NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY 2014

Principal’s Message

In Term 3, we are celebrating being Scientific

To switch Manly West SS on to our science theme we held a ‘Famous Scientist Dress Up Day’ this week. A fantastic dress-up effort by many young scientists meant that our parade stage was crowded with lab coats, microscopes and crazy hair! Congratulations to the best-dressed scientists who each won a crystal-making kit shown at the end of this newsletter.

School Opinion Surveys

The annual surveys to staff and parents were distributed last week. This year, for the first time, all surveys will be completed online and every family will receive a survey. 120 students in Years 4-6 will also be surveyed. Please complete your survey by 3 August to provide our school with information about what we can improve and what we are doing well. Your participation in this survey is greatly valued and very much appreciated.

Reading to Learn Parent Session Reminder

Please register for this very important and valuable parent learning experience. What is ‘Reading to Learn’ all about? Come to the sessions (you need to commit to all four sessions as different information will be provided each time).

Workshop 1: Wednesday, 20 August
Workshop 2: Wednesday, 3 September
Workshop 3: Wednesday, 15 October
Workshop 4: Wednesday, 29 October

All sessions will be held from 2 pm to 3 pm in the Science Room (above OHSC). Please RSVP to the Office or to Rebekah Ide at ride3@eq.edu.au

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 sessions on:

- Thursday, 14 August at 5:00-6:00pm; or
- Friday, 15 August at 9:30-10:30am

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

Quality Schools, Inclusive Leaders Program (QSIL)

Education Qld is phasing in this program to ensure that every child can and does learn. It is one of the responses to recent changes in the Disability Discrimination Act (Federal). All principals participated in QSIL phase one earlier this year.

Our school has been selected as one of 18 schools in the Metropolitan Region for phase two of this program (2014-2015). Jasmine Batchelor (Mon-Fri) and Alison Boardman (Mon) are now sharing the
Special Education Program teacher role and they will be trained as mentors through this program. This exciting opportunity provides us with a 4-6 month training for the special education program teachers, a designated coach, 40 days x TRS (approx. $16500) - for coaching, observation time, release for teachers, modelling by SEP teachers, and a workshop with Professor Loretta Giorcelli - http://www.doctorg.org/about.htm.

Music@ManlyWest
This week our Year 5 students joined the MWSS band. This is a milestone because many are in their first year of playing their musical instrument. Congratulations on this achievement!

Join your fellow community members for an evening of song at our Winter Showcase for the Boys Vocal Group (BVG) and the choir in the Performing Arts Hall on Thursday, 7 August at 5:15-6:00pm. Audience please bring your singing voices.

Lisa Morrison, Principal

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

From the Deputy’s Desk

ICAS Science Competition
Congratulations to the following students who participated in the ICAS Science Competition in May! They each received a report and certificate on Parade this week. Of the 27 students from Year 2-7 we were awarded 2 Distinction, 10 Credit, 4 Merit and 11 Participation certificates. A fantastic effort by all!

Participation: Year 2 – Cooper, Liliarna, Samuel and Tasha; Year 3 – Jemma, Joshua M, Courtney and Liam W; Year 4 – Thomas; Year 6 – Lachlan and Olivia H

Merit: Year 3 – Aimee; Year 4 – Krysten and Zachary; Year 6 – Olivia T

Credit: Year 3 – Rory, Lana L, Sienna and William C; Year 4 – Michael and Daina; Year 5 – Lidiia and Amy; Year 6 – Eli A; Year 7 – Ty.

Distinction: Year 2- Jasmine; Year 4 – Drhuv.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
There are just 6 weeks (including this week) left for students to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. A number of students have already handed in their completed record sheets. The graph below shows how many students have already finished the Challenge, with 1C leading the charge.

![Students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge](image)

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.

All completed record sheets should be signed by the students’ parent or guardian and handed in to one of our fabulous teacher aides in the library.

Office

Payments Due
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
Year 6/7 Camp – final payment due by 14 August

From Around the School

From the Library

Volunteers Needed
Our Library provides a wonderful selection of books and online learning opportunities for our students. Managing the processes is very labour intensive so we are seeking parent/adult helpers who would like to volunteer in the Library. Please leave your name at the office to lodge your interest interest.
**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**

*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.

**Singfest Update**

First-round invitations have been handed out to students. 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 to help keep us warm on these cold winter days. Come and get your free hot drink from the coffee van on 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 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**

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.

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](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org) to download the brochure.
Calendar

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

Thursday, 7 August
Winter Showcase for Choir and BVG, 5.15pm

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
ICAS Maths Test

Wednesday, 13 August
EKKA Public Holiday

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