

Manly West State School

Active Minds, Bright Futures

Newsletter



NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY, 14 JULY 2017

Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 3 at MWSS where Team Work Makes the Dream Work!

From Erin in Year 6 - "What do you think teamwork makes the dreamwork means?" asked Ms Morrison. Well, this is what I think it means. I think when you have a team of people helping you can accomplish anything or what you wanted to do in the first place, I also think it means if you have a team you can think all together of another achievement you can all achieve together and if you have a team it makes jobs a lot easier when you co-operate and work together to do it. That's what I think teamwork makes the dreamwork means.

YOU CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT AND YOU HAVE SOMEONE BY YOUR SIDE ALONG THE WAY!

From Violet in Year 4 – Teamwork – it takes one person to break a branch, but it's easier with two people!

Parr's Patch

Very, very sadly, Mr Ken Parr passed away during the school holidays and we miss him. Mr Parr often commented that he loved teaching at Manly West. He shared that the past few years have been amongst his happiest; giving him a renewed passion and excitement for enhancing education for the thing he treasured most ... the kids. In his final few weeks he was so touched by the outpouring of love in the many cards, messages and special treats that he received.

Mr Parr touched the hearts of so many. In May the whole school community turned out to raise over \$3000 for the Cancer Council in Ken's name. Together we gathered around the kitchen garden and reflected on his many years of loyal commitment to Manly West. He will be remembered through the naming of this as 'Parr's Patch'. Parr's Patch garden is a special place in our school and you will be invited to visit as soon as the sign is ready. Ken will live long in the hearts of the many children he has taught, in the hearts of his teaching friends and all who had the privilege to experience his genuine brand of friendship. To Manly West SS students, families and staff, Ken will always be our Mr Parr.

21st Century Children – In Touch with the Wider World

Our 21st Century children are in touch and aware of the wider world as never before. They are encouraged to make their own choices through an avalanche of clever advertising. They can 'google it' if they do not know. Over the past 4 years we have worked to future-proof our students and prepare them to make their own informed decisions by introducing strategies such as the gradual release of responsibility model, deep learning through Reading to Learn (literacy and numeracy), multiple student leadership opportunities, 3-way student/teacher/parent reporting, self-monitoring school attendance, learning behaviour and social skilling (bronze/silver/gold), and aiming high for academic achievement.

In 2016 we added 'Bridge Builders' because the annual School Opinion Survey 2015/2016 identified a perception that student behaviour required further attention. When we explored this perception, we found that only a few children knew how to resolve the conflict that naturally occurs between them, let it go and move on. The Bridge Builder program is directed at resolving this natural conflict and disagreement which can cause emotional distress, anxiety and reduce a child's ability to successfully connect with others. How conflict affects us largely depends on how we respond to it and that is where the Bridge Builders' strategies come in.

The addition of 'Bridge Builders' at Manly West SS has supported our students to lead their own learning – a gradual release of responsibility from adult to child. Parent programs and workshops for all students and staff have now been completed. In our school we also have a Student Support Team who work with the teacher to ensure the best outcomes for all children. If you have any queries about this program or any issues with your child in relation to social skilling or any other aspect of their learning, please work together with your class teacher to address these concerns.

New Look Outdoor Learning Spaces

Construction of Stage One of our AMAZING new playspace is complete and will be opened next week for children and adults to experience. Watch out for details of how we will fund Stage 2 and 3. Special thanks to the team of parents and staff who worked together on this project.

Wynnum Manly District Cricket Club has entered into a partnership with our school. The result is the upgrading of our cricket pitches and nets on the back oval! An exciting outcome for all of our young cricketers waiting for the upcoming season! WMDCC will hold their junior matches on the school oval each Saturday morning during the cricket season - contact Christy Gracious wmdccjuniorrego@gmail.com for further details.



