

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2017

Principal's Message

GROWING A LEARNING CULTURE

At Manly West SS we are working on growing everyone as a learner. From the many conversations that I have every day it is clear that these things work:

1. A gradual release of responsibility from adult to child: eg children monitor their own attendance calendar, Bronze/Silver/Gold levels, get themselves ready for the day;
2. Making everything that a child does an opportunity to learn: both the positive and the poor choices they make during class time, play time, at home, in the wider world;
3. Learning opportunities for everyone: eg for parents - reading to learn, cyber safety, 123 Magic – parenting course, early literacy – sight words etc;
4. Adults and children actively modelling our school rules and routines: eg uniforms, on time at school every day, Bronze/Silver/Gold at home and school;
5. Parents and school staff working together makes a real difference in a child's achievement at school. Teaming up because teams work to share the load;
6. 'Reading to Learn' provides a whole school language of learning and common strategies that supports every child to become literate and numerate.

JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE FOOTSTEPS CONCERT!

Come along to see our children dance up a storm next week on Thursday, 15 June.

- ✓ Prep to Year 2 is 5:30 - 6:00pm
- ✓ Years 3 to 6 is 6:10 - 7:00pm

There will be a sausage sizzle from 4:30pm. Please return your RSVP by Monday at the latest to assist with catering.

CANCER COUNCIL AFTERNOON TEA

Sincerest thanks to everyone who contributed to the afternoon tea and Cancer Council fundraising event – to the staff for the delicious food, to those who attended and mingled and especially to all who so generously donated, both online and at the event. We raised \$2660 and it was such a pleasure to see how the community came together to support this cause and those affected by cancer. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

LEARNING TIME IN SCHOOL ... 8:50AM-3:00PM

Are you surprised by the statistics below? We know it is important to be at school every day, so our students have their own calendar and are marking off each day as it comes. Just a little bit late for school doesn't seem like much but

<i>If your child late or leaves early by...</i>	<i>That equals ...</i>	<i>Which is ...</i>	<i>Over 13 years of schooling that is ...</i>
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.

SHARING THE LOAD – TEAMS WORK!

Congratulations to each and every one of our staff, students and parents involved in our fantastic Under 8's Day event. Special thanks to Mrs Meadows taking the lead. The pictures tell the story ...



SEMESTER REPORTING IS COMING UP!

Our students and teachers are working with the Australian Curriculum, using our 'Reading to Learn' learning strategies and the Curriculum into the Classroom resources (C2C). For information on the Australian Curriculum standards please visit the online curriculum at <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>

For reporting we use a 5-point scale (A-E). The system Queensland schools are using refers to attainment standards called 'benchmarks of achievement' or 'criteria'. So what makes an 'A', 'B', 'C' etc is predetermined by a scale of achievement. Any student who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves the benchmark grade. 'C' is the year level standard. Achieving a 'C' means that your child is ON TARGET for your age level. An 'A' or 'B' are given to children who are independently working above their year level criteria. If you have queries about your child's report card, please do not hesitate to contact your current class teacher/s for more details.

ACHIEVEMENT, EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR CELEBRATED!

On Friday, 23 June from 2-3pm in the Performing Arts Hall, I will have the pleasure of hosting an afternoon tea for those students who have:

- achieved 3 or more A's on their report card for ACADEMIC achievement for English, Mathematics, Science, SOSE, History, The Arts, LOTE (Japanese), HPE or Technology;
- achieved all A's for EFFORT (except for one) on their report card;
- achieved a gold level for BEHAVIOUR in Semester one.

Congratulations to all of these students. A letter will be sent home inviting the student and their family to attend. Report Cards are sent home on Wednesday of the last week.

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



Kind regards

Lisa Morrison (Principal)

Ask your child what was the best thing they did at school today! All of it involves learning and curiosity!

