

Newsletter

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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, 27 November 2018

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 7.

Car Park Changes

Recently we had our Work, Health and Safety officer visit our school to consult with us on our risk management plan for vehicles on our school grounds. Following the horrific accident earlier this year in Sydney, all schools have been required to review the use of car parks and community access to them.

As a result of our consultation, there will be significant changes being implemented for the 2019 school year. Access to the school grounds for parking, will be restricted only to Maryland Public School staff members. This will impact drop off and pick up at OOSH. Parents and caregivers will be required to park outside the school grounds and enter the grounds via the pedestrian gate near the admin building. While we recognise that this may cause some inconvenience, student safety remains our priority and is the reason the changes are pending.

Due to the limited number of compliant parking spaces, the carpark will only be available for use by MPS staff and School Assisted Transport drivers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please phone the office to make an appointment to discuss.

2019 Classes

In the next couple of weeks, teachers will begin the enormous task of collating information to inform class groupings for 2019. This task is complex and compounded by the nature of ever changing populations through the school. To assist our planning, please let the office know as a matter of urgency if your child / ren will not be returning to MPS in 2019.

On the first days of the new year at school, the executive and office staff need to confirm numbers of students before classes can be formed. This often takes two to three days of follow up phone calls to families and other schools. Until our enrolment numbers are confirmed, 2019 classes will not be formed. We hope that by the end of the first week back, students will be in their 2019 class groups. Until such time as we are able to confidently form classes, students will remain (for the most part) in their 2018 groups.

If there are exceptional circumstances to be considered for class placement in 2019, please inform the office in writing. Once formed, 2019 classes will be final.

DigiFest

This Thursday evening showcases the creative genius of students across the Callaghan Education Pathways group at the annual Outdoor Digital Media Festival. MPS will be well represented in the festival with a wonderful entry by Kane C, Nathanael M, Roy C, Sam Mc and Mitchell S. Also representing MPS at this event is our fantastic lyrical dance group from Maryland's Musical Mayhem. Come along for a fabulous evening of entertainment at Callaghan College Waratah Campus.

All welcome.

Have a super week everyone,

Mrs Van Egmond ☺

Last Thursday John Fleming visited our school to provide further coaching and feedback to teaching staff. All staff had the opportunity to sit with John in their stage groups to discuss with John prepared lessons and plan for 2019. This feedback and forward planning was valuable for all. After school, all staff attended a professional learning session focussing on teaching methods for 2019. Thank you Mrs Khay for organising an excellent day of professional learning for all teaching staff.

Last Friday a number of students from Years 1, 2 and 3 finished their two weeks of intensive swimming at Wallsend pool. All students improved their skills and confidence in the water. We were very lucky with the weather; it only rained on one occasion. The swimming school teachers were impressed with the behaviour from all MPS students throughout the two week. Congratulations to all students for your improvement in your swimming ability as well as your excellent behaviour at the pool and travelling to and from the venue on the bus. All students will receive a certificate, clearly detailing their achievements.

Carols Evening / Christmas Raffle

Tickets have gone home today for the raffle with each family. Please return any unsold tickets, so they can be sold on the evening.

Choir Visit

Hunter School of Performing Arts visited our school today and performed for the whole school. Students enjoyed this experience from a very talented group of students.

Mrs Mackay (Assistant Principal)

Calendar

Term 4 – Week 7

Thursday, 29 November 2018	4.30pm – 9.30pm DidiFest 2018 Callaghan College Waratah Campus
Friday, 30 November 2018	2pm Kinder to Year 2 Assembly

Term 4 – Week 8

Monday, 3 December 2018	Kinder Hunter Life Education Excursion 3.00pm Last day to hand in awards for next Whole School Assembly
Tuesday, 4 December 2018	New Uniform Shop Closed Year 1 & Year 2 Hunter Life Education Excursion 9.00am Year 7 2019 Orientation Day
Friday, 7 December 2018	11.20am Scripture Christmas Concert 2pm Whole School Assembly

Important Dates for Your Diary

Monday, 10 December 2018	Semester 2 Reports being sent home
Tuesday, 11 December 2018	5.30pm – 8.00pm Year 6 Farewell
Thursday, 13 December 2018	Principal's Picnic
Friday, 14 December 2018	Presentation Day
Monday, 17 December 2018	Carols Evening
Tuesday, 18 December 2018	Party Day
Wednesday, 19 December 2018	Last Day of Term 4 for students
Tuesday, 29 January 2019	Staff resume for 2019
Wednesday, 30 January 2019	Year 1 to Year 6 students resume for 2019
Thursday, 31 January 2019	2019 Kindergarten commence
Wednesday, 6 February 2019	2019 Swimming Carnival
Monday, 18 February 2019	Individual and Class Photos



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OFFICE NEWS

PRESENTATION DAY

This year parents will be notified that their child is to receive an award on Presentation Day via email.

These emails will be sent out towards the end of this week. If you have recently changed your email address please notify the school office.

