

# Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

## Newsletter



**NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2015**

### Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 7 at our spectacular school!

### What's Happening Around the School?

- **'Wheel Your Way to School' this Friday, 13 March, 7:30-8:30am:** Come on Woy Woy, Kurrawah and Tinonee, **bling your wheels** in sports house colours for a point for your house (on a bike with helmet, scooter with helmet, wheelbarrow, hobby horse, anything with wheels)! Also enjoy a pancake or 2 for brekkie – YUM! This is a fund-raiser for chaplaincy and for a gold coin donation everyone receives 2 pancakes.



- **Buy One More Project:** Continuing this wonderful community service, school families are asked to buy one more item when you are doing your weekly shopping. These non-perishable food or other grocery items are used to fill the Silky Oaks Children's Haven pantry and provide much needed assistance for local families in need. Please drop your donations into the school office collection box.

- Good luck to our students participating in the **Schools with Pools** competition this Friday!

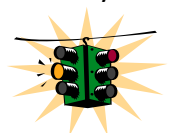
### Let's work together to make MWSS the best it can be ...

In the 2014 Traffic Light surveys, families identified homework stress, congestion at pick up/drop off, lost items; eg lunchboxes and children not eating their food as key concerns.

Working with you, the staff have introduced:

1. Consistency for homework - every class with same days for sending out and returning homework, plus the homework grid.
2. (Trial) eating in classrooms so children are close to their bags to put lunch boxes away, supervised more closely to ensure they eat their food and are sitting around tables for conversation time.
3. Further push on reducing congestion: increase the number of bike racks, student council stamping active travel record books at break time, house points for attendance and active travelling to school.

At Manly West SS, we are always reflecting on what we do well and what we could do better to meet the learning needs of our students, parents and staff. To assist with this, your input would be much appreciated. Please complete the attached one-page 'Traffic Lights Survey', and return it to Lisa Morrison by Friday, 27 March. On occasion a really great suggestion has been made without an explanation of how it might work, so please write your name on the survey so that we can contact you. Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas.



***Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important. Smile, its free therapy! (Doug Horton)***

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	Ashlin Vening
Prep B	Miracle Dakuaniviti
Prep C	Ebony-Rose Shipp
1/2A	Ava Jennison
1B	Liam Beebe
1C	Sophia Sippel
2B	John Callaghan
2C	Ryan Fallis
3B	Jacob Bates
3C	Alyssa Rooney
3/4A	Jacob Hay
4B	Mitchell Ruttley
4C	Liam Kelly
5A	Andrew Fernando
6A	Josie McDonald
6B	Ritchie Cruickshank

### **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.

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. Today, 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](http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/elenykatheklakis)

### **Holiday Learn to Swim Intensives**

The Easter holidays are just around the corner and we'll again be running our learn to swim intensives for kids from 3yrs & up. These lessons run for 5 consecutive days and are designed to give their swimming a boost and help move them along if they are stuck at a particular level. Lessons will run in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the holidays and are \$95 for the week. For more information, you can visit us at [www.facebook.com/baysideswimschool](http://www.facebook.com/baysideswimschool) or contact Matthew & Rachel on 0448 434 885 or [swim@baysideswimschool.com.au](mailto:swim@baysideswimschool.com.au)

### **Tuckshop**

The following products are no longer available from the Tuckshop: TNTs, Gleees, LOL.

Tuckshop are now selling gluten free nuggets. Did you know our fried rice is gluten free? If you have a child who is gluten intolerant and would like to be able to order sandwiches from time to time, let the Tuckshop know. If there is enough interest, they will add gluten free sandwiches to the menu.

Our online ordering system is proving to be very successful, so much so that difficulties in connecting were experienced last week. School24 is working on increasing the capacity to accommodate the additional server traffic.

### **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**

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. The evening will be a Cheese and Wine Social, so come and join us and have some fun with your P&C.

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](mailto: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**

**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](http://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](mailto:capricedancing@internode.on.net), phone

**Donna Russell on 0411 355 755** or visit the new website [www.capricedancing.com.au](http://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](mailto:malpasstennis@bigpond.com).

Bunnings, Cannon Hill are holding a FREE Easter Fun Night from 6 to 8pm on Thursday, 26 March. Please RSVP by 24 March for catering purposes.

### **Calendar**

#### ***Friday, 13 March***

Schools with Pools Swimming Carnival

#### ***Thursday, 19 March***

P&C Annual General Meeting, 6.30pm

# TRAFFIC LIGHT SURVEY

My name \_\_\_\_\_ My child's name \_\_\_\_\_

**GO! Everyone needs praise and so we love to hear the good news!**

These are the things I **really like** about Manly West SS ..... the things I would like to see continued. These are the things I believe are working well!

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**WAIT! We are keen to hear your clever ideas!**

These are **my ideas** for helping improve our school ..... things for you to consider!

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**STOP! Schools are busy places. We try our best and may not be aware that this is not working.**

These are the things I believe you **need to change** in order to make our school an even better place for learning.

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*THANK YOU VERY MUCH for sharing your thoughts and ideas.*

