Principal's Message

Spread the word – State Schools are Great Schools!!

Manly West Community Christmas Hamper

Please donate for our annual collection for the Silky Oaks Childrens’ Haven Christmas Hamper. It has become a tradition that our student councillors and captains co-ordinate this project and this year they are working to make the hampers the best ever!

Silky Oaks advise that this list works best for hampers: Christmas pudding, tinned ham/fruit/vegetables or fish, shortbread, biscuits, chips, chocolate, lifelong milk, juice poppers, sugar, tea, coffee, laundry and dishwashing detergent, toilet paper, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, nappies, baby wipes, Christmas bonbons and decorations, any toys/clothing/books for boys or girls.

Make a Wish – Manly West SS Christmas Wishing Tree

In the school foyer, all community members are invited to write a wish on the paper provided. Share the joy of caring for each other.

- What do you wish for yourself?
- What do you wish for your loved ones?
- What do you wish for the world?

Think about what you most desire, and share your wish by hanging it on our tree.

Past Manly West Students – Now High School Stars!
I had the pleasure of attending both the Wynnum and Brisbane Bayside High School Annual Award evenings over the past two weeks and it was wonderful to see many past Manly West students achieving excellence.

Wynnum State High School Awards
Year 8
Awards of Excellence: Blake Brown, Nina Calvet, Brynley Day, Katie Hammill-Lovett, Zane Kelk
Awards of Distinction: Jessica Darby, Jayden Maguire, Jaydeane Ngatuere, James Taylor

Year 9
Awards of Excellence: Rhenalyn Punzalan, Corbin Roberts

Year 10
Awards of Distinction: Jade Ewer, Lydia Garsden, Hannah Ramsey

Manly West Chaplaincy BBQ Supporters – Thank You!
Year 11
Awards of Excellence: Mikaela Espiritu, Holly Jensen, Joyce Punzalan, Ashley Swift

Year 12
Awards of Excellence: Mykayla Chiotakis, Imogen Stead
Awards of Distinction: Mitchell Dame, Daniel Garsden, Abby Hatchman

Brisbane Bayside State College
- Celia Hamilton Guest Program Scholarship (guaranteed entry into Griffith Uni)
- Dakota Wood 2015 College Vice-Captain + silver academic and cultural awards
- Emerson Aldridge 2015 Sports House Captain + gold cultural award
- Joanne Robins received 4 subject awards + gold academic award
- Paige Mackay subject awards + silver academic and cultural awards
- Joshua Bunn gold academic award
- Jemma Macdonald bronze academic award
- Jarrod Williams bronze academic award
- Ryan Reeves bronze academic award

Mr Flack’s Super Basketball Team!
Congratulations to the MWSS senior basketball team who won the interschool sports grand final supported by their talented coach Mr Flack! All that practice certainly paid off!!

Prep Enrolments
If you have a child of prep age, and are in our school catchment, please ensure that you have completed the enrolment and other relevant forms. This ensures that you will receive an interview time with our Prep teachers and information about the step-up day, where children will meet their 2015 teachers and classmates. Interviews are taking place this week. Please contact the school office for further information.

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 Office
Term 4 is very busy so we have listed all the upcoming events under the Calendar section at the end of this newsletter.

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.

This week, you will receive a form from the Uniform Shop to pre-order uniforms. If you need uniforms for next year, please complete and return the order form to the Office by Friday, 21 November. Please note the days/times the Uniform Shop will open prior to school returning next year.

School Banking
Get involved in the current promotion for a chance to win a GoPro Hero3 Camera or a Slip ‘n Slide Wave Rider. Simply make a deposit between now and 30 November to automatically be entered into the competition. The more times they deposit, the more chances they have to win (up to a max of 6).
Swimming lessons aren’t just about swimming...
This weekend our two school swimming clubs, Manly West Manta Rays and Wynnum Wahoos come together to battle it out for the Wynnum Cup. Swim your best everyone!

