

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

Wednesday, 11 April 2018

RELIEVING RINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have had a very busy and successful Term 1. Our staff have engaged in professional learning on Explicit Instruction and reading and maths warm ups are being used in classrooms across the school. Our school Plan 2018 - 2020 is now complete and our three strategic directions; Excellence in Learning, Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Leading will drive our direction and continuous improvement over the next three years. Our plan focusses strongly on:

- developing a shared culture of high expectations,
- strengthening our learning partnerships with parents and the school community,
- developing high quality teaching practices,
- developing the leadership capacity of our students, staff and community.

We encourage all parents and community members to become familiar with our school plan. It can be accessed via the school website or by using the link:

http://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/doe-nsw-schools/plan-report/2018/4600/2018-2020_Maryland_Public_School_School_Plan.pdf. There will also be opportunities throughout the year to hear more about our school plan and how you can be involved.

Thank you to the staff, students and parents for dedicating your time to our student-led conferences. Students have really enjoyed being able to share their learning with parents and carers and are developing the skills to reflect on their own learning and set goals.

Thank you to Mrs Birlson and her team of staff and parents for the organisation of last Friday's Variety 'Hair with Heart' Day. Bailey, Charlee, Bella and Abbie demonstrated a great deal of care, support and empathy for others by donating their hair to Variety and the generous support that the Maryland school community contributed was outstanding!

This week we are very lucky to have Mr Keiran Jeffriess and his amazing collection of war artefacts and memorabilia in the hall for our classes to visit in the lead up to ANZAC Day. Mr Jeffriess has a wealth of knowledge to pass on to our students and we are very grateful and appreciative of the time he takes to offer this opportunity to our students every year. Today Mr Wells and our school leaders are attending the Combined Schools ANZAC service and on Friday the school will participate in our annual ANZAC assembly. Thank you to Mr Wells for his organisation of this event.

We wish all of our students, staff, parents and community members a safe and happy holiday and look forward to achieving fantastic things together in Term 2.

Mrs Melissa Khay (Relieving Principal)



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Calendar

Term – Week 11

Thursday, 12 April 2018	Gymnastics payment due.
Friday, 13 April 2018	2.00pm ANZAC Day Assembly Semester 1 Lunchtime Dance final payment due Last day of Term 1

Term 2 – Week 1

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

Important Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday, 8 May 2018	ICAS Digital Technology Competition
Tuesday, 1 May 2018	2019 Opportunity Class Placement & Application website opens
Friday, 18 May 2018	2019 Opportunity Class Placement & Application website closes
Wednesday, 1 August 2018	2019 Opportunity Class Placement Test

The PBL Focus for this Week is - SAFETY



Opportunity Class 2019

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2019, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **Tuesday, 1 May 2018** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

The application website opens on **Tuesday, 1 May 2018** and closes on **Friday, 18 May 2018**.

No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **1 May 2018**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday, 1 August 2018**.

OFFICE NEWS

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are now available from the school office.

Orders to be placed at www.entbook.com.au/348a58

See attached flyer for information regarding ordering and online payment.

Head Lice

We have had a number of notifications regarding head lice. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if required.

Mozzies

We currently have an infestation of mozzies. Please spray your child before school with insect repellent to prevent bites while in the playground.

Children who are able to apply a roll-on repellent are permitted to bring it to school. **NO SPRAYS ARE PERMITTED**

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

The Student Led Conferences that were held last week were very well represented across ES1 and we hope that you enjoyed sharing this time with your child and their teacher. It is great to see lots of Home Reading folders coming in and they will start coming home this week. Information notes about the program have been included in the folders along with recording sheets etc.

Students will visit the ANZAC display in the hall this week, hosted by Mr Jeffriess. It is an amazing collection of memorabilia that our students get the opportunity to view and hear about and we thank Mr Jeffriess for his time and effort.

Thank you also for your support and generosity last week with the Variety fundraiser. Our students looked amazing in their red and white colours, enjoying the sausage sizzle and variety of activities on offer.

Take care in the holidays and have a wonderful holiday break.

Mrs Williams (EST Leader)

Variety - Hair With Heart - Fundraising Day

A big THANK YOU to: MPS staff, students, volunteers, P&C, Kim Bauer, Jason Bourke, Abby Preston, Michael and Lisa James, Amanda Bailey, Kim Woolley and canteen members, Nicole Boxall, Good Foods, The Fire Station Hotel, Coles Wallsend and Fletcher, Farnhams Butchers Wallsend and Bunnings Wallsend for all of your kind and tireless efforts and generous donations in making our Variety - Hair with Heart - fundraising day a huge success. The day raised \$3,171.75. ALL funds go to Variety along with the 4 students fundraising page monies and of course, the hair!

