From the Principal's Desk

Dear Maida Vale families,

Reports
Student reports will be sent home with your child on Monday 14 December. This leaves a four day window for parents to meet with teachers should an interview be requested through the report or parents wish to speak with the teachers. If you anticipate wishing to speak to a teacher I strongly suggest you make an appointment sooner rather than later once you receive the report. The following schedule indicates teacher availability:

- Senora Scasserra – Italian (Thursday)
- Mr Stein – Physical Education (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
- Mrs Arundel – Visual Arts, Science, History (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
- Mr Martin – Music, History, Technology (Wednesday & Thursday)

Dad’s & Children Event TONIGHT!!!
The first Dad’s & Children event is on tonight from 5 – 7. All dads are encouraged to come along with their children and join the other dads to play on the public space behind the school. There will be ample sports equipment provided. This is the first event of this kind and 2016 will see the dads build upon what has happened to date.

Thank You Morning Tea
Each year the school hosts a thank you morning tea in recognition of those parents and grandparents who have supported their child’s learning and the school across a wide range of ways. If you have helped in a class, attended an excursion, made costumes or something similar you are invited to a special morning tea held Thursday 10 December at 11am. We always miss people when sending out individual invites so this year we have flooded social media, placed posters around the school, in newsletters and invites from teachers, so hopefully you will remember your contribution and come along. Please RSVP so we cater appropriately.

Christmas Season is Pixie Post Season
From next week we will place the Pixie Post Mailbox out for students to place their Christmas cards in for delivery to others around the school. Please ensure they place the intended recipients name and class number on the envelope to ensure delivery.
Additional sunburn cream has been placed in classes to provide an opportunity for your children to reapply the sunburn cream parents apply before they come to school. This shared approach will ensure they are protected throughout the day.

Darren Greaves
Principal
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**Student Services**

**Aim**: To provide families with information about bystander roles and responsibilities

**Talk with your children about bystanders**

Bullying involves more than the students who are bullied and those who bully others. Bullying often continues because people who are involved do not talk about it and seek help. This includes people who observe bullying – the bystanders. A bystander is someone who sees the bullying or knows that it is happening to someone else.

**Bullying Situation Chart**

- **Contributors**
- **Witness**
- **Supporter**
- **Ringleader**
- **Person Being Bullied**

Bystanders might be afraid that they will be bullied next, and this may influence their decision about what they will do if they see bullying happening. There are different types of bystanders and in this model, they are described as:

**Contributors** – This group offer support to the person bullying, either by helping the person to bully the other person or by encouraging the person bullying. This group might gather to watch the incident (sometimes from concern for the person being bullied, sometimes to see what will happen, and sometimes for enjoyment).

**Supporters** – This group dislikes the bullying, is concerned for the person being bullied and actively tries to help the person being bullied.

**What can bystanders do?**

If students see another student being bullied they should:

- Ask a teacher or support person for help
- Let the person doing the bullying know that what they are doing is bullying
- Refuse to join in with the bullying and walk away
- Support the student who is being bullied
- Support their friends and protect them from bullying (children who are alone are more likely to be the target of bullying, so encourage your children to be aware of children who are left out or on their own in the schoolyard).
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.

Thank you to those that have supported, however a few more items would be lovely.
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Honour Certificates at the school assembly on Friday 4th December 2015

Pre-Primary 1  Brooklyn C
Pre-Primary 2  Alicia S
Room 1  Isabella M
Room 2  Serena J
Room 3  Quienten D
Room 4  Neelam G
Room 5  Riley C
Room 6  Kassie G
Room 12  Alicia W
Room 13  Ayden G
Room 14  Liam D
Room 15  Jack J
LOTE  Jack J

Aussie of the month
December 2015

Room  Brodie L
Room 15

Value Bear Award

PP1  Chloe P
PP2  Max P
Room 1  Bailey W
Room 2  Sophie E
Room 3  Reese M
Room 4  Jake M
Room 5  Xavia A
Room 6  Matthew Z

Please report any suspicious activities in school premises — School Watch 9264 4771
Dear Pre-Primary Parents

We will be holding a short parent information session on Wednesday 9th December from 9.00-9.20am, in the meeting room. This will cover the pertinent information regarding expectations and routines for Year 1 students next year.

Regards
Miss Roussos and Miss Hull
Year 1 Teachers
P&C

Uniform Shop opening hours

Wk 9      Tuesday 8th December 2.30-3.15pm
Wk 10     Tuesday 15th December 2.30-3.15pm
          Wednesday 16th December 2.30-3.15pm

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On book collection day the uniform shop will be open — 28th January 2016

Wk 1      Wednesday 3rd February 2.30-3.15pm

Winter Jackets

There seems to be some confusion and panic over the supply of winter jackets. These will be available through the uniform shop before winter arrives. There is NO need to rush and buy one now.

Book pick up and Uniform Shop

28th January 2016
2.00-3.30pm

At Maida Vale Primary School
IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

Term Dates 2016

Term 1 - Monday 1st February - Friday 8th April
Term 2 - Wednesday 27th April - Friday 1st July
Term 3 - Wednesday 20th July - Friday 23rd September
Term 4 - Tuesday 11th October - Thursday 15th December

School Development Days for 2016 are:

Tuesday 26th April
Monday 18th July
Tuesday 19th July
Monday 10th October

Public Holidays 2016

New Year’s Day - Friday 1st January
Australia Day - Tuesday 26th January
Labour Day - Monday 7th March
Good Friday - Friday 25th March
Easter Monday - Monday 28th March
*Please note the school will also be closed on Easter Tuesday 29th March
ANZAC Day - Monday 25th April
Western Australia Day - Monday 6th June
Queen’s Birthday - Monday 26th September
Christmas Day - Sunday 25th December / Monday 26th December
Boxing Day - Monday 26th December / Tuesday 27th December

LIBRARY NEWS

All library books are now due back.

Please remind your children to return these before the end of next week and then remember to repack your library bag ready for next year.
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