Of course, it’s not all about swimming faster. As we say to everyone we meet, it’s really about giving the kids confidence and self-esteem. The skills just follow. This is the really rewarding part of what we do. Building up the kids who aren’t confident. Perhaps they don’t play ball sports, perhaps they’re just not all that fit. In the pool it doesn’t matter. It’s an individual sport that anyone can succeed in with the right encouragement and that’s what our swimming community is all about - lifting kids up and giving them the confidence and self-esteem to do things they didn’t think they could. If you haven’t dropped in to swim club or one of our sessions, come on in and say hi. Watching the kids having fun in the water (and watching the parents smile when they do something new) is great for the soul. We hope to see you there sometime. Matthew, Rachel and the team – swim@baysideswimschool.com.au | www.baysideswimschool.com.au | 0448 434 885 | www.facebook.com/baysideswimschool

From the P&C
Final Meeting for 2014: Thursday, 27 November
at 6.30pm in the Admin Block and to finish up our successful year we are having a cheese & wine night. Come along and say hi to your P&C team.

Fete News
Come and be part of our next fete planning team on Monday, 1 December 1.30pm-2.30pm. We need volunteers to help gather sponsorship and prizes for our major raffle. Do you know any companies or individuals who would like to be our major sponsors for our WOW Festival? Meet at the school office or contact Rosie O’Toole, our fete convenor pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au

Dance Program Finale: Wednesday, 10 December
The P&C will be running a Christmas stall at the Dance Finale where glowsticks and Christmas gifts will be available to purchase from the Performing Arts Hall canteen.

Family Portrait Fundraiser: Saturday, 15 November
Book your Julien Star Photography photo portrait slot today! See flyer for more details. Fill out your contact details and pay just $20 and you will receive a FREE Professional family studio shoot and a 10" x 8" photograph worth $95. All monies raised will go towards our wonderful school Tuckshop. We must have 25 families sign up for this special offer to proceed.

Book Covers
The P&C can highly recommend EZ Cover for easy affordable book covers for your child's books in 2015. All covers cost $1.20 each. Select Manly West State School from the drop-down box at check out and then enter the promo code ZFA186 and our school will receive 10 cents per book cover bought. See attached flyer for more details or check out their website at www.ezcover.net.au

Community News
World’s Greatest Shave
In April this year, one of our wonderful mums was diagnosed with cancer and beat it! Now she would like to give back to those who have not been so lucky and raise some much needed funds towards helping fight this terrible disease. In March next year, at Amcal Max Capalaba, Eleny will shave her hair off in support of this great cause. If you would like to sponsor Eleny, please follow the link my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/elenykatheklakis
Calendar

**Every Monday**
Dance Cart Program, Prep to Year 7

**Monday, 10 to Thursday, 13 November**
Prep 2015 Interviews

**Friday, 14 November**
G20 Summit Public Holiday

**Thursday, 20 November**
All Groups Music Concert, 7-8.15pm

**Thursday, 27 November**
Junior Swimming Carnival, Years 1 to 3, 9-11.00am
P&C Meeting, 6.30pm

**Friday, 28 November**
Senior Swimming Carnival, Years 4 to 7, 9-3.00pm

**Wednesday, 3 December**
Silver Awards Movie Session
P/1A Walk to Post Box and Vet

**Thursday, 4 December**
Academic Achievers Afternoon Tea
PB & PC Walk to Post Box and Vet

**Friday, 5 December**
Prep Swimming Carnival, 9-10.30am

**Monday, 8 December**
Year 6 Social

**Tuesday, 9 December**
Year 7 & 8 High School Orientation
Step Up Day, 11.30-1.00pm
Year 7 Social

**Wednesday, 10 December**
Awards Day Ceremony, 9-11.00am
Plantation Outing, Years 6 and 7
Dance Cart Finale, 6.30-8.00pm

**Thursday, 11 December**
Break Up Day
Talent Quest Grand Final, 9-11.00am

**Friday, 12 December**
Final day for 2014