

# MAS newsletter

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# Settling in

Grant Keleher, Principal



**W**elcome to Week 3 and what a start it has been. I have quickly had to find my feet and am thankful for the amazing staff, student and community support. The students have settled well and walking into classrooms I see some wonderful learning going on. Students and staff are trying their best to display our school values and show pride in our school. Last week we had our acquaintance night at the school and it was great to see just how many parents support the school in their child's education.

## PROGRAM & ASSESSMENT PLANS

As part of our plan to raise standards at our school and share education outcomes across our community, you should start to see programs and assessment plans that outline your child's learning and assessment for the semester. Staff have been busy analysing student data to help create learning plans unique to our cohort. If you don't receive programs/assessment plans before the end

of Week 6 can you please contact your child's teacher. If you are not satisfied with the response please feel free to contact our Head of Primary, Tim Tuck or Head of Secondary Leigh Rothe to have the matter resolved.

## PARTNERSHIPS

One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents. There is no question about it - success at school begins at home. Parents are the single most important variable in a child's schooling. Parents model both a silent and spoken language in front of their children daily. Therefore it is important that both the school and parents work together to support their children.

## LEADERS INDUCTION

This Thursday is our Leaders induction day where we induct our Prefects, SRC, Bus monitors, House Captains and SAATA to our school leadership and governance for 2016.

### ON THE FRONT COVER

The 5/6 class enjoying their early morning swimming lessons.



# what's on when

## Week 4

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### TUESDAY, FEB 23

- The 2016 MAS Splash Carnival starts today at 12.30 with Mr Keleher performing the official opening. Come along and cheer for your favourite Eagle or Shark!

## Week 5

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### MONDAY, FEB 29

- Dinosaur Science visits MAS with an afternoon performance in the PAC.

### TUESDAY, MAR 1

- It's School Photos day! Come to school with full uniform and a comb in your pocket for the best individual and class photo.

### WEDNESDAY, MAR 2

- The Governing Council AGM is tonight. Come along and have a say in how our school is run!

### FRIDAY, MAR 4

- Today is 'Clean Up School' day around Australia and we'll be doing our bit to make MAS - and Australia - cleaner.
- It's also 5/6DK's Assembly in the PAC today. Everyone welcome at 2.20 to join in the singing, awards, news and class presentations.

Please feel free to come and support our students. This is a very important day in our school community and one our students are very proud to be a part of. It is a time where our students can help shape policies as well as act as role models and advocates for their peers. Maitland Area School has a rich culture of leadership and many of our parents and alumni who were school leaders have gone on to be successful leaders within our school community.

### SCHOOL YARD BEHAVIOUR

One negative has been some of the behaviours in the school yard. Last week I had to suspend students for fighting. In our school we have a zero tolerance to any violence. Every student has the right to feel safe at school and those that don't wish to follow our rules and high expectations of behaviour will not be welcome. I ask that parents talk to their children at home about positive behaviour and encourage students to report anything out of the ordinary to a teacher.

### SPLASH CARNIVAL

Next week is our Splash Carnival and it would be great to see as many parents as we can out supporting our students. There are so many positive things that happen at Maitland Area School and it is good when we can showcase our talents and amazing programs to the rest of the community.

Our students are training hard and house pride is high on the agenda. Will it be the Eagles that win, or will the Sharks showcase their talent in the water and swim away with a victory?

Until next time. Enjoy your child's learning and if you have any queries please feel free to contact me at the school.

Carpe Diem

Grant Keleher.

# Whoosh!

Tim Tuck | Primary Coordinator



**P**hew, the first two weeks certainly whooshed by quickly! We've had our first assembly, first birthday-students for the year, first Reader-of-the-Week, first Year 5 Band lesson, almost finished our first swimming lessons and the Splash Carnival, Dinosaur Science Visit and Sports Day are just around the corner.

