MISSION STATEMENT
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Newsletter #16
Dates for your Term Planner

23rd October, 2015

From the Principal’s Desk
Dear Maida Vale families,

2016 Update
Planning for next year has been completed and now we are finalising a number of minor organisation matters before we put it to bed and wait for 2016 to start.

Two important elements are;

1. the identification and selection of a specialist Visual Arts teacher and a specialist Drama teacher. The selection and appointment is a school based decision and is a result of the school becoming and Independent Public School. Mr Stein, our Physical Education teacher, was our first selected teacher through this process and as has been reported to me throughout the year by a number of parents, staff and teachers, he has built upon the good work by past PE teachers and made his own indelible stamp on the school's PE program this year.

2. the 'construction' of class lists over the next three weeks, so we can place them on display before the end of the year, as is the practice at Maida Vale Primary. A reminder that if you have class requests they need to be in writing and addressed to the Principal within the next fortnight to be considered.

Professional Image
How we look to the school and wider community is very important to the staff, School Board and School Community. The gardener has reclaimed the grounds following the completion of the building program, the cleaners do an outstanding job in providing a safe and clean environment and the staff ensure rooms are welcoming and inviting.

This term the Administration staff have commenced wearing a uniform, towards the end of each week. Feedback and comments by parents has been very positive and a number of staff have also decided they will choose to wear it as we strive to not only deliver educational programs to the best of our ability but to reflect the expectations of a professional organisation visually too.
Increased Security

Over the next week we will complete the installation of security cameras throughout the school. A digital recorder will be set up in the communication room and this information will be provided to authorities should further vandalism occur at the school.

Awesome Arts Festival

The first Tuesday this term (13 October) 45 students from across the school (Year 1 - 6) were selected to attend the ’Awesome Arts Festival in the Cultural Centre Northbridge. Children were recognised through the Visual Arts program for their attitude, application or demonstrated artistic ability.

The AWESOME International Arts Festival for Bright Young Things is a showcase of the best and latest contemporary arts from around the world and is presented every October in Perth. The AWESOME Festival presents amazing, high quality arts activities and events for young people. The program is multi-faceted including new media, film, animation, contemporary dance, sculpture, installation and theatre.

Students this year either participated in or saw;

- The Lynley Dodd Story - The Lynley Dodd Story is an exhibition of artworks and artifacts from the acclaimed and world-renowned author and illustrator of the Hairy Maclary and Friends™ book series.
- The Cubby House Project - The Cubby House Project is a collaboration between children involved in DADAA’s Be Active Artlink Program and designers Duncan McGrath and Lachlan Brett (Dunc & Wagnell). The children have worked alongside the designers as well as DADAA’s arts workers and support workers to make their own architectural models, inspired by the theme of Alice in Wonderland. The final cubby house is a life size amalgamation of the models created in the school holiday workshop. The Cubby House Project showcases the creativity of the Artlink participants through a fun, inclusive and creative space designed by children for children!
- Future Me - From the extraordinary to the everyday, we all have a dream of who and what we might be doing in the future – a doctor, an astronaut, a rock star or the inventor of the robot teacher! Using Lego as a fun and creative medium, work alongside artist Lewis Horne to create your unique vision for the future of people, places and ideas. Remember, in the future anything is possible..
- Tiny Tales - In the Seagull Tent students were amazed by tales from across the world in a collection of award winning films from the Chicago International Children’s Film Festival. Films full of wonder and adventure created by these filmmakers from places as far-reaching as Japan, Brazil and Sweden.
- The Secret Life of Suitcases - Larry works in an office and he likes it very much. He likes sorting and tidying and generally putting things in order. Everything is in its place, a place for everything. Larry has no time for fun! Until one day, when a suitcase suddenly appears at his door. A suitcase with a tiny label. And this suitcase has a mission…
- And various creative activities

This event is something that we hope will become a regular element of our Visual Arts program and target different children each year.

Thanks to the P&C who contributed to the excursion and made it affordable for those invited. Thank you also to the parents who came along to assist with taking care of the students throughout the day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Interschool Athletics Carnival is on next Friday at Walliston Primary School
- Swimming starts soon so get your permissions slips in
- November 16 is a School Development Day so there is no school for students and teachers will be working off site.

