

# Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

## Newsletter



**NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2014**

### Principal's Message

#### Welcome back to Term 4!

I am very much looking forward to working with you again to complete what has been a tremendously busy and rewarding year.

#### Splish Splash! Just in time for the swimming season!

Our pool makeover is complete! New tiles, repainting, concrete surrounds, new pool fence and canteen kitchen, pool blankets and a roller. Thanks to combined funding from our fantastic P&C and the Education Qld pool grant. Watch this space as we plan our celebration for the marvellous pool makeover!! PS. student council seating is ordered and on its way.

#### 2015 Class Allocation Process - we value your input into the education of your child!

Attached to the newsletter is a form which gives you an opportunity to share any relevant information about your child as we prepare to create our 2015 classes. Please read the form very carefully so you understand the process. We take an enormous amount of time to develop the classes and encourage you to respect the teachers' judgement on careful placement of your child/ren into their 2015 class.

#### Growing Partnerships with Parents

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our teachers, teacher aides, Reading to Learn coach, Curriculum Coach, Support Teacher, Special Education teachers and Guidance Officer who consistently focus on the learning needs of every student in their care. As parents/caregivers, your contribution to the learning achievement of your child/ren is also vital. Working together, showing respect and valuing each other, staff and

parents/caregivers, is the way to make the best learning environment for our children.

To assist you with planning, please remember that **Monday, 20 October** is a Pupil Free Day.

Lisa Morrison, Principal

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

### From the Deputy's Desk

Welcome back to Term 4, this year has gone by quickly! Shortly before the end of last term Manly West SS hosted a cyber safety awareness evening for parents with the ThinkUKnow presentation. There are a number of useful resources on the web to help children understand some of the issues around Internet use, privacy and cyber safety. Below are some links you might find useful for your children to explore or as a starting point for talking with your children about online safety.

#### Resources for Year 3-4

*Privacy Playground - The First Adventure of the Three Cyberpigs*

[http://mediasmarts.ca/sites/default/files/games/privacy\\_playground/flash/privacy\\_playground\\_en/start.html](http://mediasmarts.ca/sites/default/files/games/privacy_playground/flash/privacy_playground_en/start.html)

*The Second Adventure of the Three Cyber Pigs - Game 2*

[http://mediasmarts.ca/sites/default/files/games/cybersense\\_nonsense/cybersense/start.html](http://mediasmarts.ca/sites/default/files/games/cybersense_nonsense/cybersense/start.html)

#### Privacy Pirates

[http://mediasmarts.ca/sites/default/files/games/privacy\\_pirates/flash/PrivacyPirates\\_English/main.html](http://mediasmarts.ca/sites/default/files/games/privacy_pirates/flash/PrivacyPirates_English/main.html)

## Resources for Year 5-7

### *RUA Cyber Detective*

<http://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/cyberdetective/index.html>

### *Jo Cool or Jo Fool OK Cyber Tour*

[http://mediasmarts.ca/sites/default/files/games/joecool\\_joefool/en/start\\_tour.html](http://mediasmarts.ca/sites/default/files/games/joecool_joefool/en/start_tour.html)

### *Jo Cool or Jo Fool Cyber Quiz*

[http://mediasmarts.ca/sites/default/files/games/joecool\\_joefool/en/start.html](http://mediasmarts.ca/sites/default/files/games/joecool_joefool/en/start.html)

## **From the Office**

### **School Photos**

A reminder that if you want to order photos of our "other" groups that were taken late last term, simply log on to [www.silverrose.com.au](http://www.silverrose.com.au), click on schools and follow the prompts.

## **From Around the School**

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

Jump Off took place on Thursday, 18 September to raise funds for the Heart Foundation. If you haven't yet returned your sponsorship forms and money, please do so by the end of this week.

### **Library News**

#### Scholastic Book Fair

Please note your calendars now - the Scholastic Book Fair will be run at Manly West starting on Wednesday, 29 October through to Monday, 3 November. The Book Fair will be open for purchases before school from 8.00am - 8.45am Wednesday through to Monday. After school sessions will be 3.00pm to 4.00pm, (Wednesday until Friday) except for Thursday when it will be open until 5.00pm. We hope to have a coffee van available on the Thursday afternoon also for those who may like to purchase a good coffee! :)

Parents who are unable to come to the Book Fair can still purchase! Students can bring home a 'wish list' from which purchases can be made and paid on line (you will be given a receipt number to be recorded on the 'wish list' and returned to the Library to show us payment has been made). Christmas is not far away so this is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping!

This year we are fortunate to have renowned author Kate Forsyth coming to visit with Year 5-7 students at Manly West on Thursday, 30 October from 1.30pm to 3.00pm approx. In conjunction with her visit we are

running 2 competitions. Years 5-7 please write your own 'fantasy' story. Years Prep - Year 4 please draw a 'fantasy' character. **Entries can be given to the Library and must be handed in by 3.00pm Wednesday, 22 October.** Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each competition.

Please contact us at the Resource Centre if you need any further details.

*Mrs Fritz and Mrs Blake, Library Co-ordinators*

### **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**

#### Swimming Season is Back!

It's week 1 of the term and fantastic to see all of our lovely families back at the pool. This season we have a beautifully refurbished pool and it's busier than ever. Learn to Swim classes run after school on Monday and Thursday and Squad sessions run after school on Monday and before school on Tuesday and Thursday.

Whether for confidence, fitness, personal best times at swim club or this year's Eylene 1000 ocean swim, visit [www.baysideswimschool.com.au](http://www.baysideswimschool.com.au) or contact Matthew & Rachel on 0448 434 885 or for class times and more information, email [swim@baysideswimschool.com.au](mailto:swim@baysideswimschool.com.au).

## **From the P&C**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, 16 October** at 6.30pm in the Admin Block.

### **Community News**

The Brisbane Kite Festival will be held on Sunday, 12 October from 10am to 4pm at Murarrie Recreation Ground, Wynnum Road, Cannon Hill. There will be kites, entertainment, rides and more.

Wynnum Relay for Life is being held on Saturday, 18 to Sunday, 19 October to raise funds for the Cancer Council. For further information, phone 1300 656 585 or email [info@1300epromo.com.au](mailto:info@1300epromo.com.au)

## **Calendar**

### ***Every Friday***

Interschool Sport, Year 4 to 7

### ***Monday, 13 October***

Dance Program commences, Prep to Year 7

### ***Tuesday, 14 October***

2015 Prep Transition Session, 10am

### ***Wednesday, 15 October***

Reading to Learn Parent Workshop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Session

### ***Wednesday, 15 to Friday, 17 October***

Year 4/5 Lake Moogerah Camp

### ***Thursday, 16 October***

P&C Meeting, 6.30pm

### ***Monday, 20 October***

PUPIL FREE DAY

### ***Wednesday, 29 October***

Book Fair