From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Maida Vale families,

Why are school terms now travelling by as fast as school holidays? Another mystery of the modern world!

Thank you to the whole school community for making this one of the most enjoyable and successful terms in the four years that I have been at Maida Vale Primary School.

The turnout of parents at the Open Night gives a clear picture of the value education has within our community and it is great to see how events such as this are focussed on the children themselves, which after all is why we are all here.

Special thank you to the wonderful staff I have the pleasure of working with. The level of professionalism and dedication to your children is at the top of all the schools with which I have been associated. If you only have your children go through Maida Vale Primary School for all their primary years you won’t fully appreciate this as you have nothing to compare to. However, those families who have had to leave for one reason or another have all commented on how they miss what we have here. This message was reinforced to me again last Thursday when I collected dinner for the teachers after the Open Night.

2016 Class Allocation

We are now in a position to receive any parent ‘requests’ for class placements next year. Please be aware that all requests are considered by the Principal and he alone determines if the request has any validity. This is a highly confidential process from a school’s point of view.
If you have placement requests please be aware that they are considered on what is in the child’s best educational needs. Requests must be written and addressed PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL to the Principal. They must reflect the educational benefit to the child to be considered rather than what is in the parents’ best interest. E.g. Carpooling arrangements would be reviewed and considered, however, if placing two children together would result in detrimental class behaviour the request wouldn’t be accepted. If it is a difficult request you are always welcome to make an appointment to meet with the Principal to discuss.

New Footpath
Another example of the ‘community speaking out’ is the construction of a crosswalk and footpath for families to get across the driveway and into the western carpark safely. This has been placed for you and your children’s safety so please use it rather than walking through the driveways and gardens.

Heading into 2016
Next term parents will receive notification of a number of changes that will be occurring across the school in 2016. We will be implementing some of these changes in a minor way next term, giving children some time to adjust, but to make successful changes parents need time to embrace and support the ideas.

An example has been the introduction of the morning fitness this term. This daily activity assists us meet our obligations to get children physically active and next term all children who are here between 8:30 and 8:40 will be required to participate unless a note is provided indicating a physical inability.

TERM 4 VITAL DATES – please note them down.
- 12 October – Children start Term 4
- 26 October – Junior Swimming Starts
- 30 October- Interschool athletics
- 12 November- Councillor Excursion to Parliament House
- 17 December- Presentation Assembly K-6
- 17 December- Last Day of School

Big thank you to the P&C for their efforts in fundraising and allocating money to the school’ programs which directly benefits the children. The canteen is in full swing on a Wednesday and with the high level of parental volunteers it is looking promising for the future. Best of all the food is freshly made and contains only the freshest and healthiest ingredients.

Above all, thank you to the children of Maida Vale Primary. They get pushed hard when they are in class to work to their capacity and more often than not they meet these expectations, which is why they are always so exhausted at the end of term.

Enjoy the holiday with your children and I look forward to seeing you all back in a fortnight.

Darren Greaves
Principal
Maida Vale Primary School
An Independent Public School
http://maidavales.wa.edu.au/

A motivated learning community that takes pride in its resilience and achievement of personal excellence

Please report any suspicious activities in school premises—School Watch 9264 4771
What is bullying?

Bullying is when one or more of the following things happen repeatedly to someone who finds it hard to stop it from happening.

**Bullying** is when a person or a group of people offline or online (mobile phone or Internet):

- Make fun of / tease someone in a mean and hurtful way
- Tell lies or spread nasty rumours about someone to try to make others not like him/her
- Leave someone out on purpose or not allow him/her to join in
- Hit, kick or push someone around
- Deliberately damage, destroy or steal someone's things
- Threaten or make someone feel afraid of getting hurt

It is NOT bullying when:

- Teasing is done in a friendly, playful way.
- Two people who are as strong as each other argue or fight.

What is cyberbullying?

**Cyberbullying** is bullying using a mobile phone and/or the Internet, for example, when a person:

- Sends nasty or threatening emails or messages on the Internet or via mobile phone
- Sends mean or nasty comments or pictures about others to websites e.g. MySpace; Facebook; MSN or to other students' mobile phones
- Deliberately ignores or leaves out others over the Internet
- Pretends to be someone else online to hurt them or make them look foolish

Cyberbullying can happen through text messages/pictures/video-clips-emails etc being sent to you, but also when these things are sent to others about you.
Maritime Day, Victoria Quay
Saturday 31 October, 10am-4pm

Learn about great maritime career opportunities at the annual free Maritime Day celebrations on Fremantle Ports’ Victoria Quay

20,000 people visited Maritime Day last year to learn about the exciting and varied careers in this growing and vibrant industry.

Maritime Day expo celebrates the maritime industry in the working Port of Fremantle, and provides information about maritime jobs and education.

Take the chance to talk to a wide variety of people in the industry.

There will be up to 40 information booths in B Shed, Royal Australian Navy displays, tugs for visitors to explore, free harbour rides, free entertainment and great food.

For more information, contact Jane Edwards on 9430 3373, or email: Jane.Edwards@fremantleports.com.au

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Does your child excel in the Visual Arts? Would you like to give them the opportunity to shine? Enrol in a special Art Workshop run by one of the Gifted and Talented Education tutors at Kalamunda SHS. They will have the opportunity to learn a variety of arts skills that will prepare them for further studies in the Visual Arts.

**WHO:** Any student enrolled in Year 5, Term 4, 2015

**WHEN:** Monday afternoons between 3.30 and 5pm from the 26 October until the 23 November, 2015

**WHERE:** Kalamunda Senior High School Visual Art Department

**COST:** $50 for the 5 sessions

Please contact Zoe Wittber via email to enrol your son/daughter:

zoe.wittber@education.wa.edu.au

9293 6441

THERE ARE LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE SO ENROL NOW!
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Honour Certificates at the school assembly on Friday 25th September 2015

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Aussie of the month
September 2015

Sylvia V
Room 15

Well done

Value Bear Award

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ART WORK

We have a display of artwork in Admin …… Please come and have a look

“Turbaned Lady”
Kayla T
Kyal
Joss
Ella
Charlotte
Jack
Phoebe
Liam

“Dancing Lady”
Jake
May-Lee
Elizabeth
Sophie
Paige
Dontrey
Willow

P&C

SCHOOL SHIRTS – get your order in now for 2016

Should anyone require school shirts for the start of the new year please can you get your orders in as soon as possible as we will need to place an order in term 4 to have them ready for collection before the start of term 1, 2016.

My apologies there was a misunderstanding on the opening times of the uniform shop for Term 4, 2015

They have been confirmed and are as follows:

UNIFORM OPENING HOURS – TERM 4 2015

Every Tuesday afternoon between 2.30-3.15pm
Every second Wednesday afternoon between 2.30-3.15pm starting week 2 - 21st October, 2015

INTERM SWIMMING TERM 4 2015 - Rooms 1 to 6 and Pre-Primary

Starting week 3 of Term 4 2015 – 26th October to Friday 6th November 2015

Cost is $44 which includes pool entry and bus fare.

Forms should come home with the children today or tomorrow.