

# Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

## Newsletter



**NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2014**

### Principal's Message

#### Welcome to Week 2, Term 4

What's happening this term? Don't miss out!! Check the calendar on the school website. With such a busy term it is important to take a few minutes to record all of the school event dates on your home calendar.

### Rising Stars

Each week our students amaze us with what they achieve. This week we congratulate the Year 5 students who spoke so passionately and proudly about their school during the School Captain selection process for next year. Well done also to Rebecca (Year 7) who was selected to represent Queensland in the Australian National Figure Skating Championships.

### 2015 Seniors' Mural

Thanks to the talented Hodder family, our Year 6/7 seniors and teachers will have the chance to paint their own 'bug' on the kitchen garden wall, creating a lasting memory of their time at Manly West SS.



### World Teachers' Day – 31 October 2014

Across 100 countries, World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of educators in an increasingly complex multicultural and

technological society. On this day we are all encouraged to take time to recognise the great work that our school staff do in our Manly West community.

### What does learning look like at Manly West?

- ✓ **Literacy and Numeracy** – is the key focus for academic teaching and learning at Manly West SS. Our new 'Reading to Learn' program is supporting student achievement in both literacy and numeracy.
- ✓ **Ethical behaviour and Personal and social competence** – through the gradual release of responsibility model, student led conferencing and goal setting, bronze/ silver/gold behaviour levels, leadership, buddy program and extra-curricular learning opportunities, students learn to act with integrity, recognise and regulate emotions, develop an understanding of others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions, work effectively in teams, handle challenges constructively and develop a capacity to work for the common good.
- ✓ **Critical and creative thinking** – through thinking broadly and deeply across science, music, HPE, French, history, geography and technology students apply thinking skills to activities that require reason, logic, imagination and innovation.
- ✓ **Information and communication technology (ICT)** – students investigate, create and communicate ideas and information online (across all subject areas).
- ✓ **Intercultural understanding** –students learn to value their own culture and beliefs and those of others from diverse cultural backgrounds; particularly through the study of history and geography.

## **We value you as a partner in the education of your child!**

Last week parents were provided with a form which gives an opportunity to share any relevant information about your child as we prepare to create our 2015 classes. Please return your form to the Office by this Friday, 17 October.

To our Year 4 and 5 students - have a wonderful camp at Lake Moogerah this week.

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**

Last term we celebrated all things Science, culminating the celebrations with a Super Science Morning and a Science Fair. On our Super Science Morning Dr Jane, our Scientist in Residence from University of Queensland, and Science teachers from Wynnum State High School and Brisbane Bayside State College came along and judged the student entries. As classes visited the Science Fair during the week they were also invited to vote for the People's Choice entry. Congratulations to the following winners:

Prep – Spencer A

Year 1 – Jeremy D

Year 2 – Hamish L

Year 3 – Joshua M

Year 4 – Zachery M

Year 5 – Eamonn B

Year 6 – Danielle B & Olivia T

Year 7 – Lydia O & Luke D

People's Choice – Caitlin K, Neve M, Indigo M, Helaina F and Maddison F.

Many thanks to our guest judges Dr Jane Fitzpatrick, Steve Macpherson, Michelle Sullivan and Alicia Wilkinson! Thank you also to Ms Rhonda Brown and Mrs Kylie Mitchell for working behind the scenes throughout Term 2 and 3 to organise the different Science events for our students to engage in.



### **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.

### **Active School Travel: Decorate your Bike/Scooter**

As part of the Active School Travel program, students are invited to decorate their bicycle or scooter for our "Bloom Groom or Loom" competition. Get busy on the long weekend to have your bike or scooter ready for judging on **Wednesday, 22 October**. The event will be held in the undercover area starting at 8:00am, with special judges and prizes awarded.

### **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*

### **Swim School**

#### Swimming Season is Back!

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 Eycline 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, 23 October** at 6.30pm in the Admin Block.

**Date Claimer: Saturday, 15 November.** Family portrait fundraiser. Flyers coming home soon.

### **Community News**

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

#### **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

#### **Tuesday, 21 October**

2015 Prep Transition Session, 10am

#### **Thursday, 23 October**

P&C Meeting

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

Book Fair