**NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2014**

**Principal’s Message**

**MANLY WEST SS HOMEWORK CLUB**

Bayside Uniting Church has made an amazingly generous gift to our school! They have given us $10700 to provide a homework club for our students. Students requiring support to complete homework for any reason will be invited into this weekly club on Wednesday mornings at 7:45-8:45am. Breakfast will be supplied for students while they work. The homework club requires a co-ordinator so parents and community members are invited to apply for the role of coordinator for our new homework club. The co-ordinator will:

- Be paid for their services - working 7:30am to 9:00am
- Support students to complete homework and supervise 2 high school or university student tutors who will also work with the Manly West students
- Set up and tidy up of the homework area (science room – C Block)
- Arrange purchase of materials needed for the homework club
- Assist with breakfast set-up

We will also be seeking two Year 11/12 high school or university students to work as tutors (this is also a paid role). Chappy Taidhg is going to assist with the breakfast and link with students. Max. of 20 students at a time can attend.

If you are interested in the co-ordinator or student tutor roles, please send a one page letter expressing why you would be suitable for the role along with your CV (with at least one current referee) to admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au by 3pm Friday May 9th 2014.

**ANZAC DAY 2014** – we will remember them

At Manly West ANZAC parade held on Thursday afternoon and at the Manly-Lota RSL march, we continued our proud tradition of honouring those brave servicemen who have acted in defence of our country. Congratulations to Sheryl Fainges and Petra von Richter for their organisation, to our students and families who marched on Friday and to the Manly-Lota RSL for the kind donation of a book to our school library.

**CLASS CO-ORDINATORS’ Meeting – May 16**

Thank you to those parents who have taken on the role of class co-ordinator. I look forward to meeting with you at our next meeting on Friday May 16th at 9:00am in the OSHC playroom. Bring your younger children for a play.

**PARENT/CAREGIVER INFORMATION SESSION**

Do you wonder about what will be in your child’s report card? Register for one of the following parent information sessions to find out about reporting and assessment.

- Thurs May 8th 3:30-4:30pm (Yr 1 classroom)
- Fri May 9th 9.00 – 10.00am in the OSHC playroom

Email – admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au for registration.
STATE EDUCATION WEEK - May 19-23
Would your child like to be principal for a day? As part of our celebrations for State Education Week, one of our Manly West students will be ‘Principal for a Day’. On Monday May 19th this student will host parade and be principal for the middle session of the day. To be selected your child needs to write an application to Ms Morrison explaining why he/she would make a good principal for the day. The application (letter) needs to be sent to Ms Morrison by 3:00pm May 9th.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL Meeting – May 26th
WOW! It is wonderful to see that the bike and scooter racks are well used every day! We need members for our Active School Travel team – please consider joining. Come to the next meeting – Monday May 26th at 3:15pm in Mr Darryl Brown’s classroom (D block).

Student Council Project – outdoor learning spaces
The student council, which comprises a student representative from each class (Year 3-7) is working on a project to develop our outdoor learning spaces. This will involve designing seating plans for outdoor spaces around the school. If you have any suggestions for this group can you please send them through to the school office; specifically listing where you think outdoor seating and tables could be placed for maximum use by our students and families. We are keen to include your great ideas!

Lisa Morrison
Principal

From the Deputy’s Desk
ANZAC Commemorations
On Wednesday last week I enjoyed the privilege of accompanying the School Captains to ANZAC Square to commemorate ANZAC Day. Our Captains laid a wreath at the Flame of Remembrance and represented our school proudly throughout the commemoration. It was exciting to see the television news reporters and our group were lucky enough to be interviewed by one of the reporters. They were also greeted personally by the Governor of Queensland, Ms Penelope Wensley AC at the conclusion of the commemoration. Thank you to Mr Paul Aldridge for accompanying us on the day and playing the role of official photographer.

ICAS Competitions
Have you sent in your ICAS permission slip and money? Students wishing to participate in the ICAS assessments for Science English or Mathematics need to hand in their slips and payment by Friday May 2.

From Around the School
Mothers’ Day Stall
This year’s Mothers’ Day Stall will be held on Tuesday, 6 May. To help run the stall, we need some parent volunteers. Please see Lyle at the Uniform Shop if you are able to spare some time during that day.

