

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 14 JULY 2016

Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone to an action packed term. All the best to each of you as you settle back into the school routine. I am sure you will be keeping an ear out for happy news as Mrs Marianne Porfyriou (6A – replaced by Mrs Kylie Blake moving to full-time) and Mrs Kellie McKillop (1C – replaced by Ms Nadia Butler) both prepare to welcome another small person into their families. Mr Darryl Brown (6B – replaced by Ms Sharn Lever), Ms Rebekah Ide (R2L coach) and Mrs Wendy Hine (STL&N) are away for the next few weeks on long service leave, with Jane Siddins stepping into Wendy's role.



WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY! OK – so it is fun too!!

We have a NEW Science Coach – please extend a kind welcome to Mr Chris Toussaint ctous2@eq.edu.au as he joins Manly West SS to work with teachers from Tuesday, 12 July. For Term 3 (Years 3-6) and Term 4 (Prep-Year 2), his role will be to walk alongside our teachers and support them to extend hands-on scientific investigations. Chris will work each week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Student Science Fair competition experiments/projects/displays are due at the C Block science room on 12 August. Email Kylie Mitchell for more details: kmitc157@eq.edu.au. Watch out for further information in coming weeks on our Science Day, 'dress like a scientist' event and the Science Fair competition.

Did you know you can register for online science and mathematics through an email from CSIRO? Subscribe here:

<http://www.csiro.au/en/Education/Double-Helix>



THE OUTDOOR MULTIPURPOSE COURT IS COMING!

Construction of the new **multipurpose court begins** on 18 July and could take up to six weeks to complete. It will be positioned on the middle oval next to the groundsmans' shed. The playground end of the middle oval and the oval steps may be out of bounds at times. Access to the back oval may sometimes need to be down the prep side of the middle oval; especially on Tuesday, 19 July when heavy vehicles will be entering and leaving the school. Safety fences will be erected by the construction company to designate the no-go areas. Any changes to oval access will be shared as needed. The short-term pain will be worth the gain – a purpose-build court for tennis, basketball and netball.

THE BRIDGE BUILDERS PROGRAM IS COMING TO MANLY WEST SS

Every child has natural talents and abilities; e.g. for story writing, drawing, mathematics, sport, science, history or working with others. As parents, you know this already. Whatever the case for your child, the reality is that these talents and abilities develop over time.

Even if your child has not learned something yet, given enough effort, persistence and focused attention, they will. Everything we can do has grown this way: reading, walking, talking. Believing this and acting like you believe it, is called having a 'growth mindset'. We all need to work to support our children to develop this 'growth mindset'. An attitude of 'not yet' rather than 'not ever'!

Master Shifu says in Kung Fu Panda 3: "If you only do what you can do, you'll never be more than you are now". Well we now know that the brain is a highly adaptive organ - it changes like a muscle through a process called neuroplasticity. Our brains are always changing. The fact that the brain can adapt and change means that we can always learn.

The amazing discovery of the brain's plasticity (made only 15 years ago) has had a huge impact on how we educate our young people. It means that we need to praise them and help them set goals, not for their natural talent/ability, but for their effort, persistence and the way they tackle challenges and conflict because these are things they can control and this will grow their abilities. Smart is not something you are, it is something you become.

Our 21st Century children are in touch and aware of the wider world as never before. They are encouraged to make their own choices by an avalanche of advertising that is cleverly placed in every aspect of their world. They can also just 'google it' if they do not know something. Over the past 4 years we have worked to future-proof our Manly West students by introducing strategies such as consistent, deep learning with Reading to Learn (literacy & numeracy), student leadership (e.g. on parade, as tour guides for new families), 3 way student/teacher/parent reporting and students monitoring their own attendance calendar and learning behaviour (bronze/silver/gold choices) and academic excellence.

Now we are adding a program called 'Bridge Builders'. Why are we introducing this program? Well conflict is a part of everyday life. It can cause emotional distress, anxiety and reduce your child's ability to achieve their best in learning to build healthy friendships. How conflict affects your children largely depends on how they respond to it. Few of us have been equipped in how to handle conflict well and as referenced above it is one of those things that children can learn.

The addition of 'Bridge Builders' at Manly West SS is the next step in supporting our students to lead of their own learning – a gradual release of responsibility from adult to child. Beginning next week, all Year 5 students will participate in Bridge Builder workshops and up to 20 will do additional training as peer mentors. All staff will have a 2 hour session to learn how to implement this program successfully and a parent information session is available to all families on Thursday, 21 July at 6pm in the school staffroom. Full details and a return slip are on the attached flyer.

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK 2016

The theme for 2016 is 'Songlines: the living narrative of our nation'. Songlines are a part of the dreamtime - told through songs, dance, stories and art. They tell creation stories in the dreamtime and illustrate how the first Australians are connected to country. We will be hosting a day of cultural immersion delivered by Gavin Tyson and a group of local performers. All families will be invited to attend. This group has been booked out for community NAIDOC events, so our special day is scheduled for Week 2 or 3. With one of Gavin's nieces in Year One at our school, it is great to be keeping up this connection with our local community.

