

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2016

Principal's Message

The end of February is deadline time for our 2016 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and Investing for Success Agreement (14S was known as the Greater Results Guaranteed - GRG). The AIP outlines our priorities for the school year. The 14S outlines how the school will utilise the funding provide by the State Government. Once these documents are signed off by our P&C President Robyn, Assistant Regional Director Karen Howes and Director-General Jim Watterson, the documents will be uploaded onto our website. Some of the actions/strategies include:

- Continuing with Reading to Learn as a delivery methodology in English and exploring its' use in mathematics and science
- Exploring student involvement in descriptive feedback and co-constructing success criteria for their learning - Putting FACES on the Data Sharratt and Fullan
- Continuing working with MBEEC to ensure our learning is locally relevant
- Embedding Dweck's Growth mindset
- Communicating proactively with the school community, e.g TWITTER
- Continuing with our signature MWSS student data inquiry process

Staff Learning

This week our staff have been engaged in a variety of professional learning experiences with the intent of consolidating our existing strong culture of continuous professional improvement. We schedule this time to minimise disruption and we access quality presenters (some are our own people). In brief:

- Teacher aides: Intensive R2L (Reading to Learn) strategies
- Year level teams: Planning units based on student data
- Leadership Team: Session with Lyn Sharrat – Putting FACES on the Data; deepening student involvement in their learning. An example of this is the embedded practice of the student-led conferences.

Why do we do this?

Check out our Year 1 class working on their writing!



Enrolment requests for out of catchment students

MWSS has a School Enrolment Management Plan (EMP) and the Principal is responsible for ensuring that enrolments do not exceed the *Student Enrolment Capacity* of our school. We are now at a capacity where we are required to keep placements for future student/s who will reside in our catchment.

Kind regards

Annie Campbell
Acting Principal

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." — **Benjamin Franklin**

Positive Pathways to Learning

This week our learning behaviour focus was :-

SAFETY: Use all equipment safely

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.

Parents are reminded that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

Payments Due:

Year 3 and 2/3A MBEEC Excursion
5B, 5C St Helena Excursion

Due by 26/2

Due by 22/3

From Around the School

Music News

Choir (Years 4 - 6)

Choir rehearses each Thursday morning from 7:45am - 8:30am. Students may try out choir until the end of Term 1, when membership closes for the year. From the beginning of Term 2, on-time commitment is required for the semester. See Ms C for a 2016 membership form.

BVG (Years 4 - 6 boys)

Boys Vocal Group rehearses each Friday morning from 7:45am - 8:30am. Students may try out BVG until the end of Term 1. From the beginning of Term 2, on-time commitment is required for the semester. See Ms C for a 2016 membership form.

Tuckshop News

HELP!!! As you would be aware, the local council elections are just around the corner and our school hall will be used for polling booths. This is a great opportunity to do a little bit of fundraising with a sausage sizzle and cake stall. Volunteers are needed between 7am and noon for either the sausage sizzle, manning the cake stall and/or baking some yummy goodies to sell at the cake stall. Please email Bev on bspee17@eq.edu.au if you are able to assist. The election date is Saturday, 19 March. All funds raised will go towards purchasing a thermomix for the Tuckshop.

P&C News

Annual General Meeting

You are invited to attend the P&C Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 10 March 2016 starting at 6.30pm in the school Admin block. This will be followed straight after by our March general meeting. Come and find out what's planned this year for our school community and how you can get involved.

Nominations for all Manly West State School P&C positions are now open. The roles are:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Grants Convenor

Fete Convenor

If you are interested in filling one of these roles, please email your preferred position to me at pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au including your telephone number as well as your child's name and class.

After 4 years on the P&C, Rosie O'Toole is stepping down from the P&C at the AGM to concentrate on preparations for the Year 6 End of Year Social, so the roles of Secretary and Fete Convenor are wide open for willing volunteers. If you would like to find out more about what these or any of the other P&C roles mean, then feel free to email or leave Rosie a message via the school office and she will call you back. Additionally, if you know of someone in our school community who would like to take on any of the P&C positions then please ask them to send their nomination in ASAP.

P&C Facebook Page

If you haven't already done so, be sure to like our Facebook page at Manly West State School P&C. If you have any suggestions as to what should appear on our Facebook page in the future, then please get in touch.

Thank you for supporting our P&C. Here's looking forward to a fabulous 2016 at Manly West State School.

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

School Banking

Tina from the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program visited on Assembly this week and presented us with a cheque for our 2015 commission earned on school banking. A big thank you to everyone who participates in this program.



The Commonwealth Bank account sign up went extremely well with 30 to 40 families making the most of the assistance offered to open accounts for their children. It's not too late. If you want to open a school banking account for your child/children, please contact the office for an information pack.

Community News

Manly West Dental Clinic provides **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.

Calendar

Friday, 4 March

School Clean Up Day

Monday, 7 to Wednesday, 9 March

Year 5 & 6 Camp Goodenough

Thursday, 10 March

2/3A, 3B & 3C Birds and the Environment Excursion
P&C AGM and general meeting, 6.30pm - Admin Block