

Maylands Peninsula
PRIMARY SCHOOL



**MAYLANDS PENINSULA
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL



**KINDERGARTEN
PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET
2021**

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WELCOME TO MAYLANDS PENINSULA PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR 2021.

We hope that by providing you with this handbook we can answer any queries you may have, and outline some of the policies and procedures at our Kindy.

Our program is designed to cater for the development of the whole child, which includes the social, emotional, physical, intellectual and creative developmental areas. These developmental areas are taught through a variety of themes to develop skills, attitudes and values. Themes enable learning to be more meaningful to children and each program is centred on play, which is essential to children's learning. Activities are set up in a way which encourage children to become independent.

Language is the key to all learning. All children will be encouraged to talk to each other, staff, parents/caregivers and visitors, and will also be encouraged to express their feelings and needs. Stories every day at home and school provide a range of experiences to extend language skills as well as promoting and developing listening skills. While shopping or in the car it is often helpful to talk about signs and numbers in the environment, the time, days of the week etc. Encouragement should always be given to children attempting to read and write. They don't have to get it right; we just want them to have a go when they are ready. We employ Diana Rigg's Pre-Literacy Program as part of Whole School Literacy Plan to facilitate language growth.

2021 TERM DATES- Students

First Term:	Monday, 1 February - Thursday, 1 April
Second Term:	Tuesday, 20 April - Friday, 2 July
Third Term:	Tuesday, 20 July - Friday, 24 September
Fourth Term:	Tuesday, 12 October - Thursday, 16 December

2021 School Development Days (Students do not attend).

First Term: Thursday, 28 January and Friday, 29 January

Third Term: Monday, 19 July

Fourth Term: Monday, 11 October, Tuesday, 12 October and Friday, 17 December

Public Holidays

Labour Day: Monday, 1 March

ANZAC Day: Monday, 26 April

WA Day: Monday, 7 June

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE / SESSION TIMES

A GROUP: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (odd weeks)
Monday and Thursday (even weeks)

B GROUP: Tuesday and Friday (odd weeks)
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (even weeks)

C GROUP: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (odd weeks)
Monday and Thursday (even weeks)

D GROUP: Tuesday and Friday (odd weeks)
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (even weeks)

E GROUP: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (odd weeks)
Monday and Thursday (even weeks)

F GROUP: Tuesday and Friday (odd weeks)
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (even weeks)

Arrival Time: 8.45am

Parent Interaction: 8.45 - 9.00am

Parents leave: 9.00am (at class signal)

Departure Time: 2.50pm

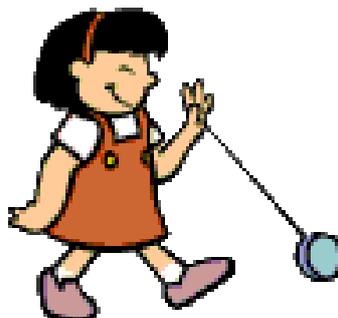
Every Tuesday, children will finish school at 2.25pm due to early close for staff meetings.



STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP

It is requested that you are **prompt** when dropping off and picking up your child. Children become worried and anxious when their parents/caregivers are not there promptly at pick up time. Parents/caregivers must come to the Kindy door when picking up or delivering children to the class. Children will not be allowed to leave with an unknown person or with older siblings at the school without prior written notification from parents/caregivers. Furthermore, if you wish to collect your child at any other time during the day, we ask you to visit the school office first and obtain a 'Sign Out' sticker before coming to the room. We are unable to release students – even to their parents/caregivers – without this 'Sign Out' sticker, as per Department Policy.

To avoid any accidents, children and siblings may not play on outdoor equipment while waiting for class to start at the beginning of the day. In addition, parents/caregivers must remain with their child(ren) and wait until the door has been opened before bringing children into class in the mornings. **Please do not leave your child unattended outside the classroom or in the playground.** Classroom doors open at 8.45am and the first 15 minutes of the day are provided for you to quickly discuss any general concerns with your child's teacher and to settle your child by reading a story or completing a jigsaw puzzle before you leave. However, if a more involved conversation is required with your child's teacher, this is best done at the end of the day or at another mutually convenient time.



