

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2016

Principal's Message

I commend our students on their effort and management of their behaviour during these rather warm last few days. A walk around the classrooms saw students engaged and continuing their learning. That is a testament to the meeting of the high standards expected at MWSS by our students and staff.

"We are what we repeatedly do, excellence then becomes a habit not an act" Aristotle

Our focus on learning is from day one and I encourage you to talk at home about what learning experiences were gained each day. The question, 'what did you do today?' is somewhat open ended for all of us, not just children. Perhaps ask about what feedback the teacher gave today. "What did your teacher say about your work today?" Some parents/carers prompt this conversation by saying in the morning, "This afternoon/tonight I would love to hear about something you found easy to do and something you found hard to do". Follow this up with asking about how the teacher helped or how they helped someone else. Let me know how you go.

Learning Behaviour rule:

Wear a sun safe hat. No hat no play is the short term consequence. It can help children with their self-management to have a checklist of 'what to have for school' on the fridge.

All students will use our Bronze, Silver, Gold list of behaviours to set personal goals. As they achieve the different levels they receive awards and acknowledgement for their efforts.

Our School Responsible Behaviour Plan is reviewed each year to maintain currency. Our Positive Learning Behaviour Team will complete a formal review of this document and this will be presented to the P & C in due course.

Full School Review: – opportunity to have your say

Our school is scheduled for a school review from 16 to 18 February 2016. Three appointed reviewers by DET will spend three days in our school - interviewing staff and some students and exploring documentation of the learning journey MWSS has been successfully embedding over the past years.

Some background information: The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools have a review at least every four years. A report will be made available to parents and the community on the school's website as soon as possible after the review.

The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. The most likely time that will be available to meet with the reviewers will be Wednesday 17 February, morning and/or afternoon. All feedback remains confidential. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers please email us at admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au.

Further information about the reviews is available from the department's website at: education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework

Emergency procedures at MWSS:

In light of current media events involving threats to schools, I have discussed this at our staff meeting and we are aware and cognisant of the procedures that are already in place. Evacuation of students is one part of the process as is contacting police. We did have close to a dozen calls from parents yesterday. Should there be a need to contact parents en masse we will use our school Twitter account and Facebook to provide an alert. This is another good reason to register for our newsletter.

Thank you for your support in the mornings with ensuring our students arrive after 8:15 and are in their line up area by 8:30am. This enables us to start our teaching at 8:50. I would ask that in the afternoon, parents and carers be mindful that learning continues through to 3:00 and some students can be distracted when adults are outside the classrooms from as early as 2:30. I do ask parents and carers to wait away from the buildings until the 3:00 pm bell.

I look forward to meeting our community this Thursday afternoon at our welcome BBQ from 4.30 to 5.45pm and at the parent information sessions. ***If you haven't already RSVP'd for our BBQ, please do so by 9.00am tomorrow morning by emailing admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au or phoning 3906 8333.***

Parent Information Sessions:

Next week, some Year Level teams will be holding their Parent Information evenings for you. Below is your date, time and venue. Please make time to come as the information shared may be just what you were wondering about!

Thursday, 4 February

3.30pm Years 1 & 6
5.45pm Years 4 & 5

Tuesday, 9 February

5.00pm Years 2 & 3
6.00pm Prep

Become a Class Co-ordinator

Become involved with your child's class, families and teacher by becoming the class co-ordinator. This is often a shared role. The class co-ordinator/s works closely with the class teacher and class families on activities such as:

- *Co-ordinate class play days (eg after school, weekends) and social coffee/morning tea sessions*
- *Liaise with teacher regarding a parent help roster for PE, reading, maths groups etc and special events*
- *Attend a class co-ordinators meeting once per term with the Principal*
- *Create a parent contact list*

Our first class co-ordinator meeting will be on Friday, 12 February at 9.00am in the OHSC room.

Kind regards

Annie Campbell
Acting Principal

Positive Pathways to Learning

This week our learning behaviour focus was :-

SAFETY: Wear a sun safe hat

From the Office

A number of notes should have home with your child last week. It is important that you take some time to read all the information to help you understand the processes of the school so that we can work together as a team. It is particularly important that you subscribe for the newsletter so that you can stay informed of everything that's going on at the school.

If you are going to take advantage of the school drop off zone in the afternoon, could you please email your name to admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au so we can make up a name tag for your car visor to assist the teacher on duty.

From the P & C

Our first meeting for the new year will be on Thursday, 18 February at 6.30pm in the Admin staffroom. Everyone is welcome, so please come along to meet the team and find out what we have planned for 2016.

Notice of AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Thursday, 10 March. A general meeting will follow on.

From Around the School

School Banking

The commission for 2015 was \$1,321.96 and goes to the P&C towards resources for our school. T. Ivers of Taree NSW won the Disneyland Competition.

Tokens carry over from last year and the certificates start again.

