

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2014

Principal's Message

It has been my genuine pleasure to work with you, your children and our school staff in 2014.

It's been a big year!! What did we do at MWSS?

Teach our students to learn: taking responsibility for their own learning portfolio, attendance and behaviour, use the Gradual Release of Responsibility Model for classroom teaching & learning.

Academic learning: excellence days with Wynnum Manly schools cluster, Science Spectacular and science week (with local high schools and UQ scientists), camps and excursions, financial literacy - StartSmart Program, Wynnum Library author visits, our Reading Egg hatched into a Moreton Bay bug! The Arts: Singfest, Choir and BVG programs and All Groups Concert, DanceCart, Instrumental Music with huge growth in our school program, Halloween Festival and Mothers' Day performances, Beginner and Intermediate Music camps, Honour Band with representatives from our school

Create school leaders: student leadership with captains and student council, aspiring leaders – Rebekah Ide and Stuart Houliston, Lisa Morrison (regional team member), staff – on recruitment panels for Greenslopes SS, Wynnum SHS school captains,

Develop the capacity of teachers: year level moderation with other teachers in the 7 other local primary schools, Collegial Coaching continuing through Reading to Learn triads, Reading 2 Learn (explicit teaching of literacy & numeracy) with all teachers trained, Words Their Way – spelling program

Be Active: Cross Country, Sports Carnival, Swimming Carnivals, Active School Travel with Walking, Wheeling Wednesday, Streets Ahead program, Bling your Wheels,



Congratulations Jasmine (Year 2) on winning the Queensland Medal for Mathematics!



'End of an Era' Artwork – Great work Max and Year 6/7 students



Link with our community: Welcome Family BBQ, Under 8's Day, Naidoc Week celebration, ICAS competitions (student wins National Maths Medal), Book Week, ANZAC parade and marches, Remembrance Day, Chaplaincy with Chappie Taidhg.

Staffing@MWSS

Thank you to our amazing school staff for all your great work in 2014. Full details of our 2015 staffing will be confirmed on Day 8 next year. We say a fond farewell and a special thank-you to key staff members who have provided wonderful learning opportunities for our students in 2014. We also welcome new staff to our team.

Transferred out of the school: Thank you to Rhonda Brown who is moving on to new adventures at Camp Hill SS. We will take the opportunity to farewell Ms Brown at our Awards Day and at a staff breakfast. There are also special plans being co-ordinated by her current students, their families and Ms Goodwin. Our students and staff provided these reflections ...

Ms Brown, you are a very good teacher, helpful, with a great sense of humour and always smiling. You taught many of us to love reading through your wonderful acting skills. Your love of science has also been infectious. Your favourite number is six billion and you have taught us to love our maths by talking about very, very big numbers. You will be remembered for being a great teacher at Manly

West SS. There are many stories to tell of Ms Brown's amazing contribution to Manly West over the past 22 years. These photos are just a drop in the ocean in terms of what she has given to all of us. Thank you Ms Brown. We wish you well at Camp Hill.



Transferred into the school: Jenny Reedman, an experienced early years teacher from Cannon Hill SS. Jenny will teach in Year 2. Tammy Franks, an early years teacher, is arriving on our doorstep from the Emerald district. Tammy will teach in Prep.

Teachers on leave: Dale Brennan is taking leave Term 1 2015 and then retiring. We will hold a celebration of her teaching life next year.

Languages: Erin McNeill (French teacher) is returning to work full time at WSHS. Thanks Erin, you have done a wonderful job. The community voted overwhelmingly to change to an Asian language for 2015. Japanese has been selected for continuity to local high schools and Joanne Underwood, an experienced Japanese teacher will be joining our staff next year.

Master Teacher: we have been allocated a two day Master Teacher position through state funding. Congratulations to Rebekah Ide who won selection in this recruitment process. She will work with class teachers to build their skills in Reading to Learn.

The End of An Era ...

