

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 2 APRIL 2015

Principal's Message

School highlights for Term One ...

- great teaching and learning through Reading to Learn
- a joyful welcome to new families at the Welcome BBQ
- lots of great teaching and learning ideas shared at the Parent Information Evenings
- lunch time clubs to provide a variety of learning pathways
- Camps, excursions and class events – including the wonderful Prep Harmony Day!
- student led conferences (with some still to come early next term)
- parents working alongside teacher to home and school learning activities
- Chappy Taidgh and his the Active School Travel Pancake breakfast
- vibrant Parents and Citizens' Association meetings
- Caltex Refinery has donated a sizable sum of money to our Art Studio project (old tuckshop area refurbishment)

HPE changes and Manly West SS Cross Country Term 2!

Special thanks to Mrs Moore for her wonderful work with HPE at Manly West SS. This term Mrs Moore has been involved in further university study and has accepted a role at another school in her new area of learning as a team leader. We wish her all the best in her endeavours. Mrs Trish King (a familiar face to many at MWSS) will take up Mrs Moore's role for the remainder of 2015.

Early in Term 2 our students will lace up their runners for the annual cross country competition. We are hoping to dodge the rain by holding this

event in Term 2! Keep up the training over the holidays!

In term 2 I am taking some bucket list long service leave. I am off on April 4th and return July 6th with time spent in Cambodia, Laos, Paris, Spain (including walking some 500 km of the Camino trail on the way to Santiago), then off to Ireland for a lazy finish. Some time on my own and lots of time with walking friends – lots of adventures ahead.

I wish each of you a wonderful and safe April holiday break. I am so proud to say that our school is in great hands with such a dedicated staff, involved and interested parents and many new staff and student leaders stepping up. Thank you to Petra von Richter (acting Principal) and Stuart Houliston (acting Deputy Principal) for taking on the key leadership roles. Kathryn Luscombe will replace Mr H on Year 6A for Term 2.

In a quiet moment over the holiday break, I suggest that our students, staff and families give themselves permission to celebrate the wonderful learning and teaching that they have done this term. Sometimes only you can really know your successes. All the best for a rewarding Term 2.

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 for Prep to Year 2 has been sent home.

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	Chase Herson
Prep B	Lahnee Evans
Prep C	Krystal Taylor
1/2A	Keahne Bergin
1B	Nina Ruppenthal
2D	Sam Hodder
3B	William Brown
3C	Lachlan Foster
3/4A	Jasmine Dale
4B	Liam Wilson
4C	Ninah Rueda
6A	BJ Frost
6B	Will Maguire

From the Deputy

On Monday, 20 April (first day back at school) we will be holding a special ANZAC Parade, starting at 2.00pm, instead of our normal weekly assembly.

ANZAC items will be available for sale from outside the Hall before Parade, and each morning during that week and leading up to ANZAC Day.

Students have been invited to represent our school in this year's ANZAC Day March, departing from the corner of Pine Street and the Esplanade, Wynnnum at 5.15am on Saturday, 25 April. This year commemorates 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli. All families are welcome to take part in the March. Letters containing all the information and participation slip were sent home this week.



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
Years 2-6 ICAS Tests (optional) Friday, 1/5

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 2nd week of the holidays and are \$95 for the week. For more information, you can visit us at www.facebook.com/baysideswimschool or contact Matthew & Rachel on 0448 434 885 or swim@baysideswimschool.com.au

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

Wallet, Headphones, Knuckles game, Projector Cup, Scented Pencils, Pool Streamers, Shark Keyring, Swim bag, ET DVD, Handball.

I have a few Pat, Pru, Cred or Spen Moneyboxes. Slap band Ruler, Penguin Keyring, 2014 Dollarmite Tin Money box. While stocks last.

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.

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

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

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

We need your help

We need everybody's support to make this the best ever school fete. Without volunteers the fete will not happen so please contact Rosie at pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au if you can help. Right now we need the following help:

1. Major raffle prizes/sponsorship - to contact companies for sponsorship/donations & pick up prizes. Or are you/do you know someone who would like to sponsor/donate a raffle prize to our fete?
2. International Food team volunteers – to prepare food prior to the festival and help serve in the Tuckshop. Can you make tacos, curries, won tons, noodles, crepes or any other delicious international food?
3. Donation Count Team – we need people to count and store weekly class donations
4. Work Health & Safety Adviser – to prepare festival WH&S audit report for insurance purposes plus WH&S guidelines for stall holders & volunteers
5. Signage – do you have a prominent house/yard to display a WOW Festival sign?
6. Set up and Pack Away – we need muscle power to put up/take down marquees, move equipment, help set up stalls and pack away. We need people 3pm - 6pm on Friday 14th August, 6am - 10am Saturday 15th August or 3pm - 6pm Saturday 15th August.

Fete Meetings

Fete meetings will start in term 2 every Monday before parade at 130pm starting on Monday 27th April . Meet at the school office. Young siblings are welcome to join us. If you are unable to make the Monday meetings and would like to help out with the fete, please contact Rosie O'Toole at pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au.

WOW Festival Money Boxes

The Commonwealth Bank have kindly donated money boxes for the students to start saving their small change to spend at the WOW Festival. To avoid adding to landfill, Comm Bank have requested that we **recycle** our Easter Fiesta Money boxes. So if you received a money box for the Easter Fiesta, then dig it out and you will receive a new WOW Festival sticker to place on your money box. If you really are struggling to find your Easter Fiesta money box, then you can use any spare container you have at home. Have a look over the next few weeks, and start filling it with your small change.

All those students in Prep and Year 1 and any students who were not at Manly West when we had the Easter Fiesta will receive a WOW Festival money box.

WOW Competition - Class Donations

We will be running a WOW competition in Term 2 to see which class can bring in the most donations for the WOW Festival. The winning class will receive a free pizza lunch at the end of term.

You will receive a full schedule of the donations by week that we need. Meanwhile, over the Easter holidays have a look in your cupboards and set aside any Books, DVDs, toys or unwanted (and unopened) presents. All items must be in good working order. There will be **NO** Trash & Treasure stall.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rosie at pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.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 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.

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

Thursday, 2 April

Last day of Term 1

Monday, 20 April

School resumes for Term 2

ANZAC Parade, ***starts at 2pm***

Wednesday, 22 April

Year 5 Historical excursion

Friday, 24 April

Years 4 to 6, Interschool Sport commences

Week of Monday, 27 April

Years 1 to 6, World of Maths