NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 23 JULY 2014

Principal’s Message
We Need more Scientists!
Australia is already facing a serious lack of graduates who are studying science. At Manly West SS our students do their science learning through the Australian Curriculum program. We would like to work even harder on creating a new generation of scientists. So this term we are celebrating all things scientific.

To switch the children on to our science theme we will be holding a ‘Famous Scientist Dress Up Day’ on Monday, 28 July. All students are invited to dress as their favourite scientist; e.g. Albert Einstein with a clock, Benjamin Franklin with his kite, Newton with an apple, Charles Darwin with a toy monkey, Marie Curie with an x-ray etc...

The key learning opportunities for the term will include:

- Dr Jane, our scientist-in-residence, working with students and teachers
- Science experiments and displays from all year levels on show at our Science Spectacular on 12 September.
- This is the international year of crystallography and our school will be inviting students to participate in a crystal growing competition. Families are most welcome to get involved by growing the crystals at home. A glass container for each year level will be on display in the library where students will be supervised as they ‘feed’ their crystal. On the day of our Science Spectacular the winning year level will be announced. Individual students who grow crystals at home can bring them along to be judged on the same day with exciting prizes from Australian Geographic.

- The Science Department from Wynnum State High School will also be visiting with their own science extravaganza.

Reading to Learn Parent Sessions
Our teachers and teacher aides are well into their year-long training for Reading to Learn and it is exciting to share that our new Metropolitan Regional Director, Mark Campling, has spoken very positively about this teaching model.

The next stage of implementing the model in our school is information sessions for parents. These sessions will support parents as they work with their child’s reading and writing and numeracy language.

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. Parade has been moved to 2.30pm this Friday, 25 July for this week only to showcase Indigenous culture.

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 at 5:00-6:00pm
- Friday, 15 August at 9:30-10:30am

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

**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/getinthebagame

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

Lisa Morrison, Principal

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

**From the Deputy’s Desk**

**ICAS Competition**
The ICAS English competition will take place next week on Tuesday (29/7). All students participating will have received a letter this week. Students need to arrive at the Science and Technology Room at 7:45am for an 8:00am start. Results will be published in the newsletter and certificates presented on Parade when they are received.

**Reading to Learn in Action**
Following our two days training last week I’ve had the privilege of visiting classrooms and seen R2L in action across the school. As well as using the methodology in English I have been able to see it in action in Maths, Science and History lessons. It is lovely to hear the students proudly read their writing to me, and I have been impressed by the effort that all of our students and staff have made as we are all learning about R2L together.

**Office**

**Payments Due**
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
Year 6 WAMMM Camp – due by 22 August

**School Photos**
School photos have arrived and have been sent home.

**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

Beginners: Welcome to the MWSS Concert Band
Year 5 instrumental music students will join the school concert band on Monday, 28 July. Band rehearses from 7:45am until 8:40am in the Hall. Participating in the weekly band rehearsal is a requirement of the school instrumental music program. Have a great first rehearsal!

Year 6 Instrumentalists: Bands in the Park
Senior band players have been invited to perform at the 10 August Bands in the Park at the Manly foreshore. Players are to arrive at 9:30am for their 10:00am performance. All students have received an information letter. Students, please see Ms C to collect your music shirt.

Congratulations Eli
This week, Eli A (6B) earned another semiquaver award for on-time attendance at BVG for 70 rehearsals. Eli has already earned this award for attendance at choir. Congratulations on this commitment to music learning and performing.

Singfest Update
First-round invitations were handed out to students this week. Please return your replies as soon as possible. As advertised previously, 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. Students attending Singfest are required to practise with the CD at home. All songs must be memorised before the event. Please see Ms C if you have lost your CD or if you haven’t collected one.

From the P&C
Next Meeting: Thursday, 21 August at 6.30pm in the Admin Block. This will be a special meeting to vote in the new President and Assistant Treasurer.

Trivia Night
Check out the flyer attached to this newsletter for all the details on our trivia night.

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.

Warm Up for Winter
The P&C are sponsoring free cuppas on the following days to help keep us warm on these cold winter days. Come and get your free hot drinks from the coffee van on the following days:–

- Tuesday, 29/7 from 2.30pm next to the Library
- Friday, 15/8 from 8.30am outside the Hall

P&C Executive Changes
We need a new President and Assistant Treasurer to complete our wonderful Executive Team. A special meeting will be held at our next monthly meeting on 21 August where voting will take place for these positions. Please email Rosie O’Toole at pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au with your nomination stating the preferred position and include your name and phone number, your child’s name and class.

Grant Writing
We have been invited to apply for a grant to 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.

Community News
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.

Come along to the official re-opening of the Wynnum Mangrove Boardwalk from 9.30am on Saturday, 2 August. There will be a free sausage sizzle cooked by the Lions Club of Moreton Bay.
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 comments 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.

Bayside Ravens American Football (Gridiron) Club are running a junior non-contact development program, Lift Off, for boys and girls aged 10 to 13 years of age on Sunday, 3 August from 2.30 to 5.00pm. The Club is located at 898 Wynnum Road, Cannon Hill. For further information, please phone 3216 8508.

The Spine Society of Australia promotes the National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis every July/August. This is an important health problem for adolescent girls in Years 7 and 9, with 3 in 1000 requiring active treatment. Early symptoms of the condition are often asymptomatic, but screening and early detection is a sound preventative health measure. If your daughter falls into this age range, please visit www.scoliosis-australia.org to download the brochure.

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, 23 July**
Year 1 Fire Visit
Academic Achievers Afternoon Tea

**Thursday, 24 July**
Silver Screening Movie Session

**Friday, 25 July**
NAIDOC Week Event
Parade 2.30pm

**Tuesday, 29 July**
ICAS English Test

**Monday, 4 to Wednesday, 6 August**
Year 3 Kindilan Camp

**Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 August**
District Athletics Carnival

**Sunday, 10 August**
Bands in the Park

**Tuesday, 12 August**
Prep and Prep/1A Puppet Show