To our Year 6 and 7 students, and to the families who have completed their Manly West learning journey, I wish you all the very best. This is the end of an era – the last year that we will have Year 7 in our primary schools.

At the beginning of 2014 every Year 6 and 7 student was given the challenge to be the best leader they could be. In the spirit of our motto 'deeds not words' leadership is not about personality, it's about behaviour, it's about your deeds, it's about doing! Throughout the year, as individuals and in teams, our Year 6 and 7's inspired us by:

1. 'modelling the way'. It was their behaviour that won them respect. Our Year 6 and 7's needed to model the way to behave and be the change they wanted to see. Many rose to this challenge.
2. 'inspiring a shared dream'. They listened to other students, staff and parents and breathed life into the dreams/thoughts/ideas of our school community.
3. 'making real change' happen. They did not sit and wait for things to change. They experimented with new ideas and worked hard on the important things; such as sporting and musical activities, Buy One More (for Silky Oaks) and outdoor seating.
4. 'using team work'. They also called on all of us to work with them as part of a team.
5. 'encouraging the heart'. They encouraged other students to have a go, take a risk and show care; especially with their prep/year one buddies!

We all wish you and your families the very best for a wonderful future of adventure and success!

Special thanks to our volunteer helpers for your hard work in 2014. Your invaluable assistance in the classroom, on excursions, camps, supporting school events, everyday support for our students, staff and other families adds incredible value to our school. You are invited to the volunteer helpers' morning tea in the multipurpose area 10:30am Wednesday December 10th. Thank you to the P&C for all of your support in 2014, \$10000 for a new computer server, \$5000 towards outdoor seating, grant applications, updating uniform and online tuckshop (starting next year) and the wonderful P&C meetings with plenty of chatter, cheese, a glass or two and lots of laughs!

This will be our final newsletter for 2014 so I wish each of you the very best for a restful and fun-filled Christmas and New Year. Let's celebrate together,

the year that was, at Awards Day on Wednesday, 10 December at 9:00am.

Lisa Morrison, Principal

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

From Around the School

Tuckshop

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

School Banking

Today was the last banking day for 2014. Banking will resume on the 5 February 2015.

Some prizes are on backorder and will be delivered at the beginning of Term 1. Please keep your tokens in a safe place as they carry over next year and new reward prizes will be available.

Thank you for supporting the school banking program.

School Holiday Swimming

This year we are running learn to swim lessons and squad sessions throughout the summer holidays as well as our Holiday Intensive program. Weekly classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and the Holiday Intensive program will run the last week of the holidays (19-23 January). Places will fill quickly, please email Matthew & Rachel at swim@baysideswimschool.com.au or www.baysideswimschool.com.au/registration for the schedule and to register.

From the P&C

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

High School News

Wellington Point SHS, Wynnum SHS and Brisbane Bayside College

All high schools are holding their Year 7 and 8 orientation days on Tuesday, 9 December – please check times, etc with each school. If your child is enrolled at Brisbane Bayside College, please remember to pre-order your lunch before next Wednesday, 3/12.

Community News

School Holiday Tennis Clinic

From 15-18 December and 19-22 January, Malpass Tennis Coaching will be offering a holiday tennis clinic at the Wynnum Tennis Association, Colina St, Wynnum. The clinic runs from 8 – 11am each day and is priced at \$140 for the 4 days or \$40 per day. Our clinics cater to all ages and standards of player and are run by Tennis Australia certified coaches. For all bookings or enquiries please email malpasstennis@bigpond.com.

Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?

Every day thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes, and families struggle with illness management and children's behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P - Positive Parenting Program, offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child's illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P free of charge as part of a University of Queensland research project. Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au

Christmas on Kianawah, hosted by Wynnum Baptist Church, is on Saturday, 6 December from 2.30-8.30pm, There will be Carols by Candlelight, markets, fireworks, rides, food and drink.

Calendar

Every Monday

Dance Cart Program, Prep to Year 7

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

Tuesday, 27 January

School resumes for 2015