HOME WANTED

There is a fantastic, well built ‘old’ desk in the library that is free to a good home. If you are interested drop into the library and check it out. If you would like it please speak to the front office liaison ladies.

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

Please report any suspicious activities in school premises — School Watch 9264 4771
Students Services

**You're never too small to be medicine wise**

Medicines given incorrectly by parents and carers is the most common reason for accidental poisonings in Australian children under 12 months.

Small mistakes can cause big problems in little bodies, so parents and carers need to know how to give medicines to children safely. Find out more about the things you need to know about medicines and children this Be Medicinewise Week.

**TOP TIPS FOR BEING MEDICINEWISE WITH CHILDREN**

**Read the label**

Children's medicines come in different forms and strengths for different ages. Make sure you know the strength of the medicine when measuring a child's dose, so you don't over or under dose them.

**Know the active ingredient**

The active ingredient is the chemical that makes the medicine work. Common active ingredients like paracetamol can be found in a range of medicines either on their own or in combination formula, so don't risk double-dosing.

**Dose according to age and weight**

Over-the-counter children's medicines often contain age and average weight dosage recommendations. Read these carefully. It's important to weigh children regularly to help interpret medicine dosage information. Do not give more than the recommended dose for the child's age. If your child is small or large for their age, ask for dosing guidance from your doctor or pharmacist.

**Measure accurately**

Accurate measurements for liquid medicines matter. Spoons are for the kitchen, not medicine. Use the dosing device provided in the package, such as a dropper, oral syringe or medicine cup, or ask your pharmacist for a recommendation.

**Write it down**

Keeping a record can help you to avoid exceeding the maximum daily dose and reduce the risk of double dosing, especially when there is more than one person caring for a child.

**Use technology**

Use the MedicineList+ app to keep records and set reminders about medicines. Parents, carers and child care providers can work together via the app. Parents and carers can email through their child's current medicines, allergies and emergency contact details to keep everyone up to date.

**Resources**

This Be Medicinewise Week, read the You're never too small to be medicine wise fact sheet to find out more information. It's also a great resource for child care providers to display.

You can also visit nps.org.au/be-medicinewise-week to see a whole list of our resources for each day of Be Medicinewise Week.

**More information**

If you have any questions about medicines and children, call the NPS Medicines Line (1300 633 424) from anywhere in Australia for the cost of a local phone call (calls from mobiles may cost more), Mon–Fri, 9am to 5pm AEDT.
SHARING A HILLS CHRISTMAS

We would love your support

List of Christmas requirements for Food Parcels

These foods can be provided at any time
Christmas puddings
Bon Bons
Christmas cakes
Tinned meat/hams/fish
Tinned vegetables (corns, peas etc)
Coffee/tea/teabags
Cool drinks
Cider (non-alcoholic)
Lollies
Potato chips/pretzel/nuts
Custard
Cream (long life)
Long life milk
Fruit mince pies - Tinned foods
Tinned fruits
Cordial
Shortbread/biscuits
Tinned biscuits
Ribbon
Money to purchase bulk items

Gifts are required for:
Adults (eg talcum powder, biscuits, chocolates, soaps, tea towels, notepaper etc)
Teenagers (eg toiletries, makeup, books, games, CD’s etc)
Children (eg Toys for various age groups, books, games etc)
(Please note that toys need to be new)

Gifts are always needed for adult males and teenage boys.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

To all Year 6 students, Medhat will be here on Tuesday 27th October 2015 to take your graduation photos.
All Year 6 students need to be in full school uniform and Faction Captains and Councillors need to have their faction shirts and badges.
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Honour Certificates at the school assembly on Friday 23rd October 2015

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Uniform Shop opening hours

Wk 3  Tuesday 27th Oct 2.30-3.15pm
Wk 4  Tuesday 3rd Nov 2.30-3.15pm
       Wednesday 4th Nov 2.30-3.15pm
Wk 5  Tuesday 10th Nov 2.30-3.15pm

INTERM SWIMMING TERM 4 2015 - Rooms 1 to 6 and Pre-Primary
9 day series
Monday 9th November - Friday 20th November
Swan Aquatic
Swimming forms and payment can be handed into admin.

FEE TREE

There is still time to fill our tree with leaves.

If you haven’t paid your school fees and would like to do so please see the ladies in admin.