

# Manly West State School

Active Minds Bright Futures



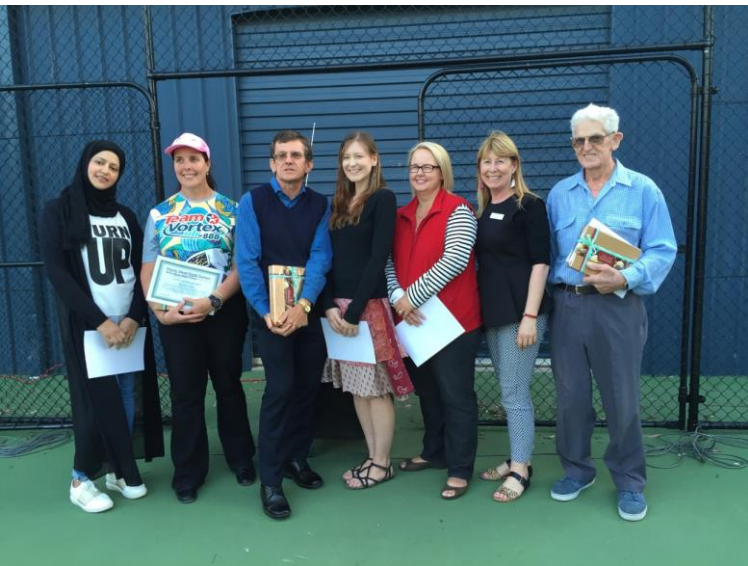
## Newsletter

**NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2016**

### Principal's Message

#### Celebrating the Opening of our Multipurpose Court and Art Studio

A special thank you is extended to our tireless P&C who organised and funded the free BBQ for this event, to Mark Butler for organising the sound and music, to Malpass Tennis for the fun and games on the court, to Nadia Butler for the art activities and to our special guests Councillor Peter Cumming from the Brisbane City Council and Toni Dugdale from the CALTEX Refinery.



## **Independent Public School Proposal**

Manly West State School is putting forward a proposal that we become an independent public school in 2017. Public forums are planned for Thursday, 27 October while your children are at the disco - please meet at D Block (upstairs) to hear more about this initiative and have a say about the future of your school. Prep families will be able to hear more about this initiative on Friday, 28 October prior to the school day in the prep play area. The P&C will have a special meeting on Thursday, 3 November at 6:30pm to vote on this initiative.

Queensland independent public schools are high performing schools which are given extra flexibility to innovate and creating new learning pathways for students. Facts sheets about the IPS model are attached to this newsletter. What difference would it make to our school?

- \$50000 of extra funding every year is definitely the biggest advantage.
- We already use the Direct to Market purchasing model that is a feature of IPS and adopted this in 2013 so this would not be new.
- 2017 is the last opportunity to become an IPS so we could miss out altogether if we do not take this opportunity.
- With the federal funding distributed after the Gonski report finishing in 2018, we will need funds from somewhere to continue our programs such as extra teacher aides for support, art, purchase of new resources, reading to learn, data coaching and year level team planning.
- Being an IPS would ensure that we can select any new staff coming into the school. It would not affect the working conditions of current staff.

Our proposal would be to introduce more opportunities for student-led learning, inquiry learning, problem-solving through 3 key strategies:

### **Strategy 1 - S.O.L.E.** IPS funding would be used to:

Trial the S.O.L.E. pedagogy (in a pilot program) with the aim of creating learners who can think and act creatively and critically, collaborate in the local and world context, communicate effectively across multiple media, be problem solvers, have a growth mindset, take risks and have strong foundations in literacy, numeracy. Staff, students and parents would have opportunities to learn from other SOLE schools/educators worldwide.

We believe the S.O.L.E. model would provide enhanced future-focussed learning pathways for every child. Why? "Because current education systems are outdated for our 21<sup>st</sup> century learners ... (Sugata Mitra)". The following links share further information about S.O.L.E.: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3jYVe1RGaU> (Sugata Mitra: Build a School in the Cloud). [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9f8Lb\\_ugrk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9f8Lb_ugrk) (What is the future of learning? S.O.L.E.)

### **Strategy 2 - Create a MakerSpace.** IPS funding would be used to:

Employ a coach to create a MakerSpace which provides opportunity for the innovative use of technologies and leveraging of existing partnerships with local industry.

