

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2016

Principal's Message

Ms Lisa Morrison has extended her time at Aspley SS until the end of Semester One. I am privileged to continue as Acting Principal for this time.

In week four of Term One our school had a full review. The Executive Summary has been received and this will be on the website early next week. Three of the key findings include:

- The tone of the school is positive and caring and a culture of learning is evident
- Staff members are united and committed to improving the learning outcomes of all students
- All staff members are committed to understanding and implementing highly effective teaching strategies

In addition to school staff, 25 students, 13 parents and four community representatives had conversations with members of the review team. Congratulations Manly West School community.

Newsletter changes

Our P&C meetings are on the third Thursday of the month. They are such proactive and interesting meetings that I believe it is important for the actions generated to be shared. Therefore, starting in Term 2, the P&C will have a newsletter the week following their meeting to replace the Principal's newsletter.

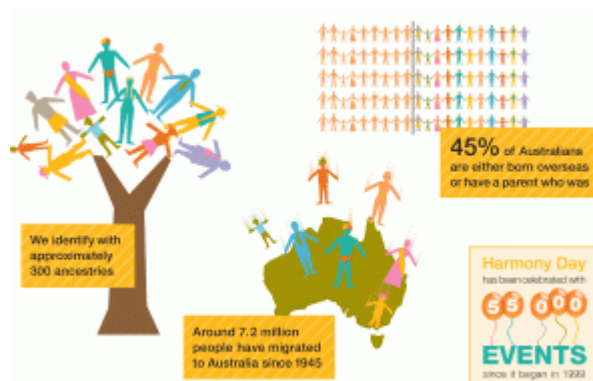
Next week

21 March is Harmony Day and in particular our preps have a very special event planned, however, it will be on Tuesday. A note has been sent home to parents. Each year level has organised a way to celebrate on the Monday to recognise our own diverse community. We have students and families from 15 different countries.

Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It's a day to celebrate Australia's diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. www.harmony.gov.au

Kind regards
Annie Campbell, A/Principal

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things" – Mother Teresa



Positive Pathways to Learning

This week our learning behaviour focus was :-

RESPONSIBILITY: Use your Manners

Guidance Grapevine

My name is Donna Riches and I work as the Guidance Officer at Manly West State School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Referrals to myself come from class teachers through the school Student Support Team (SST). The SST meet every Tuesday morning to discuss the learning and social/emotional needs of students.

Frequently I come across information that I feel would be useful to share with parents. In his book *The Don't Sweat Guide for Parents*, Richard Carlson, Ph.D, gives some great advice to help parents reduce stress and enjoy their kids more. He says "It's the little things that count" and gives examples of small, relatively painless ways you can interact with your kids that can make big improvements in your family life. Here are a few things you might want to try, if you're not already doing them:

1. Read to your kids at bedtime
2. Praise your children as often as possible – in our busy lives we often take for granted the good behaviour that our kids display
3. Cut down on extracurricular activities and use that time to share a quiet, fun activity at home
4. Kiss and hug, and kiss and hug
5. Leave them be - let them explore on their own sometimes
6. Laugh (and smile) as much as possible
7. Be silly and let your kids be silly at times

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:

5B, 5C St Helena Excursion	\$20.00	Due by 22/3
Year 4 Mangroves and the Environment	\$20.00	Due by 24/3
Year 4 to 6 Interschool Sport	\$78.00	Due by 19/4
Prep and Year 1 Out of the Box	\$20.00	Due by 20/4

From Around the School

PE News

Cross Country

Yesterday was a beautiful day for the cross country carnival. Congratulations and well done to all of the students that participated in the races. The competition was fierce and the results were extremely close. The final result was decided by one point, with the winning house for the carnival being KURRAWAH on 169 points.

A big thank you to Wayne and the teachers that arrived early to assist with the setup of the carnival. Thanks to the teachers, staff, volunteer parents and house captains for all the jobs associated with running a cross country carnival. It would not be possible to run a carnival like this without everyone's help.



From the Library

Scholastic are holding their annual children's book sale from their warehouse at 2/350 Lytton Road, Morningside over 2 days only – Wednesday, 16 and Thursday, 17 March from 8am to 6pm. There are HUGE savings to be had of 50% to 90%.

Tuckshop News

WE NEED YOUR 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.

