

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2015

Principal's Message

Welcome Back to Term 3 ...

Thanks so much for such a warm welcome. I am so happy and excited to be back!! After 3 months of amazing travelling, I have learned that Brisbane and MWSS are both unbeatable! Some travelling highlights include:

- meeting students and staff at New Hope orphanage school in Cambodia;
- bathing an elephant in the Mekong River and a village homestay in Laos;
- walking 600km of the Camino de Santiago in Spain (took 4 weeks to do);
- learning about Spanish history including the Inquisition;
- seeing five Stradivarius (cellos, violas, violin) in one room, handcrafted centuries ago by Italian Antonio Stradivari;
- watching soccer legends including Zidane, R. Carlos and H. Kewell play for Real Madrid and Liverpool in a Red Cross charity match (in Madrid);
- exploring ancient Irish history at Newgrange;
- going to a concert by Pharrell William and The Script in Dublin;
- learning new skills, languages and exploring different cultures.





Footsteps Dance Program

Footsteps specialises in curriculum/age based movement programs for Foundation to Year 12 students. The program offers schools a Dance component as well as an activity based Social Emotional Learning program. Classroom resources have been developed for every lesson as a part of a commitment to integrating across all curriculum areas. Quality performances at the WOW Festival and end of term showcase give students the opportunity to display and share their Footsteps experience. This program is providing opportunity for our students to practice being active, creative, risk takers! If you have not yet paid for your child's footsteps program, please do so by 9.00am this Friday or contact the school office. Cost per child is \$22.50. **PLEASE NOTE: NO PAYMENTS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY MORNING.**

Enrolments are Open for 2016

To all families enrolling for any year level in 2016, you are encouraged to complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. This makes it an easy task for us to plan for your child's class and teacher. An enrolment form can be found on our school website or collected from the school office. Our school has an enrolment management plan and this means we are required to ensure sufficient capacity is reserved for all in-catchment students. In 2016 our enrolment numbers are projected to reach 450+ students. Many of our students live in catchment, so although we try our very best to place everyone, it is not guaranteed that we will be able to take students out of catchment in 2016.

For our new families enrolling in 2016, we would like to invite you to a school tour and information session on:

- Thursday, 20 August from 5:00-6:00pm
- Friday, 21 August from 9:30-10:30am

Please RSVP to admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au if you are attending one of these sessions.

School Opinion Survey

Parent/caregiver School Opinion surveys were distributed to school families. This is an annual gathering of feedback from families across all state schools and it enables our school to continue providing the best possible service. A blue online access letter with a one-use code to be used for the online survey was given to the eldest child in each family. Please complete this survey by 31 July. After that date the survey portal will be closed.

Are you inspired by our amazing staff at Manly West SS?

For 20 years the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards has given communities the opportunity to formally thank their hard-working and inspirational educators and leaders. Nominate for the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards online at: <https://e-award.com.au/2015/neita/nominator/about.php>

Get Started - \$150 voucher for sporting fees

This program helps children and young people to join a sport or recreation club. Eligible children and young people are provided with a voucher of up to \$150 to help pay for club membership and/or participation fees. The vouchers can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club registered with the program. Round 6 opens for voucher applications on 15 July 2015. For further information about it, go to: <http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/apply/index.html>

Class Co-ordinators' Meeting

Class co-ordinators and interested parents are invited to attend our class co-ordinators meeting on Friday, 24 July at 9:00am in the OSHC classroom. We will be focussing on the WOW Festival and also any other ideas that you may want to share. Please RSVP to lmorr85@eq.edu.au

Achievement, Effort & Behaviour Celebrated!

On Wednesday, 22 July at 2-3pm in the Performing Arts Hall, I will have the pleasure of hosting an afternoon tea for those students who have:

- achieved 3 or more A's on their report card for **ACADEMIC** achievement
- achieved all A's for **EFFORT** (except for one) on their report card;
- achieved a gold level for **BEHAVIOUR** in Semester one.

Congratulations to all of these students. An invitation was sent home inviting the student and their family to attend. Please RSVP if you are attending this event to admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au

Sports Carnival Day – 21 July - Be sun safe and have a great day!!!

What to bring: a water bottle, school hat, sunscreen, sports house coloured shirt, house posters for cheering and streamers to wave. Students need to wear sunsafe clothing with sleeves.

What NOT to bring: (leave at home) any coloured spray cans/niko pens/ or other things to draw on themselves.

Year 3 to 6 students will participate on the back oval for the full day with events starting at 9:00am. Prep to Year 2 will participate on the back oval 9:00-11:00am. Then after morning tea break, they will move to the middle oval for rotations until 1:00pm. As this is a long day for our youngest students, in the afternoon session Prep to Year 2 classes will return to classrooms.

Students are encouraged to bring their best competitive spirit, a respectful and encouraging attitude towards others and have a great day! Good luck – may the best house win!!

A special Sports Day Menu will be available (this was sent home earlier this week) so if you are ordering Tuckshop, don't forget to place your order by Monday.

Thank you for a brilliant first week back at school!! What a great EFFORT from our students, staff and families to be prepared and ready for learning.

This week we welcomed our new Chaplain – Chappie Luke. He will be at our school Mondays and Wednesdays.

