

Maddington Mail: 28 February 2025 - Issue 1



Principal

Good Morning Parents and Carers

We are excited to introduce our refreshed school branding and redesigned newsletter format! Our new look reflects our school's values and vibrant community, while the updated newsletter ensures clearer communication and a more engaging reading experience for families.

The school is working in partnership with Lowes to refresh our school uniform. The updated, branded uniforms will be available from the beginning of 2026.

Parent Information Afternoon

Thank you to our classroom teachers for planning and facilitating these sessions and thank you to our families who could be in attendance. I hope you found the information useful and perhaps the session clarified some questions.

Easter Raffle


We truly appreciate everyone who has generously donated items for our Easter Raffle. Contributions are still being accepted at the front office.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase until Monday April 7 with the draw taking place on Thursday April 10.

A special thank you to Mrs. Sanderson for her efforts in organising this year's Easter Raffle.

Moring Tea with our school Psychologist

Join us for an insightful session with our school psychologist as we explore key developmental milestones in early childhood. This presentation will provide valuable insights into the physical, emotional, social, and cognitive growth that children typically experience, along with practical tips for parents to support their child's development at each stage.

 **When:** Wednesday 9 April & Thursday 10 April

 **Time:** 9:00 AM in Room 5

 **Morning tea provided**

We will also discuss how and where to access additional support for your child. Whether you're curious about the signs of typical development or looking for ways to foster your child's growth, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn and ask questions.

We hope to see you there!

NAPLAN

Information about the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) has been provided to Year 3 and 5 parents this week. NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards. NAPLAN tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. NAPLAN Testing window takes place from Wednesday 12 March to Friday 21 March. Please contact the school if you have any questions about NAPLAN testing.

Swimming Lessons

A notice has been sent home this week outlining the schedule and cost for our in-term swimming lessons during Week 10. In collaboration with the Department of Education, we have condensed the lessons into a single week to minimise costs and reduce the impact on parents.

Camp 2025

I am delighted to announce that Maddington Primary School has secured a booking at Woodman Point Recreational Camp for Week 2 of Term 4. This camp provides an excellent opportunity for our Year 5 and 6 students to engage in a meaningful and memorable

experience, fostering teamwork, independence, and social skills in a new and dynamic environment. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Sanderson for her dedication and hard work in organising this valuable experience and securing the booking. Further details will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

Book Fair

After a five-year hiatus, we are excited to host a Book Fair from Wednesday, March 26, to Friday, March 28. Further details will be shared in the coming weeks.

A heartfelt thank you to our librarian, Mrs. Wood, for organising this event.

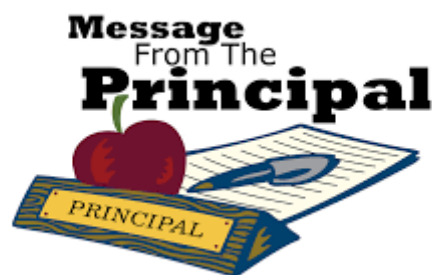
Harmony Day

We are excited to celebrate Harmony Day on Friday March 21, a special day to recognise and embrace the diversity in our school community. We encourage students to wear orange or traditional cultural attire and participate in activities promoting inclusivity and respect. Stay tuned for more details on how your child can be involved!

Thank you for your support in making our school a welcoming place for everyone.

Mr Leigh Summers

Principal



Remember Crunch and Sip, Recess & Lunch



Just a reminder that busy kids get very hungry!

Please remember to:

- Pack Crunch & Sip for your child everyday
- Pack a recess time snack
- Pack an ample lunch

If you would like to order Lunch, instruction on how to do this can be located outside the administration office.

Important Dates

IMPORTANT dates to remember

This coming Monday 3 March is a **Public Holiday**

Wednesday 5 March - Assembly hosted by Room 1

NAPLAN (Year 3 and Year 5 students only) - Commences Wednesday 12 March through to Monday 24 March

Friday 21 March - Harmony Day

Wednesday 26 March - Assembly hosted by Room 8

Monday April 7 through to Friday April 11 - Swimming Lessons

Friday 11 April - Last Day of Term 1

Honour Certificates

Congratulations to our Honour Certificate recipients from Wednesday 19 February

Pre Primary - Luthfan Bin Ngadiman, Sean Hernandez

Year 1 - Aiel Sillano, Harnoorpreet Rai, Zakaria Ahmed

Year 2 - Ella Endersby, Kyler Luong, Melody Poulus

Year 3 - James Cung Bik Thawng, Manaia Rentoule

Year 4 - Clyde Tolentino, Julian Abusman

Year 5 - Keeran Sathees, Mia Zasillo

Year 6 - Jayden Arnold, Zoe Tolentino

The next assembly will be held on **Wednesday 5 March 2025**, commencing at **9am** in the undercover area.

The assembly will be hosted by our Year 6 students in Room 1

Book Fair

Book Fair is coming to Maddington Primary School

Wednesday 26 – Friday 28 March

- Book Fair will be open Wednesday before school 8am to 8.30am and 2.10pm to 4pm after school
- Thursday and Friday before school 8am to 8.30am and 3pm to 4pm after school
- Students **MUST** have a parent or guardian with them in the afternoon session
- Books start from as little as \$1

Tracey Wood

Library Officer



Swimming Lessons - Term 1 Week 10

Interm Swimming Lessons are in Week 10 this term. Information and excursion consent forms were sent home with the students on Monday. Please sign and return these forms by Friday 21 March along with payment.

AFL Football Incursion

For the last two weeks our Year 1 to 6 students were lucky enough to have coaches from the West Australian Football Commission come and teach them skills in AFL football. All the children had a wonderful time playing games practising their football skills.

If any children would like to pursue playing Auskick 5-8 years AFL outside of school, there are many clubs around the Maddington area to try.

Maddington Auskick Centre: Harmony Fields - Alcock Street & Gosnells Road West, Maddington

Kenwick Auskick Centre: Bickley Road, Beckenham, WA

Huntingdale Auskick Centre: Corner Balfour & Gay St, Huntingdale, WA

Mrs Julie Phillips

Physical Education Teacher







School Psychologist

Hello MPS Families,

My name is Mikhaela Powell and I am the school psychologist here at Maddington Primary School. I am here every Thursday.

I have been working as the school psychologist at Maddington Primary School since 2023.

My role as a school psychologist is to support and maximise outcomes for students, which I do in a variety of ways, including the following:

- Delivering direct psychological service to identified students.
- Applying psychological skills and knowledge to improve mental health, learning, and behavioural outcomes for students in collaboration with school staff, parents, caregivers, and other agencies.

- Assisting with the development and implementation of school-based student support services and programs.
- Assisting in maximising the educational and psycho-social outcomes of individuals and groups of students.

I work across the areas of learning, behaviour, wellbeing and student engagement. I believe in using a strengths-based approach and apply these principles to every aspect of my role.

Q. How do I make a request for assistance to see the School Psychologist?

A. Parents/Carers or Teachers can raise concerns with Jemma Keys (Deputy Principal).

From here, a “request for assistance” form will be submitted to the Student Services Team, to correctly identify the student’s needs and how the Student Services Team can best ensure that the student receives the appropriate level of support and assistance.

I have enjoyed the last two years I have been at Maddington Primary School. The staff, students, and families at Maddington Primary School have all been very welcoming, and I look forward to continuing to get to know the school community across the current year and beyond!

I will have a section in every subsequent newsletter providing information on specific topics relevant to mental health and wellbeing. Please feel free to reach out if there is a specific topic you would like to see in the newsletter. I look forward to engaging with you all.

Mikhaela Powell

School Psychologist



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