NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY 2014

Principal’s Message
Welcome Back to Term 3 ...

Enrolments are Open for 2015
To all families enrolling for any year level in 2015, you are encouraged to complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. This makes it an easy task for us to plan for your child’s class and teacher. An enrolment form can be found on our school website or collected from the school office. From 27 July 2014, our school will have an enrolment management plan. This means we will now be required to ensure sufficient capacity is reserved for all in-catchment students. In 2015 our enrolment numbers are projected to remain around the same number at 442 students. Even though our school is growing, it is predicted that we will be able to take some students out of catchment in 2015, because of the movement of Year 7 to high school.

For our new families enrolling in 2015, we would like to invite you to a school tour and information session on:

- Thursday, 14 August from 5:00-6:00pm
- Friday, 25 August from 9:30-10:30am

Please RSVP to admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au if you are attending one of these sessions.

NAIDOC Week Event – You Are Invited
On Friday, 25 July Natjul Indigenous Performing Arts www.natjul.com will be presenting activity sessions for our students. The sessions include indigenous dance, song, storytelling, art and cultural awareness. This event is free and parents and younger siblings are most welcome to attend. Please note Parade will also be moved to Friday, 25 July instead of Monday, 21 July for this week only to showcase Indigenous culture.

Achievement, Effort & Behaviour Celebrated!
On Wednesday, 23 July at 2-3pm in the Performing Arts Hall, I will have the pleasure of hosting an afternoon tea for those students who have:

- achieved 2 or more A’s on their report card for ACADEMIC achievement for English, Mathematics, Science, SOSE, History, The Arts, LOTE (French), HPE or Technology;
- achieved all A’s for EFFORT (except for one) on their report card;
- achieved a gold level for BEHAVIOUR in Semester one.

Congratulations to all of these students. A letter was sent home inviting the student and their family to attend. Please RSVP to admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au

Are You Inspired by our Amazing Staff at Manly West SS?
Nominate a staff member for the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards. Registered teachers and school leaders are eligible for nomination in four award categories – outstanding contribution to teaching, excellent leadership in teaching and learning, excellence in teaching and excellence in beginning to teach. Download a nomination form at: http://www.qct.edu.au/wtd/excellence-awards.html
Get Started - $150 voucher for Sporting Fees
This program helps children and young people to join a sport or recreation club. Eligible children and young people are provided with a voucher of up to $150 to help pay for club membership and/or participation fees. The vouchers can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club registered with the program. Round 4 opened this week on 15 July 2014. For further information about Get Started, visit the website at [www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame)

Class Co-ordinators’ Meeting
Class co-ordinators and interested parents are invited to attend our class co-ordinators meeting on Friday, 25 July at 9:00am in the OSHC room. We will be discussing Semester 2 activities and events. Please RSVP to lmorr85@eq.edu.au

Manly West State School’s Magnificent Marquee!
This week our school received a very generous donation of a huge 6x3m marquee. Local community business, Harcourts Green Living, stepped up and helped fill this need for our growing school. With enrolment numbers increasing, many more students are representing our school at district sporting and musical performance events and we needed a suitable sun safe shelter for these participants. With our Manly West State School logos printed on top, we will proudly place this new marquee front and centre at all future events. Thank you Harcourts Green Living!

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

From the Deputy’s Desk
ICAS Science Competition
A reminder that this term we will have students participating in two ICAS competitions. The English test will take place on Tuesday, 29 July and the Mathematics test on Tuesday, 12 August. Information about the sitting times for each test will come home before each session.

Office Payments Due
Year 3 Camp Final Payment – due by 17 July
Year 6/7 Camp Deposit – due by 22 July
Prep & P/1A Puppet Show – due by 5 August
Year 5 Gold Rush Excursion – due by 12 August

School Photos
School photos have arrived and will be sent home with your child in the next day or two.
From Around the School

From the Library

*Please help us find our missing books!!*

Our records indicate that a number of home readers and library books have not been returned. Please have a look around the house and if found, please return them to the Library.

Book Fair

18 August sees the return of the Scholastic Book Fair. It makes a great start to the Christmas shopping so stay posted for more details in the coming weeks.

Music News

**Bravo Bayside Beginners**

Congratulations **5B instrumentalists**: Alana, Benny, Caitlin, Charlotte, Dylan, Eamonn, Helaina, Josie, Lilah, Tameka and Teneesha; **5C instrumentalists**: Amy, Danny, Emma, Hanna, Harrison, Milli, Ruben; and Alex from **4/5A** who represented MWSS at the 2014 Bayside Beginners’ Music Week. Over 400 beginner instrumental students from bayside schools participated, their days filled with instrumental playing, song and dance. A mid-week concert for the students and their families featured the Redlands City Bands, the Bang Industrial Percussion Group and the Peppers Pep Band. The aim of this concert was to give students an idea of the many types of music-making opportunities available for instrumental students when they leave secondary school – from community bands to professional ensembles.

