

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2016

Principal's Message

Full School Review:

Having had conversations with all staff, several parents and our student leaders, exploring the documentation of the learning journey MWSS has been successfully embedding over the past years our school review has concluded.

The leadership team, including our Assistant Regional Director Karen Howes and Lisa Morrison, were provided a verbal summary of the findings. The completed and authorised report will be available to the school in two weeks. We will publish the Executive Summary on our website. We would be happy to consider a parent session to go over the review towards the end of Term 1 or early in Term 2.

The three reviewers congratulated the school staff on the school's achievements acknowledging MWSS has a tone of positivity and caring aligned with high expectations. Take a bow!

Artist in residence:

Ms Butler is certainly enjoying the art lessons with our students and she reports that the students are enjoying this too. The art sessions are in line with the Australian Curriculum and will be included as a part of the overall art assessment. However the intent is developing art skills and appreciation of art. The reviewers acknowledged the art program.

Staffing:

Unfortunately we have had a number of staff experience significant family issues over the past four weeks. I thank you for your support. Every effort is made to ensure the replacement teacher is most familiar with the class and learning programs.

Waiting in the afternoon:

Please be mindful that lessons are continuing through to 3:00 and we would appreciate parents and carers waiting away from the buildings until the students are released. I met with the class co-ordinators and it was suggested that the waiting areas could include:

- Undercover area (near the tuckshop)
- The old tuckshop area (until it becomes the art building)
- Outside the hall

P&C Meeting:

Thursday night was our first P and C meeting for the year. Thank you for the welcome to myself and several parents attending for the first time. I left with the impression of a very dedicated group of people committed to supporting the school community. I look forward to continuing and developing this relationship because of the exciting activities and events being planned. Please do consider committing to supporting/helping out with at least one activity.

Kind regards

Annie Campbell
Acting Principal

"I know there is strength in the differences between us. I know there is comfort, where we overlap." **Ani DiFranco**

Positive Pathways to Learning

This week our learning behaviour focus was :-

SAFETY: Walk on concrete paths and in classrooms

From the Office

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.

Payments Due:

Year 5/6 Camp Final Payment	Due by 19/2
Prep Chicken Hatching	Due by 24/2
Year 3 and 2/3A MBEEC Excursion	Due by 26/2
5B, 5C St Helena Excursion	Due by 22/3

From Around the School

District Swimming Carnival

This week, Mr Burke accompanied three of our students who qualified to participate in the District Swimming Trials held at Chandler. Although they didn't make it through to the next level, they proudly represented our school, tried their best and showed great sportsmanship. Well done Indigo, Ollie and Charlie.



School Banking Program

Commonwealth Bank representatives will attend Parade next Monday, 22 February to promote the school banking program.

To help parents open an account for their child, they will also be available just after 8.00am next Wednesday, 24 February at the drop off zone. You will need to bring along any existing Commonwealth Bank account details, as well as your drivers licence or passport.

2016 Wildlife Adventure Holiday Competition!

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

The prize is a family trip to Australia Zoo. Meet Bindi and Robert Irwin. Full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, while a personal photographer captures every 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), accommodation, 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

Information packs should have been received by now. You can bank any amount you like (a minimum of 5 cents), it doesn't matter how much money you bank, it's about getting into the habit of banking regularly. 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** and put it in the classroom bank bag 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.

We are mums who volunteer to process the banking at school. All we can do is deposit the money into the student's accounts, we can't view the account to see the balance or make changes (like change of address) all these need to be done by the CBA in branch or over the phone.

Thank you for supporting the school banking program.

Manta Rays Swim Club

Swim Club meets every Monday night during Term 1 and 4, arriving at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Everyone from age 4 to 99 is welcome. 25 and 50m events are run in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly and 100 and 200m events are held in freestyle and medley. You don't have to be a good swimmer, you just need to love swimming. Come along and have a try. It's lots of fun and you'll make some good friends along the way. For further information, email mwmantarays@gmail.com

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.

Caprice Dancing School offers classes from 3 years to adults in ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary and the new TAPfit. For further information, email capricedancing@internode.on.net or visit www.capricedancing.com.au

Calendar

Wednesday, 24 February

Commonwealth Bank account sign up