COMMUNICATION

Communication between the school and parents/caregivers is very important. Most communication will be via **Connect**, a Department of Education platform that is secure and free.

All parents/caregivers have a unique login for Connect to enable you to receive information from the school that is relevant to you and your child/ren. Student reports are sent via email and are also available on Connect.

It is important the school has your current email address and you have a current login for Connect. If you do not have a login for Connect, or are having difficulties, please contact the school.

Classroom information and student work will be sent home via handy pouches in the school bag. Our website www.mpps.wa.edu.au also has important information including the school calendar, key dates and information for parents/caregivers.

NOTHING IN MY BAG TODAY

Your child will not always have something to bring home from Kindergarten. This does not mean that he/she is not participating in activities; it merely means that either a work of art is still drying or what your child made could not be brought home. Even when children say they did not do anything at school, they have still been very busy. Some of your child's work may be kept at school to be displayed around the room or placed in a work portfolio. This portfolio will provide you with a permanent record of your child's achievements at Kindergarten.

NO HAT - NO PLAY

At Kindy, we support the school's *'No Hat - No Play'* policy. Students are required to wear a hat during Summer, Autumn and Spring when engaged in outdoor activities. Please ensure your child's hat is **CLEARLY LABELLED** with his/her Christian name.

WHAT TO BRING TO KINDY

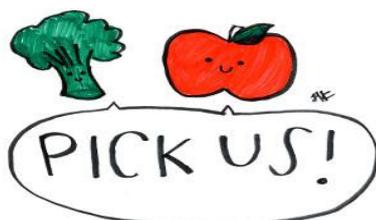
Please send your child in easy to wash, comfortable clothes; we recommend school uniforms. **PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL ALL JUMPERS, JACKETS, HATS, BAGS, DRINK BOTTLES AND LUNCH BOXES.** While every effort will be made to protect your child's clothing, it is inevitable at some stage that paint stains may occur. Just soak in cold water before washing. Please provide your child with shoes that are easy to put on and take off. Sneakers with Velcro are ideal, as shoelaces are difficult for children to tie independently. Crocs and thongs are **not suitable** for climbing and are not to be worn to school. Long hair should be tied up for safety and cleanliness. A **small** 30cm cushion is required for rest time. Your child will need a suitable backpack to bring items to and from school. Toys will not be permitted at Kindy, unless they are special news i.e. a birthday present.

HEALTHY EATING

Our classrooms support healthy eating and drinking practices in accordance with the Education Department's *Healthy Food and Drink Policy*.

We support healthy eating for strong bones and teeth, and request that parents/caregivers do not send chips, lollies, chocolates, donuts, cakes or other sugary foods to school. A sandwich, a piece of fruit and a bottle of water is recommended. We are not able to reheat your child's lunch due to OSH requirements.

Children should also bring a separate piece of fruit/vegetable each day to eat at snack time. Please send your child's cut up snack time fruit in a separate container – clearly labelled with their name. Students will bring this small container into class each day. We also request one box of savoury crackers per term.



Birthday Cakes

We acknowledge that students may wish to celebrate their birthday at school. If parents/caregivers choose to provide a celebratory cake, a small cup cake for each child can be brought in on your child's birthday. Please be mindful of allergies, and discuss this with your child's teacher first.

PARENT ROSTER

We (parents/caregivers, teachers and children) are all active participants in your child's learning journey, so we encourage you to be part of our classroom when you can. We hope to provide a warm, friendly environment to enable your child to develop confidence and positive self-esteem. We'd love to have parents/caregivers, grandparents, aunties and uncles help with cooking, cleaning, reading stories or just spending special time with the children. We also appreciate adults with special skills coming in. Parent rosters will not commence until late in Term 1 (a roster will be placed on the noticeboard inside each Kindy). For safety reasons, siblings are not allowed to attend Kindy while parents/caregivers are on roster and only one adult can attend each day. If you are a parent/caregiver helper, please sign in at the office and get a visitor's badge before coming to help in the class. The parent roster is dependant on COVID 19 restrictions as directed by the WA Health Officer.



CONCERNS

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher. However, it is best that we arrange a convenient time when we can talk free of distractions.

