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COMING EVENTS

Issue No 5 - 3 April 2020

Message from the Principal

Term 2 update

Firstly, I would like to thank all members of the school community for your support in what has been a very interesting end to Term 1 to say the least. The 'Good Will' shown by all sectors- parents/caregivers, staff and students has made a huge difference in giving the school the much needed time to plan and prepare for Term 2.

As mentioned in the latest COVID-19 update that was sent out on Wednesday, no decision has been made in respects to what schools will look like at the start of next term. The Department of Education has informed schools to make preparations for what they are terming 'Distance Education'. The Department is preferring to use this term, rather than on-line learning, to acknowledge the fact that many students will be engaging with curriculum content in different ways. This will include on-line learning for the majority of students, but it may also involve hard copy work packages as well, to accommodate those students that have limited access to technology.

Staff are currently working together in their Learning Area Teams to develop their Term 2 Distance Education programme in readiness for next term. As you can appreciate, this is a massive undertaking. Moving from traditional face-to-face teaching to an entirely unfamiliar mode of delivery requires significant investment in terms of time and energy to deliver and prepare content for our students. There is no manual for this situation. There is no experience for us to draw from. The Department of Education, and by extension the school, are essentially 'Building the plane while we are flying it'.

Term 1 ends- Friday, 3 April
ANZAC Day holiday- Monday, 27 April
School Development Day- Tuesday, 28 April
Term 2 commences - Wednesday, 29 April

Quote of the fortnight

I suspect too many children see too many parents behaving like children.

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Our Online Canteen

Messages for the Canteen or the P&C can be placed in class canteen baskets.

SCHOOL ETHOS

We at Maylands Peninsula Primary School are committed to:

Encouraging students to be successful learners.

The principles of developmental learning.

Life-long learning and reflective practices.

Developing attitudes and values of care and concern for self, others and the environment.

Maintaining a safe environment for all.

Building partnerships with students, parents and the community.

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Today marks the end of official instruction for students. From next week, the school will only provide for the supervision of students.

I will send a letter out to parents/caregivers towards the end of next week with the most up-to-date information from the Department of Education in respects to school operations for Term 2.

Keep safe and stay well.

Connect trials- Monday, 6 April and Wednesday, 8 April



As part of our preparations for 'Distance Education', we will be conducting two Connect trials across all classes Kindy-Year 6. The first trial will take

place on **Monday, 6 April** whilst the second trial will take place on **Wednesday, 8 April**. The main objective of these trials is for parents/caregivers to logon to Connect, read the Notice and access the few items that have been uploaded by staff. This will provide parents/caregivers with the opportunity to engage with the Connect platform itself and become familiar with its features. **Please Note: This is a system test only- not a programme of work.**

After reading the note and following the instructions provided, it would be greatly appreciated if parents/caregivers follow the instructions on the Notice and send a reply back to your child/ren's classroom teacher via the Comments section at the bottom of the notice itself. e.g. Paul Smith- I could access all the files. By completing this task, staff will be able to note which families are able to successfully access the materials, and which are not. This will allow teaching and office staff time to follow up with those families from whom we haven't received a reply, or to assist those who have experienced difficulty. **Information will be made available on Connect today regarding how to manage notifications so that you only receive a notification when a new notice is created. This will avoid parents/caregivers receiving a notification each time someone responds to a Notice that has been posted.**

Farewells and Welcomes

As the term draws to a close, I would like to recognise a few members of staff who will not be returning in Term 2. Mrs Beck Jonsson has already commenced Maternity Leave to prepare for the upcoming birth of Baby No 2, whilst our school chaplain, Mrs Eva Johnson, will be leaving at the end of term to prepare for Baby No 1. I look forward to seeing both Mrs Jonsson and Mrs Johnson back at school sometime down the track and wish them well for the future. With the return of Mrs Natalie O'Connor and Ms Ros Dunne at the start of next term, I would like to acknowledge Mrs Phyllis Vimini (JP2) and Mrs Amanda Boyd (Kindy C/D) who have been backfilling for Mrs O'Connor and Ms



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Dunne respectively. I thank them for their contribution to our school and wish them well on their onward journey.

