

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2015

Principal's Message

Primary schooling is done for our 2015 Year 6s ...

To our Year 6 students, and to the families who have completed their Manly West learning journey, I wish you all the very best. At the beginning of 2015, Year 6 students were challenged to be the best leader they could be. In the spirit of our motto 'deeds not words' leadership is not about personality, it's about behaviour! Throughout the year, our Year 6's have inspired us by:

- ✓ 'modelling the way': Our Year 6 students were challenged to model the way to behave and be the change they wanted to see. Many rose to this challenge.
- ✓ 'inspiring a shared dream': They listened to our school community and breathed life into our dreams, thoughts and new ideas.
- ✓ 'making real change' happen: They did not sit and wait for things to change. They experimented with new ideas and worked hard on the important things; such as academic learning, sporting and musical activities.
- ✓ 'using team work': They called on all of us to work with them as part of a team.
- ✓ 'encouraging the heart': They encouraged other students to have a go, take a risk and show care; especially with their prep or year one buddies!

It's been a big year!! What did we do?

- ✓ **Engage students in their own learning:** learning goals, attending school every day, learning behaviours – all through the Gradual Release of Responsibility Model.
- ✓ **Be active:** interschool sports with expert coaches through a Sporting Schools grant, Cross Country, Sports Carnival, Swimming Carnivals, Active School Travel including Walking, Wheeling Wednesday, Streets Ahead program, Bling your helmet.
- ✓ **Academic learning:** excellence days in Wynnum Manly schools cluster, U2B online maths extension, Science Fair, camps and excursions, financial literacy - StartSmart Program, Wynnum Library author visit, Reading Buddies with Silky Oaks kindy students! School Musical, Singfest, choir, BVG and All Groups Concert, Dance Program, huge growth in Instrumental Music program, Halloween Festival and Mothers' Day performances, music camps, Honour Band student, new Junior Band led by Ms Goodwin!
- ✓ **Create school leaders:** student captains and student council, aspiring leaders – Terran Jackson, Lisa Morrison (regional team member), staff on recruitment panels for Wynnum SHS heads of department and student leaders.
- ✓ **Develop the capacity of teachers:** year level moderation sessions with teachers in seven of the local primary schools, quality teaching developed through the teacher observation and feedback triads, Reading 2 Learn (explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy), Words Their Way – spelling program, Sight Word program, mathematics problem-solving focus.

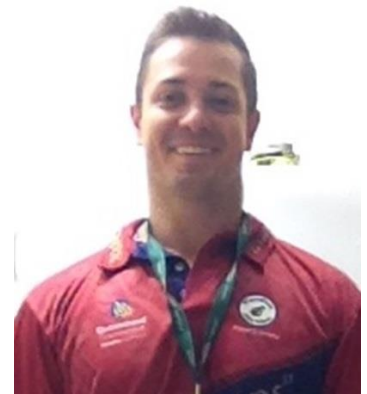
- ✓ **Link with our community:** Welcome Family BBQ, Under 8's Day, Naidoc event, WOW Festival (fete), ICAS competitions (student wins National Maths Medal), Book Week, ANZAC parade and marches, Remembrance Day, Chaplaincy with Chappie Luc.

Staffing at Manly West SS

Thank you to our amazing school staff for your great work in 2015. Full details of our 2016 staffing will be confirmed on Day 8 next year. We say a fond farewell to Mrs Gill Bye who is moving on to a new role at Gumdale SS. We will farewell Mrs Bye at our Awards Day and staff breakfast. She will be remembered for being a great mathematics teacher, and of course the sensational Cinderella and Rockerfella musical. Our school is growing and in 2016 we will welcome new staff:

- ✓ Miss Kayla Bailey, an early years teacher from Hopevale in far north Qld;
- ✓ Miss Alyssa Marinucci, from Jandowae SS;
- ✓ Mrs Kirsty Sobey, from Morningside SS, an early years teacher;
- ✓ Mr Corey Hapgood, from Acacia Ridge SS, middle years teacher;
- ✓ Mr Michael Burke, from Woorabinda SS, HPE teacher;

Introducing Michael Burke ... I will be the new HPE Teacher at Manly West SS in 2016. This is my seventh year teaching and I have worked at schools in Qld, NSW and England. In 2015, I have been teaching at an indigenous school in Central Queensland, known as Woorabinda SS, which has been a highly rewarding experience. I have always been passionate about sport; I enjoy watching and playing most sports, and in particular rugby league, golf, touch football and athletics. Also, I love to travel, and have visited over 20 different countries throughout Europe and the world. I am excited about joining the staff at Manly West and look forward to working with the students, staff and community in 2016.



