NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 20 AUGUST 2014

Principal’s Message
MANLY WEST SINGERS AT SINGFEST THIS WEEK
Thanks Ms Comiskey for inspiring our young singers with a wonderful Singfest experience! On Wednesday our Choir and Boys Vocal Group will participate in a day of small and large group choral experiences at the Old Museum in Bowen Hills. This event culminates in a concert at 6:30pm. Thanks parents for your support!

STARTING THIS WEEK – ‘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

REGISTER TODAY - WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT INTERNET SAFETY
The registration form for the ‘ThinkUKnow’ (internet safety) presentation was sent home last week. 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.

2015 ENROLMENT
High praise for our Year 6/7 tour guides who wowed our new prep parents with their confidence and pride in their school at the enrolment information sessions last week.

2015 preps have 5 more opportunities to experience prep before they enroll:

✓ 3 transition days on 14, 21 & 28 October from 10.00 to 11.00am
✓ Prep enrolment interviews will be held during the week of 10 November (yes, please bring your preppie to the interview) and
✓ Step-Up day on Tuesday, 9 December at 11:30am-12:50pm. On Step-Up Day all students (Prep to Yr 6) move up into their new year level to meet their teacher and their class for 2015.

Looking forward to seeing you in your 70’s or 80’s gear at the P&C Trivia Night this Friday, 22 August in our 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 All Around – National Science Week Activities at our local Museum
With our term of delving into Science at school, parents might like to involve their family in some Science outside of school. The Queensland Museum and Science Centre at Southbank will be having the following exhibits throughout the term and over the school holidays:
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Science implicated the events. How did it come about?

Deep Oceans - journey to the bottom of the sea with the Octonauts to learn about the creatures of the deep and explore some of the myths and legends that surround them. Tickets for this special exhibit can be purchased online.

Body Zone - Your body, like you've never seen it before. Challenge it, move it, re-assemble it, confuse it.

The Space Show - What is space? Where is space? How do we get there? Discover the answers in an out of this world science show! These are free events with the price of admission to the Science Centre ... children $11.50, adults $14.50, family of 4 $44.50.

Parents can get online to find opening times and more information about Science Week activities at these two venues.

Science Centre
Queensland Museum

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
• Prep to 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 4-7 Interschool Sport due by 26 August
Year 4/5 Camp deposit due by 28 August
From Around the School

Swim Club
Swim season is only 5 weeks away! It’s time to come out of hibernation and start thinking about those warm sunny days and fun in the pool. To ensure we have children in the right classes from the beginning, we will be holding assessments at Wynnum State School pool on Sunday, 14 September between 12 and 3pm. Log on to www.baysideswimschool.com.au/registration to register for these assessments. For more information about our classes, contact Matthew and Rachel at swim@baysideswimschool.com.au or phone them on 0448 434 885.

Dental Clinic
Some small changes were recently made to the school dental program. We now ask that a parent or legal guardian attend dental appointments with their child but to fit in with busy families, we offer this free treatment at any of our public clinics across the region. All appointments need to be made by phoning 1300 300 850.

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: Friday, 22 August at 7.30pm in the Hall. Have you booked your table yet? If not, it’s not too late so come and join in for a great night of fun and prizes.

Uniform Shop: Our *new style* school bags, with Spartan’s Lifetime Warranty, have arrived and are available now at the introductory price of $35.

Father’s Day: Tuesday, 2 September between 8.15am and 1.00pm. If you are able to help man the stall, even if it’s only for an hour, please see Lyle at the Uniform Shop.

Community News
Brisbane Roar are running an active after school program for students in Prep to Year 7 starting on Monday, 1 September from 3.15 to 4.45pm on our school oval. Cost is $20 per child and includes Pauls Roar inflatable fields plus a Pauls supporters pack. Please register online at www.roaractive.com.au under School programs.

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

A “Battle of the Schools” Trivia Night has been arranged for Saturday, 13 September in support of the local School Chaplaincy Program.

Where: Brisbane Bayside State College Network Drive, Wynnum West.
When: Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
Cost: Adults $20, School Children/Pensioners $15

Get your team together (maximum of 6) and register by 11 September by phoning 0408 457 931/3396 7444. A light supper will be provided, soft drinks can be purchased and there will be a lucky door prize.

Calendar
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

Monday, 25 to Wednesday, 27 August
Emu Gully camp, Year 6 & 7

Tuesday, 26 August
Eureka Gold Rush excursion, Year 5

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

Tuesday, 2 September
Father’s Day Stall