 3.15pm

Date: Monday the 9th of April.

Location: Near the kinder rooms Area A.

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.