What is a MakerSpace? It is community space with tools. MakerSpaces combine manufacturing equipment, community, and education for the purposes of enabling community members to design, prototype and create manufactured works that wouldn't be possible to create with the resources available to individuals working alone. All are united in the purpose of providing access to equipment, community, and education, and all are unique in exactly how they are arranged to fit the purposes of the community they serve. MakerSpaces represent the democratisation of design, engineering, fabrication and education. They are a fairly new phenomenon, but are beginning to produce projects with significant national impacts. In the MakerSpace students would work on their own projects that involve:

- *Cross curricula capabilities*
- *Science, maths, engineering and problem-solving*
- *Environmental sustainability*
- *Health and well-being*
- *Cultural identity and diversity*

**Strategy 3 - Nature Play Space Proposal.** IPS funding would be used to:

Create a nature play space that incorporates opportunity for inquiry learning, creative outdoor play, art and environmental projects, Aboriginal cultural study.

Why? Because the value of each person being connected to their natural environment has been rediscovered by communities all over the world. As a community we endorse 'Nature Play Queensland's vision' – "for unstructured outdoor play to become a normal part of every child's life in Queensland, so that children can develop into resilient, healthy and creative members of the community". A team of parents, staff, students and wider community experts has already formed in readiness for this project.

Please share your thoughts and ideas about this proposal via email at [admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au)

Kind regards

Lisa Morrison (Principal)

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

#### **From the Office**

##### **Payments Due:**

Prep to Year 6 Dance Cart	\$25.00	<b>Overdue!!</b>
Prep Reef Experience Puppet Show	\$6.00	Due by Friday, 21/10
Year 4 to 6 Interschool Sport Gala Day	\$7.00	Due by Tuesday, 25/10

#### **Enrolling for 2017?**

To all families enrolling for any year level in 2017, you are encouraged to complete an enrolment form (in catchment) or an out-of-catchment expression of interest form as soon as possible. An enrolment form can be found on our school website or collected from the school office. For all new families enrolling in 2017, we would like to invite you to a school tour and information session on:

- Tuesday, 25 October from 9:00 to 10:00am

#### **Prep 2017 Date Claimers:**

Transition sessions will be held from 10:00 to 11:00am on the following Tuesdays – 25/10, 1/11. Interviews will be held on Saturday, 5/11. Parents will be notified of times.

***If your child currently attends Manly West SS, there is no need to re-enrol for 2017.***

#### **From Around the School**

##### **Can you help please?**

Do you have any working but unwanted smart phones at home? The ICT committee would love donations of old android or apple smartphones to use in classrooms. Please ensure you remove anything you wish to keep from the device before sending it in, as we will be wiping them clean and installing a small number of apps applicable to our needs. Any chargers you don't need, please send them in too. Please drop them off to Miss Goodwin's classroom – D Block or to the Office. Thanks for your donation!

## Tuckshop

Do you have a little bit of time you can spare, even if it's only once a week, or once a month? The Tuckshop is in urgent need of volunteers. Please see Bev or Tania if you can help.

## Library News

Book Fair will be here next week! Mark your Calendar for Tuesday 25 to Monday 31 October. This is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. Scholastic Book Fair provides a range of books, posters, and novelty items for sale for all ages. Every purchase will assist Manly West State School provide resources for our Library. A brochure will come home this week with more info. Purchases can be made on-line with receipts needing to come to the Library. There will be no class borrowing during the Book Fair. Students/teachers/parents will be able to purchase before school (8.00 - 8.45am), at second break and after school until 4.00pm.

## It's Disco Time!

**DATE:** Thursday, 27 October

**TIME:** Prep to Year 3: 5:00 to 6:00pm  
Year 4 to Year 6: 6:15 to 7:30pm

**THEME:** COME DRESSED IN FLURO !!

## 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](mailto:david.smit@thesmithfamily.com.au)

Interested in playing **Futsal**? 5-a-side indoor soccer is being played at a club near you. Competitions start in September of ages 3 and up, Juniors and Adults. Register at [www.qldfutsal.com](http://www.qldfutsal.com) or phone 1800 FUTSAL.

**MILO T20 Blast is coming to a Club near you from 5.30pm on Friday, 14 October – 2 December.** Register at [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au). Click on the "Where Can I Play" box, and type in Wynnum Manly Cricket Club. For further information, contact Jason Bragger on 0417 303 951.

Wynnum Juniors **Touch Rugby League** season commences at Iona College Oval on 10 October for girls and boys aged 6-15 years. For further information or to register, phone 3393 3482 or email [admin@trlredlands.com.au](mailto:admin@trlredlands.com.au)

## Calendar

### Monday, 24 October

Dance Cart, Prep to Year 6

### Tuesday, 25 October

Enrolment Information Session, 9:00am

Prep Transition Session, 10:00am

### Thursday, 27 October

Years 4 to 6 Interschool Sport Gala Day

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### Saturday, 29 October

Junior and Senior Bands Halloween Street Party

