NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2014

Principal’s Message
Homework Breakfast Club
The dynamic Trish McPherson (MWSS parent) has accepted the co-ordinator role for this special club and invitations will be sent out very soon for nominated students. Supported by Chappy Taidhg, Trish will be providing an important service for students who need a helping hand to get their homework completed. Thanks to Trish, Taidhg and also the Bayside Uniting Church for providing the people-power and funding for this program.

Keeping Active!
Congratulations to the following students who took part in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon. These students were registered as members of Manly West SS: Oliver Arklay, Madison Fulton, Helaina Fulton, Hamish Lochran and Lana Lockhart.

Special Education Program
As shared in previous newsletters the special education program (SEP) is new at Manly West SS this year. It provides a service for our students with disabilities. Special thanks goes out to the team of Amanda Marshall and Helen Martschinke who have done a brilliant job so far this year with the SEP. Our excellent teacher aides also provide support for students with disabilities at various times in their weekly timetable. Unfortunately Amanda Marshall has had to step down from this role to support her own family. We thank her sincerely for her wonderful efforts. Luckily we have been able to fill this role very quickly with Jasmine Batchelor taking up the position this week. If you would like more information about this program please contact Helen at hmart79@eq.edu.au or Jasmine jbatc31@eq.edu.au

Semester One Reporting coming up!
Our students and teachers are working with the Australian Curriculum, using our ‘Reading to Learn’ teaching strategies and the Qld Curriculum into the Classroom resources (C2C). Whilst the Australian Curriculum is similar in many respects to the previous Queensland curriculum, there are some differences which require adjustments. For example, some concepts are covered earlier than previously expected, there is a stronger focus on specific areas and in some cases a different standard of work is expected of students. For Semester 1 report cards, teachers are evaluating student work from Terms 1 and 2 in English, Maths, Science, Geography and History.

Due to the implementation of this curriculum, report card results may also reflect students’ ‘learning curve’ in terms of the change in expectations for learning in their year level. This is not cause for concern, as teachers are adapting and adjusting their teaching/learning to ensure that students are supported through their learning tasks.

Also, C2C units are undergoing review and adjustment, based on feedback from teachers. However, it is worth noting the fact that report card results in English, Maths, Science, Geography and History this semester are based on the new content descriptors and year level achievement standards from the Australian Curriculum, and as such may not be reliably compared to previous years’ results. For information on the Australian Curriculum standards please visit the online...
curriculum at http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/

Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland have gradually become more familiar with a 5-point scale (A-E) process for reporting. The system schools are using refers to attainment standards called ‘benchmarks of achievement’ or ‘criteria’. So what makes an ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’ etc … is predetermined by a scale of achievement. Any student who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves the benchmark grade. Achieving a ‘C’ means:

- that the student has met the criteria for a learner to be at the appropriate age level.
- that the student is doing everything required at their year level at school.
- that the student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be.
- ‘C’ for achievement means you are ON TARGET for your age level

With all of this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an ‘A’ or ‘B’. These grades are not awarded simply to the top students in the class. They are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria required for their year level. If you have queries about your child’s report card, please do not hesitate to contact your current class teacher/s for more details.

Lisa Morrison
Principal

Our aim - every child, in every classroom, every day, learning and achieving!

From the Deputy’s Desk
Cross Cluster Moderation

This week, all of our teachers participated in a moderation of writing with teachers from other schools in the Wynnum Manly Alliance Cluster. This is a great opportunity for our teachers to meet with their colleagues in the cluster and come to a shared understanding of year level standards in the Australian Curriculum.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has begun! Students in Prep-Year 2 need to experience 20 books (experiencing a book can include classroom or at-home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a text, or being read to),

- Years 3 – 4 need to read 20 books appropriate to their reading level and
- Years 5 – 7 need to read 15 books appropriate to their reading level.

Students have until Friday, 5 September to complete the Challenge. Completed reading record sheets need to be signed by your child’s class teacher and then returned to the Library.

From Around the School
French News

Fête de la Musique is held annually on 21 June in 450 cities around the world including Brisbane. The event was created so that anyone could make music anywhere on this day. For more information go to www.fetedelamusiquebrisbane.com.au. We will celebrate Fête de la Musique in school during French lessons in week 9. Students can play an instrument or sing a song of their choice and will receive a certificate for participation. In celebration of Fête de la Musique there will be a poster competition. Students in Years 4 to 5 are invited to create a poster advertising the event. It must be in French and include the following information:

Fête de la Musique, le 21 juin à Brisbane.

The closing date for entries is Thursday, 20 June. Please give them to Madame in class or to your teacher. Winners will be announced Wednesday, 25 June.

A bientôt
Madame MacGregor

Tuckshop News

This month’s meeting will be held this Friday, 6 June at 2.15pm in the tuckshop. All welcome.
Music News

On-time awards for Choir and BVG

Semi-quaver award: Congratulations to our new 2014 Choir and BVG members who began their semi-quaver journey last week: Dhruv (4B) for BVG, Kayden (4B) for BVG and Shannah (4B) for choir. For continuing students, 30 times: Esther (6B) for choir; 40 times: Eamonn (5B) for BVG. Well done, singers!

Ms C

Our Kids Go Fresh and Healthy!
The students from Prep B, C and Prep/1A are well on their way to eating all their vegetables after attending a Brisbane Produce Market Kids Go Fresh & Healthy presentation recently.

The information session was a fun way to promote healthy eating choices to our students – they learnt how many serves of fruit and vegetables to eat each day, the importance of eating lots of different coloured fruit and vegetables and they also taste-tested some that they may not have tried before.

Students received a healthy eating goodie pack, including a banana to give them lots of energy to get through their day.

Overall, the fruit and vegetables go a big ‘thumbs up’.

School Banking

Congratulations to these students who received a Bronze certificate for making 10 deposits: Dylan Watson, Zahlee Watson, Jetlan Hadfield, Rory Hallam, Courtney Smith, Theo Fechner, Harley Jennings, Katelyn Smith, Lincoln Manning and Sharia Oldershaw.

Term 2 Competition

Major prize
5 nights at the Sea World Resort; VIP passes for 2 adults and 3 children to Sea World, Movie World and Wet n Wild; a dolphin family aqua adventure and $3,000 travel gift card.

Runners up
Toys R Us gift cards valued at $250.

How to enter

Make 3 or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you will be automatically entered into the competition.

Reward items currently available:
Handball, Scented Pencils, Plush toy Keyring or a Whale Shark Pencil Case.

Please remember to bring your banking to school on Thursday. Thank you for supporting the school banking program.

From the P&C

Bunnings Fundraiser

A HUGE thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped raise over $1900 at the Manly West State School P&C Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Cannon Hill on 31 May. FANTASTIC EFFORT! The money will go towards improving playground equipment at our school. A very special thank you to Brad Small who co-ordinated the event and worked so hard to make everything run so smoothly.
Our next P&C event will be our Trivia Night. Please put the date in your diary now – Friday, 8 August 2014. More details to follow.

**Entertainment Books**
There are still around 20 books that have not yet been returned or paid for.

*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**

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/](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

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

*Friday, 6 June*
Year 1 Fire Education Visit
Tuckshop Meeting, 2.15pm

*Monday, 9 June*
QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

*Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 June*
Beginners Music Camp

*Friday, 20 June*
Student Council Disco

*Monday, 23 June*
School Photos – Class, Individual, Band

*Wednesday, 25 June*
Out of the Box, Prep to Year 3

*Thursday, 26 June*
Sports Day

*Friday, 27 June*
Final day Term 2