Of course, underpinning all the excitement of that is first term is the serious (though often fun!) school business of learning. Just like parents do, we want our students to become the very best they can. So it was wonderful to hear the many positive conversations on Meet the Teacher night around how home and school can work together to achieve just that.

## **SWIMMING LESSONS**

A big thank you to our instructors Gabrielle Herd and Brittany Honner for your continued involvement in our school swimming program. The students have had lots to say about their lessons (see page 7) and your encouragement to students to persist in developing their swimming skills is much appreciated.

## **SPLASH CARNIVAL**

Point Pearce Aboriginal School students will join us next Tuesday for our 2016 Splash Carnival. The carnival starts at 12.30. Unfortunately the weather is promising to

be very hot next week. If we are forced to cancel the carnival we will let families know on Monday.

## **UNIFORM**

It's been very pleasing to see the majority of student 'dressed for success' in their school uniforms. A number of hats though are beginning to look a little worse for wear. New hats in a variety of sizes are available in the bookroom for \$7.00 each.

## **MEET THE TEACHER**

There was a terrific turnout for the 'Meet the Teacher' evening last week. Some parents were on a tight schedule, managing to fit in three classroom visits, ensuring they were present for all their children's teachers.

Pamphlets were available on the night detailing class expectations, routines and learning programs. Copies were sent home to families unable to attend. Please let the school know if you missed out on a copy.



# MEET THE TEACHER EVENING



**Emma Atkins - 2A**



**Andrew Mills - 3M**



**Martin Salmon & Star Derrington - 4/5SD**



**Betina Davies & Chelsea Koch - 5/6DK**



# Term 1 Swimming 2016

First term swimming got off to a cold start this week with temperatures in the mid-twenties. It was even cooler in the pool but lots of activities, exercises and movement

from our instructors Gabrielle Herd and Brittany Honner soon had students forgetting the chill.

It all warmed up as the week progressed with students focusing on safety around the pool, safety jumps into the pool and learning, relearning and perfecting new swimming styles (the freestyle was very popular!)

**CURRICULUM**FOCUS





What we learned in swimming this week...

**HUGH:**  
I liked learning the freestyle stroke in swimming this week.

**RUBY:**  
I've learned four safety jumps this week; I like the pin drop.

**EMMA:**  
I liked freestyle as well - it's easier than backstroke!

**LILY:**  
We've done lots of jumps into the deep end!



**MORGAN:**  
I learned to keep my arms straight for the freestyle.

**SOPHIE:**  
We've been learning breaststroke. You can keep afloat for a long time!



# Pancake Day 2016

Thank you to the wonderful Lions crew who cooked our pancakes this year. Their secret recipe and preparation (it's all in the way you shake the container apparently!) made for some very satisfied students. Thank you (as always) to Kelly Whittaker for organising our traditional cookup.





# WEEK 1 PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

## MERIT CARDS



# Mr Tuck



## WEEK 1 MERIT CARDS



NEW RECEPTIONS

Mr Tuck took the week 1 assembly. We saw how erasers are made and met 'Rubby' this year's birthday card mascot.

There were lots of birthday cards to hand out and each birthday-person received a set of erasers with their card.

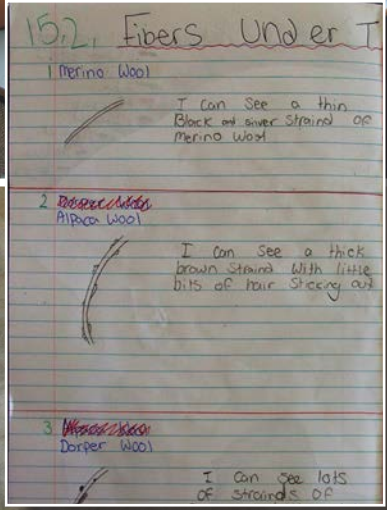
Mrs Hector presented a special 'Reader of the Week' award to Tahlia and the first house points of the year were announced.

