NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2014

Principal's Message
Spread the word – state schools are great schools!!

A big thank you to Lyle, our Uniform Shop Convenor. This is a P&C run school activity.

Carpark Reminder
Safety should be everyone’s priority for our students, staff and families. So PARK in the PARKING BAYS provided, not in the drop off lane, and especially NOT across the pedestrian walkway. Any time of day, schools are busy places. Let’s work together to make our school a safe place as well.

What’s Happening for Book Fair?
Books can be viewed and purchased from Wednesday, 29 October until Monday morning, 3 November. On all days, except Thursday, the Book Fair will be open 8.00-8.45am, second break time and after school until 4.00pm. On Thursday afternoon there will be a P&C coffee van available because Book Fair will stay open until 5.00pm. Author, Kate Forsyth is also visiting (Years 5-7) 1.30pm-2:45pm, Thursday 30th Oct. There are 2 competitions in conjunction with her visit: Years 5-7 to write a ‘fantasy’ story, Prep to Year 4 to draw a ‘fantasy' character, with winners’ prizes in each category along with other minor class competitions and activities available at lunch time.

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. Congratulations to all staff who are also meeting professional milestones, including Ms Goodwin who has achieved 25 years of service with Education Queensland.

A Warm Welcome to New Families
It was a pleasure to meet so many of our new families over the past few weeks at our Prep transition and information sessions (for all year levels). Most Prep parents have received their enrolment interview letters now and then we will see all of our new 2015 students (Prep-Yr 6) for Step-up Day on Tuesday, 9 December at 11:30am when they will meet their classmates and their teachers for 2015.

G20 Leaders’ Summit Public Holiday
Similar to the Ekka public holidays, schools and businesses in the Brisbane City Council areas have been given a public holiday on Friday, 14 November. Please make alternate arrangements for your child/children that day.

Lisa Morrison, Principal

Our aim - every child, in every classroom, every day, learning and achieving!
**From the Deputy’s Desk**

**ICAS Competitions**

Last term a number of students from Years 2-7 participated in the ICAS English and Mathematics Competitions, showing great effort and achieving excellent results. Congratulations to all of our students who took up the challenge of these competitions!

**English**

**Distinction** – Jasmine D – Year 2, Liam W – Year 3

**Credit** – William C, Aimee E – Year 3, Dhruv A, Shannah E, Daina F, Sophie K – Year 4, Amy W – Year 5, Ty M – Year 7

**Merit** – Lana H – Year 3, Josie M – Year 5, Olivia H, Lachlan S – Year 6


**Mathematics**

**High Distinction** – Jasmine D – Year 2

**Distinction** – Dhruv A – Year 4, Josie M – Year 5

**Credit** – Tasha R – Year 2, Rory H – Year 3 Oliver A, Krysten C, Max C, Zachary M – Year 4, Eli A, Olivia H – Year 6

**Merit** – Jemma B – Year 3, Amy W – Year 5, Lachlan S – Year 6, Ty M – Year 7


**From the P&C**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, 20 November at 6.30pm in the Admin Block.

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

**From Around the School**

**Uniform Shop**

Expressions of interest are being sought for ordering our new Manly West swimming costumes. There are 2 styles available for girls and 1 style for boys. Please see Lyle at the Uniform Shop for further information.

**Bunnings BBQ for Manly West SS Chaplaincy – Help required!**

On Saturday, 8 November, Chappy is running a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Manly West to raise money for the chaplaincy program at Manly West State School. It would be great to see as many families and friends as possible dropping by for a sausage and drink.

For this sausage sizzle to run effectively, Chappy needs about 20 volunteers throughout the day for about 2 hours each. The time slots for these are:

- 8am-10am (2 more needed)
- 10am-12pm (3 or 4 more needed)
- 2pm-4pm (4 or 5 needed)
- (12pm-2pm has been covered)

If you are able to help out, please contact Chappy Taidhg by emailing him at taidhr@chappy.org.au or calling the school office on (07) 3906 8333.

Hope to see many of you there for some delicious sausages!

Many thanks, Chappy Taidhg

**Childhood Anxiety: Free Parent Information Session**

Anxiety is a significant issue for many children/families. The Student Support Team at Manly West State School thought families could benefit from information and practical skills to manage their child’s anxiety.

We are happy to be offering a free parent information session on childhood anxiety presented by Child Aware counselling and psychology services.

The parent information session will be held on **Wednesday, 5 November from 6.30 – 7.30 pm** in the Science Room. There will be time at the end for questions. The session is for adults, however should child-minding be an issue there is an adjoining room where children can sit and watch a movie.

Many families have already returned a slip to register their interest in attending but others are welcome to attend.
Community News
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

Friday, 31 October
World Teachers’ Day
Day for Daniel – wear red for gold coin