We know this will assist other children in need. What a great day and amazing community spirit.





SPORTS NEWS

Zone Cross Country

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

PSSA Touch Footy

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Zone Touch Football team

Abby S, Latesha W, Kaihem H.

PSSA Rugby League

Congratulations to *Kaihem H* and *Garuahgal* who was selected in the Hunter Rugby League Possible and Probable Team.

PSSA Netball

Well done *Ella S* for qualifying for the PSSA Netball Possible and Probable Team.

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 this Thursday, 12 April 2018.

Coles Sports Vouchers

Thanks to everyone who donated the Coles Vouchers for our sporting equipment. Thank you to the parents who counted the coupons each day.

Mrs Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

P&C NEWS

The last week of Term 1, what a busy time at MPS it has been with Grandfriends' Day, Easter Eggstravaganza and The Variety Hair for Heart. These events are a credit to a dedicated team of parents' / caregivers and staff who organise and co-ordinate these activities. As we enter the holiday period, WE NEED YOU!! Please seriously consider becoming a P&C committee member and seize the opportunity to make a difference at our school. Many hands make light work.

Have a happy and safe holiday break!

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

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Variety Hair for Heart

Last Friday, 6 April we had four brave children; Abbie J, Charlee J, Bella J and Bailey B chop off their hair for wigs to support children with medical conditions. A HUGE THANK YOU to each and everyone that donated a gold coin or several to support this great cause.

Mothers Day Stall

As this is the last week of term, if you are out and about during the holidays and you spot a bargain please consider making a contribution to the Mothers' Day stall. This stall will be held on Friday, 11 May from 9am 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 would be graciously accepted. 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 able to put aside some time on the Friday morning to help with the stall, please contact the office and leave your details. The students love to see their mum, dad, grandma, carer or relative involved in these events.

Stay safe in the holidays and enjoy some quality time with your family!

Fundraising Committee

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 1

Day	Date	Name
Week 11		
Wednesday	11 April	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	12 April	Lesley, Cath, Bree
Friday	13 April	Amanda S, Bec S, Sharna
Week 1		
Monday	30 April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday	1 May	Carmen, Bree
Wednesday	2 May	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	3 May	Janelle W, Cher, Tanya M
Friday	4 May	Jamie, Sheree, Esme, 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

Unfortunately we have to have a slight price increase on the following two items:

Sport Shorts New price \$20.00
Fleece Jumper All sizes now \$30.00.

These prices will take effect on Tuesday, 1 May 2018.

Please find the new price list on Maryland PS's website.

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 pack a healthy lunch box.

Pack at least one item from each of the following food groups for a healthy lunch!

Breads/ cereals: Wholemeal or wholegrain bread, wraps and pita. For a treat, pack pikelets, or homemade muffins and slices.

Fruit: Serve in fun ways; try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly, cut whole fruit into small pieces for younger kids.



Vegies: Pack carrot or celery sticks with hummus.

Dairy: A slice of cheese, yoghurt or custards are all great lunch box items.

Meat and alternatives: Cooked chicken, tuna, egg, roast meat and legumes like red kidney beans or chickpeas.

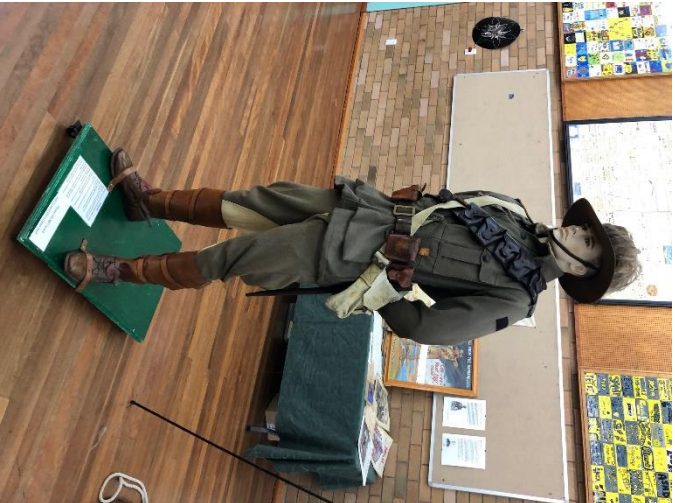
Water or milk: Water or milk are the best drink choices.

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