Then the year 4/5 class entertained us with special Ninja mimes of our school values. Most were pretty easy to guess!

# CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA – SCHOOLS DAY

**Beth Hector (Deputy Principal)**

Our school has registered to be part of the Clean-up Australia day - Schools campaign. This will be held on Friday March 3rd and we invite family and friends to join with us as we continue to make our site a great place to be. We will be working at various points around the school, commencing at noon until 12:45pm. Should you wish to join with us we ask that you arrive via the Reception area to sign in and that you bring along some garden gloves if possible.







THE MAITLAND AREA SCHOOL

# Parents and Friends **AGM**

1pm Monday February 22  
In the CYP Library

The AGM will be followed by  
a meeting of the new committee  
All welcome

**Apologies to Fiona Hollams (Secretary) 0418 211 445**

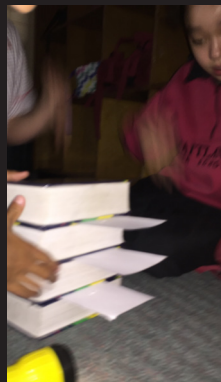
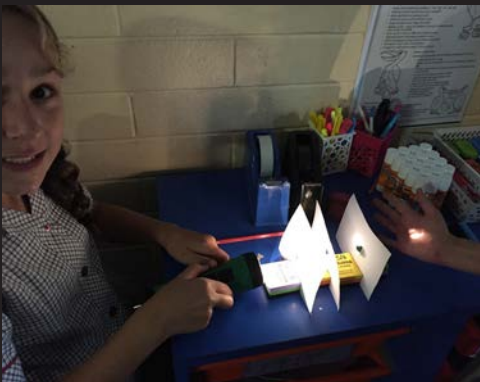




The Year 5/6 class are investigating light in their first Science unit for the year. The topic is part of the Physical Sciences strand of the Year 5 'Science Understandings' and by its completion students will be able to explain and demonstrate how 'Light from a source forms shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted.' They'll also be posing questions, choosing variables to change and measure in experiments and compare data with predictions.

The 'Engage and Explore' phase of our unit centred on the question 'how can you demonstrate that light moves in a straight line?' The students discovered a number of ways to set up their equipment and complete the task.

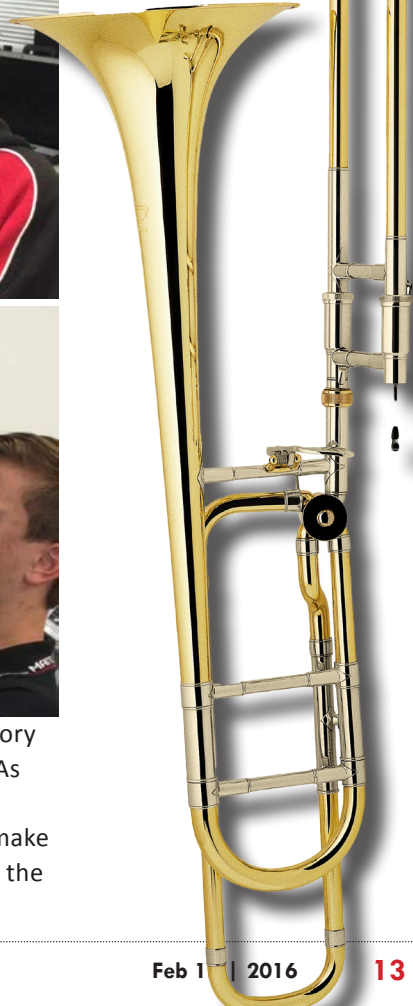
In further activities they'll investigate reflection and refraction of light and construct periscopes and microscopes.





# orchestral instruments

CURRICULUM FOCUS



7/8 Townsend are studying the music, instruments and history of the modern symphony orchestra in their music lessons. As part of the section on trumpets, trombones and tubas they used garden hose, plastic funnels and old mouthpieces to make their own 'brass' instruments. They were quite surprised at the variety of pitches and tones they could produce!

