

# Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

## Newsletter



**NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2014**

### Principal's Message

#### **Spread the Word – State Schools are Great Schools! How will your children live in the future?**

In the school holidays, I participated in the Education Summit (Qld Government 30 year plan for education) with 450 delegates from across Queensland. At the Summit, compelling research was shared about the socio-economic and environmental megatrends affecting the way we live and the way we might have to learn to live in the future. Makes interesting viewing! Click here <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZdBKDi5Osk&sns=em>

### Victorian Schools Visit

From Wednesday to Friday last week, I was privileged to visit a number of high-performing schools in Melbourne, attend an assessment session with ACER and Dr Geoff Masters, as well as a session on a new learning program based around curiosity. Each school identified the following as the secret to their success:-

- ✓ Flexible learning spaces – desks are shared and each child has a tidy tray (same furniture as our school)
- ✓ The curriculum arranged with English, Maths and then integrated units with combined subject areas. Those units were created with an Inquiry Model – Tuning in, Finding out, Sorting out, Making connections, Going further, Taking action.
- ✓ Classes were set up in team teaching arrangements with 2, 3 or sometimes 4 classes in large open spaces (folding doors open). In teaching teams, the teachers each have a home group of students and plan collaboratively. Teacher aides were employed to work with students with disabilities.
- ✓ All schools had a kitchen garden.

Information about our school and particularly 'Reading to Learn' was highly sought after by the school staff, so expect some Victorians up visiting soon.

### We Love Reading to Learn at Manly West!

This week, our teachers, Deputy and Principal completed their 8 days of training. Our R2L learning journey continues as we hone our skills and knowledge. Special thanks to Rebekah Ide, our super R2L Coach, who will continue to support us in 2015. For your information, Reading to Learn methodology is shared on as "engaging students through literacy and numeracy: Resources for teachers, students and parents". Click here <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/7-10-literacy-numeracy/>

### What's Happening for Book Fair @ Manly West?

Books can be viewed and purchased from Wednesday, 29 October until the morning of Monday, 3 November. On all days, except Thursday, the Book Fair will be open between 8 and 8.45am, during second break and after school till 4pm. On the Thursday afternoon, 30 October, the P&C have arranged for a coffee van outside the Library as the Book Fair will be open till 5pm. Author, Kate Forsyth, is visiting our Year 5-7 students from 1.30 to 2.45pm and there will be 2 competitions in conjunction with her visit. Prep to Year 4 to draw a 'fantasy' character, Years 5 to 7 to write a 'fantasy' story. There will be a winners prize for each category along with other minor class competitions and activities during lunchtime.

### Dance Cart Program

All the students had wonderful lessons last week, delivered by the Dance Cart teachers. The program will finish with an evening performance, 'An Evening at the Movies', on Wednesday, 10 December from 6.30 to 8.00pm.

## **World Teachers' Day: 31 October**

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.

In closing, I would like to say a big thank you to those parents/family members who are helping with swimming lessons this term. Your contribution assists not only your child, but also the whole class for this important Physical Education activity.

Lisa Morrison, Principal

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

## **From Around the School**

### **Library News**

#### Scholastic Book Fair

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.

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 Friday, 24 October.** Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each competition.

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

## **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**

Are you the parent of a teenager, aged 11 to 16 years, and tired of fighting with them? The Parenting and Family Support Centre at UQ are holding free seminars to give some practical tips for dealing with conflict. Visit <http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens>, phone 3365 7306 or email [parentingteens@uq.edu.au](mailto:parentingteens@uq.edu.au) for further information or to register.

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron is hosting a 'Discover Sailing Day' on 26 October from 9am to midday, showcasing all avenues the Squadron has to offer. There will be lots of activities for all ages, opportunities to ask questions about learning to sail, including a BBQ sausage sizzle from 10am.

Cleveland Air Magic are presenting their dancing and skipping extravaganza, Skipperella, in November at Cleveland Community Hall. For further information or to purchase your ticket, phone Amanda on 0408 713 291 or Kelly on 0423 831 531.

## **Calendar**

### **Every Friday**

Interschool Sport, Year 4 to 7

### **Every Monday**

Dance Cart Program, Prep to Year 7

### **Thursday, 23 October**

P&C Meeting

### **Tuesday, 28 October**

Enrolment Information Session, 9am  
Prep Transition Session, 10am

### **Wednesday, 29 October**

Book Fair

### **Friday, 31 October**

World Teachers' Day

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