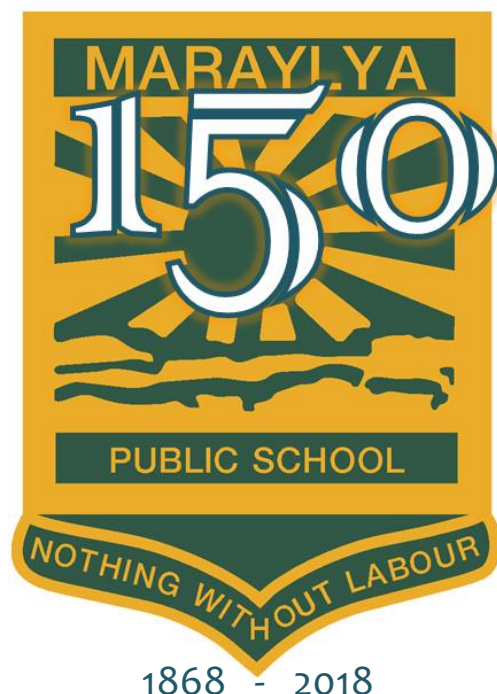


# The MARAYLYAN



Our 2018 Student Leaders – ready to lead and serve their school!



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2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2018 TERM 1 WEEK 1  
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## Principal's Message

By Stewart Gaffey

Welcome everyone to Maraylya Public School for 2018, our sesquicentennial year. We are very excited about the year ahead, not only for our 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations. The school, through our feedback from the external validation process coupled with our community feedback through annual surveys, have identified several strategic directions to be explored over the next three years as part of our next planning cycle.

The school has identified several key, evidence based initiatives that we believe will be truly transformative in the learning lives of our students. Therefore, the school is continuing our work around Visible Learning, based on the work of John Hattie. As a means of further equipping our students to be the independent, creative, collaborative and self reflective learners they need to be, we will be investigating and utilising the work by Dr Carol Dweck around Growth Mindsets. This approach is aimed at helping our students to realise that their skills and understandings are not predetermined – that they can be increased through adopting a growth mindset that is open to challenge, educational risk and persistence in learning.

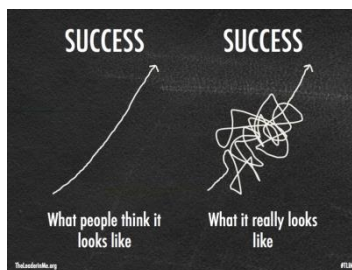
Further general information is available online. Overleaf are some ideas presented to students in various class groups this week.

### Coming Events...

School Development Day	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan
K Best Start + Yr1-6 Start	Tue 30 Jan
K Best Start cont'	Wed
Kindy start	Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb
2-6 Swimming Carnival (Emerton)	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Friday Assembly	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Small Schools Swimming	Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb (TBC – awaiting organising school's decision)
P&C Meeting 7pm Library	Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Leadership Camp	Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Ty Fitness begins	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Meet the Teacher + Welcome BBQ	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
School Photos (Change of Date)	<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>
Easter Parade/ Eggroll/ Eggsibition	Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Good Friday Holiday	Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Easter Monday	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr
Parent Teacher Interviews	Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr
ANZAC Service + Last Day of Term 1	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr
Presentation Night	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec(TBC)
Year 6 Farewell	Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec(TBC)

## Growth Mindsets

This is a small sample of the sort of work many students will begin this week. We know it's not as easy as putting up a poster on a wall but how some teachers are starting conversations around the benefits of this approach.



## Classes for 2018

We have again formed five classes as planned. At the moment we have 107 students with 6 new students joining us In addition to our 16 new Kindergarten students.

Classes are as follows

Kindergarten – Mrs Mackenzie

1/2 – Mrs Mahoney

2/3 – Mrs Carney

4 - Mrs McLeod and Mrs Pearson

5/6 – Mr Gaffey and Mrs Bennett

Library/ RFF – Mrs Sadler

We look forward to outlining the year ahead for our families at Meet the Teacher Night on 16<sup>th</sup> February from 5.30pm.

## Thank you for your feedback

Thanks to all who contributed your observations of our **strengths, weaknesses, opportunities** for improvement **and threats** to our success through the SWOT analysis. This is in addition to the TTFM survey already collected last year from students, This information has already been used to help formulate our school plan for 2018 – 2020. We will communicate our strategic directions in the next month or so.

Maraylya Public School is a great little school but we want to be more than that. At MPS, we truly want and aim to be the best school for your child's education in preparation for life beyond these gates in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

## Student Leave

Each year we remind our families of the processes around student leave. This leave may involve a late arrival due to unforeseeable circumstances or an early departure from school for an unavoidable reason or even a full day away from school due to illness or specialist medical appointments.

The school will be more closely monitoring the late arrivals, early departures and full day absences of all students in 2018 due to periodic increases in partial and full absenteeism.