National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Hello my name is Helen Martschinke and I am the new Special Education Program teacher at Manly West. During this term our school will be participating in a National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability, which will be compulsory for all schools from 2015.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- Number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability
- Level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- Broad category of disability

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We therefore may need to consult with some parents confidentially.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know. Likewise, if you have any queries about the collection of this data or are seeking further information please contact me directly by phone: 3906 8333 or email: hmart79@eq.edu.au.

French News
Étoile de la Semaine (Star of the Week)
5C - You worked extremely well this week and had remembered lots of your French words and gestures.

From the P&C
Bunnings Fundraiser
We have been given the opportunity to hold a Sausage Sizzle outside Bunnings at Cannon Hill on Saturday, 31 May from 8am to 4pm to help raise funds for the things mentioned above and if run well, these events have the potential to make anywhere between $1000 and $2000. If you are able to help, even if it is only for an hour or two, could you please contact Rosie at pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au. We are looking for people to set up, pack up, cook the BBQ, serve and restock. Please put your hand up and help us make this event a huge success.

Community News
Zoe Billiard is four years old and suffers from a rare and severe condition called Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis. Every morning, she wakes up with aching limbs, a rash over her body and a fever – it’s a struggle just to roll out of bed. This condition can also affect the heart, lungs, liver, lymph nodes and can be fatal but with management, medication and lots of love and support, a child may lead a fairly normal life. William’s Wish is a charity which was set up in honour of a little boy who lost his fight with Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis and Zoe’s grandparents are part of a team called Zoe’s Angels for William’s Wish. To help raise public awareness of this condition and to raise funds to support children who suffer from it, a Fun Dive Day has been organised to be held on Sunday, 25 May from 8.30am to 2.30pm at the Chandler Aquatic Centre. There will be diving, bomb diving and strike-a-pose competitions, ball games, sausage sizzle, raffles, a jumping castle and much more. The cost is $10 for the first session and $5 for each following session. Please register at www.raps.diving.asn.au where you can also make a direct deposit or pay cash on the day. For further information, phone Di Smith on 0411 121 198. In 2013, the organisation raised $8607 to assist children in attending Camp Footloose.

From the Office
Excursions/Activities
ICAS (Science, English, Maths), payment of either $8 for each assessment due by 2 May.
Local Walking Groups
Bayside Striders - 60min fast paced. Contact Walk Organiser Marilyn for details on 0422 770 038
Every Tues, Wed and Thurs at 6pm

Wynnum Manly Walkers - 60min Contact Dawn on 0400 990 985 Every Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs at 6pm from Wynnum Library. Tuesday 8am to 9am and Thursday 9.15am to 10.15am Susan 3890 7938 From George Clayton Park, Lower Esplanade, near the lighthouse. Tuesday 8am to 9am start at George Clayton Park, Lower Esplanade, near the lighthouse. Contact is Susan Ph 3890 7938. Thursday 9.15am - 10.15am start at George Clayton Park, Lower Esplanade, near the lighthouse. Contact is Susan ph 3890 7938.

Auskick is starting next Friday, 9 May from 3.15 to 4.15pm for 8 weeks, costing $65. *Simply register and pay online by Sunday May 11th 2014 to receive 4 complimentary tickets*(2 adults & 2 children) to see a selected AFL match. Further details about the ticket offer will be emailed to eligible participants by early June.*Selected matches only, subject to availability. For more information visit aflauskick.com.au or call 3394 2198.

Bunnings at Cannon Hill are holding a special Mothers Day session on Thursday, 8 May from 6-8pm. Come along and make a gift for mum, meet the Dulux Dog and more. A light supper will be provided. Bookings are essential by phone on 3906 5000 or email cannonhill@bunnings.com.au by 1 May 2014

High School
Brisbane Bayside State College invite parents/caregivers of prospective students in Years 7 to 12 to enrol now for 2015 and to come along to one of their open days which are scheduled for :-

☐ 9.00am on Thursday 9 June, 24 July, 4 September or 30 October
☐ 12.30 to 4.30pm on Saturday, 17 May

Enrolment packs are available from the Office or the website. For further information, please contact Jasmin Naylor on 3893 5395 or email jnayl24@eq.edu.au

Calendar

Friday, 2 May
Interschool Sport commences

Tuesday, 6 May
Mothers’ Day Stall

Sunday, 11 May
Senior Band Mothers Day Performance in the Park

Week Commencing 12 May
Year 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN Tests

Friday, 16 May
Class Co-ordinator’s Meeting