Kind regards

Lisa Morrison, Principal



Positive Pathways to Learning

This week our learning behaviour focus is :-

Respect: Use friendly words

Principal's Awards

The following students received a Principal's Award on Parade this week :-

6B Baden Hammermeister

From the Office

Payments Due

Prep to Year 6, Footsteps Friday, 17/7

When paying for excursions, activities, etc. by credit card, please remember to include the expiry date on the payment slip.

Free Dress Day

Thank you to all who supported the recent Student Council Free Dress Day. Approximately \$400 was raised to assist the victims of the Nepal earthquake.

From Around the School

Uniform Shop

We're getting ready for winter and now have stockings for sale - \$10/pair.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Starting this week, for every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you will receive a sticker which can be placed on the Earn & Learn sticker sheet. Once full, place the sticker sheet in the collection box located in the School Office. Ask family and friends to collect their stickers for our school to raise as much as possible to help boost our school's resources. This program only runs till 8 September, so start collecting!

High School Enrolments

Wynnum High are holding several Open Days for 2016 enrolments, the next one being on Tuesday, 4 August at 4.30pm. For further information or to make an enrolment appointment, please phone 3906 7333.

Brisbane Bayside State College are holding their 2016 enrolment sessions from 1.30 to 5.00pm on Wednesday, 22 July and Thursday, 17 September. Please contact the school on 3893 5322 or email lkohl8@eq.edu.au.

Queensland Academies of Creative Industries are holding their Kelvin Grove Campus Open Day on Saturday, 1 August from 1.00 to 4.00pm. For further information, visit www.qaci.eq.edu.au or phone 3377 9366.

P&C News

WOW Festival

Raffle ticket books came home via the oldest member of each school family this week. Tickets cost \$2 each.

Please return completed ticket stubs, ticket money and any unsold tickets to the School Office by no later than **Friday, 31 July 2015**. It is a requirement that all unsold tickets are returned and accounted for.

All profits from the WOW Festival will go towards the P&C's goal to upgrade our Middle Oval. We need approximately \$95,000 to lay artificial turf and install a multi-purpose court. The P&C are well on their way to reaching this target but we need to raise at least \$15,000 at the WOW Festival to ensure we can start building work in this Dec/Jan school holidays. This is our main fundraiser for the year. To be a success we need the help of EVERY school family. Sell all your raffle tickets, man your class stall, help out behind the scenes, create the Show Bags poster, man the Information Stall, help serve international food at the Tuckshop counter, help set up the night before or on the morning of the festival. If you don't know how to help out please contact your class teacher, class co-ordinator or Rosie O'Toole (via email at pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au).

We have some fantastic Expos planned for our Festival ... check these out :-

- **Japanese Tea Garden:** Come and take a look through our window to Japan where you will find an exhibition of Japanese language and culture as well as some student examples and interactive cultural activities.
- **Science Expo:** Have a look at the Science Week projects and year level displays, as well as some fun experiments to explore.
- **Child and Family Expo:** Come and find out if your child is on track in our Birth to School & Beyond expo where you can talk to professionals about reading & writing, speech & communication, social competence and more.

What are **YOU** going to do to help at our WOW Festival??? With your help we can give your children the best Middle Oval ever.

Don't miss out on all the news...Our June WOW Festival Newsletter is coming home today. Have you received a copy?

And don't forget to like our Facebook page [ManlyWestStateSchoolPandC](#)

Class Donations Competition ...

We are running a competition this term 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. See below for the full schedule.

Week Commencing 13 July:

For our Cake Stall: Napkins, paper plates, plastic wrap/freezer bags, labels, clear cellophane, lolly bags, curling ribbon.

Looking for Bakers!!! If you're able to bake for our Cake Stall, please let the Office know. Cake plates will be coming home soon.

Community News

Qld Music Festival – Keys to the City, will be held in Manly on Sunday, 19 July from 9.30am-12.30pm at Little Bayside Park. As part of the Festival, Roland digital pianos are being placed in different locations to be played by passers-by. The general public and amateurs can pre-book their appearance online as well as performances by professional and celebrity pianists scheduled by Qld Music Festival. To book your time to play or for more details go to <http://qmf.org.au/whats-on/keys-to-the-city/>

Ladies Sailing is on Thursday mornings, from 10am to 1pm for any mums and caregivers over 18 interested in trying their hand at sailing. Come and enjoy a relaxing, social morning – no experience necessary.

Looking for a productive, **7-week-long Sunday activity for your WHOLE family** to get involved in? Start Sailing is a course for teens & adults – *Start Crewing & Helming* - This course is running in sync with Tackers levels 1 – 3, but starts one week later.

Tackers 1 – 3:

26th July – 6th September 2015, every Sunday for 7 weeks from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Age group: 6 – 12

Start Crewing & Helming:

2nd August – 6th September 2015, every Sunday for 6 weeks from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Age group: 13 +

For further information regarding any of these programs, please phone Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron on 3396 8666.

PCYC Lota are now running Acrobatic classes. For further information, phone 3396 5017.

Calendar

Every Monday, 1.30pm

WOW Festival Meetings, Admin Block

Monday, 20 July

Prep to Year 6, Footsteps Program

Tuesday, 21 July

Sports Day

Wednesday, 22 July

Academic Achievers Afternoon Tea

Tuesday, 28 July

ICAS English Test