NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, 26 JUNE 2014

Principal’s Message

Manly West Sporting Stars
Well done to all of our students and staff involved in interschool sports this term. Special thanks also to Mr Brown, Mr Flack, Mrs Duthie and Mrs Bedford for their organisation of notes, buses, money etc...

Congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 Netball teams and our Senior Girls and Senior B Boys soccer teams. Each team achieved selection into the semi-finals or finals for their interschool sport. Big thumbs up for the Year 5 Netball team who blitzed the field this year, going all the way to become the 2014 grand champions! An amazing effort, girls!

Our students have excelled on the sporting field through their effort and commitment to their team mates. One other key area that students explore in these games is sportsmanship. This is a complex behaviour for young students and parents are encouraged to reflect back on what it means to be a ‘good sport’. This is a learning experience for our students and an important opportunity to practice being a successful, positive member of any team.

Are you inspired by our Amazing Staff at Manly West?
Nominate a staff member for the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards. Registered teachers and school leaders are eligible for nomination in four award categories – outstanding contribution to teaching, excellent leadership in teaching and learning, excellence in teaching and excellence in beginning to teach. Go to http://www.qct.edu.au/wtd/excellence-awards.html to download a nomination form.

Cybersafety Help Button
The Australian Government's Cybersafety Help Button provides internet users, particularly children and young people, with easy online access to cybersafety information and assistance available in Australia. It offers counselling, reporting and educational resources to assist young people deal with online risks including cyberbullying, unwanted contact, scams and fraud, and offensive or inappropriate material. Check it out with your child over the school holidays. http://www.communications.gov.au/online_safety_and_security/cybersafetyhelpbutton_download

NAIDOC Week Event – You are Invited
On Friday, 25 July Natjul Indigenous Performing Arts www.natjul.com will be presenting activity sessions for our students. The sessions include indigenous dance, song, storytelling, art and cultural awareness. This event is free and parents and younger siblings are most welcome to attend. Please add this to your calendar.

Achievement, Effort & Behaviour Celebrated!
On Wednesday, 23 July at 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 (French), 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 will be sent home on Friday this week. In response to a number of families, asking for their reports prior to end of the term, we are trialling sending home the reports with your child again to see which is the best method – snail mail or hand out? Let us know what you think.

What would we do without them?
Yes, I am referring to all of those staff and parents who put in a tremendous effort to organise the wonderful school activities and events for this first half of the year:
- Thanks to our P&C who work so tirelessly to lead our parent community;
- Thank-you to our teachers and parents who have organised excursions or in-school activities this semester;
- Thank-you to staff who have worked tirelessly to train, coach or teach choirs, instrumental music, inter-school sporting teams;
- A special thanks to relief teachers for supporting our students as while class teachers are engaged in the Reading to Learn training;
- To the ever growing list of helpers who work in our classrooms to support our students.

All of your efforts add great value to the learning that our students do every day!

To all of the staff, students and families in our school community – thank you for a great semester of learning. To our students – have a safe holiday with lots of opportunity to use your imagination and curiosity!

Lisa Morrison, Principal

Our aim - every child, in every classroom, every day, learning and achieving!

From the Deputy’s Desk
Drumbeat
This term 9 boys in Year 6 and 7 have been participating in the Drumbeat program lead by staff from Silky Oaks Children’s Haven. This week they celebrated the completion of this program with a performance for Grade 2 and 3 classes and their parents. The boys put on a great performance, showing off their skills at playing djembe drums and working together as a team.

Manly West SS thanks Silky Oaks Childcare Haven for their work in providing this program, especially the instructors who attended the weekly sessions, Bernadine, Louise and Judy. Thank you!

Remax Illuminations Festival
On Saturday evening a number of students from Manly West SS marched in the lantern parade from the old Wynnum Central school to the Wynnum foreshore, placing their lantern lights onto the surface of the wading pool. A number of students also had their artwork projected onto the building wall by the wading pool. Thank you Mrs Bye for organising our participation in this very successful event!
Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has begun!

