Principal's Message
Manly West Students Lead Learning
One of the most exciting and rewarding things about being a teacher (yes, a principal is a teacher too) is watching students realise that they have a voice and the power to organise themselves to make a difference. The Buy One More project with Silky Oaks is one example of this.

At present our student council is working on a special project to create outdoor learning spaces by positioning and selecting appropriate seats and tables. They are also preparing for their disco on Friday, 20 June. These opportunities and many others such as instrumental music, lunch time clubs, and interschool sport, encourage our students to become active citizens and to develop a keen sense of the world around them.

After the mid-year holidays, the Year 5 students will begin their leadership journey. They will be our oldest students in 2015, and so it is important that they have the opportunity to practice leadership skills this year. Their school camp and other activities over the second half of the year are designed to support them in readiness for guiding and supporting our younger students in 2015. Many of our Year 5 students have already indicated that they are keen to be a school leader, so I would like to suggest that parents sit with their children and map out some ways that they can begin to develop these skills. Some ideas that we have discussed are to organise fundraising or competition events, help Chappy Taidhg or volunteer as a lunchtime peer mentor or game referee for younger students. Early in Term 3, all Year 5 students will receive the leadership position information for 2015.

School Enrolment Management Plan
Our school has just been identified for enrolment management. It is exciting news and confirms that our school is growing. A School Enrolment Management Plan (School EMP) is implemented in a state school which is nearing its Student Enrolment Capacity in order to maximise the use of facilities provided for enrolled in-catchment students, and to restrict the enrolment of out-of-catchment students. When the plan comes into effect, my role as principal will be to ensure sufficient capacity is reserved to accommodate in-catchment students, taking into account projected enrolment growth.

As you can imagine, this will have implications for students who are out of catchment and wishing to enrol. I would suggest that if you are aware of any students, particularly prep, who are ready to enrol, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

Teaching Practice and Leadership
For the second year, I will continue as a coach for aspiring principals/deputy principals and heads of curriculum. Both Rebekah Ide and Stuart Houliston have been accepted into this Regional Aspiring Leaders’ program starting this week. It is exciting to see teacher leaders growing in our classrooms, with Petra Von Richter (Acting DP) successfully completing the year-long program in May.

Idea for the week: create a ‘litter-less’ lunch to reduce waste through food packaging.

Lisa Morrison, Principal

Our aim - every child, in every classroom, every day, learning and achieving!
From the Deputy’s Desk

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 the Office

School Photos
Class, Individual and Band photos will be taken on Monday, 23 June. Payment envelopes have been sent home to EVERY student. Please ensure your child wears their correct school uniform and brings their order/payment envelope with them ON THE DAY.

If you would like to order a Band photo, please collect an order form from the Office. Cost of the Band photo is $15.

“Other” group photos (sports, choir, etc) will be taken in September – details to follow.

Report Cards
End of semester report cards will be posted home on the last day of term. If you have recently changed your address, or if you require duplicate report cards to be posted to both parents, please advise the office by next Monday, 16 June by emailing admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au

From Around the School

Uniform Shop News
Sports Day is coming, so be ready and order now to support your team! Pre-printed house shirts are available for a limited time only and cost $15. Pom pom scrunchies are also available in house colours for $4 each so be quick, they will sell out fast.

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

Year 6 & 7 Social Fundraising

Cupcake Day
Our Senior students will begin fundraising for their end of year social, starting off with a Cupcake Day on Wednesday, 18 June. Cakes will be on sale during morning tea and lunch time - $1 small, $2 large.

Student Council Disco
Our first disco for the year is on Friday, 20 June. Information will follow shortly. Our Senior students will be selling hair glitter or coloured hair spray at the disco for $2.

We look forward to your support of our Year 6 and 7 students in their fundraising efforts.

From the P&C

Next Meeting: Thursday, 19 June at 6.30pm in the Admin Block.

Next Event: Trivia Night on Friday, 8 August - put the date in your diary now. More details to follow.
Entertainment Books
There are still around 15 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
Action Arena are holding school holiday clinics for students aged between 6 and 14 on 9, 10 and 11 July from 9am to 3.30pm. Come along and enjoy 3 days of indoor cricket, soccer, netball and beach volleyball – all under the supervision of trained and experienced coaches. Numbers are limited, so book now to avoid disappointment by phoning 3348 6900. Cost is $110 which includes lunch each day.

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 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

Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 June
Beginners Music Camp

Wednesday, 18 June
Cupcake Day

Thursday, 19 June
P&C Meeting

Friday, 20 June
Student Council Disco

Saturday, 21 June
Bayside Illumination Festival & Lantern Parade

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

Tuesday, 24 June
Choir and BVG Winter Showcase

Wednesday, 25 June
Out of the Box, Prep to Year 2

Thursday, 26 June
Sports Day

Friday, 27 June
Final day Term 2