# Brody

Brody

Strong, lazy, fast and fit.

Son of Ben and Brooke, brother of Lily and Jackson.

Lover of trucks, AFL and cricket.

Who feels happy when on holiday, fun when playing on water slides and sad when I cry.

Who needs family, friends and energy to run.

Who gives smiles, love to Mum and Dad and respect to my brother.

Who fears baddies, snakes and going to jail.

Who would like to be an AFL player, play cricket for Australia and a famous tennis player.

Who comes from Adelaide, Australia and lives in Maitland, Australia

Davies

# BARNABY

Barnaby

Strong, fast, sporty, awesome.

Son of Belinda and Matthew, brother of Lucy, Oliver and George.

Lover of cricket, footy and chocolate cake.

Who feels happy when the Strikers win, angry when people hurt me and scared of nightmares.

Who needs sugar to stay awake, friends to play with and energy to play.

Who gives presents to friends, money to charities and money to people busking.

Who fears snakes, nightmares and being in the house on my own.

Who would like to play for the Strikers, the Strikers to win every game and to be a billionaire.

Who comes from Adelaide South Australia and lives in Maitland South Australia.

Where



# Emily

Emily

Fast, sporty, happy and fit.

Daughter of Janine and Paul, sister of Alice and Sophie

Lover of animals, basketball and chocolate.

Who feels happy with friends, love from mum and dad and safe at home and school.

Who needs friends to play with, blood to keep me alive and parents to look after me.

Who gives toys, happiness and pride.

Who fears snakes, darkness and slamming doors.

Who would like to have my own puppy, lots of toys and to be a singer.

Who comes from Adelaide, Australia and lives in Maitland, Australia.

Burrows



# Annabel

Annabel

Fit, happy, crazy and sporty.

Daughter of Simon and Michelle and sister of Harrison.

Lover of basketball, netball and animals.

Who feels happy when I see my friends, sad when my pets die and happy and excited most of the time.

Who needs mum, dad, pets and friends.

Who gives money to charity, cards to friends and my best effort all the time.

Who fears mean people, snakes and spiders.

Who would like lots of toys, respect from my brother and lots and lots of love.

Who comes from Burnside Hospital, Adelaide and lives near Matildon, South Australia

Geater-Johnson





# Sadie

Fit, fast, funny, cheeky.

Daughter of Brooke and Nick and sister of Rupert, Nellie and Jemima.

Lover of animals, chocolate and basketball.

Who feel happy, loving and safe.

Who needs a Mum and Dad, a bath and water.

Who gives happiness, kindness and pride.

Who fears mice, snakes and darkness.

Who would like sugar, friends and love from everybody.

Who comes from my Mums tummy and lives in Arthurton, Australia.

Polkinghorne



# SAM

Sam

Big, fast, sporty and funny.

Son of Sally and Andrew and brother of Will.

Lover of cricket, football and farming.

Who feels happy when it's my birthday, sad when teases me and angry when someone kicks me.

Who needs blood to live, air to breathe and water to drink.

Who gives respect to people, like including people and giving people my old clothes to poor people.

Who fears getting murdered, getting bitten by a shark and going to jail.

Who would like to play cricket, to play AFL and be a farmer.

Who comes from Adelaide South Australia and lives in Maitland South Australia

Davey



# MARLEY

Friendly, cheerful, funny, playful.

Daughter of Sam and Mandy, sister of Zoe.

Lover of netball, pets and hip hop.

Who feels happy when I see my friends, sad when I cry and happy when I smile.

Who needs family, friends and pets.

Who gives happiness, love and pride.

Who fears snakes, dark places and doors slamming.

Who would like lots of toys, sugar and plenty of friends.

Who comes from Maitland, South Australia and lives in Maitland, South Australia.