As stated many times before, it is the school's and Department of Education's expectation that students will be present at school every school day. When this is not possible due to illness or some other worthy reason, notification explaining the absence must be supplied to school. Emails to the principal for day to day absences are no longer accepted due to the difficulty in monitoring this within an already heavily loaded inbox. Please phone the school after 8.15am or send a note to school on the child's return to school. If a child is arriving late or departing early for an appointment, we request that documentation regarding the nature of the appointment be supplied.

Remember, 95% attendance sounds respectable however it equates to 10 days off school or two full school weeks.

**If a student is late for school they must be accompanied to the office by the adult bringing them to school. Parents are required to provide a valid reason for their child's late arrival in the interests of the child's wellbeing.**

## Mrs Mackey

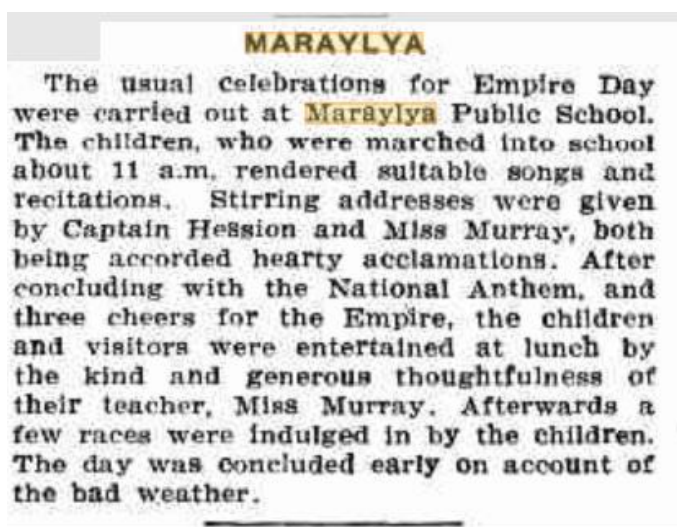
Mrs Mackey will be taking extended leave this term and possibly next as she receives specialist medical treatment through her oncologist. The school has been in contact with her over the break with words and offers of support for now and the road ahead. She wants our families to know that while she has a fight on her hands, she will be back as soon as possible at her favourite school, Maraylya. I know she has the support of the entire community in her recovery and we look forward to when she rejoins us a bit later in the year.

At this time, we trust that you will treat this information, in regards to your children, with the utmost sensitivity.

We wish to thank Mrs Mahoney for temporarily replacing Mrs Mackey at this time and welcome her back to Maraylya PS. She has made a great start with 1/2 already.

## Did you read the Gazette last century?

(In each newsletter, throughout our sesquicentennial year, we will aim to include a newspaper clipping from the Hawkesbury Gazette about the Maraylya of last century – enjoy!)



## MPS Equestrian News



Any families wishing their child to take part in representative equestrian events in 2018 should have their names recorded at the front office with Mrs Carrington or Mrs May. Risk must be then assessed appropriately and permission granted through the school. Representation in these events, like any other sporting representation, must be at the discretion of the school.

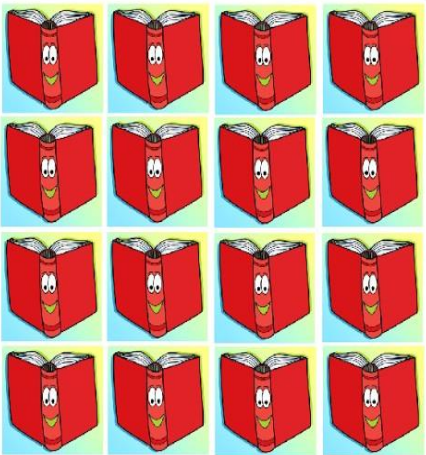
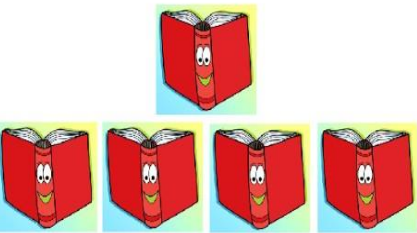

**Absence exemptions from school can only be considered if performing at an elite/national level.**





## RED Reading Folders

# Why read 20 minutes at home?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

## Want to be a better reader? Simply read.

### Email Newsletter and Note Lists

Today the newsletter is being sent home in paper form to ensure that all families receive the start of year information needed. **Our next newsletter in a fortnight's time will be sent home electronically and placed on the website as usual.**

Please ensure that you supply your preferred email address to the school so that we may add you to our list of contacts. This will also be used to send notes to each family for you to read or discard according to your need. The existing list should remain, however, if details have changed please notify us of the new address. Thanking you in advance.



**Wellbeing and PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)** our students have continued to maintain a positive atmosphere in the playground. Staff are continuing to follow-up on the lessons previously taught in 2017, asking students to think about what safety, respect and responsibility looks like in particular areas.

