Principal's Message

MWSS P&C PRESIDENT CHANGES
Welcome to Morgan McPherson, who has taken over as the Manly West P&C President. Sally Waters, the outgoing president, has stepped down from the position as she prepares to travel to China with her family. Our community thanked Sally in style at the recent P&C Trivia Night with a bunch of flowers and a huge cheer. Thanks Sally.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2015
Students, parents and teachers from Years 3 and 4 are invited to attend the 2015 Instrumental Music Recruitment Evening on Tuesday, 9 September from 6.00 to 7.00pm in the Hall. Mr Rander will provide an overview of the Program and answer questions. Expression of Interest forms will be distributed at this event.

POEM IN YOUR POCKET DAY
A big thank you to students for sharing your fantastic poems last Friday! Principals from local high schools enjoyed a treat when many of our students sharing their original or favourite poems.

Here are just a few of the many poems shared on the day!

The Summer
Oh ... how I wish the sun will shine again
I cannot wait to swim again and to glide
Through the blue waters again
To lay on beaches and feel the sun on my skin
To eat lovely ice cream again
Oh ... I cannot wait for summer again
By Hanna Silburn

Glurp the Purple Alien
I’m Glurp, the purple alien
I come from outer space
I have a purple face
I use my purple tentacles
to dine on purple food
The treats I find the tastiest
Are purely purple-hued
I’ll eat a purple burger
I’ll slurp a purple shake
I’ll feast on purple pickles and
partake of purple cake
I’ll nosh on purple noodles
I’ll feast on purple fries
I’ll munch on purple macaroons
And purple pizza pies
I haven’t seen your planet
But if I ever do
You’d better not wear purple
I might just dine on you
By Alana Campbell
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

- they learn better
- they make friends and are happier
- they have a brighter future

Why must I send my child to school?
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school. Principals decide if the reason given for your child’s absence is acceptable. Avoid keeping your child away from school for:
- birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as haircuts.
- routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday?
You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?
Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Send a note to your child’s class teacher on their return, or phone the Absence Line on 3906 8360.

Are you having problems getting your child to school?
If so, a set routine can help
- have a set time to go to bed OR a set time to get out of bed (use an alarm)
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities (see your teacher to access our school homework club held on Friday mornings)
- have uniform, school bag and lunchbox ready the night before
- speak positively about school
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won’t go to school?
You should contact your class teacher as soon as possible for advice and support. These youtube videos may provide you with further information: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgrjv5epyrnQDLNMTmhLA6z-cssQyLc5vN

Lisa Morrison, Principal

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

From the Deputy’s Desk
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Up until Friday last week, 70 children have completed and handed in their Premier’s Reading Challenge record. Congratulations boys and girls! 5B has leapt ahead to lead the school with 10 students completing the Challenge!

Students have until this Friday, 5 September, to complete the Challenge. Record sheets need to be handed into the library by Tuesday, 9 September at the latest.

![Students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge](chart.png)
From the Office

School Photos
Silver Rose will be back at school next Tuesday, 9 September to take photos of our “other” groups (sport, choir, BVG). Letters were sent home providing details on how to order online – **there are no order forms for these photos**. Individual photos of students who were either absent on the previous photo day or who have enrolled at our school since then will also be taken. You can either order online, or collect an order form from the office and send it with your child on photo day, along with payment.

From Around the School

Red Cross Cake Decorating Competition
A big THANK YOU to the MWSS community for supporting this fundraising event which raised $495.15 – well done!

