

# Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

## Newsletter



**NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2015**

### Principal's Message

#### **Congratulations to our 2015 P&C Executive!**

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held last Thursday and I would like to commend the following parents for taking on these roles:

President	Robyn Rapson
Vice President	Andrea Asquith
Treasurer	Tanya Holt
Grants Convenor	James Tapp
Secretary	Rosie O'Toole
Asst. Secretary	Hazel Walsh

### **Every Minute of Every Day Counts!**

#### **Why is regular attendance at school important?**

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

#### **Why must I send my child to school?**

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school. Principals decide if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable. Avoid keeping your child away from school for:

- *holidays, birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as haircuts*
- *routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays*

This term our students have been receiving a point for their house team each time they attend school for the full week.

How many points has your child/children achieved for their house team? The points tally is: *Kurrawah 892, Tinonee 947 and Woy Woy 771.*

On Ride to School Day students dressed up their wheels in house colours. Thanks Mrs Joan Pease MP and Mr Peter Cumming for joining us for this event.





## LEARNING BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS



Students at Manly West SS are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning behaviours with Bronze, Silver, Gold levels that they use to set personal goals. Our Week 9 Learning Behaviour rule is: ***use friendly words (no swearing)***

### **NAPLAN 2015 coming up in Term 2 ...**

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. In 2015 the test dates are:

- Tuesday May 12 – language and writing tests
- Wednesday May 13 – reading test
- Thursday May 14 – numeracy test

Please ensure that your children are at school for those dates.

***Have a wonderful camp experience, Year 5 and 6!***



Oh no! Prep A foxes are hiding ready to pounce on Rosie the Hen as she makes her way around the farmyard.



### Prep Play & Networking for Parents & Friends

This coming Friday, 27 March from 2.00 to 3.00pm in the Science Room, our wonderful prep teachers are hosting a session on "Fine Motor Fun!" Come along and find out how to test and learn how to make fun activities aimed at developing your child's fine motor skills in precision, sensory awareness, dexterity hand strength and planning, handwriting readiness and cutting skills. There will be a guest speaker, Marga Grey, from Tyack Health.

This is the first in a series of workshops planned throughout the year to help your child gain the skills and confidence to prepare them for school.

We hope to see you there.

### Reading to Learn Parent Workshops

R2L or Reading to Learn, is the teaching and learning methodology used at school which aims to support every student to read and write challenging texts at their grade level. This year, we are offering 2 workshops to both the lower and upper school, with daytime and evening options.

The focus of the workshop will be to explain what R2L is, what it looks like in the classroom, and is aimed to provide helpful strategies for interacting with your child when reading and writing at home.

Please be aware that you need to be able to **commit to both sessions** as there will be different and important information provided at each session.

The first group of sessions which will be held in the Science Room are offered to the lower school (Prep to Year 2) :-

Daytime: Workshop 1: 2-3pm, 30 April  
Workshop 2: 2-3pm, 14 May

Evening: Workshop 1: 5.30-6.30pm, 30 April  
Workshop 2: 5.30-6.30pm, 14 May

A flyer will be sent home in the coming days.

***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 B	Sienna Jefferies-Anderson
Prep C	Krystal Taylor
1/2A	Regan Holt
1C	Lola Brown
2B	Khiara-Lee Liuvaie
2C	Jasmine Hamilton
3B	Charlotte Seary
3C	Lachlan Foster
3/4A	Grace Roberts
4B	Salote Senituli
4C	Lana Lockhart
5B	Amber Bergen
6A	Tameka Hancox
6B	Alana Campbell

### **From the Deputy**

On Friday last Week I accompanied our four school captains to the National Young Leaders Day held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. The captains were able to hear from other young leaders about their leadership experiences. The speakers included Mike Martin - Executive Director of the Halogen Foundation, Juliette Wright - founder of GIVIT, Bindi Irwin – Wildlife Warrior, Coen Ashton – ambassador for Organ Donation, and James Norton – Paper Pilots and inspiration behind the film Paper Planes. All of the young leaders attending this day were encouraged to take up this year's theme of 'GET STARTED', putting a project into action as young leaders. An important message from the day for all of our student leaders was 'Leadership is all about influence, as a leader you can choose how you use your influence' (Mike Martin).



