

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2015

Principal's Message

WELCOME TO WEEK 6 AT OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL!

Learning Behaviour Expectations

This week our Learning Behaviour rule is:

BE ORGANISED FOR THE DAY

5 ideas that you can do to help our child tick off this bronze level behaviour are:

1. Set up simple routines at home
2. Talk to your children about planning how they use their time
3. Use the homework grid and ask your child to tick each one off as they finish
4. Set a timer for work or play on the computer
5. Praise your child's attempts to get themselves ready for the school day.

Keeping your Children Safe Online

The Cybersafety Presentation was excellent! If you were not able to come along please copy this link to access great ideas for keeping your children safe: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/parents.aspx>

What's Happening around the School?

Every two years, over 1000 state school Principals meet to discuss the direction for our state education system. This year one of the keynote speakers was **Professor Geoff Masters**.

As he spoke, I was able to tick off each of his key ideas. At Manly West SS we are doing the work that high performing schools are doing all over the world.

- **Know our students:** each teacher using a data inquiry process with student learning data and

then feeding this back into the curriculum planning for individual and groups of students. Students working in a zone where they are constantly challenged to learn, achieve and take risks with their learning (zone of proximal development).

- **Expert teachers:** all teachers using the highly effective teaching practices through Reading to Learn (in literacy and now moving to numeracy as well). Teachers working in teams of 3 (Triads) with Reading to Learn coach to observe and give feedback to each other. New in 2015 - Griffith University and action research expert Dr Marit Aas (from Norway) working with 8 staff members support teacher-led action research.
- **A school culture of high expectations and growth:** Carol Dweck's growth mindset - http://www.ted.com/talks/carol_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve? Students leading their own learning (student led conferences, students managing learning behaviours through Bronze, Silver, Gold, students managing attendance with their own calendar). Feedback used across the school. New in 2015 - year level lead teachers and program leaders (Science, Numeracy, Literacy, The Arts, ICT/Elearning, Positive Learning Pathways) supporting other teachers to put into action the school improvement plan.
- **Maximising resources:** a strategic plan for infrastructure and ICT resourcing (co-managed with the P&C). People and funding targeted to where they are most needed.

Love Science and Maths? Or Want to Get your Child Interested?

Get exciting science and maths free into your inbox with CSIRO's science/maths by email. Fabulous, very practical activities which are easy to set up and do! The emails are packed with activities, puzzles, latest scientific news, technology, maths, quizzes and links to events. Go to www.csiro.au/sciencemail or www.csiro.au/mathsbymail For more activities visit: www.csiro.au/education

Preps are learning about science with the help of some feathery friends.



'Active the positive' for your child. Ask them what was the best thing you did today?

Kind Regards

Lisa Morrison, Principal

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

Principals Award

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

Prep A	Nicholas Morgan
Prep B	Lilly Koufous
Prep C	Oliver Baker
1/2A	Arne Taylor
1C	Luke Stringer
2C	William McPherson
3B	Emily Bunce, Chelsea Carpenter

3C	Ella Wynbergen
3/4A	Kaden Conti
4B	Jacob Bamford
4C	Ryan Smith
5A	Brianna Russell
5B	Daniella Bedford
6A	Teneesha Roberts
6B	Levi Smith

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 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.

The car park located at the bottom of the driveway is for **STAFF ONLY**. Parents are not permitted to use this car park.

Student Payments

If you need to make a payment for your child to attend an excursion/camp/activity, please send the **CORRECT** 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**.

Payments Due

Year 5 & 6 Camp Final Payment	Thursday, 12/3
Year 4 Mangroves & the Environment	Monday, 16/3
Year 5 Commissariat Store	Tuesday, 24/3
Years 1-6 World of Maths	Tuesday, 21/4

From Around the School

Eli's Christmas Wish

One of our Prep students has a special wish for 2015. He wants to be Santa for the homeless dogs and cats in shelters and rescue homes. Eli's goal is to fill a trailer by Christmas with pet products. All donations of pet food (wet or dry), treats, toys, kitty litter, grooming supplies, collars, leads etc. will be graciously accepted. A collection box will be located at the Prep C classroom and at the Office.

