

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 4 AUGUST 2016

Principal's Message

WE ARE STATE FINALISTS!

Each year the Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools recognise and reward Queensland state schools that are significantly improving student learning outcomes through excellent teaching practice. The Showcase Awards are acknowledged as the Queensland Government's most prestigious educational awards and give schools the chance to share in more than \$580,000 in development grants. For further details click here: <http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/showcase/2016/state-finalists.html>

Our schools cluster has won the Regional Award for School Leadership Team of the Year and been shortlisted as state finalists. This is a great result for our schools and ensures a total of \$8500 in grants to continue our leadership and curriculum teaching and learning journey. Above this, it is testimony and recognition of the wonderful work at all levels of our organisation. There is a further \$30000 available to the winning cluster/school which will be announced on October 28th.

Our **Wynnum Manly State Education Alliance** (WMsea) includes Brisbane Bayside State College, Wynnum State High School, Lota State School, Wynnum State School, Manly State School, Manly West State School, Wynnum West State School, Wondall Heights State School, Tingalpa State School, Darling Point Special School, Gumdale State School and Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre.

CONSISTENCY IS THE KEY!

All parents/guardians are asked to support their children with respectful, bronze level behaviours ... being inconsistent confuses children and makes it difficult for them to make positive choices.

1. Children wear their school uniform (correct uniform, black shoes, white socks, no jewellery unless a note from parents)
2. Children are in class and ready to start classwork by 8:50am – this is the starting time for our school day
3. Children arriving earlier than 8:15am attend OSHC
4. For safety, all verandahs are out of bounds before school

OUR SUPER STUDENTS ON SHOW! WINTER SHOWCASE AND ART EXHIBITION

Congratulations to Anne Comiskey, Nadia Butler and our talented students for music and visual arts excellence at the Winter Showcase last week. We were treated to a music masterclass that countless classroom music teachers have lined up to pay for at conferences across Australia and overseas. For those who were not able to make the show, student artworks are still on display for your viewing in the hall until Friday August 5th.



SMS PROCESS FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

This week we implemented our new SMS system to keep in contact with school families. This included notifying you that your child was not at school if we did not receive notice from you. A test SMS was sent to all mobile phone numbers on your child's contact details. Please update your contact details if you did not receive this SMS.

WE LOVE SCIENCE AT MANLY WEST SS

What's happening for our JUNIOR SCIENTISTS? Students are invited to enter our Science Fair Competition in National Science Week 15th-23rd August 2016 – with the theme Droids, Drones and Robots. A prize winner will be selected from every Year level. Bring your experiments or displays to the science room on Friday August 12th.

This week Junior Scientists Harrison D, Kayden K and Isaac M were awarded the STEM champion trophy and medallions for taking out first place at the WMsea cluster competition. Congratulations!

What's happening for our SENIOR SCIENTISTS? In addition to science coach, Mr Chris Toissant, joining our MWSS teaching team this term, our staff are also learning more about STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Next Tuesday after school we will be hosting this WMsea cluster workshop: *An introduction and familiarisation with the Australian Curriculum: Digital technologies – An insight into the structure, purpose and content of this subject area. Key components of this new curriculum area will be explained and demystified through demonstrating with the use of readily available on line departmental resources. Connections will be made with our existing literacy and numeracy curriculum areas. Investigate how the coding and robotics demands of the Australian Curriculum can be addressed through hands on learning experiences using Ozobots – programmable micro robots that have curriculum application from Prep through to Junior secondary.* <http://ozoblockly.com/#>

IT'S ENROLMENT TIME AGAIN

Please remind your friends, neighbours and family members to deliver their completed enrolment forms for 2017 preps to the school office. Families who are saying farewell to MWSS in the new year are also asked to notify the school as soon as possible. This enables planning to set classes up in readiness for the next year. Our staff work tirelessly to provide the best opportunities for our students to move smoothly from one learning year to the next so having this information assists with class allocation processes. All current families will receive a class allocation advice form early in Term 4. In this form you can share any extra information about your child's learning or social needs in respect to class allocation.

BEGINNER INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BAND CAMP

Our beginner band students are immersed in music this week for the annual band camp held at Wynnum SHS. You can enjoy performances from both the junior and also the senior band at the Manly foreshore on Sunday August 7th from 9:00am.

P&C BUSH DANCE

I am looking forward to kicking up my heels with you at our bush dance coming up this Friday August 5th 5:30pm-8:30pm in the MWSS Hall. Special thanks to our P&C and Sally Waters who are organising this event.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Best of luck to our students participating in the District Athletics Carnival on Thursday and Friday this week. This is our largest group ever selected for this carnival.

BRIDGE BUILDER MEDIATORS

Our Bridge builder mediators are trained and ready for action. Special thanks to Mrs Joan Pease MP for attending parade this week to present the Bridge Builder certificates.



