

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY 2015

Principal's Message

Welcome to 2015 at Manly West State School. It is my great pleasure to be the principal of this fantastic school. Together we can make 'educational achievement' our shared goal. Along with highly respected educational researcher, Carol Dweck, our staff believe that a learner with a **growth mindset** achieves lasting and deep learning through struggling, failing and trying again, choosing to have a go, taking risks and triumphing over adversity. This link can help you to share this message with your child:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC82Il2cjqA>

Learning Behaviours and Attendance Make a Difference

Every school day counts for your child and the attached flyer

<https://manlywestss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/every-day-counts.pdf> provides some confronting statistics about school attendance. For your reference our **bronze, silver, gold learning behaviour** list <https://manlywestss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/BehaviourLevelDocument2015.pdf> is also supplied with this newsletter. Put it on the fridge door and support your child to achieve their bronze, silver and gold level!

Learning to Learn

Having set up our classes at the end of 2014, it has been a very smooth start to this year. Special thanks to our school admin, ancillary and teaching teams, and the OSHC, uniform and tuckshop staff who have worked tirelessly to support students, families and staff to be school ready. With their teacher and classmates, students are currently

working their way through a '**Learning to Learn**' unit designed to set them up for success.

Our Australian Curriculum

2012-2015 is a historic era for our school system as we continue to implement the Australian Curriculum. Last year we taught English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography. year Economics, Civics and Citizenship and HPE come on board (<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>). For HPE, LOTE, Technology and The Arts, we will continue to use the Queensland Essential Learnings (Web Link: <http://www.gsa.qld.edu.au/574.html>).

Become a Class Co-ordinator

Become involved with your child's class, families and teacher by becoming the class co-ordinator. This is often a shared role. The class co-ordinator/s works closely with the class teacher and class families on activities such as:

- *Co-ordinate class play days (eg after school, weekends)*
- *Social Coffee/morning tea sessions*
- *Liaise with teacher regarding a parent help roster (eg reading, maths groups)*
- *Assist teacher with class helpers for special events such our fete on 15 August*
- *Attend a class co-ordinators meeting once per term with the Principal*
- *Create a parent contact list*

Many families rate positive home-school partnerships and communication as key to a successful education for their child. In response we are hosting the following events:

- *the Welcome Family BBQ on Thursday 29 January from 5:30pm-7:00pm*

- Year Level Information evenings for parents in Week 3 (times to be confirmed)
- Parents & Citizen's Meeting on Thursday 19 February from 6:30pm

For your information, attached are the email addresses for our staff. <https://manlywestss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/StaffEmail2015.pdf>

How Can We Help?

Throughout the year we will organise workshops for parents with topics such as Reading to Learn strategies and cybersafety. With the pressures of modern day life, everyone is busy, so timing is always an issue for parent information sessions.

- ✓ We would love to hear what you think. When would be the best time to run parent education sessions – during school hours, after school, 5:00/6:00?
- ✓ What would you like to find out more about – mathematics, reading, spelling, homework? Would you prefer to have the information online?

Please email me with your ideas – lmorr85@eq.edu.au

Before School

Before school, Year 1-5 students line up in the covered games area, Year 6 students line up at the end of the resource centre and Prep students are delivered to prep each day by an adult. If students need to arrive before 8:15am and are not in the care of an adult, they must be booked in to OSHC. If parents are waiting with their child, please also wait in the covered games area, to help the children to understand where they need to wait. The covered games area can get quite noisy in the morning, but having the children wait in this area ensures that we can keep an eye on everyone.

Welcome To New Staff

Welcome to Mrs Jennifer Reedman (Year 2 teacher), Miss Tammy Franks (Prep teacher), and Miss Bethany Davies (Year 3/4 teacher) replacing Ms Fainges who has taken leave for Term 1.



Message from Silky Oaks Childrens' Haven

Silky Oaks Childrens' Haven would like to thank Manly West SS for your generous donation towards our 2014 Christmas Hamper Appeal. With your help, we were able to assist over 70 families during the Christmas period.

To our students, staff and families – thank you for a brilliant first week at school!! What a great **EFFORT** from our students, staff and families to be prepared and ready for learning. I look forward to catching up with you over the next few weeks or on parade in the Performing Arts Hall: each Monday at 2:30pm.

Kind regards

Lisa Morrison, Principal

Living with a growth mindset: May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way. (anon)

From Around the School

School Banking

School Banking will resume next Thursday, 5 February 2015.

Information packs will be sent home automatically to new students in the coming weeks.

Swimming Assessment Afternoon

Welcome back and welcome new families! We look forward to seeing you and meeting you.

Did you know we offer swimming lessons and squad right here at the school pool? We'd like to invite you to the pool this coming Monday afternoon, 2 February, where we're offering free swimming assessments between 3.00-4.00pm.

Please email swim@baysideswimschool.com.au or phone 0448 434 885 Matthew & Rachel to book your child in.

Community News

Pink Magic Netball Club located at 260 Cleveland Redland Bay Road Thornlands, are holding their player sign on day from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, 7 February.

Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis conducts weekly fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and University of Queensland, for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday, 8 February at Tennyson from 3 to 5pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or phone Peta Davis on 3374 0516.

Wynnum Bugs Rugby Union Club at Granada Street, Wynnum are holding their 2015 Sign On days from 5.30 to 10.00pm on 13 February and 10.00am to 3.00pm on 21 February. For further information, visit www.wynnumrugby.com.au or phone Kris on 0414 731 555 or Shane on 0405 150 670.

Calendar

Monday, 2 February

Parade, 2.30pm

Monday, 9 February

District Swimming Trials

Monday, 16 February

Badge Ceremony, 2.30pm