World's Greatest Shave

In April last 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. Next month, at Amcal Max Capalaba, Eleny will shave her hair off in support of this great cause. When Eleny set out on this fundraising venture last year, her goal was to raise \$10,000. To date, she has well surpassed that amount by raising over \$19,000. **Please dig deep and help Eleny reach her new goal of \$20,000** by following the link below.

my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/elenykatheklakis

Tuckshop

There will be a Tuckshop meeting at 2.30pm on Friday, 6 March. All welcome, so please come along and meet some of the other volunteers.

Dental Clinic

Due to a breakdown of the x-ray machine, the Manly West Dental Clinic will be closed until further notice. For examinations and emergencies, please phone 1300 300 850. For general enquiries or to change an existing appointment, please phone the Birkdale Dental Clinic on 3822 3473.

School Banking

Representatives from the Commonwealth Bank will visit on Parade on Monday, 9 March. If you would like your child to sign up for school banking and they haven't already done so, bank staff will be available from **8am on Tuesday 10 March and Thursday 12 March** at the drop off zone.

Remember to bring your banking to school on Thursdays to receive a silver token. Collect 10 tokens and redeem for a reward prize.

Reward items available

Velcro Wallet, Headphones, Knuckles game, Pat, Pru, Spen or Cred Moneybox, Beachball, Slap band Ruler, Scented Pencils, Shark Keyring, Tin Moneybox, Swim bag, Projector Cup, Pool Streamers, ET DVD, Handball.

Disneyland Competition

How to Enter:

Make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 and automatically go into the draw to win a trip to California's Disneyland for up to two adults and two children(aged up to 13 years).

The Grand Prize:

Return economy airfares to Los Angeles, California, five nights accommodation at Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel, return private airport to hotel transfers, a three day Theme Park Hopper ticket, a Disney Family Breakfast Dining Experience, AUD\$2,000 spending money. The draw will take place on 12/01/2016. The winner will be notified in writing and by phone.

Thank you for supporting the school banking program.

Uniform Shop

Effective from 1 March, the Uniform Shop will operate during the following times :-

8am to 9am, Tuesday and Thursday
2pm to 3pm, Wednesday

P&C News

This year's P&C Annual General Meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Thursday, 19 March, with our general monthly meeting following on straight after.

Nominations for all P&C positions are now open:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Grants Convenor
Fete Convenor

Please email your preferred position to Rosie O'Toole, our current P&C Secretary, at 0264_pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au including your telephone number as well as your child's name and class.

We look forward to seeing as many people there as possible, to support **YOUR** P&C.

Community News

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 and to register, visit playcricket.com.au, enter your postcode to find your program.

Wynnum Presbyterian Church, Children and Youth Ministries invite you to come along to Kidz Church (3-12 years) at 9.30am on Sunday mornings and Youth Meet (Grade 6-12) at 6.30pm on Friday nights. For further information on Kidz Church, phone Michelle on 0432 158 437, or for Youth Meet, phone Barbara on 0401 338 604.

She Rides is a ladies only program developed by Cycling Australia, focused on improving confidence, fitness, skills development as well as having fun and making new friends. Vickie Burr is the coach for the program and will run two programs aimed at different skill and fitness levels. One is held at Cleveland, starting Sunday, 15 March. The other is held at Birkdale, starting Monday, 16 March. Each program costs \$169 and is held weekly for a total of 8 sessions. Each group will have a maximum of 9 people. For further information, or to register by 1 March, visit www.sherides.com.au or phone Vickie Burr on 0406 828 619.

Caprice Dancing School was established in 1963 and is a family friendly school, recognizing the importance of a healthy balance between family life, school commitments and extra-curricular activities. **Enrolments Open** for Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary & Creative Dance from 2½ years. Studio in Wynnum and classes also held at Manly. Email capricedancing@internode.on.net, phone **Donna Russell on 0411 355 755** or visit the new website www.capricedancing.com.au for further information.

Malpass Tennis Coaching offers a coaching program at the Wynnum Tennis Centre, Colina Street, Kitchener Park. We offer private, group and squad coaching to all ages from kids to adults, beginners to advanced. To enquire about learning this great sport through a fun program in the local Wynnum area please contact us at malpasstennis@bigpond.com.

Calendar

Tuesday, 10 March

Year 5 & 6 Graffiti Program

Friday, 13 March

Schools with Pools Swimming Carnival

Thursday, 19 March

P&C Annual General Meeting, 6.30pm