Students in 1C are leading the way, already 5 students from that class have completed the challenge and returned their record sheet to the Library. Well done wonderful 1C readers!

Students in
• Prep-Year 2 need to experience 20 books (Experiencing a book can include classroom or at-home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a text, or being read to),
• Years 3 – 4 need to read 20 books appropriate to their reading level and
• Years 5 – 7 need to read 15 books appropriate to their reading level.

Students have until Friday 5 September to complete the Challenge. Completed reading record sheets need to be signed by your child’s class teacher and then returned to the Library.

ICAS Science Competition
Next term we will have students participating in two ICAS competitions. The English test will take place on Tuesday 29 July and the Mathematics test on Tuesday 12 August. Information about the sitting times for each test will come home in the early weeks of Term 3.

Office
Payments Due
Year 3 Camp Final Payment – due by 17 July
Year 6/7 Camp Deposit – due by 22 July

School Photos
If you missed out on ordering school photos it’s not too late. Simply phone Silver Rose Photography on 3262 5788 and order over the phone. Please do so soon though or late fees will apply.

From Around the School
French News
I am leaving to go to a school closer to home. I have enjoyed working with your children and leave with lots of happy memories of my time at Manly West state School.

Madame MacGregor

Year 6 & 7 Social Fundraising
A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent fundraising. It was a great success.

From the P&C
Next Meeting: Thursday, 26 June at 6.30pm in the Admin Block.

Next Event: Trivia Night on Friday, 8 August - put the date in your diary now. More details to follow.

Entertainment Books
There are still a number of books that have not yet been returned or paid for.

We are hoping to finalise this fundraiser, so please return books to the office as a matter of urgency.

Thank you to all those people who have purchased a copy. Your support is appreciated.

Community News
Action Arena are holding school holiday clinics for students aged between 6 and 14 on 9, 10 and 11 July from 9am to 3.30pm. Come along and enjoy 3 days of indoor cricket, soccer, netball and beach volleyball – all under the supervision of trained and experienced coaches. Numbers are limited, so book now to avoid disappointment by phoning 3348 6900. Cost is $110 which includes lunch each day.

BCC Libraries invite you to take part in their Gold Star Reading Club for primary school children which runs from now till the end of August. Membership to the Club is FREE, it can help children improve their reading and literacy skills and be rewarded with exciting monthly incentives and above all, it’s FUN! To register, or to find out more, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or phone 3403 8888.

Australian Fitness & Martial Arts are pleased to advise that for Term 3 only our Friday Karate classes (3.30-4.20pm) will be held at Manly West State School Hall. Free trial offered to new students. For more information please contact Chris on 0400 179 960 or visit our website www.afmaclub.com.au.
Wynnum Baptist Church are running their International Spy Academy for Kids Holiday Club from 30 June to 4 July, 9am to noon, with registration from 8.30am each day. Cost is $3 per day or $10 for the week which includes morning tea and lots of fun activities. To register, please email admin@wybc.org.au or phone 3390 5833.

Young Sports is an exciting multi-sport program for children aged 3-10 years introducing 9 popular sports, one at a time. This program aims to introduce children to the joy of sport, providing basic skills, motor skills development and confidence. The program comments on 17 July at 3.30pm at Sleeman Sports Complex. First lesson is FREE, cost is $12 3-6 yrs, $17 for 7-10 yrs. Book now on 3376 3388 or email info@youngsports.com.au.

High School
Brisbane Bayside State College invite parents/caregivers of prospective students in Years 7 to 12 to enrol now for 2015 and to come along to one of their open days which are scheduled for:-

✓ 9.00am on Thursday 24 July, 4 September or 30 October

Calendar

**Wednesday, 25 June**
Out of the Box, Prep to Year 2

**Thursday, 26 June**
Sports Day

**Friday, 27 June**
Ball Games Carnival
Final day Term 2

**Monday, 14 July**
School resumes for Term 3

**Wednesday, 24 July**
Academic Achievers Afternoon Tea

**Friday, 25 July**
NAIDOC Week Event