

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2016

Principal's Message

It has been my genuine pleasure to work with you, your children and our school staff in 2016. For all of our students as they grow into their next school year: be thankful for what you have, express yourself with courage, shine your light on the world!

It's been an amazing year!!

We launched our new **Strategic Plan 2017-2020**. We won the prestigious **State Showcase Award for School Leadership** (with Wynnum Manly Cluster - WMsea) and hot off the press – we will be an **Independent Public School** in 2017!

What did we do at MWSS?

Learners growing: to be a bridge builder, to take responsibility for their own learning portfolio, attendance and behaviour, use the Gradual Release of Responsibility Model, Year 3-6 camping program building resilience and self-reliance, smooth transitions through class design processes and step up day

Teamwork making the dream work: dynamic P&C team, student captains, student council, staff presenting at local, state and national conferences, staff on recruitment panels to select leaders in other schools, regional aspiring leaders – Lisa Morrison

Making 'expert teaching' standard at MWSS: moderation with year level and WMsea teachers, coaching in teacher feedback and observation triads, science, data literacy and Words Their Way spelling, Reading 2 Learn (literacy and numeracy)

Connecting our community: QSchools app, SMS and QParents, Welcome BBQ, Year level meetings, P&C trivia night and bush dance, class co-ordinator social events, Under 8's Day, Book Week, Prep Star Gazing Night, ANZAC parade and marches, Remembrance Day, Chaplaincy - Chappie Luke, Channel 10 Shark Tank

Academic achievement: publish a book of short stories, win science and Japanese speaking competitions, Inquiry science program, local excursions on Moreton Bay, Life Education, Australian Digital Technologies curriculum, growth in national competition distinction awards, a huge growth in the number of our students achieving high school scholarships – academic, arts, sporting, technology

Sporting achievement: Cross Country, Sports Carnival, Swimming Carnivals, Active School Travel - Walking, Wheeling Wednesday, Bike safety, Walk to School Safely, interschool sports with expert coaches through Sporting Schools grants

Arts achievement: Singfest, choir and BVG programs, dance program, huge growth in Instrumental Music, Art in our new studio with Miss Butler!

PRIMARY SCHOOLING IS DONE FOR OUR 2016 YEAR 6's ...

In the spirit of our motto 'deeds not words' leadership is not about personality, it's about behaviour! Throughout the year, our Year 6's have:

- ✓ 'modelled the way': Our Year 6 students were challenged to model the way to behave and be the change they wanted to see. Many rose to this challenge.
- ✓ 'inspired a shared dream': They listened to our school community and breathed life into our dreams, thoughts and new ideas.
- ✓ 'made real change' happen: They did not sit and wait for things to change. They experimented with new ideas and worked hard on the important things including academic learning, sporting, musical and social skills.
- ✓ 'used team work': They called on all of us to work with them as part of a team.
- ✓ 'encouraged the heart': They encouraged other students to have a go, take a risk and show care, especially with their prep or year one buddies!

To our Year 6 students, and to all of the families who have completed their Manly West learning journey, thank you for your contribution to our school.

Staffing at Manly West SS

Thank you to our amazing school staff for your great work in 2016. Full details of our 2017 staffing will be confirmed on Day 8 next year. We say a very sad farewell to:

- Miss Terran Jackson who is transferring to Kingston SS
- Mrs Wendy Hine who is retiring
- Mrs Jo Fritz – will be retiring in 2017 after more than 30 years at MWSS
- Mrs Kate Fyson transferred to a new school

We will farewell all of these well-loved staff members at our Awards Day and upcoming staff events. Our school is growing and in 2017 we will welcome new staff:

- ✓ Miss Kirsty Harris, a classroom teacher from Gladstone with expertise in differentiated teaching and learning
- ✓ Ms Morgan Anderson, a graduating classroom teacher with excellent experience in early years and terrific recommendations from her current school
- ✓ Mrs Samantha Walker replacing Kellie McKillop on Year One (Samantha is a familiar and valued relief teacher for our school)

Our valuable Volunteers!

Special thanks to our 2016 volunteer helpers. Your invaluable assistance in the classroom, on excursions, camps, supporting school events, everyday support for our students, staff and other families adds incredible value to our school.

I wish each of you the very best for a restful and fun-filled Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards

Lisa Morrison (Principal)

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

From Around the School

Music News

Thank you to parents and caregivers at the All Groups Concert who have donated over \$350 to provide 4 additional orchestral stands for the MWSS music program. Special thanks to the Small family (Jo and Brad Small) and to the Russell family (Donna and Brad Russell) who have each donated a music stand to the program.

