

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2016

Principal's Message

Congratulations to our school community, students and staff for such a calm and welcoming start to the 2016 school year. Our Prep students started spectacularly with one student telling their teacher that they are here to 'learn' and not do 'prep activities'.

Very quickly it is apparent from teachers, students and parents/carers that the focus of Manly West is to make 'educational achievement' the shared goal. Ms Morrison stated this at the start of 2015 and this growth mindset is evident in daily practice, day one, 2016.

Our teaching staff completed five days of professional development and learning, embedding and consolidating the practices of: R2L (English, maths and science), Dweck's growth mindset, learning to learn unit, year level curriculum development including common assessment and our MWSS data inquiry process. Teachers also attended the 'Sharpen our Focus on Higher Order Thinking' Conference with our surrounding schools – 400 teachers were involved and engaged. Ms Von Richter, Mrs Mitchell, Ms Ide and Mrs Van Balen presented at this conference and feedback indicates they did a marvellous job too.

Commencing in 2016

Art Workshops at Manly West SS:

This semester will see the introduction of specialist art lessons being run by our very own Nadia Butler. During these workshops the students from 3B and Years 4, 5 and 6 will be guided to experiment with paint and create their own piece of work. A paint shirt/cover shirt would be appreciated to ensure the work of art isn't on the uniform. (It's about coverage, not looks, so please do not purchase a new shirt.)

Booster – Solve it – Numeracy Year 5 Online Learning:

In conjunction with Brisbane School of Distance Education, 14 students will receive a 60 -70 minute high quality online program over 12 weeks. This will be supervised by Mrs Hine to extend students who are already capable at numeracy and with the intent to take them from 'good to great'. Identification of students was based on the extensive data sets of information the school has gathered including class results, standardised assessments, their Year 3 NAPLAN results and level of effort. Letters regarding these learning opportunities to parents and carers are on their way.

Welcome To New Staff

Welcome to Mr Corey Hapgood (Year 4 teacher), Mrs Kirsty Sobey (Year 2 teacher), Ms Kayla Bailey (Year 1 teacher), Ms Alyssa Marinucci (Year 3 teacher), Mr Michael Burke (PE teacher) and me, Ms Annie Campbell (Acting Principal for Term 1).

Before School

Before school, Year 1-4 students line up in the covered games area, Year 5 line up in the quadrangle, Year 6 students line up at the end of the resource centre and Prep students are delivered to prep each day by an adult. If students need to arrive before 8:15am and are not in the care of an adult, they must be booked in to OSHC. If parents are waiting with their child, please also wait in the covered games area, to help the children understand where they need to wait. The covered games area can get quite noisy in the morning, but having the children wait in this area ensures that we can keep an eye on everyone.

Become a Class Co-ordinator

Become involved with your child's class, families and teacher by becoming the class co-ordinator. This is often a shared role. The class co-ordinator/s works closely with the class teacher and class families on activities such as:

- *Co-ordinate class play days (eg after school, weekends)*
- *Social Coffee/morning tea sessions*
- *Liaise with teacher regarding a parent help roster (eg reading, maths groups)*
- *Assist teacher with class helpers for special events*
- *Attend a class co-ordinators meeting once per term with the Principal (see below for time)*
- *Create a parent contact list*

Many families rate positive home-school partnerships and communication as key to a successful education for their child. In response we are hosting the following events:

- *the Welcome Family BBQ on Thursday 4th February from 4:30pm-5:45pm*
- *Year Level Information evenings for parents:*
 - *4 February – Year 1 & 6 (3.30pm) and Year 4 & 5 (5.45pm)*
 - *9 February – Year 2 & 3 (5.00pm) and Prep (6.00pm)*
- *Class co-ordinator meeting on Friday, 12 February at 9.00am in the OHSC room.*
- *Parents & Citizen's Meeting on Thursday, 18 February from 6:30pm in the Admin Staffroom. Everyone is welcome, so please come along and meet the team*

Learning Behaviours and Attendance Make a Difference

Every school day counts for your child and the attached flyer

<https://manlywestss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/every-day-counts.pdf> provides some confronting statistics about school attendance. For your reference our **bronze, silver, gold learning behaviour** list

<https://manlywestss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/BehaviourLevelDocument2015.pdf> is also supplied with this newsletter.

I found this an interesting equation: $A + B = C$

A is for Attendance and yes, we want your child here at school every day, unless they are sick. B is for Behaviour and yes, we want your child behaving at school so that we can teach them C - which is a quality Curriculum.