On the welcome back front. I would like to welcome back Mrs Natalie O'Connor (JP2) and Ms Nicole Sloan (S8) who will be returning to the school after Parental Leave, as too, Ms Ros Dunne (Kindy C/D), who is returning after Long Service Leave.

School Development Day- Tuesday, 28 April

I would like to remind the school community that the scheduled School Development Day on Tuesday, 28 April will still be taking place. As there are likely to be a number of changes to school operations as a consequence of any decisions of Government during the term break, this day is required by the school's Leadership Team to meet with staff. As such, the scheduled start to the school term- in whatever form this may be- is **Wednesday, 29 April**.

Public School Review- Postponed

I have been informed by the Department of Education that the Public School Review that was scheduled to take place next term has been postponed. I will keep the school community informed when a new review date has been determined.

Term 1 and Easter break

As this will be the final newsletter of the term, I wish all students and families a relaxing and enjoyable term break. Hopefully, the Easter holiday will be a great opportunity to relax and unwind for all families- albeit mostly indoors. Time to break out the board games, do jigsaw puzzles or spend time outside in the garden.

Other Newsletter Items

Online safety messages

As our ECE and junior primary students move towards 'Distance Education', it is worth spending some time with your child/ren talking about online safety. Mr Bownes, our ICT teacher, has suggested parents/caregivers of our youngest students watch the following online safety message with your child/ren and have a conversation afterwards. The video is a little over 3 minutes in length, but it explains in pretty simple language how to stay safe online. Please click [here](#) to watch the clip.

Chaplain's Chat

Dear MPPS Community,
Here we are at the last newsletter for the term! I'm sure no one imagined at the beginning of the term how it would turn out, yet here we are – riding the wave of unusual circumstances. As unsettling as these times can be, disruptions to our “norm” can also help us re-centre and remind us of what's truly



important in life. My hope is that you find calm in the storm, moments of gratitude for the little things, and laughter to keep things light. I also hope that as so many of our daily distractions are now restricted, that your connection to loved ones grows closer. It's comforting to know that this won't last forever, and we'll back to busy life before we know it!

Please remember to take some time to look after yourself, and if you or your family need someone to talk to, you can always call the **Kid's Help Line** at 1800 55 1800 or **Headspace** at 1800 650 890. (These have online chat services as well.)

I also wanted to let you know that this will be my last “Chaplain's Chat” for the year as I will be going on maternity leave after next week. My husband and I are so excited to welcome our Baby Boy in May. It has been such a privilege for me to work at MPPS and get to know the students, parents/caregivers and staff. Thank you for welcoming me into this wonderful community and for all of your kindness and support over the last 2.5+ years. I have treasured my time here and each person I've come to know – through Breakfast Club, Crochet Club, and school life in general. I will certainly miss being here!

Thank you again and wishing you all the best,

Eva Johnson ('Mrs. J')
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P&C News

2020 AGM

Hi all, hoping this email finds you well.

Our P&C has decided to proceed with our 2020 AGM at 8.00pm on Wednesday, 8 April by WebEx videoconference. Click [here](#) to be taken to the welcome page for the 2020 AGM.

The meeting number (Access code) and Password details are:

Meeting number (Access code): 579 387 370
Meeting Password: AGM2020

2020 is looking a lot different to previous years, so for now we are just making sure we are meeting the requirements of what needs to be

done to keep the P&C ticking over, ready to assist the school where we can.

Part of that is holding our AGM before the end of April as set out in the constitution. This includes getting everyone to join for 2020, and appointing a P&C Executive.

The P&C Membership and Nomination forms, will be sent out via email and Smartlink this afternoon. These forms need to be completed and returned to me prior to the meeting, and the \$1.00 annual membership fee also needs to be paid to the P&C. This can be done by bank transfer, however, if this presents a problem, please let me know by email at pac@mpps.wa.edu.au.

The bank details are as follows:
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Thanks for your support and hope to hear from you soon.

Regards,

Sinead Kelly
2019 P&C Secretary

Community News

John Forrest Secondary College



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