Our judge, Mr Neil Symes, had an enormously difficult task as there were so many wonderful and creative entries, so congratulations to everyone who entered. Following are the winners of each competition :-

Poster Competition
Josie Macdonald, Helaina Fulton, Daina Furness

Cake Decorating Competition
Prep: Lola Brown, Sara James, Isabelle Knott
Yr 1: Annabel Baker, Hamish Tapp, Piper Malloch
Yr 2: Maya Kolle, William Brown, Isabella Quinn
Yr 3: Indigo Lambinon, Rory Hallam, Christian Brown
Yr 4: Harrison Deamon, Krystan Chapman, Oliver Arklay
Yr 5: Nadia Turia, Chloe Britton, Alana Campbell
Yr 6/7: Max Hodder, Olivia Turner, Danielle Blake

Grand Champions
Junior: Lola Brown
Middle: Indigo Lambinon
Senior: Nadia Turia

Congratulations to all of these students who received prizes at this week’s parade.

Birth to School & Beyond – Are your Children on Track?
Next Wednesday, 10 September, from 6.30 to 8.00pm, we are holding a child and family expo in the Hall. The expo is designed to help parents understand and determine whether their child is on track with speech/communication, reading/writing, social competence and emotional maturity, getting ready for Prep, progressing through school and more. There will be information stalls, take home information and lucky door prizes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jump Rope for Heart
On Thursday, 18 September we will be holding a Jump Off at school to raise funds for the Heart Foundation. Flyers/sponsorship forms have been sent home for you to ask family and friends to donate to this very worthwhile cause.

Swim Club Sign On
We are holding our Sign On days this coming Friday, 5 and next Friday, 12 September from 2.30pm at both the drop off zone and the front of the Hall. For further information or to sign on, visit mwmantarays@gmail.com.

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.

Swim School
Swim season is only 4 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.
**OHSC Vacation Care**
September/October Vacation Care programs are now available. Please complete and return your booking sheet by Friday, 12 September, together with excursion and swimming permission slips. Be quick so you don’t miss out!

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

**Our New Executive Team**

![Introducing the MWSS P&C Executive team....](image)

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

Thanks to the wonderful group of parents who helped man the Father’s Day Stall yesterday.

**Community News**
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.

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.

Looking for some fun activities to keep the kids occupied over the school holidays? Sleeman Sports are running a program from 22 September to 3 October - Monday to Friday, 12.30 to 2.30pm $7 which includes waterslide fun, obstacle course, mini inflatable and Saturday and Sunday, 1.00 to 4.00pm $6 which includes the indoor waterslide. For further information, visit www.sleemansports.com.au or phone 3131 9620.

Darling Point Sailing Squadron are running 6 week “Discover Sailing” courses for all ages at Manly Boat Harbour, starting 14 September and 2 November. Visit www.dpss.org.au for further information.

Silky Oaks are holding a Family Fun Day this coming Saturday, 6 September from 9am to 12noon. There will be a jumping castle, sumo wrestling, animal farm, magician, face painting a free sausage sizzle and more.
Dive Back into Swimming these school holidays with Bayside Swim School. Once again, we are running Learn to Swim Intensives which are a great way for the kids to get back into swimming and helps boost their confidence after the winter break. Each program runs for 5 days, catering for all levels from complete beginner to mini-squad. For more information, phone Matthew or Rachel on 0448 434 885 or visit swim@baysideswimschool.com.au. Places are limited, so register early to reserve your place at www.baysideswimschool.com.au/registration.

Wynnum Manly Leagues Club are holding a Rugby League Skills Camp at Kougari Oval from 22 to 24 September, 9am to noon, for children aged 6 to 10 years. Cost is $40 which includes a football, tshirt, sausage sizzle and drink. Numbers are limited so be quick to book.

Calendar

Every Friday
Interschool Sport, Year 4 to 7

Thursday, 4 September
Prep Stargazing/Science Night

Friday, 5 September
Swim Club Sign On

Tuesday, 9 September
School Photos – Other Groups (Sport, Choir/BVG)
Instrumental Music Recruitment Evening

Wednesday, 10 September
Birth to School & Beyond, Child and Family Expo

Friday, 12 September
Swim Club Sign On

Thursday, 18 September
Jump Rope for Heart “Jump Off”
P&C Meeting, 6.30pm

Friday, 19 September
Last day of School for Term 3