Bronze, Silver & Award For Excellence Awards

Students who are close to receiving their awards after the last whole school assembly on Friday, 7 December 2018 are able to hand their 2018 grey and gold cards in up until the Monday of Term 1 Week 3 2019 (Monday, 11 February 2019).

'PATH 2 CHANGE' CHRISTMAS CHARITY DRIVE

Cadence C and a team of Year 6 students are coordinating a Christmas Charity drive in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Our 'big red box' from the school production is being transformed into a giant Christmas box where we are asking for donations in support of a local charity, 'Path 2 Change'. 'Path 2 Change' is a not-for-profit organisation that provides assistance to young people in the Newcastle and Hunter region. They support young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, by providing specialised support and access to education, training and employment opportunities.

The box is dedicated to giving young people, generally aged 15 years and over, items that may bring them some comfort and joy over the Christmas period. We are asking our Maryland community to assist this cause by placing new, unwrapped items in the box, which will be located near the front office of the school.

Donations may include; non-perishable food items, stationery, makeup, books, toiletry items (bags, deodorant, toothbrush / paste, hairbrush, women's sanitary items, nail polish, hair accessories etc.), sports equipment (soccer balls, netballs, cricket set), gift cards, clothing, backpacks, handbags, wallets, towels, blankets....



You can find out more about the organisation at www.path2change.org.au

Your help is greatly appreciated!

MARYLAND 2018 SCHOOL YEARBOOK

The Student Yearbook team is busy gathering photos and working with classes to produce class pages. The Yearbook will also highlight the achievements of our students and school over 2018 as well as showcase the range of activities and events that have been on the Maryland calendar this year.

We are asking for any additional photos that parents or students may have of special events such as: the school musical, sporting events, cultural days, excursions, camps or any other event or activity held during 2018. Photos need to be clear, focused and of a high quality / resolution. Photos can be put on a memory stick (clearly labelled with your child's name and class so we can return it to you) or shared securely by going to <https://dropevent.com/gallery/top20507>

2018 School Yearbook order forms are attached to this newsletter.

Mrs Khay & the Student Yearbook Team

STAGE 3 NEWS

CCWC Netball Gala Day

On Thursday last week, Stage 3 students participated in a netball skills and gala day run by Year 9 students from Callaghan College Wallsend Campus. Stage 3 learnt the rules of the game, honed their skills and competed in teams. Students were keenly involved and enjoyed the friendly competition.

Many thanks to Mrs Wingrove and Mr Higgins for your organisation of the event. Many thanks also to PDHPE

staff at CCWC for coordinating the students who capably trained, motivated and refereed.

CCWC Sports Presentation Evening

Last night, Ana A and Kaihem H were invited to represent MPS at CCWC, as Year 6 outstanding contributors to sport. Congratulations to them both for their achievements this year and best of luck to them as they continue to enjoy their chosen sports.

Message Stick

Kaihem H, Garuahgal and Keely McF will be representing Maryland PS at tomorrow's Message Stick Workshop at CCWC. They will be sharing our school values with indigenous students from other feeder primary schools. They will be also completing a Message Stick that identifies the Maryland Public School's beliefs, achievements and story.

Year 6 Farewell Program

- 5.30pm – Year 6 arrive at Wallsend Diggers function room.
- 5.45pm – Formalities and meal begin for Year 6.
- 6.45pm – Year 6 parents arrive at Wallsend Diggers function room for dancing and farewell song.
- 8.00pm – Conclusion of Farewell

Please note Year 6 parents only are invited to the Year 6 Farewell.

Year 7 2019 Orientation Day CCWC

Tuesday, 4 December Year 6 students enrolled at CCWC from all partner primary schools will be attending orientation at CCWC. Students will be attending from 9am to 2.50pm and parents / carers from 9am until 10.15am. Students will need to wear MPS sports uniform for the day. If parents have any inquiries, please contact the high school on 4951 1811.

Party Day 2018

Notes have gone home today for party day 2018 on Tuesday, 18 December. Students will be attending Event Cinemas Glendale, to watch animation 'Spiderman: Into the Spideverse'. The film is a prerelease screening, not yet rated. In case the film is rated PG, parents are requested to give permission for a PG rating. If you have any concerns, please view the film trailer online.

Netball Poem

The Netball is sad
So very bad
When tears are coming out like mad
The Netball has feelings: so very sad.
The Netball has no one to play with now.

Poetry by Riley W 5/6BB

Mr Blyth (Stage 3 Leader)

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

Reminder; Maryland Merits and Gold Assembly cards can continue to be collected until the end of the year. If students collect enough cards in this time to achieve a level eg, Silver, Award for Excellence, they will be able to bring their cards in at the beginning of next year (usually within the first 2 weeks) to receive their Early

Stage 1 Award. Students cannot use their Early Stage 1 cards towards Stage 1 attainments.

Presentation Day

All kindergarten students are recognised at this assembly. Each class will have the opportunity to stand on the stage and their names will be read out...they might even give you a wave if you are able to attend. You are welcome to join us on this day.

