NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST 2014

Principal’s Message
GUESS WHO IS COMING TO VISIT?

• Stig Wemyss lives at our school hall. Stig Wemyss is an Australian narrator of audio books for children and young adults. Perhaps you have listened to one of the many books he has narrated. His show is wildly entertaining and check full of fun. He is the Author of The Tripp Diaries; an audio book series written specifically for audio. If you love listening to Stig read books by Andy Griffiths, Paul Jennings, Tim Winton and others, you’ll love this original, hysterical series designed to listen to in the car with your family on a long drive...

• Bayside SC teachers visiting our Year 6/7 classes to learn more about Reading to Learn
• Assistant Regional Director Karen Howes will be visiting us on Tuesday, 19 August from 9am – 11:30am. Karen will drop into as many classes as possible.
• Earlier in the year, Premier Newman and Neil Symes MP experienced ‘Reading to Learn’ at Manly West and were very impressed. On Monday, 18 August from 9:30am – 11:00am, Neil is returning to participate in reading to learn lessons in various classes and see the learning growth that our students are demonstrating.

STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP PROJECTS
The student council is currently evaluating the quotes for our outdoor learning spaces. They are specifically aiming for outdoor seating and tables that can be placed for maximum use by our students and families.

BUY ONE MORE PROJECT
Thank you to our school families who contribute to this every week. Remember it is as simple as buying one more grocery item when you are out shopping! Then drop this into the school office collection box or if you are at OSHC you can drop it in there.

MANLY WEST SHOWCASED IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
Congratulations to the performers and audience alike who joined together and raised the roof at our Winter Showcase last Thursday evening. Thanks Ms Comiskey for being a great music teacher! 😊

On Sunday our senior instrumental music students excelled to create a wonderful sound at the Bands in the Park event. Well done to those students and thanks to Mr Rander and parents for your support!

High praise for our Manly West athletes who participated enthusiastically in the Lytton District Athletics Carnival last week! Congratulations to Baden and Emma who were selected in the Lytton District Team to compete at Metro East regional carnival.

NOT TO BE MISSED – ‘Reading to Learn’ Parent Sessions
Register for this valuable parent learning experience. It is optimal 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

QUEENSLAND EDUCATION ACCORD SUMMIT
Have your say at this Qld 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 St Lotra on Aug 20th 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 September 2nd at 5:30-6:30pm in the Performing Arts Hall.

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

A note has been sent home. Please return the registration slip as soon as possible.

SCHOOL TOUR AND INFORMATION SESSION FOR 2015 ENROLMENT
For our new families enrolling in 2015, we would like to invite you to a school tour and information session on:
- Thursday August 14th at 5:00-6:00pm
- Friday August 15th at 9:30-10:30am

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

Looking forward to seeing you in your 70’s or 80’s gear at the P&C Trivia Night next Friday, 22 August in the MWSS Hall. Cost is $15 p/p.

Lisa Morrison, Principal

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

From the Deputy’s Desk
Science Fair Spectacular
This term students at Manly West SS are celebrating all things Science with some special events. These include observing crystals growing in the Library, visits from our Scientist in Residence Dr Jane, visits from our local high school Science teachers and our Science Day on 12 September.

Our crystal growing has started in the library with a crystal solution prepared for each year level. On the Science Day our special guests will judge which year level has the biggest crystal. Students will be able to observe the growing crystals when they visit the library for borrowing.

All students are invited to enter into our Science Fair which will be held in the same week as our Science Day. Students need to conduct a Science investigation or research project and present their findings on a poster/chart or as a model which can be displayed on a table. Students can work individually on their Science Fair project or with a group of friends. Science Fair projects will need to be brought into school on Tuesday 9 September for display. Classes will be invited to visit the Science Fair Display on Wednesday and Thursday of that week, and parents will be invited to drop in to look at our wonderful work on the Science Day September 12. Ideas that students might like to investigate for their Science Fair project might be based on what they are learning in Science this term, or they might have an idea or special interest of their own. They might think about life cycles, investigating conditions of plant growth, a project on our Solar System, growing salt crystals, weather phenomenon or a multitude of other topics. A quick search on Google for Science Fair Projects will bring up lots of resources and ideas that students can pursue.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
It’s great to see more students completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge across the year levels!
Students in 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 to 4 need to read 20 books appropriate to their reading level and
- Years 5 to 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 6 WAMMM Camp – due by 22 August
Year 4/5 Camp – deposit due by 28 August

From Around the School

Fund Raising for Red Cross
Don’t forget next Wednesday, 20 August we will be holding a “CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION”. All students are invited to take part (see categories).

Entry fee: Gold coin donation
Judging: Mr Neil Symes MP (11:30 – 12:00)

Cakes are to be decorated at home, then delivered to the Science Room in C Block after 8:10am. Parents are welcome to come and view the entries at 11:00am during the morning tea break. All entries will be for sale during the lunch break.

Preps to Year 2: Plate of biscuits or patty cakes (milk arrowroot biscuits are good for decorating)

Students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge

Students in Years 3 to 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.

SO GET CREATIVE AND ENTER OUR CAKE DECORATING!!

Don’t forget our poster competition is an Acrostic Poem using the letters from the word – RED CROSS.

Thank You for your support. Your child’s entry will help Red Cross support “PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE”.

From 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.

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 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
Little Athletics are holding their 2014/15 Season sign 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

Families are being given a great opportunity to see Annie: The Musical (performed by Savoyards Musical Comedy Society) at a very reasonable price. The Preview Night (the night prior to Opening) will be held at Iona Theatre on Friday, 26 September and ticket prices **for this night only** are $20 (students), $25 (adults). Normal prices for other shows are $25 (students), $45 (adults). If you are interested in taking up this very special offer, please contact Mrs Bye, 2B at gbye2@eq.edu.au. Purchase of tickets on other nights are to be done via www.savoyards.com.au

Calendar
**Thursday, 14 August**
Enrolment Information Session, 5.00 to 6.00pm

**Friday, 15 August**
Enrolment Information Session, 9.30 to 10.30am

**Wednesday, 20 August**
Singfest 2014
Red Cross Cake Decorating Competition

**Thursday, 21 August**
Living on the Bay excursion, Prep B & C
P&C Meeting, 6.30pm

**Friday, 22 August**
Living on the Bay excursion, Prep/1A
Trivia Night

**Tuesday, 26 August**
Eureka Gold Rush excursion, Year 5

**27 to 29 August**
Emu Gully camp, Year 6 & 7

**Friday, 29 August**
Interschool Sport starts, Year 4 to 7