

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 5 MAY 2016

Principal's Message

NAPLAN Tests – Tuesday, 10 to Thursday, 12 May

Next week our students will sit the NAPLAN tests for 2016 and there are some important things that they should know.

- These tests do not assess all of what makes each of our students exceptional and unique.
- The people who score these tests do not know that some of our students love to sing, some are good at drawing or others can teach you how to use a computer. They have not seen the way our students dance with grace or speak confidently to an audience. They do not know that our students participate in sports or care for younger children at home and school. They do not know that our students are caring, thoughtful and the everyday they try their very best.
- The scores from NAPLAN tests will tell the students how they did on that day, but they will not tell about everything. They cannot tell that students have improved on something that was once too difficult. They cannot tell how a student brightens up a teacher's day or how amazingly special each student is.

So I ask that students come to school ready to do their best for the NAPLAN tests and to remember that there is no one way to 'test' all of the wonderful things that make each student unique.

Putting Faces on our Student Learning Data

To support our teachers to use the enormous amount of learning achievement data that is collected in our school every day, we have a data coach - Anne-Maree Hamilton. Her role is to walk alongside teachers and support them to use this data to plan for your child's learning. Over the next 2 weeks each teacher will work with their year level teams and our coach to use the learning data and plan for what your child needs to learn next. This is then shared with the students so that they can manage their own portfolios, share their learning in three-way Parent/Child/Teacher conferencing and monitor their behaviour choices and attendance at school.

Keeping you Informed

1. Download the QSchools App on your smartphone to gain fast and easy access to our website, newsletters and copies of letters and forms. All school forms and letters will now be uploaded to the school website for your convenience. Click on this link for QSchools App instructions:
<http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/resources/pdf/qschools-brochure.pdf>
2. Facebook has been updating how businesses set up FB accounts and as a result, last term our school Facebook account was disabled. We now have a new account which can be accessed at
<https://www.facebook.com/ManlyWestStateSchool>
3. Find events on our website calendar: <https://manlywestss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

Happy Mothers' Day - To all our Manly West Mothers and Grandmothers!

A special thank you to Lyle Fallis for creating a spectacular selection of gifts for our students to purchase for their mums and to the wonderful parents who came along to help out on the Mothers' Day Stall!



Ask your child what was the best thing they did at school today! All of it involves learning and encourages curiosity!

Kind regards

Lisa Morrison (Principal)

Our aim - every day, in every classroom, every child learning and achieving!

Positive Pathways to Learning

This week our learning behaviour focus was :-

RESPONSIBILITY: Make the right choices

From the Office

Payments Due:

Year 2 Small Town, Big History		\$40.00	Due by 5/5
Year 6 Senior Shirt		\$42.00	Due by 6/5
Year 5 and 6 Life Education		\$10 & 14	Due by 13/5
Year 4 Camp Maranatha	Deposit	\$100.00	Due by 19/5
	Balance	\$144.00	Due by 9/6

From Around the School

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching: Parent Course

Our Guidance Officer, Donna Riches, is running a three session program at school for parents and carers, to provide some strategies to help manage children aged 2 to 12 years old.

Time: 9.00 to 11.00am

Dates: Tuesdays – 24 May, 31 May, 7 June

The course is free and you will receive a workbook which outlines the program content. Places are limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment by emailing drich207@eq.edu.au

Southern Tour 2017

The response to the proposal for our 2017 Year 5 and 6 students to participate in our Southern Tour has been very positive. An information session will be held in the Hall on Tuesday, 24 May from 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing many families there.

Under 8s Day: Friday, 27 May

Our Under 8s day at Manly West will be held on Friday 27 May, 2016 with the theme of: *Early Learning, Everyone Benefits*. This year, Queensland is celebrating 60 years of Under 8s.

This special day commences at 8.45am in the tuckshop undercover area and concludes in the same area at 1.00pm with a couple of whole group songs led by Ms Comiskey. All students from Prep to Year 3 will participate in this day in small groups. Students all need to bring a named water bottle, a hat, their morning tea in a plastic bag and sunscreen must be applied that morning. There will be no tuckshop for Preps, Year 1, 2 and 3 for first lunch on this day.

All parents are encouraged to attend this special day to spend time with their children, participating in quality early childhood experiences. You are welcome to bring younger siblings, family members and friends to this fun day at school. The teachers would like to place at least one parent with each group of students to assist with movement around the school. Please contact your child's teacher or add your name to the list outside of your child's classroom if you are attending.

Check your child's school bag for Under 8s notes coming home soon.

P&C News

2016/2017 Entertainment Books are here!

These books offer hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, so you'll easily cover the cost of your Entertainment™ Membership. Plus, you can take advantage of additional, valuable Member-only benefits until 1 June 2017!

20% from every Entertainment™ Membership we sell contributes towards the P&C fundraising! The more Entertainment™ Memberships we sell, the more we raise – so please tell your family and friends! You can view a copy of the book online here: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/entertainment-media

To purchase your books go to: <http://www.entbook.com.au/2220g47>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Robyn Rapson on 0466 265 820

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

High School News

Brisbane Bayside State College Open Day is on Saturday, 7 May from midday to 3.00pm. Our Signature Programs include STEM, Sports Training Extension Pathways and Bayside Enrichment Academic Program. Apply now to secure an early entrance position within one of these programs. For further information, phone 3893 5333.

Wynnum State High School are holding school tours from 4.30pm on Thursday, 19 May leaving from the Star Theatre. Please book your tour by phoning 3906 7333 or emailing Jackie O'Connor on jcon1@eq.edu.au

Interviews will be held on Saturday, 21 May and Saturday, 4 June.

The Year 7, 2017 Information Evening will be held on 11 October.

Community News

After school **AFL Auskick** started at Manly West SS last Friday, 29 April. It's not too late to join, so head down on Friday from 3.15 to 4.15pm. Flyers have been sent home with all the information you need on how to register on line.

Save the Date for the next **Chaplaincy Gala Dinner** at 6.00pm on Friday, 10 June at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

Triathlon Queensland is proud to support the **Weetbix Kids TRYathlon series** on 22 May in Brisbane and 29 May on the Sunshine Coast. For further information, visit www.try.weetbix.com.au

Calendar

Every Friday

Interschool Sport, Years 4 to 6

Tuesday, 10 to Thursday, 12 May

Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing

Thursday, 12 May

Year 2 Small Town, Big History excursion