From the Office

Payments Due:

Maranatha Camp Balance, Year 4	\$125.00	Due by 8 June
Wynnum Manly Beginners Music Camp	\$55.00	Due by 22 June

From our Deputy's Desk

Bronze Behaviour Bonanza!

We have awarded 159 Bronze Level Learning Behaviour Awards so far this term! That means 159 students have consistently demonstrated our four learning behaviours:

- Being a Learner – stretch yourself as a learner, have a growth mindset
- Being a Collaborator – relate, participate and value diversity
- Being a Meaning Maker – learn knowledge and skills to understand and take action
- Being a Bridge Builder – be kind and respect the rights of others

That's over one third of our students achieving this award in Term 2!

All of these students have received their certificate on parade along with their Bronze wristband, which they are proudly wearing each day to school.



Over the last two weeks of this term we can look forward to even more students receiving their Bronze Level Learning Behaviour Award on Parade. We are so proud of the efforts made by each of our Manly West students to demonstrate our four learning behaviours every day.

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

Sherwood Arrows Skipping Team

The Sherwood Arrows Skipping Team is made up of girls from Years 2 to 6, along with their coach Davis Hass, from Sherwood State School. They are a group of talented young skippers who amazed Manly West students last Thursday with their skipping demonstration. They are the longest serving Jump Rope for Heart skipping team in Australia! The skipping team hopes to share the message of a healthy heart and a healthy lifestyle to school children all around Queensland. Thank you Sherwood Arrows!





Jump Rope for Heart

All our Manly West students will be involved in our 'Jump Off' day next Friday, 16 June. Please return all your sponsorship forms and money raised to the Office by that morning at the latest - over \$1,900 has been raised online so far!

The class with the most students involved in fundraising will receive a FREE picnic lunch provided by the tuckshop during Week 10! After the students have finished their rotational activities, they will enjoy a healthy fruit platter to fuel their bodies and minds after an exhausting workout. Families are asked to pick up a little extra fruit with the groceries (cut up or whole) to go towards these platters, and drop it to the tuckshop by next Thursday or Friday morning. If you are able to help cut up the fruit and make up the platters before school next Friday, that would be very much appreciated.



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

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 this Friday. 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

We Need You !!

A big thank you to those who have volunteered so far ... we would still love a couple more people 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? We have Monday, Wednesday and Friday covered but still looking for someone on a Tuesday and/or Thursday.

Stop/Drop/Go Supervisors: Can you spare around 30 minutes in the morning to assist drivers to move efficiently through this area? We have volunteers for Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday but would love someone on a Monday and/or Thursday morning.

If you can help out in either or both of these areas, please email 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. No BYO food or drinks. Doors open at 6.30pm with the entertainment starting at 7.15pm.

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.

June Meeting Cancelled!

Please note, this month's meeting has been cancelled due to the Footsteps Dance Finale Concert being held on the same night.

Education Facilities News

Wynnum State High School are holding their next school tour on Thursday, 8 June at 4.30pm. Please contact the school on 3906 7333 to book. Enrolment interviews for Year 7 in 2018 are being held between 8.30am and 1.30pm on Saturday 10 June. Please contact the school on 3906 7333 to book an interview time.

Kindy Patch at 186 Preston Road Manly are taking bookings now. Come in for a tour or visit www.kindypatch.com.au

Community News

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.

School Holiday Programs

Sports Tuition are holding a **School Holiday Camp** for 8-12 year olds from 5-7 July 2017. For further details or to book, visit www.sportstuition.com.au

Calendar

Friday, 9 June

Final week of Interschool Sport, Years 4 to 6

Monday, 12 June

Final week of Footsteps Dance Program, Prep to Year 6

Thursday, 15 June

Footsteps Dance Finale Concert, 5.30pm

Friday, 16 June

Jump Rope for Heart JUMPOFF!!

19 to 21 June

Year 4 Camp Maranatha

Friday, 23 June

High Achievers Afternoon Tea

Final day for Term 2