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Assembly

KDO and KLV will be leading and presenting an item at this Friday's assembly.

All welcome.

Mrs Williams (Early Stage 1 Leader)

SPORT NEWS

Netball Skills

Well done to the Callaghan College Year 9 students for delivering netball skills to Stage 3 last Thursday. Our students had a great time whilst learning a variety of new skills.

Callaghan Awards

Congratulations to Kaihem H and Ana A who received awards at the Callaghan College Sports Awards night for their dedication to sport.

2019 Swimming Carnival

The annual swimming carnival will be held Wednesday, 6 February 2019 at Wallsend Swim Centre.

Mrs Wingrove (Sports Coordinator)

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Carols Evening / Christmas Raffle

The final P&C fundraiser for the year is the carols evening scheduled for Monday, 17 December 2018. At the event we draw our Christmas raffle and provide a barbeque to cater for tea on the night. For the event to run smoothly, we need volunteers to assist with the cooking and serving that afternoon. If you can assist, please leave your name and contact number at the school office.

Tickets for the raffle will be sent home this week. Donations are also sought and can be left at the school office during school hours. The first prize will be an iPad, second prize is a Moonshadow Cruise, third prize is a scooter plus other prizes that include a signed Matilda's jersey and many others yet to be finalised. Tickets will be \$2 each and any unsold booklets should be returned to school. A big thank you to Colleen Mannis for donating her time, expertise and effort in printing and supplying the tickets to the P&C. Her kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. It would be lovely to support this final event and to supply our children with valuable resources to maximise the learning opportunities at Maryland Public School.

Fundraising Committee

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 4

Day	Date	Name
Week 7 Wednesday	5 December	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	6 December	Kass
Friday	7 December	Jamie, Lesley
Week 9 Monday	10 December	Carmen, Lynne
Tuesday	11 December	Carmen, Lynne, Danielle
Wednesday	12 December	Miyako, Lesley, Robyn
Thursday	13 December	Janelle, Lesley, Cher
Friday	14 December	Jamie, Jamie, Kass, Esme, Sharna

NEW UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Normal Trading Hours

- Tuesday 8.30am - 9.30am
- Thursday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

November / December Extended Hours

- Tuesday, 4 December **Closed Today**
- Tuesday, 11 December 8.30am – 10.30am
- Thursday, 13 December 2.30pm – 4.30pm
- Tuesday, 18 December 8.30am – 10.30am

January 2019 Extended Hours

- Tuesday, 15 January 8.30am – 10.30am
- Tuesday, 22 January 4.00pm – 6.00pm
- Thursday, 24 January 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Visit the website by clicking on the link below to order uniforms online.

<http://www.countryfeelinguniforms.com.au/>

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Preloved Uniform Shop is closed for 2018.

Carmen & Alisa 😊😊

STAGE 3 NETBALL / SKILLS GALA



INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM





Callaghan College Waratah Campus

Gates Open
4:30pm
Entertainment and Stalls
4:30 - 7:30pm
The Marching Koalas
6:30pm
Film Premiere
7:30pm

Thursday 29 November

CEP Outdoor Digital Media Festival 2018

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Tickets Available at Participating Schools

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Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening

**CHILDREN STARTING KINDERGARTEN IN 2019 WHO HAVE NOT HAD THEIR
VISION SCREENED**

Drop in clinic for December 2018.

Belmont Monday 10th December 9-12noon <i>Child & Family Health Centre Belmont Hospital 16 Croudace Bay Rd Libby 0438 671285</i>	Wallsend Monday 10th December 9-12noon <i>Child & Family Health Centre Harker Building 10 Longworth Ave Tracy 0417 425094</i>
Nelson Bay Tuesday 11th December 9-12noon <i>CWA Rooms Cnr Achilles St & Gowrie Av Nelson Bay Libby 0438 671285</i>	Edgeworth Tuesday 11th December 9-12noon <i>Child & Family Health Centre 5 Minmi Rd, Edgeworth Tracy 0417 425094</i>
Charlestown Wednesday 12th December 9-12noon <i>Community Health Building Level 2 Charlestown Square Tracy 0417 425094</i>	Raymond Terrace Wednesday 12th December 9-12noon <i>Raymond Terrace Health Centre 4 Jacaranda Ave, Raymond Terrace Libby 0438671285</i>
Toronto Thursday 13th December 9-12noon <i>Westlakes Community Centre 6 James St, Toronto Tracy 0417 425094</i>	Medowie Thursday 13th December 9-12noon <i>Community Centre 44 Ferodale Rd Libby 0438 671285</i>
Waratah Friday 14th December 9-12noon <i>Child & Family Health Building 149 Turton Rd, Waratah Libby 0438 671285</i>	Morisset Friday 14th December 9-12noon <i>Morisset Multipurpose Centre 143 Dora St Morisset Tracy 0417 425094</i>

It is **highly recommended** that this age group participate in the screening, as many vision problems **remain undetected**.

If you have any questions regarding the StEPS service, please contact StEPS Vision Screener. Telephone Number: **02 4985 3401**



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