### **From the Office**

#### ***Student Payments***

Payments for school excursions/camps etc can ONLY be made by Cash / Cheque / Credit Card and NOT by direct deposit to the school bank account. If you receive a tax invoice for an excursion etc via email, please disregard the information regarding paying directly to the school bank account.

#### ***Payments Due***

Years 1-6 World of Maths                      Tuesday, 21/4  
Interschool Sport (see note below) Tuesday, 21/4

Interschool sport for Years 4 to 6 starts on Friday, 24 April (first Friday of Term 2). We apologise that the letter has not been sent home yet, but we are still waiting for the bus company to provide a quote for transporting the children to the venues.

A note was sent home some weeks ago, advising that the cost will be around \$60 and that the due date will be Tuesday, 21 April. We hope to send the letter home by next Monday, but wanted to provide as much notice as possible to assist with budgeting. PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY NOW.

### **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.

#### **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.

#### **Dental Clinic**

Did you know that the clinic is open during the holidays for free examinations and emergencies. Please phone 1300 300 850 to book an appointment, Monday to Friday – 7.30am to 4.00pm.

## School Banking

Remember to bring your banking to school on Thursday.

## Reward items available

Velcro Wallet, Headphones, Knuckles game, Projector Cup, Scented Pencils, Pool Streamers, Shark Keyring, Swim bag, 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).

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

## High School Enrolments

Bayside State College are holding their first Open Day for 2016 enrolments on Saturday, 9 May from 1.30 to 4.30pm.

## P&C News

Thank you to everyone who attended our Wine & Cheese Social and AGM last week. It was a great turn out.

A huge thanks to Morgan McPherson for all his effort and hard work as P&C President.

Congratulations to the new P&C committee for 2015/2016:

President	Robyn Rapson
Vice President	Andrea Asquith
Secretary	Rosie O'Toole
Assistant Secretary	Hazel Walsh
Treasurer	Tanya Holt
Grants Convenor	James Tapp
Fete Convenor	Rosie O'Toole

We are looking forward to a busy year ahead. Our main fundraising focus this year is to raise funds to upgrade our middle oval.

Due to the Easter holidays, please note that our next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd April at 6.30pm in the School Admin building. Everyone is welcome. Please come and join us and find out what is happening at your school.

## Dates for your calendar

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### Friday, 12 June - Trivia Night

Starts at 730pm in the Performing Arts Hall.

Beach Themed - Come in your beach wear. BYO snacks to share at your table. Beer, wine, spirits and soft drink for sale at the bar.

Tickets cost only \$15 per person. Tables of 8. (If you don't have 8 don't worry, we'll find a team for you!!)

Contact the school office by Friday 5th June to book your table.

### Saturday, 15 August - WOW Festival - 10am - 3pm

Our school fete, which is called the WOW Festival this year, will be here very soon. Check out our website: [www.mwssfete.com.au](http://www.mwssfete.com.au)

## Community News

**Zoe's Angels** is a charity organization that works in partnership with Arthritis Queensland to assist children living with Juvenile arthritis. To raise funds to support life changing programs for the children living with this often painful and debilitating condition, Zoe's Angels are holding a Fun Run & Walk from 7.00am on Sunday, 24 May at the Wynnum Foreshore (near the wading pool). Schools, children and adults can enter a team in this 2.5km event. Please visit [give.everydayhero.com.au/zoe-s-angels](http://give.everydayhero.com.au/zoe-s-angels) and click on the "Join Team" button. Random prizes and raffles will be drawn following the event and coffee, drinks and a BBQ will be available for purchase.

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.

This year's Wynnum Manly Chaplaincy Gala Event "Growing Hope in the Bayside" will be held at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club at 6.00pm on Friday, 15 May. The evening will feature a 2 course dinner and entertainment and the cost is \$30 per person. Please phone the Leagues Club on 3906 7800 to book your seat.

## **Calendar**

### ***Friday, 27 March***

Prep Play & Networking for Parents & Friends  
Year 5 & 6 return from Camp

### ***Thursday, 2 April***

Last day of Term 1