

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2014

Principal's Message

Spread the word – State Schools are Great Schools!!

MWSS CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM – Letter of Support Request

Our chaplaincy program (with Chappy Taidhg) is part of the National School Chaplaincy Program that employs chaplains in Australian schools. The aim of this program is to support the emotional wellbeing of students by providing pastoral care services and strategies that support the emotional wellbeing of our broader school community. To maintain our chaplaincy program into 2015, we are required to submit a new application. **Families are encouraged to give feedback via email at lmorr85@eq.edu.au and/or write a letter of support for the Manly West Chaplaincy program in support of this application process.**

The number of schools selected for this 2015 program is dependent on the funding available, as well as a number of criteria; including evidence from the P&C and the community that the chaplaincy program is valued, school location, student needs, enrolment numbers, indigenous enrolment and existing program in place at the school. The NSCP provides up to \$20,000 per annum to be distributed to our school if it is selected in this application process.

The NSCP states that chaplains may be from any faith. Chaplains are not permitted to proselytise and must respect, accept and be sensitive to other people's views, values and beliefs. Chaplains must comply with State legislation and policies (including but not limited to child protection matters), as well as meet minimum qualification requirements. At enrolment and/or on request, families are

provided with information which outlines the school's chaplaincy service. This supports parents to make an informed decision regarding their child/ren's participation in chaplaincy activities and/or provide consent for ongoing one-on-one meetings.

We will be notified if we have successfully maintained our chaplaincy program by email in December 2014.

MANLY WEST COMMUNITY – CHRISTMAS HAMPER

It has become a tradition that our student councillors and captains co-ordinate to collect for the Silky Oaks Childrens' Haven Christmas Hamper. Silky Oaks advises that this list is 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.

NEW SEATING AND SHADE PLANTS ON THE BACK OVAL

Councillor Peter Cumming supported by our School Captains, Mr Houliston and Ms Morrison planted trees behind the new seating on the back oval. The trees will provide welcome shade for students and parents in the years to come.

Captains dig the holes!



INTERSCHOOL SPORTS IN 2015

Thank you to the students, staff and families for your time in responding to our cluster schools Interschool Sports survey. Given the survey results, both interschool sports and gala days will be implemented in 2015: interschool sports in semester one and gala days in semester two. See attached for a flyer from our [Wynnum Manly State Education Alliance](#) schools detailing survey results.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY 2014

Each year students, staff and parents are asked to provide feedback to the school via a survey. Again this year I am very excited to share that most items were very positive. Most parents, staff and students said that our school is a good school and that they would recommend it to others. Many results were as high as 100% agreement and most were above other metropolitan schools, similar (like) schools and whole of Queensland results. It reflects a strong confidence from students, staff and parents in the education that we are providing at MWSS. Thanks for the thumbs up!

Following is a snapshot of common ideas that we will add into our planning for 2015.

What should we celebrate?

Students

Teachers challenge me to think, teachers encourage me to do my best, I use computers and other technologies for learning, my school encourages me to participate in school activities.

Staff

Teaching at this school is rewarding, staff opinions are taken seriously, we work collaboratively, this is a safe place to work, we look for ways to improve, students are encouraged to do their best.

Parents

My child feels safe, teachers expect my child to do their best, school looks for way to improve, well maintained, school encourages parents to participate, strong sense of community, celebrates student achievement.

What should we pay attention to?

Students

Useful feedback on their classwork, student behaviour, fair treatment, developing my maths skills and knowing how I am assessed (eg. for reporting).

Staff

Useful feedback and the developing performance process, student behaviour, work/life balance, teaching about environmental sustainability.

Parents

Feedback about school work to students, student behaviour, parents understanding how students learn with computers, more interesting learning activities for students.

Lisa Morrison, Principal

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

From the Deputy's Desk

Scholastic at 2/350 Lytton Road, Morningside are holding their annual clearance sale, with children's books available from \$1. Dates are Wednesday 26/11 (8am-5.30pm) and Thursday 27/11 (8am-7pm)

From the Office

If you have recently changed address, or if you require separate report cards for your child/children (one for mum, one for dad) please email admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au.

Book lists for next year will be sent home in the next few days. You can order online by Friday, 2 January 2015 or if you prefer, fill them in and return them to the Office by Wednesday, 10 December and we will deliver them to the newsagent for you.

All state school students from Prep–Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment. Students who want the free software will need an active Managed Internet Service (MIS) login, school email account and password — those who don't should contact their school's MIS Administrator or class teacher. The administrator will help students activate their MIS login.

To find out how students can download their free copy of Microsoft Office 2013 Suite, click link <https://mishelp.eq.edu.au/studentadvantage/Pages/default.aspx>

From Around the School

Tuckshop

The final day for Tuckshop this year will be Wednesday, 10 December.

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.

Last week, you should have received 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 this 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.

Family Portrait Fundraiser: POSTPONED

To proceed with the Julien Star Photography portrait fundraiser we needed a minimum of 25 families. Unfortunately we didn't get that number so have had to postpone this event until next year.

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.

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

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