Future Planning: 2018

It's time to start planning for next year. If you have a Prep child ready to start in 2018, please contact the Office as soon as possible for an enrolment form. Similarly, if your child is moving to a new school next year, could you please email admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au ASAP.

Kind regards

Lisa Morrison (Principal)

Because we all share this planet earth, we have to learn to live in harmony and peace with each other and with nature. This is not just a dream, but a necessity. (Dalai Lama)

From Around the School

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

Year 4 Camp Maranatha

Just before the holidays, our Year 4 students were at Camp. Following are reports from some of our students on their wonderful experiences ...

My favourite thing about Maranatha Camp was when we did tower of tremble. This activity involved wearing a harness and working with a partner. My partner was Regan and we beat the school record! In this activity, we had to stack crates then climb up then the school record was 11 and we got 12. Then another group got 13, then another got 14. Sometimes it was a scary step but me and Regan tried our best and that's what matters. It was so fun!!

I liked leap of faith because I thought that you had to catch the ball but you are like a monkey. I also liked possum pull because I got to fly like I have always wanted to do. There were 10 people pulling me on possum pull.

On possum pull we had to pull the possum/person to make them fly in the air with the harness on. On mid ropes we had to do these obstacles with a harness and the end was my favourite bit because there is a zipline and at first it feels like you're dropping. It's so much fun! On the tower of tremble, you have to step onto the crates while the people which were called builders stacked the crates on top and you had to balance.

Mid ropes was so fun and scary at the same time. Mid ropes gave me a big wedgy. The leap of faith was so scary but it was fun. When I jumped off I felt like I was going to fall out of the harness.

From the P & C

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.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 20 July

The next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Thursday, 20 July in the Admin Staff Room.

Education Facilities News

Queensland Academies Creative Industries, a selective entry state high school for students in Years 10 to 12, are holding an information session on Monday 24 July, 5:30pm - 7:00pm at 61 Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove. Visit gaci.eq.edu.au/open-day for more information or call 33779366. Vacancies are limited for 2018 Year 10 entry. Applications close on 11 August 2017.

Wynnum State High School are holding their next school tour on Thursday, 27 July 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.kindy.patch.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.

Have you had a recent dental check-up, we have free dental appointments available right now! All children aged four through to Year 10 are eligible for FREE dental care at our clinics. All adults and children with a Centrelink, healthcare or Pension Card are also eligible. You can choose the clinic most convenient for you. Please call **1300 300 850** to book an appointment for your child – just leave your contact phone number and our friendly staff will call you back. For more about Metro South Oral Health and services we provide please visit our website <https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health>

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. **Rewards points are being tallied soon, so if your child needs new shoes, visit now to earn more \$ for our school.**

Wynnum State High School are holding their **75th Anniversary** on Saturday, 29 July from 10am to 2pm. Please email info@wynnumshs.eq.edu.au for more information.

The Redland Museum is proudly involved with the Quandamooka Festival celebration of water in the Redlands which runs from July to September. Several school holiday workshops are being held. As well as these, as part of the Festival – Water theme, Redland Museum will feature activities and exhibitions celebrating water in the Redland. For more information contact Museum Reception on 3286 3494 or email events@redlandmuseum.org.au

On 22 July from 10am to 8pm, Winnam NAIDOC Kunjiel Corroboree will be held at the Wynnum Wading Pool and feature music, market stalls, arts & crafts, traditional dance and storytelling.



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ZUMBA CLASSES AT MANLY WEST SS

For adults and children aged 13 and over.
Cost is \$10 per person.

When: **11 July to 12 September**
Time: 5:00 to 5:45pm **every Tuesday**
Where: Manly West Hall

For further information or to book a place,
contact Linda on 0428 419 157 or email
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Calendar

Tuesday, 18 July

4A, 4B MBEEC First Contact excursion

Thursday, 20 July

4C MBEEC First Contact excursion

Wednesday, 26 to Friday, 28 July

Beginners Music Camp