Certificates from the end of 2015:

Bronze for 10 deposits: Oshin Dhakal

Silver for 20 deposits: Mia McConnell, Abbey and Lexie Nagel.

Gold for 30 deposits: Olivia Asquith, Taine Hancox, Theo Fechner, Cassie Karaitiana, Oliver Barnes and Annabel Baker.

2016 Wildlife Adventure Holiday Competition!

The prize is a family trip to Australia Zoo. And you get to meet Bindi and Robert Irwin. Enjoy a full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, with the opportunity to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, while a personal photographer captures every amazing moment. Prize includes Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, QLD (depending on your place of residence) for two adults and three children (17 years or under), 4 nights' accommodation, 5 day's car hire and \$1000 spending money. The competition starts from 25/01/16 to 30/09/16. Entry is open for school banking students aged 5-13 years. Drawn on the 11/10/16. For terms and conditions see commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically be entered into the draw.

Information packs on how to start banking at school will be sent home in the next two weeks.

If your child already has a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, you can start banking at school straight away. Remember to bring your banking to school on **Thursday** to receive a silver token. Collect 10 tokens and redeem for a prize.

How to redeem your 10 tokens for a prize

Please fill out the coupon from the reward card (or a note with child's name, class and prize) with the 10 tokens (if you can find them please) in the Dollarmites yellow bank wallet and put it in the class room bank bag on Thursday.

Reward items available (while stocks last):

2016 Term 1 Flying Snake Tail and Wildlife Writer Set

2015 prizes still available ET DVD, Intergalactic Rocket, Moneybox, Galaxy Glider Frisbee.

Thank you for supporting the school banking program.

Community News

Manly West Dental Clinic provides **FREE dental treatment** to *all* school students up to Year 10 as well as to those 0-4year 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 Smith on 3115 6202/0417 436 183 or email david.smit@thesmithfamily.com.au.

Brisbane Roar will be running an after school program on our back oval for 4 Wednesdays, starting on 10 February. A representative from the **Brisbane Roar Active Program** will speak to the students at next Monday's parade and flyers will be sent home after that with details on how to enrol.

2016 CLUB SIGN ON DAYS

Is your child interested in playing rugby league? **Wynnum Manly JRLFC** are holding their 2016 Sign On Day from 10am to 1pm on Sunday, 7 February. For further information, contact Merryl at merryljbennett@outlook.com

Redlands Hockey are holding their sign ons :-

- Saturday, 6 February from 10am to 2pm at Sharks Club, Colburn Ave, Victoria Point.
- Sunday, 7 February from 2pm to 5pm at Henry Ziegenfusz Park, Fitzroy Street, Cleveland. "Come and Try" from 3.30pm, and sausage sizzle.
- Saturday, 13 February from 3pm to 5pm at Sports First Capalaba, 1/123 Redland Bay Rd, Capalaba. 15% discount off RRP Storewide (*EXCLUDES, UNIFORMS & GIFT VOUCHERS)

You can also get involved in the **Hooked in2 Hockey** afternoons starting on Thursday, 18 February from 4.00pm to 5.30pm and run for 4 weeks at HZ Park, Fitzroy St, Cleveland. Cost is \$70 which includes a hockey stick, ball, shin guards, mouth guard, stick bag and reversible singlet. Go to www.redlandshockey.com.au to register.

Wynnum Vikings AFL sign on will be held on Saturday, 6 February at 300 Kianawah Rd, Wynnum West from 10:00am till 2:00pm. AFL is a fun and inclusive game for boys and girls from ages 5 to 17, all skill levels can be catered for. Registration fees start at \$98, no weekly match fees. Auskick starts on Saturday, 6 February from 9:00am. For all enquiries contact Brenden on 0438400220 or wynnumjuniors@aflbj.com

Wynnum Bugs at Granada Street, Wynnum will be holding their **Rugby** and **Netball** sign ons on Friday, 5 February from 5 to 9pm and Saturday, 13 February from 12noon to 4pm. Please contact Kris on 0414 731 555, Trent on 0404 433 813, Shane on 0405 150 670 or visit www.wynnumrugby.com.au

Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday, 7 February at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.

Calendar

Thursday, 4 February

Welcome BBQ – 4.30 – 5.45pm, Covered Games Area
Year 1 information session – 3.30pm, Science Room
Year 6 information session – 3.30pm, 6A Classroom
Year 4 information session – 5.45pm, 4C Classroom
Year 5 information session – 5.45pm, 5B Classroom

Friday, 12 February

Class Co-ordinator meeting – 9.00am, OHSC Room

Thursday, 18 February

P&C Meeting – 6.30pm, Admin Staffroom

Monday, 8 February

Badge Presentation Ceremony – 2.30pm, Hall

Tuesday, 9 February

Year 2 & 3 information session – 5.00pm, Science Room
Prep information session – 6.00pm, Science Room