**NEWSLETTER – TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2014**

**Principal’s Message**

**NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK ACTIVITY**

Poetry is best when shared, and ‘Poem in Your Pocket Day’ is the perfect time to surprise someone with the gift of poetry. Bring your poem to share this Friday.

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – TUESDAY 2/9**

Information on how to register for the ‘ThinkUKnow’ (internet safety) presentation is attached to the newsletter. All parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend. This free presentation will be held on Tuesday, 2 September at 5:30-6:30pm in the Performing Arts Hall.

**STUDENT SUPPORT @ MANLY WEST**

From time to time students may need extra support to ensure that their learning is on track. Class teachers or parents may flag concerns and meet to plan the next step. The next step could be:

- extra support provided by the class teacher and teacher aide
- referral to the student support team for further advice
- a further referral to a specialist or guidance officer for investigation

The student support team comprises the Deputy Principal, Guidance Officer, Special Education teacher, Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy. Class teachers attend a team meeting with student work samples as part of the referral process. Parents are fully involved in this process and will be invited to attend meetings with the class teacher or members of the student support team. Referral specialists may include a speech or occupational therapist, behaviour support teacher, psychologist, paediatrician or other as required. Please contact your class teacher if you have any concerns about your child’s learning.

**NAPLAN – ONE PART OF THE LEARNING STORY FOR OUR CHILDREN**

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s NAPLAN report please contact your child’s class teacher. Below is a snapshot of our 2014 NAPLAN data. (NMS-national minimum standards).

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Our focus is on continuous improvement. The whole school ‘Reading to Learn’ program specifically addresses Reading, Writing and the language of Numeracy. The current Year 3 students have been taught with Reading to Learn for 18 months and the Year 3 NAPLAN data shows significant improvement; especially with more than half of the students working at the top bands in Reading. Year 5 and 7 reading results are also strong. Use this link to learn more about Reading to Learn: https://www.readingtolearn.com.au/

SCIENCE ROCKS!
Special thanks go out to Steve McPherson and Kathy from Wynnnum SHS for providing an amazing day of whiz-bang science for our Prep to Year 5 students. See them in action below. Get exciting science and maths free into your inbox with CSIRO’s science/maths by email. The emails are packed with activities, puzzles, latest scientific news, technology, maths, quizzes and links to events. Go to www.csiro.au/sciencemail or www.csiro.au/mathsbyemail

From the Deputy’s Desk
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Students have two weeks left to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge and submit their record sheet to the Library. All record sheets need to be handed into the library by Friday, 5 September 2014. It has been pleasing to see some of our older students completing the challenge along with the younger students. Below is a graph showing how many students have returned their record sheet for each class so far.

Singfest
On Wednesday last week I enjoyed accompanying our Choir and Boy’s Vocal Group to Singfest in the Old Museum. The students spent the day rehearsing the songs they have been learning with Ms Comiskey, and in the evening they held a concert. There were 385 children performing in Wednesday’s concert. All of the students who represented Manly West SS did so with pride and the Choir Conductor Mr Gillard complemented their efforts several times throughout the day!

Office
Payments Due
Year 4-7 Interschool Sport due by 26 August
Year 4/5 Camp deposit due by 28 August

From Around the School
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.

Lisa Morrison, Principal

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

From the P&C
Next Meeting: Thursday, 18 September at 6.30pm in the Admin Block.

Our New Executive Team
We now have a new P&C President and Assistant Treasurer! We would like to welcome Morgan McPherson as our President and Joanna Harrison as our Assistant Treasurer.

Introducing the MWSS P&C Executive team….

Thank you to Sally Waters who has done an amazing job as our President over the last 18 months. We wish you Bon Voyage for your travels to China.

Trivia Night
Thank you to everyone who attended the Trivia Night on Friday night. We would also like to thank Renee for running the bar for us, Kirsty and Vicky for helping on the bar, Hazel for helping to gather great prizes, OSHC for donating prizes and Brad, Richard and our Exec for setting up and clearing away. We also want to thank the cleaners, Rosie for doing a fantastic job for putting the questions together and asking them and Lisa for marking the answers. A real team effort and a very successful night.

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 goodbye2@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.

Register now for the summer season of Futsal 5-A-Side Soccer being held at Gumdale SS. Phone 0408 012 921 or visit www.australianfutsal.com for more information.

**Calendar**

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

**Tuesday, 2 September**  
Father’s Day Stall  
ThinkUKnow Parent Information Session

**Wednesday, 3 September**  
Prep/1A Living by the Bay excursion (rescheduled)  
Reading to Learn Parent Information Session 2

**Thursday, 4 September**  
Prep Stargazing/Science Night

**Tuesday, 9 September**  
School Photos – Other Groups (Sport, Choir/BVG)

**Thursday, 18 September**  
P&C Meeting, 6.30pm

**Friday, 19 September**  
Last day of School for Term 3

**INTERNET INFORMATION EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW**

Our school is hosting a ‘ThinkUKnow’ (internet safety) presentation on Tuesday, 2 September from 5.30 to 6.30pm and ALL parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend.

In partnership between the Australian Federal Police and Microsoft Australia, and supported by ninemsn and Datacom, ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative aiming to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones covering topics such as how young people are using technology to have fun, online grooming, cyberbullying, inappropriate content and e-security.

The presentation will discuss popular applications used by young people, the risks they may be exposed to, how to minimise these risks and where to report problems to.

For more information, please visit the ‘ThinkUKnow’ Australia website at www.thinkuknow.org.au

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

To assist with planning, please RSVP by either phoning the office on 3906 8333 or emailing admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au.