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: Accept responsibility for your own actions

From the Office

Payments Due:

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| Singfest | \$21.00 | Due by 15/8 |
| Interschool Sport Gala Day, Years 4 to 6 | \$7.00 | Due by 16/8 |
| Life Education, Prep to Year 6 | \$9.00 | Due by 19/8 |
| WAMMM Music Camp, Senior Band | | Due by 19/8 |
| Prep Moreton Bay Excursion | \$29.00 | Due by 22/8 |
| Year 3 Camp Deposit due | \$137.00 | Due by 19/8 |
| Balance due | \$100.00 | Due by 2/9 |

From Around the School

Library News

Book Week – 20 to 26 August, 2016

The theme for this year is 'Australia - Story Country' and around this theme we have several displays and activities planned. There will be a **Dress Up Day** - as a character from a book by an Australian Author. This will be held on Wednesday 24 August with a parade of students at **first break**. Students should be working on their entries in our competition: - Prep to Year 3 students to design a book cover for their favourite Australian storybook. Years 4 - 7 to do a book review of any book by an Australian Author. **Entries close Tuesday 16 August** and will be displayed in the Library along with other art work that is currently being completed by students. Prizes will be awarded during Book Week.

At 2nd lunch break each day during Book Week the Library will be open as usual however, the following activities are planned: Stories around the campfire (with some special guests!); episodes of 'Skippy the Bush Kangaroo' to watch, and special puzzles to try.

Missing Books

Thank you to those students who have searched and found some of our missing books however, there is still quite a large number of home readers and Library books that are currently overdue. Could you please have a search at home and return these overdue books as soon as possible. Students who have overdue books are unable to borrow until the book is found or a \$20 fee to replace the book is paid.

1-2-3 Magic Parent Course

Do you want to learn some strategies to help manage your 2 to 12 year old? Would you like advice on engaging their co-operation, setting clear expectations for them, resolving family conflict quietly, tips on being a calm parent? Our Guidance Officer, Donna Riches, is running a **FREE** 3 session program at school for parents on Tuesday, 23 & 30 August and 6 September from 6.00 to 7.30pm. Spaces are limited so please register by emailing drich207@eq.edu.au or phone the office on 3906 8333.

P&C News

2016/2017 Entertainment Books ... Ending Soon!

Have you purchased your Entertainment Book yet? If not, get in quick ... limited time remaining.

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.

Student Banking

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

Tina from the Commonwealth Bank and Pru who is one of the Dollarmites from school banking came to assembly on Monday to talk about the Term 3 prize lights competition and show the current reward items available, also to draw the term 2 competition. Congratulations Daniel Swift.

Term 3 Prize Lights Competition

For students aged 5-13 years.

How to enter the Star Saver draw:

Make 3 or more deposits at school during Term 3.

Prizes: Camping kits, Instant cameras, Magazine subscriptions.

How to enter the Supernova draw:

With the 3 deposits you have made, simply complete the Stargazing Online Activity at commbank.com.au/prizelights

Prize: PlayStation 4 packs.

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 deposits at school during Term 3.

The Wildlife Adventure Holiday Competition!

How to enter:

Make 15 or more deposits at school by the end of Term 3, 2016 and you'll automatically be entered into the draw. Entry is open to students aged 5-13 years, find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Prize: A family trip to Australia Zoo for 2 Adults and 3 Children (17 years or under), meet Bindi and Robert Irwin plus: A full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, 4 nights accommodation, 5 days care hire and \$1000 spending money.

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 5 cents). 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

Moneybox, ET DVD, Frisbee, Vortex Rocket, Pencil and Eraser Writer Set, Luggage Bag Tag, an Eraser Pen and a Skipping Rope (while stocks last), A handheld Fan and a Wiggly 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

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.

How to start banking at school

You need a Youthsaver account from the Commonwealth Bank.

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.

Silver Certificate

Well done Lana Holt, Ava Jennison, Lara Callaghan, Ariel Clark, Tyler McKinlay Melville and Gracie Asquith for making 20 deposits.

Bronze Certificates

Well done Tyler Greacen, Oshin Dhakal and Ryan Fallis for making 10 deposits.

For all inquiries please call Deanne on 0416 213 547 or email deannemc69@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the school banking program.

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, 1 September from 9.00am. Our Signature Programs include STEM, Sports Training Extension Pathways and Bayside Enrichment Academic Program. 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/Signature-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 Tuesday, 23 August 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.

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 4 year 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

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 !

Calendar

Wednesday, 3 to Friday, 5 August

Beginners Music Camp

Thursday, 4 and Friday, 5 August

District Athletics Carnival

Friday, 5 August

P&C Family Bush Dance

Sunday, 7 August

Senior Band and Beginners Band: Bands in the Park

Monday, 8 August

Year 3 Sports Expo

Wednesday, 10 August

EKKA PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday, 15 August

School Photos

Tuesday, 16 August

ICAS Maths Assessment

Thursday, 18 August

Interschool Sport Gala Day, Years 4 to 6

Friday, 19 August

School Photos