Volunteers are so Valuable!

Special thanks to our 2015 volunteer helpers. Your invaluable assistance in the classroom, on excursions, camps, supporting school events, everyday support for our students, staff and other families adds incredible value to our school. You are invited to morning tea near the hall on Wednesday, 9 December after the Awards Day Ceremony. Thanks to the P&C for your friendship and support and for raising a whopping \$100,000 in readiness for the outdoor learning area on our middle oval.

This will be our final newsletter for 2015 and I wish you a safe, restful and joyous Christmas.

I wish to acknowledge the tragic passing of one of our school parents this week, Lois Haslet, mother of Jaxyn. Our thoughts are with Jaxyn and his family at this very difficult time and they ask that their privacy be respected.

For all of our students as they grow into their next school year wherever they may be ... be thankful for what you have. Be the light you are supposed to be. Express yourself with courage. Shine your light on the world!

Kind regards
Lisa Morrison, Principal

From the Office

Booklists for next year have been sent home. Remember that if your child already has items from this year, ie pencils, pencil case, glue, rulers, stationery, dictionaries, calculators, etc – **there is no need to purchase these again**. Please note the closing dates for ordering :-

- To the Office by Thursday, 3 December if you are completing a “hard copy” for the school to deliver
- Online ordering must be done by Friday, 1 January 2016 to ensure you receive your order on time.

The website for ordering your booklist supplies is www.nextrawynnumplaza.com.au.

From the P&C

2015 has been an eventful year with many highs along the way:

- WOW Festival
- On-line ordering for the tuckshop & and menu restructure
- 2 family movie nights
- Trivia night
- Coffee vans
- 2 successful grant applications

Behind each activity and event has been a team of people working hard to make each one a success – thank you to the wonderful volunteers, class co-ordinators and community members who have played a special role in the success of all these activities and others like them.

Thank you to all the staff and Sub Committees of P&C; OHSC, Uniform Shop, Tuckshop and Manta Rays Swim Club, you have all worked hard to ensure that our school services are the best that they can be.

On a personal note I would like to make special mention to our wonderful P&C Executive team; Rosie O’Toole, Tanya Holt, Andrea Asquith, Hazel Walsh and James Tapp. This year would not have been as successful without your dedication into each activity and event. Thank you.

Next year is already shaping up to be a big year for the P&C with work starting on the middle oval upgrade in 2016, family fun nights and many more in the planning stage already.

I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and I look forward to seeing you all back at school in 2016.

*Robyn Rapson, President
Manly West State School P&C*

From Around the School

WOW Festival Raffle Prizes

There are still a number of raffle prizes that weren’t collected after this year’s fete. Please check to see if you still have one of the following tickets: Purple C01, Purple C02, Purple B13, Ticket No. 2073. Prizes will be held until Friday, 4 December.

Tuckshop News

The final day for Tuckshop this year will be on Wednesday, 9 December.

Uniform Shop

A reminder that the Uniform Shop will be open on the following days before school starts :-

Thursday, 21 January	8.00am to 10.00am
Friday, 22 January	8.00am to 10.00am AND 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Monday, 25 January	8.00am to 10.00am
Wednesday, 27 January	8.00am to 10.00am
Thursday, 28 January	8.00am to 9.00am

3/4A Raffle

Recently, 3/4A ran a raffle to raise money to purchase an iPad for one of the students in the class. This student has cystic fibrosis and as part of his treatment, must stay in hospital for extended periods so the iPad would be used to help him continue his learning while in hospital, as well as allowing him to stay connected with his teacher and classmates. The raffle draw took place at Monday's parade, following are the winners:-

Jacob Hay	Kookaburra Showboat Cruise: Dinner for Two
Matt Medford	Fitness King Sports Equipment Voucher
William Cross	Holiday Hamper

A huge thanks to everyone who supported this raffle.