Anne Comiskey

Swimming Carnivals

In the last two weeks Manly West has held three different swimming carnivals for Senior, Junior and Prep. The weather was perfect for all three carnivals and this resulted in great support from our students, parents and community members in attendance.

Thank you to the energetic and happy helpers – teachers, teacher aides, administration, sports captains, students, past students, parents and high school students who worked tirelessly throughout the day. The day was a HUGE success because of your smiles and energy.

House captains, you can be proud of how you lead your houses with great participation and the ear-blasting war cries. Well done!

Students, you supported your captains, and your sports houses tremendously. It was great to see so many students participating and enjoying themselves on the day.

There were a number of records broken throughout the carnival. Olivia Davies set a new record in the 10years girls 100m Individual Medley. Elliot Wang set a new record in the 10years boys 100m Individual Medley. Charlie Tonks set a new record in the 11years girls 100m Individual Medley and smashed the previous record by a whopping six seconds. Congratulations to all our new record holders!

Congratulations: 1st Kurrawah – 688pts, 2nd Tinonee – 620pts, 3rd Woy Woy– 420pts

Age Champions:

9yrs:	Alex Harrison	Isabella Quinn
10yrs:	Elliot Wang	Olivia Davies
11yrs:	Ollie Hacon	Charlie Tonks
12yrs :	Oliver Arklay	Breanna Stemm

Mr Burke

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will open during the week before school resumes, as follows :-

Wednesday, 18 January	8am to 11am AND 3pm to 6pm
Monday, 23 January	8am to 10am
Tuesday, 24 January	8am to 9am (normal trading)
Wednesday, 25 January	8am to 9am AND 2pm to 3pm

Community News

As the school year is coming to an end, Metro South Oral Health would like to ensure those children in need of oral care have access to our free dental service. We have a large number of dental clinics in the local area and our clinics are open and available to all eligible children **over the school holidays**.

As we have for many years, the School Dental Service provides free dental treatment to all children aged 4 to grade 10, plus children younger or older who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule or whose parents hold a current Centrelink, Health Care or Pension Concession Card. We welcome new and existing patients to contact us in 2017 for a dental appointment.

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Metro South Oral Health provides free dental treatment to **all** school students up to Year 10. As well as to those 0-4yr olds, and Year 11 &12 students who hold a Health Care Card. Please call 1300 300 850 to organise an appointment before the end of the year or in 2017. Holiday appointments are available now!

For more information please visit our website <https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health> or contact us via email at metrosouthoralhealth@health.qld.gov.au



Would you like to learn how to paint? Do you love colour and would you like to learn how to build a painting using acrylics, impasto mediums and glazes? **BAD JELLY'S ADULT ART CLASSES** will be held at Manly West State School on Thursday morning/afternoon/evening classes, starting the second week of school in term 1 in 2017. If you are interested, please contact Julie Martin for more information.

Email: juliemartin@badjellysart.com

The "TREErific" **Christmas Tree display** is open from Monday, 12 to Saturday, 17 December in the St Peter's Anglican Church Hall at 77 Charlotte Street, Wynnum. Opening times are 10am to 2pm and 6pm to 8pm daily and entry is FREE.

The Good Shepherd organization, funded by the National Bank through St Peter's Anglican Church are offering **back to school loans** for low income earners. This scheme is run entirely by volunteers and you only repay the amount you borrow. To find out if you qualify for a No Interest, No Fees, No Charges Back-to-School Loan to pay for Laptops, I-Pads, Uniforms, Fees and Books through the NILS Loans Scheme, phone 3348 7598.

The **Annual Christmas on Kianawah** (287 Kianawah Road, Wynnum West) is on Saturday, 10 December from 2.00pm for markets, food and free rides then stay on for the Christmas Carols between 4.00 and 6.00pm, concluding with fireworks.

Cooper's Café on the corner of The Esplanade and Nelson Parade, Manly (409 Esplanade) is inviting any **homeless, disadvantaged or just plain lonely folks to come along to her Café for a tremendous FREE Christmas Dinner** between 11.00am and 3.00pm on Christmas Day with Emma and her group of marvellous volunteers.

CAPRICE DANCING SCHOOL is a family friendly dance school based in Wynnum and Manly offering classes in ballet, jazz, tap and contemporary. ENROL NOW or submit your Expression of Interest for classes in 2017 (from 2 years of age). For further information email capricedancing@internode.on.net or visit www.capricedancing.com.au

Calendar

Friday, 9 December

Final day of school for 2016

Monday, 23 January

School resumes for 2017

Thursday, 26 January

AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

Wednesday, 18 January	8am to 11am 3pm to 6pm
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AWARDS DAY 2016