DATE CLAIMER

BUSH DANCE: FRIDAY, 5 AUGUST

Join in this family event for some bush dancing fun with Beefa's Bush Band. Further details will be sent home soon.

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

EFFORT: Present your work neatly

From Around the School

PE and Sports News

Our Sports Carnival will be held this **Friday, 15 July**. The students have been practicing athletic events throughout Term 2 in preparation for this. We hope you're able to come along and cheer for the children. If any parents are able to help on the day, please leave your name at the Office or email admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au

Coming Up this Term

Our students can look forward to many more sporting opportunities in the upcoming term, including visits from the NRL, Oztag and Queensland Cricket.

Watch this space to stay informed of all upcoming sport activities/events.

Michael Burke, PE Teacher

Student Banking

Remember to bring your banking to school on **THURSDAY**.

Term 3 Prize Lights Competition!

There are 2 draws Star Saver and Supernova. Entry is open to students aged 5-13 years.

1. How to enter the Star Saver draw:

Make 3 or more School Banking deposits during Term 3.

Prizes: camping kits including headlamp, Bluetooth speaker and sleeping bag.

Fujifilm Instax Mini 8 instant cameras plus Mini film 10 pack.

12 month subscription to Total Girl or K-Zone magazine.

2. How to enter the Supernova draw:

With the 3 deposits you have made, simply complete the fun Stargazing online activity.

Prize: PlayStation 4 pack plus Just Dance 2016 and FIFA 16 games.

Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for our school

For the school to be automatically entered into the draw, one of our school banking students must simply make 3 or more school banking deposits during Term 3.

The Wildlife Adventure Holiday Competition!

A family trip to Australia Zoo, meet Bindi and Robert Irwin plus:

A full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies as your personal photographer captures every moment. 4 nights accommodation, 5 days care hire and \$1000 spending money. Entry is open to students aged 5-13 years.

How to enter:

Make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 and you'll automatically be entered into the draw. Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Term 2 Competition (A duffle bag with lots of CBA toys/prizes)

This competition is now closed and the draw will take place on Monday 25th July at assembly.

The Benefits of banking at School

Not only will your child get in the good habit of saving money you will also be helping fundraise for our school. It's about getting your child to save money regularly, not how much they deposit. (The minimum amount you can deposit is 5cents)

Your first deposit at School, MWSS receives \$5 in commission for a new account and 5% of every individual deposit made at school (up to \$10), a minimum commission payment of \$25 per quarter (provided at least one deposit or new account is received from the school per quarter).

Previous commission amounts MWSS has received: 2011 \$784, 2012 \$870, 2013 \$929, 2014 \$1030, 2015 \$1321, and so far this year 60 new accounts and \$935 in commission which goes to the P&C to spend on our school.

Also when you make a deposit at school you receive a silver token, collect 10 tokens and redeem for a prize.

Reward prizes currently available (while stocks last)

Moneybox, ET DVD, Frisbee, Vortex Rocket, Pencil and Eraser writer set, Luggage bag Tag, an eraser Pen and a skipping rope. A handheld Fan and a wriggly worm toy will be available in Term 4.

Note: The Flying Snake Tail and Handball are no longer available.

How to Redeem 10 Silver Tokens or Gold Token for a Prize

Please note, students are not allowed to pool their tokens with other students or siblings. Fill out a coupon from the reward card or a note and the 10 tokens or gold token and bring it to school on Thursday with your banking. Your child should receive the item at school in 1-2 weeks.

We can't check account balances or make changes to your personal details e.g. Change of Address. Please visit a branch or phone the CBA.

How to start banking at school

You need a Youthsaver account from the Commonwealth Bank. This is a savings account, no monthly account fees and no withdrawal fees from CommBank and Bankwest ATMs or CBA branch, standard interest 0.01% p.a. with a competitive bonus interest rate (Make just one deposit and no withdrawals each calendar month and you'll receive) Bonus interest 2.54% p.a. Total with bonus interest 2.55% p.a.

- ✓ Apply online if you're an existing customer and have NetBank.
- ✓ Apply at a branch, you'll need to bring your child's birth certificate.
- ✓ Apply at School, complete and return the form to your child's school. Forms are available at the School Office and Tuckshop or download from the CBA website.

You will also receive a cute Platybank money box, a deposit book and yellow bank wallet ready for you to make a deposit at school on Thursday.

Silver Certificate

Well done Olivia Asquith for making 20 deposits.

Bronze Certificates

Well done Malaya Robbins, Sharia Oldershaw, Isabella Quinn, Ashlie McMaster, Fionn MacCafferkey, Bella West, Jacob Mitchell, Astrid Wang and Jack West for making 10 deposits.

