

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY, 27 JANUARY 2017

Principal's Message

Welcome to 2017 at Manly West State School. It is my great pleasure to be the principal of this fantastic school. **Our school vision** is for every learner to be literate, numerate, an effective communicator and digitally savvy. **Our school purpose** is to work together with you to provide every child with a high quality education while valuing their diverse abilities, socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. We aim to achieve the twin goals of excellence and equity.

Positive home-school relationships and communication are key to successful learning for your child. Let's start these together with the following:

- *Welcome Family BBQ on Thursday 2 February at 5:30pm-7:30pm*
- *Year Level Information evenings for parents/caregivers in Week 3*
- *Parents and Citizen's Meeting on **Thursday 20 February at 6:30pm in the staffroom***

We believe that, with a growth mindset, children and adults can each achieve lasting and deep learning by struggling, failing and trying again, choosing to have a go, taking risks and triumphing over adversity. This link can help you to share this message with your child: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC82lI2cjqA>

How Can We Help

Throughout the year we will organise workshops for parents with topics; such as Reading to Learn strategies, social skills for children and cybersafety. With the pressures of modern day life, everyone is busy, so timing is always an issue for parent information sessions. What would you like to find out more about – mathematics, reading, spelling, homework? Would you prefer to have the information online? Please email with your ideas – admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au

Teaching, Learning, Attendance each make a difference

- In 2017 our subject areas include English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Economics, Civics and Citizenship, Digital Technologies, The Arts, HPE, Languages – Japanese. <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au>;
- We use the **Reading to Learn methodology** to teach consistently and expertly across our school. <https://www.readingtolearn.com.au/>
- Note the **bronze, silver, gold learning behaviour** list supplied with this newsletter. Display it on the fridge and support your child to achieve their bronze, silver or gold levels!
- **Every minute of every school day counts** for your child.

Being absent from school 1 or 2 Days doesn't seem like much but ...

| Your child is only missing just ... | That equals ... | Which is ... | Over 13 years that is ... | So the best your child can perform is ... |
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| 1 day per fortnight | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1.5 years | Equal to finishing in Year 11 |
| 1 day per week | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2.5 years | Equal to finishing in Year 10 |
| 2 days per week | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years | Equal to finishing in Year 7 |
| 3 days per week | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Almost 8 years | Equal to finishing in Year 4 |

Just a little bit late for school doesn't seem like much but

| Your child is only missing just ... | That equals ... | Which is ... | Over 13 years of schooling that is ... |
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| 10 minutes per day | 50 minutes per week | Almost 1.5 weeks per year | Almost half a year |
| 20 minutes per day | 1 hour 40 mins per week | Almost 2.5 weeks per year | Almost a whole year |
| Half an hour per day | Half a day per week | 4 weeks per year | Almost one and a half years |
| 1 hour per day | 1 day per week | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 and a half years. |

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 such our fete on AUG 15*
- *Attend a class co-ordinators meeting once per term with the Principal*
- *Create a parent contact list*

Before/After School Safety and Supervision

Years 1-6 children arrive at school from 8.30am onwards and line up at the undercover area near the tuckshop. Preps are taken to their class by an adult or Outside Hours School Care (OSHC) staff. The bell rings at 8:40am to begin the day and 3.00pm to signify the end of the day. Before school, Year 1-5 students line up in the covered games area, Year 6 students line up at the end of the resource centre. Prep children are delivered to their classes each day by an adult.

If students need to arrive earlier and are not in the care of an adult, please book in to OSHC. If parents are waiting with their child, please also wait in the covered games area, to help the children to 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.

Welcome To New Staff

Welcome to Miss Kirsty Harris (Year 2 teacher), Miss Morgan Anderson (Year 2 teacher) Mrs Leanne Andrews (Year 1 teacher) and Mr Anthony Willis (professional development relief teacher).

What a great **EFFORT** from our students, staff and families to be prepared and ready for learning. I look forward to catching up with you over the next few weeks or on parade in the Performing Arts Hall each Monday at 2:30pm.

Kind regards

Lisa Morrison (Principal)

Living with a growth mindset: May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way. (anon)

From the Office

A number of notes were sent home with your child at the start of this week :-

- ✓ A welcome to the new year, containing a lot of general and useful information
- ✓ An invitation to our welcome BBQ and Bush Band
- ✓ 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

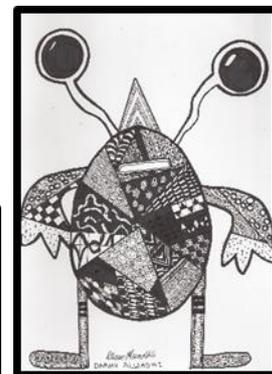
Our first meeting for the new year will be on Thursday, 20 February at 6.30pm in the Admin staffroom. Everyone is welcome, so please come along to meet the team and find out what we have planned for 2017.

Community News



Mischief Makers Art classes for kids will be running every **Friday afternoon from 3:15pm**. Classes begin this Friday in the Manly West State School Art Space. The lessons will cover a range of different mediums including paint, pastels, clay, mixed media and more. Art encourages creative thinking and self-expression and is a fantastic way for children to develop confidence and skills. If you are interested please

contact Nadia Butler at nadiabutler@hotmail.com



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.

BABI is running a 7 week **Parenting and Enjoying Teenagers program** at Headspace Capalaba on a Monday night from 6.00 to 8.30pm, commencing on 6 February for parents of young people aged 10 years and over. Topics covered include adolescent development and the challenges of parenting, strategies for effective communication and setting limits/boundaries, dealing with anger and much more. Cost is \$60 per person. Bookings are essential on 3393 4176.

Wynnum Scouts run programs for girls and boys as young as 6 years of age, offering character development, camping/outdoor activities, community events and the opportunity to make new friends in a fun, low pressure environment. For further information or to book your child in, phone 0433 228 813 or email wynnumscouts@gmail.com.

Sport Information / Sign Ons

Wynnum Vikings **AFL** sign on is on Saturday, 4 February from 10am till 2pm. For further information, contact Brenden on 0438 400 220 or email wynnumjuniors@aflbj.com

Wynnum & Districts **Rugby** Club sign on is on Friday, 10 February from 4pm to 8pm AND Saturday, 11 February from 1 to 4pm. For further information, contact registrar@wynnumrugby.com.au

Wynnum & Districts **Netball** Club sign on is on Friday, 10 February from 4pm to 8pm AND Saturday, 11 February from 1 to 4pm. For further information, contact Trent on 0404 433 813

Wynnum Manly Juniors **Rugby League** Club sign on is on Sunday, 5 February from 10am to 2pm. For further information, contact Merryl on merryljbennett@outlook.com

Wynnum Manly **Cricket** Club are running a Milo T20 Blast program for boys and girls aged 5-8 years commencing on Friday, 3 February at 5.00pm. Contact Jason Bragger on 0417 303 951 for further information or register at playcricket.com.au – click on “Where Can I Play” and type in Wynnum Manly Cricket Club.

A 4 week Pauls ROAR Active Program will be held before school at Manly West SS from 1 March. A representative from the program will talk to students on an assembly soon and hand out flyers.

Calendar

Thursday, 2 February

Welcome BBQ and Bush Dance

Monday, 6 February

Badge Presentation Ceremony – starting at 2.00pm

Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 8 February

Parent Information Evenings – letters will be sent home next week