### Current PBL focus – ‘Bathrooms’

Students are taught / reminded of the rules around visiting the student bathrooms. The bathrooms are well maintained by our cleaning staff and the students work to ensure they are using these facilities appropriately. It is certainly not an area for playing

We recognise that there will always be small issues amongst students. Please encourage your child to talk to their teacher or principal if they have any concerns in regards to social interactions in the school.

If this is not appropriate, please make contact with the school as soon as possible so smaller issues can be attended to before becoming bigger.

Staff take great time and care in working to ensure that students feel happy and secure at school.

	Merit Awards		Maraylyan of the Moment
K	These will		
1	be presented		
2/3	at our first assembly		
3/4	in week 2		
5/6	and reported in Week 3 newsletter 😊		

**Happy Birthday to the following students for the month of **January/February****

### January

Caleb.S

Anjelica.B

Raymond.B

Gemma.C

Keira.L

Angus.F

Anastasia.S

Paxton.M

Hunter.B

Lily.D

Jaxon.L

### February

Hugo.H

Jonah.B

Charlotte.W

Lily.C

Riley.M

Harry.Mc

Amarah.S

Elena.L

Ruby.H



## Are you Konnected yet?

To join our information feeds ...

Families connect themselves –

1. download the app, register and then login.
2. Then search for 'Maraylya Public School' within the app and request to be added to the 'Feeds' that are relevant to your child.

We have **92** current members receiving this service. Every family should be **Konnected**. In the event of an emergency, we will use this service to inform families of any urgent information if necessary.

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## Planning a Holiday?

Booking.com is helping us raise funds! How?

1. Book your accommodations via [www.booking.com/maraylyaps](http://www.booking.com/maraylyaps)
2. Check in.

B.

1. Booking.com donates part of the booking value to benefit our community.

Remember to share with friends and family to get as many people involved as possible! A little bit on Booking.com

They are the leading accommodation website worldwide, offering over 1 million hotels, apartments, holiday rentals and many other accommodation types, with more than 100 million guest reviews to help you find the very best place to stay. We wish you Happy Travels and thank you for your support!

# P&C News

**President** – Angela Latter

**Vice Presidents** – Jess Suazo & Tamara Evans

**Treasurer** – Joanne Stocker

**Secretary** – Melissa Beer

**Uniform Manager** – Wendy Phillips

**Fundraising** – Belinda Astill

**Canteen** – ?



[maraylyapspnc@gmail.com](mailto:maraylyapspnc@gmail.com)

## Canteen News...

Our canteen remains closed until such time as a volunteer is able to assist in its running.

Tendering had been discussed and while this is still an option, some of these businesses who provide this service have reduced their operations during 2017/18.

While the school has discussed ways of providing a limited service for ice blocks and drinks, we will talk further with the P&C about a way forward during Term 1.

Thank you for your understanding in this.

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## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will continue to  
open Mondays 2:15 – 3.00 pm

Please continue to drop any orders and correct money at  
the office. These orders will then be filled and sent

Next Meeting – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb @7pm in the Library.

## **P & C News – DECEMBER**

### **Comedy Night**

A Comedy Night is being organised for a Friday evening, in the first term, 2018. This event will be strictly an adults only event. Details regarding this event will be provided once the date and program for the evening is completed but there will be lots of activities planned and prizes to be won.

The P and C would like to thank all of the families and friends for their support throughout 2017 and would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a happy festive season and a safe holidays.

### **Maraylya Public School – Sesquicentenary**

November 2018 marks 150 years of Maraylya Public School. An event will be held to commemorate this event. If you have any ideas no matter how big or small please contact one of the P and C members, the school office or you can email suggestions to [maraylya.ps.events@gmail.com](mailto:maraylya.ps.events@gmail.com)

### **AGM**

Notice is hereby given to the Parents and Friends of Maraylya Public School that the Annual General Meeting of the Maraylya Public School Parents and Citizens will be held on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018 at 7pm in the school library to conduct the following business.

## **2018 Annual General Meeting Agenda**

1. **Welcome address by the President**
2. **Confirm and Accept Previous AGM Minutes – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017**
3. **President's Report**
4. **Treasurer's Report - Including Audited Financial Statement for the 2017 Fiscal Year**
5. **Uniform Report**
6. **Canteen Report**
7. **Principal's Report**



## **8. Nominations for Roles:**

- a. President
- b. Vice President 1
- c. Vice President 2
- d. Treasurer
- e. Secretary
- f. Canteen Manager
- g. Disco Organiser
- h. Fundraising
- i. Uniform Coordinator
- j. Grants

It is a condition of acceptance and vacation by the predecessor of the position that any general email addresses must have a process in place for the password to be reset prior to an incoming executive and a formal handover must take place.

All are welcome to attend and participate after membership registration, in accordance with the Maraylya P and C Constitution being a gold coin donation.

Thank you very much.

Regards

Melissa Beer  
MPS P&C Secretary

**email suggestions to [maraylya.ps.events@gmail.com](mailto:maraylya.ps.events@gmail.com)**

**Thanks and have a nice day.**