Thank you for supporting the school banking program. For all inquiries please call or text Deanne on 0416 213 547 or email deannemc69@gmail.com

P&C News

2016/2017 Entertainment Books are here!

Have you purchased your Entertainment Book yet? 20% from every Entertainment™ Membership we sell contributes towards the P&C fundraising! You can view a copy of the book online here: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/entertainment-media or 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

Please be aware that there will be an increase in the price of some items, effective from 30 June 2016. New prices lists will soon be available from the Uniform Shop or the Office.

High School News

Brisbane Bayside State College Open Morning is on Thursday, 21 July from 9.00am. Our Signature Programs include STEM, Sports Training Extension Pathways and Bayside Enrichment Academic Program. Last call for an early entrance position within one of these programs. ***Applications close next Friday, 24 June.*** For further information, phone 3893 5333.

For more information please email the ELT Head of Department, Tasha Stone (tston44@eq.edu.au), or review the information and brochures: <https://brisbanebaysidesc.eq.edu.au/Enrolments/Pages/Excellence-program.aspx>

Download your application form here:

<https://brisbanebaysidesc.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Enrolments/Sig-nature-programs-application-form.pdf>

Dance Squad applications will be extended. Please contact Arts Head of Department, Mardi Stitt (mstit3@eq.edu.au).

Return applications via email to tston44@eq.edu.au or directly to Brisbane Bayside State College.

Wynnum State High School are holding school tours from 4.30pm on Thursday, 21 July leaving from the Star Theatre. Please book your tour by phoning 3906 7333 or emailing Jackie O'Connor on jcon1@eq.edu.au

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

Queensland Academies Creative Industries Campus at 61 Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove Urban Village are having a Global Celebration Open Day on **Saturday, 23 July, 1pm - 4pm**. This is a selective entry state high school for highly capable senior students. Think Clever, Creative, Global. Think QACI! Visit qaci.eq.edu.au to RSVP.

Community News

As we have for many years, the School Dental Service still provides **FREE Dental Treatment** to *all* school students up to Year 10 as well as to those 0 to 4year olds and Year 11 and 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.

Come along and join us for a free sausage sizzle while we officially open the new playground and basketball court at **Heers Park**, Wondall Road, Manly West this Sunday, 17 July from 8.00 to 10.00am. To assist with catering, please RSVP to 3403 2180 or email wynnummanly.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au. Visit the facebook site at CrPeterCumming for updates.

Catch the Spirit of Rio from 8.00am to 2.00pm on Saturday, 6 August at the Anglican Parish of Waterloo Bay Family Fair, St George's Church, Cnr Thorne Rd & Victor St, Birkdale. Attractions include lots of fun activities for children, white elephant, food, plant, bottle, craft and cake stalls, devonshire teas, local entertainment, great coffee and raffle prizes. Come along and enjoy a fabulous day of Olympic sized fun. For more information contact our office on 3822 1110 or visit www.apwb.net. Hope to see you there !

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, 24 July 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, 14 July

P&C Meeting

Friday, 15 July

Sports Day

Tuesday, 19 July

5B, 5C Eureka Excursion

Wednesday, 20 July

High Achievers Afternoon Tea

Thursday, 28 July

4/5A St Helena Excursion

Winter Showcase: Choir and BVG



IMPORTANT PARENT/CAREGIVER MEETING...

THE BRIDGE BUILDERS™ PROGRAM

Skills to help your child deal with everyday conflict and bullying.



Dear Manly West families and caregivers

You are invited to learn about a new program being introduced at our school called 'Bridge Builders'. This program is designed to support our students to learn a key life-skill – 'how to handle conflict well'.

When: 6.00pm on Thursday, 21 July 2016
Venue: School Staffroom, Admin Block

Why are we introducing this program? Well conflict is a part of everyday life. It can cause emotional distress, anxiety and reduce your child's ability to achieve their best in learning and to build healthy friendships. How conflict affects your children largely depends on how they respond to it. Few of us have been equipped in how to handle conflict well.

Who is delivering this program for us? Jocelyne Chirnside (Med Hons, DipT, JP) author of 'Bridge Builders' will use her research and 30 years in teaching and social emotional learning consultancy with over 80 schools to educate on:

- ✓ the difference between conflict and bullying;
- ✓ how to empower children to be resilient;
- ✓ practical and easy-to-use skills to resolve conflict;
- ✓ how to create positive, productive school and home environments.

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Please complete and return this form to the school office or email your confirmation of attendance to admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au by 18 July.

I/we will be attending this information session on Bridge Builders and conflict resolution strategies.

NAME/S:

Please note that due to the content of this evening adult/parent/caregiver session, students are not able to attend. If you are unable find alternative supervision for your child for this evening event, please let us know when you confirm your attendance. To assist you, a space in the adjacent classroom will be set aside.

Also available for purchase: BRIDGE BUILDERS™ posters for reinforcement at home and EMPOWERED for LIFE - Equipping children to deal with everyday conflict and bullying (parent book)