HOLMES

# School & Community News

## ID PHOTOS

Previously, orders have been placed throughout the year as students pay. In order to streamline this process all students in years 7 - 12 will be invoiced for \$5.00 enabling a bulk order to cover all secondary students. Parents of Primary students may purchase an ID card by payment being made at the bookroom prior to photo day. This card verifies that your child is a student at this school and therefore is able to receive concessions where applicable as well as verification of age.

## SENIOR COLTS TRAINING

Senior colts training and meet the coaches will be Monday the 22nd of February starting at 5:15pm at Maitland Oval for a run and an outline of the year ahead.

Junior colts training and meet the coach will be Thursday March the 3rd starting at 4:15pm at Maitland Oval. Parents of junior colts to attend first training to gain an outline of the season ahead.

All queries to Tim Schwartz 0428 363 242.

**advancedlife**  
school photography & print specialists



## Our school photos will be taken on the **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

*Envelope Orders:* photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

**The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.**

To place your order visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code- **79Q VX8 PXL**. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that-

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

**All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection**

# School Canteen News

## CY COUGARS NETBALL CLUB

Registration and Compulsory Training/  
Trials are on Sunday 21st February 2016 at  
Cougars Netball Courts Maitland

- Juniors 4-5.30pm Training for E,F & G grade (girls born 2001-2006)
- Registration only for H Grade (girls born 2007/2008)
- Seniors 6-7.30pm Training for all senior grades A,B,C and D

All intending players for 2016 season must attend. For further info/apologies/exceptions contact Janine Burrows 0439 897 087 or email [jmburrows@internode.on.net](mailto:jmburrows@internode.on.net)

## P & F AGM

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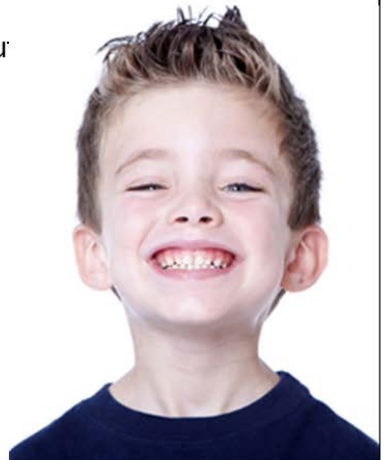
## Keep your kids smiling

SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?  
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is **FREE** for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.

Please call now for an appointment.  
Maitland School Dental Clinic  
Phone: 8832 2254





## year 5/6 "me" dolls



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↑ Year 5/6 'Me' dolls.

# big pictures big pictures

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↓ Kelly's SRC Pancake Day helpers





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↑ House Captain speeches in the PAC.

# big pictures big pictures

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↓ The YP Schools Concert Band holds its first rehearsal in the PAC.



# The Back Page

## CALENDAR DATES

### FEBRUARY

- 18 School Leaders Induction Ceremony
- 19 Year 3-6 SRC Assembly
- 23 Splash Carnival
- 29 Dinosaur Science

### MARCH

- 1 School Photos
- 2 Governing Council AGM
- 4 5/6DK Assembly  
Clean Up School Day
- 14 Adelaide Cup Holiday
- 17 Sports Day
- 18 4/5SD Assembly
- 21 Harmony Day
- 25 Good Friday
- 28 Easter Monday
- 30 Secondary Interschool
- 31 Primary Interschool [TBC]

### APRIL

- 1 3M Assembly
- 6-7 Parent-teacher interviews
- 8 Andrew Gravestocks farewell [4-6pm  
in PAC]
- 12 Mile End [TBC]
- 15 Whole School SRC Assembly  
2pm dismissal
- 25 ANZAC Day Dawn Service [Concert  
Band]

### MAY

- 9-10 11/12 Aquatics Camp at Port Vincent



## LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Monday	12.00 - 7.00
Tuesday	9.30 - 4.30
Wednesday	9.30 - 4.30
Thursday	12.00 - 7.00
Friday	10.00 - 4.30