Senior Swimming Carnival

The overall winner of this year's carnival was Kurrawah followed by Tinonee in 2nd place and Woy Woy in 3rd. Congratulations to all the students who competed ... it was great to see everyone do their best and display good sportsmanship and team spirit.



Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the swimmers with lots of loud cheering and to all the volunteers who came and helped on the day.

Community News

A **Big Summer BBQ** hosted by HeartKids Qld to raise awareness of Childhood Heart Disease in the local community is being held at George Clayton Park this Saturday, 6 December. Activities begin at 10am. This is a free entry event with a gold coin donation for activities.

Manly West Dental Clinic will re-open at the end of November to provide **FREE dental treatment** to *all* school students up to Year 10 as well as to those 0-4-year olds, and Year 11 &12 students who hold a Health Care Card or receive the Child Dental Benefits Scheme. Call **1300 300 850** to book an appointment at a clinic near you.

Do you need help with school costs? The Smith Family offers **Savers Plus**, a program you can join that will match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs such as uniforms, text books, excursions/camps, music tuition, instrument hire and more. To find out if you are eligible, contact David Smit on 3115 6202/0417 436 183 or email david.smit@thesmithfamily.com.au.

The **Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron**, located on the Manly Esplanade, is offering vacation programs for students aged 6 – 13. Years. **TACKERS** – 18 January – 22 January 2016 (excluding Wednesday), 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Learn to sail, make new friends while having fun on the water, and earn a Yachting Australia recognized qualification. \$395.00 per level. **SAIL & PLAY** – 14 – 18 December 2015, 4 – 8 January 2016, & 11 – 15 January 2016, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Have heaps of fun on the water, experiencing sailing on Elliotts and Optimists over to all our local islands & much more. What a lovely way to spend your Summer Holidays! \$70 per day, \$335 per week, 10% discount for every 2nd child paid for per adult. Contact RQYS on 3396 8666 or email the Sailing Academy on sailingacademy@rqys.com.au

The Wynnum Baptist are once again holding “**Christmas on Kianawah**” on Saturday, 12 December from 2.00pm to 8.00pm. The afternoon will begin with markets, rides and activities, following on with Carols by Candlelight from 6.30pm before finishing off with fireworks at 7.45pm.

Summer Reading at Brisbane City Council libraries returns these school holidays from 12 December to 24 January. Participants will be awarded with stickers, prizes are available and it's FREE!! Other terrific **free** events and activities, include Cartoon and writing workshops, Live performances, Storytelling activities. For more information about the Summer Reading program, pick up a copy of *What's On in Libraries* (available late November), visit the website www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or phone Council on (07) 3403 8888.

Get into the Christmas spirit with **Carols on the Beach at Surfers Paradise** from 6.30 to 8.00pm on Sunday, 20 December. Bring a blanket and enjoy an evening of song with entertainment from Blinky Bill, Acrobatic Elves, Showbiz Circus and many more. For further information or to download a program of events, please visit <http://www.surfersparadise.com/whats-on/free-events/carols-on-the-beach>

Malpass Tennis are holding a **tennis clinic** over the school holidays from 14-17 December and 18-21 January. We also will be offering a full day sports clinic for 6-12 year old 9am-3pm with lunch provided. Sports include tennis, touch football, cricket & golf! For all bookings or enquiries please email malpasstennis@bigpond.com.

Calendar

Monday, 7 December

Talent Quest Grand Final, 9am
Step Up Day, 11.30am
Year 6 Social

Wednesday, 9 December

Awards Day, 9.00am
Year 6 Plantation Excursion

Thursday, 10 December

Break Up Day

Friday, 11 December

Final Day of School

Wednesday, 27 January 2016

School Resumes