The highlight of the week was the culminating concert, with fantastic performances from each of concert bands formed for the week, a spectacular massed dance item and a rocking 400-voice choir. Congratulations to Mike Rander, our instrumental music teacher who was one of the band conductors. Mike composed a World-Cup themed composition for Beginner Week and premiered it with his band at the Friday concert. Well done, everyone!

**Choir and BVG Awards**

**10 times:** Zach (4/5A) BVG and Jaymee (5C) choir; **15 times:** Dhruv (4B) BVG and Kayden (4B) BVG; **30 times:** Libby (5B) BVG and Euan (5C) BVG; **40 times:** Eamonn (6B) choir; **Minim award:** Dylan (5B) choir; **70 times:** Eli A (6B) choir. Well done!

**Term 3 Rehearsals and Singfest**

Rehearsals begin again this week (for continuing students only). A group of singers from MWSS will participate in Singfest on Wednesday, 20 August. The students will travel in by bus to the Old Museum at Bowen Hills. Travel home is by private transport, following the 5:15pm – 6:00 pm twilight concert. A letter with full Singfest details will be given to students at the first rehearsal in Term 3. The total cost for the event, including travel to the venue, will be no more than $20 per student. Places in the MWSS Singfest choir are limited. Depending on the number of students returning to choir and BVG in Semester 2, students will be offered places based on their on-time attendance during 2014 rehearsals and their availability for any extra rehearsals needed for Singfest.

From the P&C

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, 17 July at 6.30pm in the Admin Block.

**Trivia Night**

After receiving reports that everyone had such a great time last year, we thought we had to have another Trivia Night this year to help raise money to help with funding the much needed work required on our ovals.

When: Friday 22 August, 2014
Where: Manly West Hall

For these types of events to be successful we need some volunteers, so would love your help. Please contact Sally on 0401 575 005 if you can help with finding prizes, setting up on the day, cleaning up on the night, selling raffle tickets or helping behind the bar.

This event will be advertised soon and is intended for adults only as alcohol will be available for sale. We will have tables of 8 at $15 per person.

**P&C Executive Changes**

Sadly, Sally will be resigning as President in September as her family is heading overseas for an extended period.

If you want to make a difference to your child’s school community, please consider applying for the position of President on the Executive. We have a very dedicated Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, Assistant Secretary and Fete Convener on the current executive who would be very supportive to any new candidate.
Grant Writing
We have been invited to apply for a grant to provide much needed funds to upgrade our ovals. The Middle Oval has no grass growing on it and we need the drainage to be fixed before we can resurface the ovals and build new equipment. Please contact Sally on 0401 575 005 if you have some time to assist with preparation of the grant application due in August.

School Banking
School banking will resume on Thursday this week.

Community News
Story Bridge Adventure Climb has teamed up with Miss World Australia finalist, Stephanie Campbell, for “Climb for a Cause”. Book your climb before 19 July to use within 12 months, using the code ‘CAUSE’ and 50% of your ticket price will benefit charities Variety Queensland and the Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing. Phone 1300 254 627 or visit www.sbac.net.au NOW!

Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis conducts weekly fixtures at Tennyson and UQ for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players will be on Sunday, 27 July at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3 to 5pm. For further information, phone Peta Davis on 3374 0516 or visit www.gbjt.org.au.

Australian Fitness & Martial Arts are pleased to advise that for Term 3 only our Friday Karate classes (3.30-4.20pm) will be held at Manly West State School Hall. Free trial offered to new students. For more information please contact Chris on 0400 179 960 or visit our website www.afmaclub.com.au.

Young Sports is an exciting multi-sport program for children aged 3-10 years introducing 9 popular sports, one at a time. This program aims to introduce children to the joy of sport, providing basic skills, motor skills development and confidence. The program commences on 17 July at 3.30pm at Sleeman Sports Complex. First lesson is FREE, cost is $12 3-6 yrs, $17 for 7-10 yrs. Book now on 3376 3388 or email info@youngsports.com.au.

Do you have a child aged between 2 and 12 years old? Are you a working parent; FIFO/DIDO working parent; OR parent whose partner is a FIFO/DIDO worker? If so, we want to hear from you!

Researchers from the University of Queensland are looking for working parents to take part in a survey looking at the effects of working life on Australian children and families. We are particularly interested in FIFO and DIDO workers and their partners but value and encourage input from all kinds of working parents. The survey will take between 30-45 minutes to complete.

Your involvement will help the field to learn more about the effects of different work circumstances and settings on children and families. Your participation will also assist in developing ways to properly support working parents in the future.

For further information and to take part in the survey, please visit: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/workingparents

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

Calendar

Wednesday, 24 July
Academic Achievers Afternoon Tea

Friday, 25 July
NAIDOC Week Event
Parade 2.30pm

Tuesday, 29 July
ICAS English Test