Uniform Shop

Winter uniforms are now in stock as follows :-

Zip Jumper	Sizes 4-18 (limited stock of Size 2)	\$25.00
Track Suit Pants	Sizes 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 & 10	\$20.00
Girls Winter Blend Stockings	Sizes 4-6yrs, 7-10yrs, 11-14yrs	\$12.00

Interschool sport is just around the corner, so come and get your footy stocks now. Sizes available are S (9-2) or M (2-7) and sell for \$12 per pair.

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

Bayside Swim School Easter Learn to Swim Intensives & Squad Boot Camp

During the second week of the Easter holidays (4 to 8 April) we're running our next Learn to Swim Intensives for children aged 3 years and up, and Boot Camp for our Squad and Fins kids. Sessions are for 5 consecutive days, at the same time each day, with the same teacher. These sessions are designed to give the children's swimming (and fitness) a boost, whilst having fun and help build confidence and develop skills. Book online at <http://easter2016holidayintensivandbootcamp.eventbrite.com>. Alternatively you can call Rachel or Matthew on 0401 440 359 or email swim@baysideswimschool.com.au.

School Banking

Wildlife Adventure Holiday Competition!

Students enrolled at MWSS who make 15 or more school banking deposits by the end of Term 3 will automatically be entered into the draw. The prize is a family trip to Australia Zoo and includes meeting Bindi and Robert Irwin. Pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, while a personal photographer captures every moment. Prize includes 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 enrolled MWSS banking students aged 5-13 years. Drawn on the 11/10/16 Terms and conditions see commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Term 1 Competition Bag of CBA goodies

Students enrolled at MWSS who make 3 or more school banking deposits in Term 1 will automatically be entered into the draw. The draw will take place at assembly in Term 2.

How to open an account:

- Youthsaver account application forms are available from the school tuckshop or office.
- At a CBA branch and open a youthsaver account, you will need to take identification for you and your child.
- If you already bank with CBA and have netbank you can open an account online.

If your child already has a CBA youthsaver account, you can start banking at school straight away. 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. Only Australian money can be banked. Foreign money will be left in your yellow wallet and the deposit amount changed.

Sometimes we change the amount you have written down as it doesn't match the money in the yellow bank wallet but please be assured that the money is verified twice. If you need to contact me about this or any other questions, call Deanne on 0416 213 547. Please visit your CBA branch for an account balance or to make any changes to the account.

Remember to bring your banking to school on **Thursday** and put it in the classroom bank bag. To receive a silver token you must make your deposit at school. You will not receive a token if you make a deposit at a CBA branch. Collect 10 tokens and redeem for a prize.

How to redeem your 10 tokens for a prize

Please fill out the coupon on the reward card (or a note with child's name, class and prize) with the 10 tokens in the Dollarmites yellow bank wallet on Thursday.

Reward items available (while stocks last)

2016 Term 1 Flying Snake Tail, Wildlife Writer Set. 2015 prizes still available ET DVD, Intergalactic Rocket, Moneybox, Galaxy Glider Frisbee. Prizes take 1-3 weeks to be delivered.

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.

Bayside Sea Scouts Cubs have spaces for girls and boys aged 7 to 10 years to take part in a fun, outdoors, activities based program promoting personal development. The group meets weekly from 5.30 to 7.00pm on Wednesdays at the Landship (next to Darling Point Special School). For further information, please contact Janet Mullins on 0422 935 507 or at seahorse.baysideseascouts@outlook.com.

The race against Dementia starts with you! Walk, run or jog on Sunday, 17 April from 8.00am at the University of Queensland, St Lucia to support **Alzheimer's Australia** (Qld) in meeting their target of raising \$50,000 this year towards research into Dementia. There will be entertainment, kids activities, coffee and food stalls. Register now at memorywalk.com.au or visit the site for further details.

Milo T20 Blast Program starts at Action Indoor Wynnum with a Come and Try afternoon from 4pm on Wednesday, 20 April (the 8 week program commences on 27 April). Girls and boys aged 7-12 years can join in at 242 Preston Road, Wynnum West. For further details, contact Brenton Brien on 3348 6900 or register at playcricket.com.au. Click on the "Where Can I Play" box, and type in 'Action Indoor Sports Wynnum'

Looking for something to keep the kids occupied over the Easter break. Bayside United Soccer Club are holding a **soccer clinic** from 9am to 3pm on 29 to 31 March. Cost is \$95 per player. You can register online at www.baysideunited.com.au

Calendar

Monday, 21 March

Year 4 and 5 Harmony Day

Tuesday, 22 March

Prep Harmony Day

Thursday, 24 March

Final day for Term 1

Monday, 11 April

School Resumes for Term 2