

# Manly West State School

## Active Minds, Bright Futures

### Newsletter



**NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2017**

#### Principal's Message

**TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK!**

#### PARENT EDUCATION FOR THE BRIDGE BUILDERS' PROGRAM

If you missed out on the Parent Bridge Builders' session last week you can learn about this fantastic conflict resolution program at <http://empoweringlifefskills.com.au/programs/bridge-builders/>

#### HARMONY DAY EVENT – Saturday 25 March

You are invited to the P&C Harmony Day Festival on Saturday 25 March (11am-3pm). There will be multicultural performances, wonderful food and some activities for big or small kids!

1. Thong-throwing competition (with Mr Flack and Mr Willis)
2. Harmony Day Writing competition – theme 'Everyone Belongs' – including a display of work on the day. Children to do their writing at home or school. The preps are organising their own writing for this activity. (organised by Ms Morrison)
3. An Art activity (with Miss Butler) – including a display of work for the day.
4. A Japanese Tea Room (with Jo Underwood) and a Peace Tree display to welcome our Japanese exchange students from Kyoto Rakusei Junior High.

Watch out for the writing competition flyer!

#### MANLY WEST SS STOP, DROP, GO ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

##### Why do we stop, drop and go?

##### Why do we travel actively to school?

Keeping everyone safe in and around our school is a priority for all of us and we know that everything we do as adults is closely watched by our children. They watch, they learn and they copy so this is a fantastic opportunity to teach them to be respectful, responsible and safe. The morning drop off and afternoon pick up will always be hectic and the number of parking spaces will always be limited. Travelling by carpooling, walking, public transport or bike-riding every day help families be healthier and avoid the search for the elusive car park.



To access our school, you must comply with Brisbane City Council traffic regulations because the driveway and public carpark are owned by Brisbane City Council. Fines of \$100+ can apply if regulations are not followed:

- Observe the 2 minute time limit in the drop-off/pick-up zone
- Park your car in a parking bay if you are staying longer than 2 minutes
- The driveway for the public carpark is a public road and strictly not for pedestrians
- No parking on the grassed areas in the driveway
- The disabled parking bay is for disabled patrons only
- Look carefully before exiting (left turn only) onto Manly Road as pedestrians and bike riders frequently use the footpath.

Parking in local streets around the school is a good option. Please help to maintain our positive relationships and reputation in our community, with neighbouring householders and the Silky Oaks facility by choosing to park respectfully, responsibly and safely – not across driveways or on yellow lines. Parking at Silky Oaks is only permissible for families with children at the childcare centre or when using the other centre services.

### **How can we help reduce the congestion in the Stop/Drop/Go zone?**

1. Move around to the end of the stop, drop, go zone.
2. Stay for 2 minutes only then move your car to a carpark, or go around into the queue.
3. Relax and understand that this may take some time.
4. Drive at 10 kilometres per hour only – this is the law!

### **Is this you??? Stop/Drop/Go zone Volunteers Needed**

If you can spare a morning to assist drivers to move efficiently through the Stop/Drop/Go zone – please email [admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au) or drop a note into the school office with the following details:

1. My name ...
2. I am available on Monday/ Tuesday / Wednesday/ Thursday/ Friday?
3. I am available in the morning - 8:15-8:50am.

Thank you for contributing to make MWSS a caring community.

Kind regards  
Lisa Morrison (Principal)

### **From the Office**

#### **Payments Due:**

Year 4 Mangroves and the Environment	\$20.00	Due by 27/2
Prep Chicken Hatching Program	\$10.00	Due by 8/3
Prep to Year 6 World of Maths	\$5.50	Due by 8/3
Advanced Music Workshop	\$35.00	Due by 9/3
ICAS Assessments	\$24.00	Due by 24/3

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](mailto:admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au) so we can make up a name tag for your car visor to assist the teacher on duty.

### **Can you Help???**

Do you have any unwanted Lego collections at home? The ICT are seeking donations of Lego to use as part of our robotics programs. Any donations may be left at the office.

### **From Around the School**

#### **PE and Sport News**

##### ***Schools With Pools:***

The 2017 Schools with Pools Carnival is being held on Friday 10 March. Nominations and selections for this carnival have been finalised for a selection of girls and boys aged 8-12 years who have qualified to compete at this year's carnival.

##### ***Cross Country Training:***

In preparation for the upcoming Manly West Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday, 22 March, training has been offered to students aged 10-12 years and is held Wednesday afternoons 3.15-3.45pm and Thursday mornings 7.45-8.15am. Come along and improve your fitness.

*Mr Burke, PE Teacher*

#### **Student Banking**

Student banking is well and truly up and running for the year. Don't forget to send your child's banking to school every Thursday. If you want to open an account for your child, please leave your details at the Office.

#### **From the P & C**

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 16 March 2017 at 6.00pm. After nominations, the general meeting will take place with new executives in position.

NOMINATIONS for all Manly West State School P&C positions are now open. The roles are:

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer  
Secretary  
Assistant Secretary  
Grants Convenor  
Fete Convenor

If you are interested in filling one of these roles, please email your preferred position to Andrea Asquith at [pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au) including your telephone number as well as your child's name and class.

If you would like to find out more about what these or any of the other P&C roles entail, please email [pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au). Additionally, if you know of someone in our school community who would like to take on any of the P&C positions, please ask them to send their nomination in ASAP. All positions will be announced at our Annual General Meeting on THURSDAY 16TH MARCH.

## **Position Vacant**

### ***Tuckshop Convenor (Wednesdays only)***

The P&C are looking for a Tuckshop Convenor to run the Tuckshop every Wednesday. This is a part time position (5 hours pay) and will involve overseeing the Tuckshop volunteers and food preparation. Applicants must have a Blue Card and be willing to obtain a Food Safety Certificate.

If you are interested in applying for this job, please email your current resume and details of any prior relevant experience and qualifications to the P & C Executive team at [pandc@manlywestss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@manlywestss.eq.edu.au).

The deadline for applications is Thursday, 9 March 2017.

## **High School News**

**Queensland Academies Creative Industries** are holding their Open Day on Saturday 25 February from 1-3pm. This is a selective entry state high school for students in years 10 – 12 located at 61 Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove. Register for our complimentary Discovery Workshops. Visit [qaci.eq.edu.au/open-day](http://qaci.eq.edu.au/open-day) for more information or call 3377 9366.

## **Community News**

Parents, did you know that children spend 1,500 hours in their school shoes every year! They are jumping, kicking and running around on hard, flat surfaces. At The Athlete's Foot we know that school shoes need to be correctly fitted and need to feel 100%! We stock a massive range of school and sport shoes throughout the year and can help anytime to meet your needs. The Athlete's Foot have teamed up with Manly West SS to offer rewards dollars ... for EVERY pair of shoes purchased, \$5 will be donated to our school. Make sure to ask one of our friendly staff instore how to make sure you are linked up with your school.

**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).

## **Sport Information / Sign Ons**

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**

### **Tuesday, 28 February**

Year 5 & 6 Southern Explorer Parent Information Evening, 6.00pm

### **Wednesday, 1 to Friday, 3 March**

School Captain Leaders Summit Camp

### **Thursday, 2 March**

4A & 4B MBEEC Mangrove Walk excursion

### **Monday, 6 March**

4C MBEEC Mangrove Walk excursion

### **Friday, 10 March**

Schools with Pools Swimming Carnival