INDEPENDENCE

Our aim is to develop each child's independence at school. With this in mind, you can encourage your child to engage in independent self-help skills such as toileting, packing away toys, dressing - including shoes and socks - and allowing the use of scissors and pencils with adult supervision.

TRASH AND TREASURE

Your trash could be our treasure! We would love to receive:

- containers including yoghurt and ice cream with/without lids,
- boxes of all shapes and sizes including cereal boxes,
- craft wood, off-cuts and soft timber,
- buttons, fabric, lace, ribbon, cotton reels, wrapping paper and wool,
- spray can tops, cardboard tubes,
- bottle tops, corks, tree nuts and old jewellery,
- old nuts and bolts,
- recycled greeting cards,
- milk bottle tops and rings,
- washed meat trays, and
- anything you think could be of use to us at Kindy
- **WE CANNOT ACCEPT TOILET ROLL TUBES.**

Please remember to think of us when you are Spring cleaning through your children's toys this year, and in years to come. We are always grateful for donations to our classrooms.



ACCIDENTS

Please supply a full change of clothes (including underwear and socks) in a plastic bag with your child's name clearly marked on each item. This is to stay in your child's school bag at all times. There may be occasions when children spill water on themselves during play or are so busy playing they don't make it to the toilet in time. It is a good idea to check the bag daily in case we have forgotten to mention any little accidents to you. **Please clearly label all articles of clothing for easy identification; and ensure you cater for the change of seasons with the clothes you provide.**

MONEY

Payment and consent for school charges and activities such as incursions can be made via the Qkr! app. Full details of how to register and make payments to the school using Qkr! are available on our website. The app is available to download free via the App Store or Google Play.

Qkr! is the preferred method of payment, but payment can also be made by EFTPOS and Direct Deposit by completing the Pre-printed envelope and placing it in the payment box in the school administration.

Direct Deposit details:

Name:	Maylands Peninsula Primary School
BSB:	066114
Account:	1011 0213

Please ensure you include your child's surname and brief description when making payment eg: J Brown - Zoo.

HANDWRITING

The style of handwriting your child will be learning at primary school is NSW Foundation Font. We would like you to familiarise yourself with this style of writing (as shown below) and try to use it when writing your child's name. **We ask that you only use a capital for the first letter of your child's name. eg Paul not PAUL**



SICK CHILDREN

EVEN IF YOUR CHILD REALLY WANTS TO COME TO KINDY PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE UNWELL AS COLDS, VIRUSES AND ILLNESSES SPREAD QUICKLY.

If your child becomes unwell while at Kindy, every effort will be made to contact you or the emergency contact that you have nominated for your child. **Please ensure all emergency details are updated, including mobile phone numbers.**

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Chicken Pox - Exclude child from school until all vesicles have crusted.

Conjunctivitis - Exclude from school until discharge has ceased.

Vomiting/Diarrhoea - Exclude until diarrhoea/vomiting has ceased for 24 hours.

Hand, Foot and Mouth - Exclude until scabs are dry/formed.

Impetigo (School Sores) - Admit to school only once antibiotic treatment has commenced. Any weeping sores must be covered at all times.

Measles (Measles virus) - Notifiable.

Incubation period 8 to 14 days (usually 10 days)

Infectious period from 4 days before to 4 days after the appearance of the rash – exclude from school – re-admit on medical certificate of recovery, or 4 days after appearance of rash.

Mumps - Notifiable. Exclude for at least 9 days after the onset of symptoms.

Pediculosis (Head and body lice) - Exclude until after treatment has commenced and live lice removed.

Ringworm - Exclude until person has received anti-fungal treatment for 24 hours.

Rubella (German measles) - Notifiable. Exclude from school for 4 days after the onset of rash. Please report incidents of Rubella to the office.

SUMMARY

Finally, our Kindy is designed to be a stress free environment. Children are encouraged to try new things, have fun, problem solve and be happy; after all, positive experiences create positive attitudes.

We look forward to getting to know you and your family. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school office on 9462 6700 or your child's class room direct:

Kindy A/B/E/F	9462 6710
Kindy C/D	9462 6709

Regards
Kindergarten Staff.

