PUTTING FACES ON THE DATA
To support our teachers to use the enormous amount of learning achievement data that is collected in schools every day, we have employed a data coach. Her role is to walk alongside teachers and support them to use this data to plan for your child’s learning. Attached with this newsletter is an example of how the data looks when the teacher and the coach sit down together to plan for what your child needs to learn next. This is then shared with the students so that they can manage their own portfolios, share their learning in three-way Parent/Child/Teacher conferencing and monitor their behaviour choices and attendance at school.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE FOR MANLY WEST
With our new server installed last week, last month’s bandwidth upgrade and now a new-look website, Manly West SS is in great shape to cater for our digital learners. Special thanks to the MWSS P&C Association who contributed $10000 towards this technology upgrade. Smartphone owners can now download the Qschools app and select Manly West SS to access our school website with all the latest school information.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS
At the recent District Cross Country Carnival the following students represented Manly West SS:


Congratulations to Olivia Hamanne who qualified to the Metropolitan Regional Country Championships.

Congratulations to Baden Hammermeister and Josh Mullins who competed in the All Schools Cross Country Championships last Saturday. Baden came 12th in his age group and Josh won a silver medal. He ran 1km in 3min 46 seconds.

CLASS CO-ORDINATORS’ MEETING – 16 May
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, 16 May at 9:00am in the OSHC playroom. Bring your younger children for a play.
ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL Meeting – 26 May
We need members for our Active School Travel team – please consider joining. Come to the next meeting on Monday, 26 May at 3:15pm in Mr Darryl Brown’s classroom (D block).

MOTHERS’ DAY MUSICIANS
Well done to Esther Garsden, Eli Aldridge, Emma Trenerry, Danielle Blake, Zane Miqueaux-Playne and Olivia Hamanne for their Mothers’ Day band performance at the Manly foreshore. Special thanks to Mike Rander, Anne Comiskey and Julie Aldridge for their support. The students played beautifully and looked very smart in their music shirts. The gifts for students and mums that were created by the newly formed Manly West Posums (Posum stands for parents of students undertaking music) were a lovely surprise.

CHANGES TO THE DENTAL CLINIC PROGRAM
Under the Commonwealth Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), children aged 2 to 17 years, whose families receive Family Tax Benefit A, will qualify for dental services up to the value of $1000 per child per two years. The CBDS requires a parent/legal guardian to attend all dental appointments with their children and to sign the necessary forms.

From Easter, all dental examination and emergency appointments must be made through a central customer service centre - The Hub – by phoning 1300 300 850. Appointments can no longer be made directly with our Dental Clinic.

From Around the School
From Chappy
We are trying to get a reptile room started as it’s been shown to be a great way to engage students in caring and taking on responsibility and is a wonderful calming activity. We would like to start this as soon as possible by introducing some turtles.

As you can imagine, this can be quite an expensive project so funds raised through our Chaplaincy Program, pancake breakfasts, etc. will go towards funding equipment such as tanks/enclosures, accessories, filters, and of course, the turtles. To help get this project started, we are asking families if they are able to help out by donating any of these items. If you are able to assist, please contact Chappy Taidhg by either e-mailing tref1@eq.edu.au or phoning/visiting at the office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Many thanks in advance for any help.

Next week is Chappy Week and it’s also Walk Safely to School Day so on Friday, 23 May we will be having a Free Dress Day for all students, for a gold coin donation, and the theme is ‘bright and colourful’!

Keeping in mind that it is also Under 8s Day, the school will be busy, busy, busy on this day so why not celebrate Walk Safely to School Day by walking instead of driving.

Funds raised will go towards the Chaplaincy Program. Clothing worn needs to be unsafely (no singlets/sleeveless shirts/dresses) and footwear must be enclosed (no thongs/sandals). I look forward to seeing all the colourful outfits!

Cheers,
Chappy Taidhg

From the P&C
P&C Meeting
This month’s P&C Meeting will be on this Thursday, 15 May at 6.30pm in the Staffroom. All welcome!

Lisa Morrison
Principal
Bunnings Fundraiser – WE NEED YOUR HELP!
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.

Entertainment Books
Have you returned your Entertainment Book to your child’s teacher or the office, or your payment if you decided to keep your book?

We are hoping to finalise this fundraiser, so please return books to the office as a matter of urgency.

Thank you to all those people who have purchased a copy. Your support is appreciated.

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. 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.

There are a number of walking groups around the local area, inviting you to get out and get active.

Bayside Striders is a 60 minute, fast paced walk every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6pm. Phone Marilyn for details on 0422 770 038.
Wynnum Manly Walkers is a 60 minute walk every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6pm leaving from Wynnum Library. Contact Dawn on 0400 990 985.

Also on a Tuesday from 8am to 9am and Thursday 9.15am to 10.15am leaving from George Clayton Park, Lower Esplanade, near the lighthouse. Phone Susan on 3890 7938 for further details.

The second session of Auskick will be on Friday, 16 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.

Caprice Dancing School was established in Wynnum and Manly in 1963 and celebrated its 50th Birthday last year! We offer quality tuition in ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary and creative dance from 3 years of age. To enquire or to request our 2014 Prospectus, please email capricedancing@internode.on.net or visit our website http://caprice.wynnummanly.com.au/

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

Every Friday
Interschool Sport, Years 4 to 7

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

Thursday, 15 May
P&C Meeting, 6.30pm

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