

# Manly West State School

## Active Minds, Bright Futures

### Newsletter



**NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY 2017**

#### **Principal's Message**

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

Keeping everyone safe in and around our school is a priority for all of us. We also know every behaviour we choose is closely watched by our children. They copy what we do, so at pick up and drop off time help them to learn to be respectful and safe. Special thank you to the staff and parents who are supervising the drop off zone and modelling respectful and safe choices.

The driveway and public carpark are owned by the Brisbane City Council (BCC) and fines of \$100+ apply if BCC regulations are not adhered to (this is the law!):

1. Drivers must stay in their car in the 2 minute drop-off/pick-up zone;
2. Stopping on the yellow lines (on Manly Road) is illegal;
3. Drive at 10 kilometres per hour only;
4. There is no parking on the grassed areas;
5. The disabled parking bay is for disabled patrons only;
6. Exiting on to Manly Road is a left turn only. Watch out for pedestrians and bike riders using the footpath.
7. The driveway is a public road and strictly not for pedestrians.



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

1. Park in a parking bay or in the local streets and walk in;
2. Ready for pickup? Drive to the end of the stop, drop, go zone;
3. Wait (in your car) for 2 minutes only then go around into the queue.

#### **LEARNING, TEACHING, NAPLAN AND REPORTING**

I would like to acknowledge the great work done in our classrooms every day that contributed to our calm and relatively stress-free NAPLAN week. It was learning business as usual.

There's only a short few weeks until your child's Semester One Report Card is released, so I invite parents to attend a Q&A session on reporting and report cards on Monday, 29 May at 5-6pm in the performing arts hall. Please RSVP at [admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au)

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART** – check out the fundraising thermometer in the office.



Don't forget we're hosting an afternoon tea tomorrow - Thursday 25 May at 3pm in the Quadrangle area to help raise vital funds for cancer research, prevention and support services. How can you help? Donate online and leave a message of support at <http://qld.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/ManlyWestStateSchool> or make a cash donation on the day and enjoy some afternoon tea with us.

Kind regards  
Lisa Morrison (Principal)

#### From the Office

##### Payments Due:

Maranatha Camp Balance, Year 4	\$125.00	Due by 8 June
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#### From Around the School

##### Date Claimer

Don't forget to mark **Friday, 14 July** on your calendar for our Sports Day. We hope you are able to come along and cheer for the children. If any parents would like to help out on the day, can you please give your name to the Office.

*Mr Burke, PE Teacher*

#### Under 8s Day: Children are playing Country to Coast – Inspiring Learning in the Early Years through Play



This special day commences at 9 am on **Friday, 26 May** in the tuckshop undercover area and concludes in the same area at 1 pm with a couple of whole group songs led by Ms Comiskey. All students from Prep to Year 3 will participate in this day in small groups. Students all need to bring a named water bottle, a hat, their morning tea in a plastic bag and sun screen must be applied that morning. There will be **no tuckshop** for Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3 students for **first lunch on this day**.

All parents are encouraged to attend this special day to spend time with their children participating in quality early childhood experiences. You are welcome to bring younger siblings, family members and friends to this fun day at school. The teachers would like to place at least one parent with each group of students to assist with movement around the school. Please contact your child's teacher or add your name to the list outside of your child's classroom if you will be attending. Check your child's school bag for Under 8's notes coming home today.

*Thank you for your support. Prep to Year 3 teachers*

## Jump Rope for Heart



Established in 1983, the Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart is known for being Australia's most popular physical activity and fundraising program, with more than 90% of all Australian schools participating. The program is designed to encourage a positive attitude towards exercise, healthy eating and heart health. Heart, stroke and blood vessel disease is the leading cause of death in Australia, and one of the major risk factors is physical inactivity. With more than 25% of children considered overweight, there is much to be done and skipping is a great start to developing life-long healthy habits.

