

# Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

## Newsletter



**NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2015**

### Principal's Message

**So, we had a great week one and by now you might be wondering ... well what does my child do at school each day?**

Have you ever asked your child yet what they did at school today only to receive the stock-standard "not much" or "nothing" response? Take heart. There is an easier way to get something out of 'nothing'. Professor Stephen Dinham, a research director at the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), says the best conversation starter about your child's day is not based on what they did at school but what the teacher has said to them about their work.

"Don't ask them what they did today, what they enjoyed at school or what they learnt," Stephen says. "Ask them, 'What feedback did you get about your learning today?' "in other words, "What did your teacher say about your work today?"

Dinham, who has done extensive research into the factors that help kids do well at school, says children have four needs – the most outstanding being how they can improve in their work.

"They want to know what they can do, what they can't do, how their work compares to others, but the one they really want to know is how they can do better," he says. "Good feedback from teachers can have an almost "immediate positive effect" on a child's learning", Dinham says, and it's that information that your children will want to share with you.

### LEARNING BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Students at Manly West SS are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning behaviours. Because they are children, they need help to learn

how to do this. So each child is given the Bronze, Silver, Gold list of behaviours and they use this to set personal goals. As they achieve the different levels they receive awards and acknowledgement for their efforts.

This year, our school has a Positive Learning Behaviour Team who will be reviewing how we go about monitoring and supporting our children to make positive learning behaviour choices. Each week we will focus on one expectation and teach children what this means:

Week 2/3 **Learning Behaviour rule** is: ***Be in the right place at the right time.*** (applies to before, during and at the end of the school day).

### CREATING EFFECTIVE TEAMS

This week our staff used a **Strengths Finder** text to learn about the individual strengths that we bring to the teams that we work in. We learned that knowing each others' strengths can help us to get the team job done in an efficient, effective and consistent way. Strengths Finder is a #1 *Wall Street Journal* and #1 *BusinessWeek* bestseller which provides each person with a personalized Strengths Insight Report and an Action-Planning Guide. If this is of interest to you in your home or work life click on this link: <http://www.strengthsfinder.com/home.aspx>

### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Starting this week, Year Level teams will be holding their Parent Information evenings for you. Below is your date, time and venue. Please make time to come as the information shared may be just what you were wondering about!

#### **Thursday, 5 February**

4-5pm	3A, 3B, 3C	3B classroom
5-6pm	6A, 6B	6A classroom

### **Monday, 9 February**

5-6pm	4A, 4B, 4C	4B classroom
6-7pm	1A, 1B, 1C	1C classroom

### **Tuesday, 10 February**

5-6pm	Prep A, B, C	Science Room
6-7pm	2A, 2B, 2C, 2D	Science Room

### **Wednesday, 11 February**

5-6pm	5A, 5B	5B classroom
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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)*

### **Principals Award**

Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal's Award on Parade this week:

1/2A	Phoenix Crompton, Melanie Owen
3B	Piper McIntosh
3C	Elsie Paternoster
4C	Holly Clare
5B	Kahlia Reynolds
6A	Connor Verhoef

### **From the Office**

#### **Drop Off Zone**

If you intend using the drop off zone to pick your child/children up in the afternoon, please email [admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au) to request a name sign for the dashboard of your car to help the supervising teacher identify you quickly as you move up the line. The sign will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks.

Please remember, there is **NO PARKING** in the drop off zone and the driveway located at the pedestrian lights is for deliveries and emergency access only.

### **Student Payments**

If you need to make a payment for your child to attend an excursion/camp/activity, please either send the money in an envelope **CLEARLY MARKED** with your child's name, class and what the payment is for. Alternatively, if you want to make the payment yourself, you can come to the payment counter between 8.15 and 9.15am each morning. We accept payment by cash/cheque/credit card (special form to fill in). Receipts are sent home via the student.

Please ensure you take note of due dates for payments as **late payments cannot be accepted**. If you find you are experiencing difficulty in making payments, please see the BSM to arrange a payment plan **WELL BEFORE the due date**.

### **Other**

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds for health and safety reasons.

### **From Around the School**

#### **School Banking**

School Banking has resumed today. Information packs will be sent home automatically to new students in the next day or two.

### **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](http://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](http://www.wynnumrugby.com.au) or phone Kris on 0414 731 555 or Shane on 0405 150 670.

**Manly Lota Scout Group** are holding their Sign On from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, 7 February at The Scout Den, 34 Wood Street, Manly. For further information, email [manlylotscouts@gmail.com](mailto:manlylotscouts@gmail.com) or visit [www.manlylotscouts.org/](http://www.manlylotscouts.org/)

**Wynnum Vikings AFL Club** are holding their Junior Sign On Day from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, 7 February. A birth certificate is required for all new players. Contact Brenden on 0438 400 220 or email [wynnumjuniors@aflbj.com](mailto:wynnumjuniors@aflbj.com) for more information.

Wynnum Manly Cricket Club are hosting a **Ladies Luncheon** in support of the McGrath Foundation on Saturday, 14 February from 11.30am at the Panorama Room, Moreton Bay Sports Club. Pink it up with a group of friends for an afternoon of prizes, fashion, fun and laughter for all ages. To purchase your tickets for this event, visit [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) but be quick as they're sure to sell out quickly.

**Wynnum Manly Junior Cricket Club** are running a **T20 Blast Program** for boys and girls aged 8-12 and starts on 6 February till 27 March from 5.30 to 7.00pm. The first week is a COME AND TRY FOR FREE! For further information, email Trish McPherson at [wmdccjunior@gmail.com](mailto:wmdccjunior@gmail.com) and to register, visit [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au), enter your postcode to find your program.

## Calendar

**Every Monday, 2.30pm**  
Parade

**Monday, 9 February**  
District Swimming Trials

**Monday, 16 February**  
Badge Ceremony, 2.30pm