My sincere thanks for such a warm welcome by the Manly West school community. Over the coming weeks we will be preparing for our Full School Review. This review does not rate or compare our school but will provide independent and quality feedback to support us to continue to provide the outstanding quality of educational achievement that Manly West SS is known by. I give you my firm commitment to maintain and progressing this wonderful school.

Kind regards

Annie Campbell
Acting Principal

Positive Pathways to Learning

This week our learning behaviour focus was :-

RESPONSIBILITY: Wear your correct school uniform

From the Office

A number of notes should come home with your child by the weekend :-

- ✓ A welcome to the new year, containing a lot of general and useful information
- ✓ An invitation to some of our year level information sessions and welcome BBQ
- ✓ A timetable of PE lessons for Years 1 to 6 so you know when your child has swimming
- ✓ An outline of the school payment processes
- ✓ Notification of your child/ren's sports house if you are new to our school

We're sorry to bombard you with so much paperwork but it is important that you take some time to read all the information to help you understand the processes of the school so that we can work together as a team. It is particularly important that you subscribe for the newsletter so that you can stay informed of everything that's going on at the school.

If you are going to take advantage of the school drop off zone in the afternoon, could you please email your name to admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au so we can make up a name tag for your car visor to assist the teacher on duty.

From the P & C

Our first meeting for the new year will be on Thursday, 18 February at 6.30pm in the Admin staffroom. Everyone is welcome, so please come along to meet the team and find out what we have planned for 2016.

Notice of AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Thursday, 10 March. A general meeting will follow on.

Community News

Manly West Dental Clinic provides **FREE dental treatment** to *all* school students up to Year 10 as well as to those 0-4year olds, and Year 11 &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.

Brisbane Roar will be running an after school program on our back oval for 4 Wednesdays, starting on 10 February. A representative from the **Brisbane Roar Active Program** will speak to the students at next Monday's parade and flyers will be sent home after that with details on how to enrol.

2016 CLUB SIGN ON DAYS

Is your child interested in playing rugby league? **Wynnum Manly JRLFC** are holding their 2016 Sign On Day from 10am to 1pm on Sunday, 7 February. For further information, contact Merryl at merryljbennett@outlook.com

Redlands Hockey are holding their sign ons :-

- Saturday, 6 February from 10am to 2pm at Sharks Club, Colburn Ave, Victoria Point.
- Sunday, 7 February from 2pm to 5pm at Henry Ziegenfusz Park, Fitzroy Street, Cleveland. "Come and Try" from 3.30pm, and sausage sizzle.
- Saturday, 13 February from 3pm to 5pm at Sports First Capalaba, 1/123 Redland Bay Rd, Capalaba. 15% discount off RRP Storewide (*EXCLUDES, UNIFORMS & GIFT VOUCHERS)

You can also get involved in the **Hooked in2 Hockey** afternoons starting on Thursday, 18 February from 4.00pm to 5.30pm and run for 4 weeks at HZ Park, Fitzroy St, Cleveland. Cost is \$70 which includes a hockey stick, ball, shin guards, mouth guard, stick bag and reversible singlet. Go to www.redlandshockey.com.au to register.

Wynnum Vikings AFL sign on will be held on Saturday, 6 February at 300 Kianawah Rd, Wynnum West from 10:00am till 2:00pm. AFL is a fun and inclusive game for boys and girls from ages 5 to 17, all skill levels can be catered for. Registration fees start at \$98, no weekly match fees. Auskick starts on Saturday, 6 February from 9:00am. For all enquiries contact Brenden on 0438400220 or wynnumjuniors@aflbj.com

Wynnum Bugs at Granada Street, Wynnum will be holding their **Rugby** and **Netball** sign ons on Friday, 5 February from 5 to 9pm and Saturday, 13 February from 12noon to 4pm. Please contact Kris on 0414 731 555, Trent on 0404 433 813, Shane on 0405 150 670 or visit www.wynnumrugby.com.au

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, 7 February 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, 4 February

Welcome BBQ – 4.30 – 5.45pm, Covered Games Area
Year 1 information session – 3.30pm, Science Room
Year 6 information session – 3.30pm, 6A Classroom
Year 4 information session – 5.45pm, 4C Classroom
Year 5 information session – 5.45pm, 5B Classroom

Friday, 12 February

Class Co-ordinator meeting – 9.00am, OHSC Room

Thursday, 18 February

P&C Meeting – 6.30pm, Admin Staffroom

Monday, 8 February

Badge Presentation Ceremony – 2.30pm, Hall

Tuesday, 9 February

Year 2 & 3 information session – 5.00pm, Science Room
Prep information session – 6.00pm, Science Room

