Principal's Message

Music@Manly West

Winter Showcase - 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.

Bands in the Park – our senior instrumental music students will be playing on Sunday, 10 August at 10am. Come along and listen to some great music.

NOT TO BE MISSED – ‘Reading to Learn’ Parent Sessions

Please register for this valuable parent learning experience. It is necessary to commit to all four sessions as new 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 2:00-3:00 pm in the Science Room above OHSC. Please RSVP to Rebekah Ide at ride3@eq.edu.au

School Opinion Surveys

Please note that the online survey web link has been extended until Friday Aug 8th. Your participation in this survey is greatly valued. Click on this link to complete your survey: www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey

Queensland Education Accord Summit

Have your say at this Queensland Government consultation event for community members. All local community members including school staff are invited to this local event at Bayside United Football Club at Andrew Street, Lota on 20 August 6:30-8:00pm. RSVP: Lytton@parliament.qld.gov.au or 3396 0066.

What every Parent should know about Internet Safety

Our school is hosting a ‘ThinkUKnow’ (internet safety) presentation and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend. This free presentation will be held on 2 September at 5:30pm in the Performing Arts Hall.

Due to the content covered, students are NOT able to attend this session.

‘ThinkUKnow’ is an internet safety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is also supported by ninemsn and Datacom. This presentation will cover topics such as how young people are using technology to have fun, online grooming, cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and e-security.

Watch out for the note coming home which will have further details and a registration slip. Please put this important date in your diary.
School Tour and 2015 Enrolment Information Session
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, 15 August from 9:30-10:30am

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

All the best to our Manly West athletes in the Lytton District Athletics Carnival, coming up on Thursday and Friday this week.

Lisa Morrison, Principal

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

From the Deputy’s Desk
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

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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
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
Year 4/5 Camp – deposit due by 28 August

From Around the School
Fund Raising for Red Cross
Australia Red Cross is celebrating 100 years of people helping people. As a major fundraiser they are conducting ‘Big Cake Bake’ with the slogan “Bake the world better for another 100 years!” Manly West State School has registered to be part of this celebration in the following ways:-

Monday, 11 August: A poster competition with an acrostic poem using the words “RED CROSS”

Wednesday, 20 August: Cake Decorating Competition across all year levels from Prep – Year 7 with different categories (see below) to suit the age group and units of study. (A gold coin entry fee)

Preps – Year 2: Plate of biscuits or patty cakes (milk arrowroot biscuits are good for decorating)
Years 3 – 7: Plate of 6 patty cakes or a large cake

Preps: Nursery Rhymes
Year 1: Monkey Characters
Year 2: Plants
Year 3: Dragons – Fantasy
Year 4: Rowen of Rin – Fantasy
Year 5: Waltzing Matilda
Years 6 & 7: Open – Cultural/ Immigration

PLEASE NOTE: All cakes should be brought to school on a disposable plate covered with cling wrap for protection.

Following the judging, all biscuits and cakes will be sold outside the tuckshop.

Thank you for your support in helping us, as a school community, to assist in this fundraising activity for Australian Red Cross. “PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE”
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 sheet.

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
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.

Queensland Cricket are holding a Come and Try Day for children aged 5 to 12 years, this coming Sunday, 10 August from 11am to 3pm at the Allan Border Field, Albion.
Little Athletics are holding their 2014/15 Season sign on on from 2-4pm on Saturday, 9 and 16 August at The Shed, Jim Brittain Oval, Moreton Bay Girls College (Wondall Road entrance). The season commences on 31 August. For further information, visit www.wmlac.org.au or email wmlac1@gmail.com

Calendar

**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

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EKKA Public Holiday

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