On 16 June all students will be involved in a 'Jump Off' Day where they will participate in skipping and movement rotations. In the lead up to this event, there will be skipping during lunch times for students to learn new skills and get active. Sponsorship forms should have already been received. There will be a competition running between the classes, but if you choose to fundraise as a family, your total will be divided evenly by the number of children. If you are interested in fundraising online, the information is included on the form or on the Jump Rope for Heart website. The more money the school raises, the more children the money will help and more sport equipment the schools receives. It's a win-win for everyone! For more information and to fundraise online head to [www.jumprope.org.au](http://www.jumprope.org.au)

## Our Troops need your help!

Redlands RSL is preparing care packages for our ADF troops currently being deployed overseas. If you would like to help, please send your non-perishable items to the Office by Wednesday, 24 May. Items may be packed in a shoe box and should weigh no more than 4kg. Suggestions of what to donate include for the troops include non-aerosol deodorant, disposable razors, lip balm, shampoo/conditioner, instant noodles, biscuits, lollies, magazines, socks, letters of support. For the explosive detection dogs, you can send dog biscuits, dried bones, treats, tennis balls.

*Emily Harrison, 6A*



The Kokoda Challenge Brisbane will be on Saturday, 3 June 2017 at the D'Aguiar National Forest. The 15km school challenge starts at Brookfield Showgrounds and takes participants through steep climbs and descents with 1 checkpoint at the half way mark (which has toilets and fresh drinking water). A school challenge team is 4 kids and 1 adult and costs \$40 each (total team \$200.)

Based on my experience when I participated last year it was lots of fun, hard but the adrenalin and excitement at the end was worth it! The scenery was amazing but my favourite part was tackling this course together in the spirit of the values of Kokoda: courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice.

If you would like to join me and my sister, Romily, as part of a school team, please call my Mum, Jodie on 0413 948 106. You can also make your own team of 4 fellow students and a parent. Go to [www.kokodachallengeevents.com/kokoda-challenge-brisbane](http://www.kokodachallengeevents.com/kokoda-challenge-brisbane) for more information.

*Arabella Andrew, 6B*

## **We Need You !!**

We're looking for volunteers to help out with the following school community roles ...

**Kitchen Garden Crew:** Do you have basic gardening skills in pruning, weeding and watering to keep our kitchen garden looking good and producing tasty vegetables?

**Stop/Drop/Go Supervisors:** Can you spare around 30 minutes in the morning to assist drivers to move efficiently through this area?

If you can help out in either or both of these areas, please email [admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au)

## **From the P & C**

### **Bogan Bingo: Friday, 9 June - An Adults Only Event!**

You're invited to this adults only event that promises lots of laughs, prizes and an opportunity to "let your inner bogan out"! Cost of tickets is \$25 per person (\$20 if paid by 7 June). No BYO food or drinks, but they will be available to purchase (**food must be pre-purchased by 7 June**). Doors open at 6.30pm with the entertainment starting at 7.15pm. Flyers and order forms will be sent home by Friday.

### **Entertainment Books ... they've arrived!!**

The new books have arrived so get in quick before they're all gone and start using the vouchers now! With over 400 dining offers, 220+ takeaway and attraction offers and 2000+ retail and travel offers, at \$65 this book is great value for money. Order forms are available from the Office. 20% from every membership sold contributes towards our fundraising.

## **Education Facilities News**

**Wynnum Manly Community Kindy** at Ashton Street Wynnum are holding their Open Day from 9.45am to 12noon on Wednesday, 31 May.

**Kindy Patch** at 186 Preston Road Manly are taking bookings now. Come in for a tour or visit [www.kindy.patch.com.au](http://www.kindy.patch.com.au)

## **Community News**

**Wynnum High presents ... High School Musical 2 on stage!** 25, 26 & 27 May in the Star Theatre. Tickets may be purchased at Student Services or by phoning 3906 7312, cost \$11pp or \$35 (2 adults, 2 children). No tickets will be available at the door on the night.

This year's **Green Heart Fair** is on Sunday, 4 June from 9am to 2pm at 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade Park, Chermside. Come along for a **FREE** family fun day with lots of entertainment, activities, markets and sustainability displays.

**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).

## **Calendar**

### **Every Friday**

Interschool Sport, Years 4 to 6

### **Every Monday**

Footsteps Dance Program, Prep to Year 6

### **Thursday, 25 May**

Cancer Council Afternoon Tea, 3.00 to 4.00pm

### **Friday, 26 May**

Under 8s Day