Principal's Message

We value working closely with you – our MWSS families!

Many of you are working during the day and so one of the ways that you can be involved with the school is to join the dynamic Parents’ & Citizens Association. The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday this week at 6:30pm in the school staffroom. Come along and make a difference for your child. For your convenience, please find the P&C membership form attached to this newsletter.

Parent Teacher Meetings! Don’t Miss this Opportunity!

At Manly West we are encouraging your children to become independent learners. To take a step towards independence, your child will be there with you and the teacher to talk about their learning in a STUDENT-LED Conference. When the child is totally involved in these discussions, they take more responsibility for their own learning and they put in more EFFORT! This conference is an opportunity for each child to share their work, discuss strengths and work habits and also set future learning goals. Watch out for the Student-Led Conference invitation from your class teacher! Year 1-7 conferences will take place in the next few weeks. Prep conferences will be held early in Term 2.

Thank-you Wynnum Manly Leagues Club

This week on parade, Mr Roy Wyatt from Wynnum Manly Leagues Club presented our school with new football jerseys. He wished all of our sporting teams the best of luck in the upcoming season.

Manly West SS Science Day

In 2014 we are continuing our Scientist in Schools partnership with Dr Jane who will be working with teachers and students to enhance our science programs. We are looking also to draw together parents who are scientists to create a special science day event in National Science Week in August. Please make contact with Lisa Morrison at lmorr85@eq.edu.au if you are or know a scientist that we could contact for this special school event.

Lisa Morrison
Principal

From the Deputy’s Desk

This week we have been very lucky, receiving a donation of books for our library. We would like to thank Good Start Morningside, Wynnum Road for their kind donation. We have received multiple copies of Paul Jennings’ Gizmo, Gizmo Again and Gizmo Come Back, as well as copies of traditional stories The Three Little Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Cinderella. I know these titles will be well received and enjoyed by students across the school.

Have you heard about WALT and WILF? This year all of our classes are working on setting learning goals with every student. These learning goals are phrased as We Are Learning To (WALT) and What I’m Looking For (WILF). Setting explicit learning goals helps children know what they need to learn and how they will know when they have learnt it. Ask your child about their learning goal and discuss how you might be able to help them work on it at home too. For example, if your child is working on fluency in their reading they can practice reading out loud and film themselves using a mobile device such as a phone or iPad. They can then watch and listen to themselves reading, and reflect on how they can improve.
From Around the School

Holiday Learn to Swim Intensives
Registrations are now open for our holiday learn to swim programs. These programs are 45min lessons which run over 5 consecutive days and are a great way to give your child’s swimming a boost – particularly if they’ve been stuck at the same level for a little while. The classes are taught by Matthew & Rachel and limited to just 4 students at a time for learn to swim and 8 places for Fins and Mini-Squad levels. The cost is $95 for the week. Places fill up very quickly so if you’re interested, register online at baysideswimschool.com.au/registration. Further information can be found at www.baysideswimschool.com.au, on Facebook or by contacting Matthew & Rachel at matthew@baysideswimschool.com.au or call 0448 434 885.

From Chappy
Everyone seemed to love the pancake breakfast at the Walking Wheeling Wednesday launch, so we have decided to do another one on the last Wednesday of term! This will be open to family and friends as well, and we will have seating in the undercover area. Again it will be 3 pancakes for a gold coin donation, which will be to raise money for the chaplaincy program so that we can get some exciting projects underway! It will start from 7:30am on Wednesday, 2 April. We hope to see as many people there as possible so that it can be a great morning!

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From the Office
Unsubscribe for the Newsletter
If you have been receiving the newsletter but no longer wish to do so, simply click on “UNSUBSCRIBE” at the bottom of the newsletter to have your email address removed from our mailing list.

Foreign Currency
Could you please check that you send only Australian currency to school for payments etc. The bank will not accept foreign currency in place of Australian coins. In future, all payments containing foreign currency will be sent home for you to correct.

Excursions/Activities
Year 4 Mangroves and the Environment, payment of $22 due by 20 March

P&C News
Notice of Annual General Meeting
We will hold our Parents and Citizens (P&C) Annual General Meeting (AGM) this Thursday, 20 March at 6:30pm where we will elect a new Executive, followed by our general meeting. Please come and join us. There will be wine and cheese on offer.

We invite you to come and join your P&C where you can become involved in the running of the P&C services: outside school hours care, tuckshop, uniform shop and swim club. It is very rewarding work. For example, the beautiful new Prep playground was partly funded by our P&C. You can really make a difference so please consider bringing your skills to our committee.

We would love to have a grant writing committee and a fundraising committee. We also need parents to help on the OSHC, swim club and tuckshop sub-committees.

P&C Nominations for Executive
The P&C AGM will take place on Thursday, 20 March 2014. Please complete and return your nomination slip (which was sent home this week) to the Office by Wednesday, 19 March if you would like to be considered for any of the Executive positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary. You can also email your nomination directly to Rosie O’Toole at pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au.
Helping your Child with Sight Words
If you would like to learn more about the Year 1 Sight Words Program we are using here at school, please come along to one of our information sessions on Thursday, 20 March in the Science Room (directly above OSHC).

Morning Session: 8.50 to 9.30am
Twilight Session: 5.15 to 6.00pm

Uniform Shop
New wide brim bucket hats are now in stock and available in sizes XS/53, S/55, M/57 and L/59cm. Cost is $13 each.

Community News
Bunnings, Cannon Hill are holding a FREE Easter Family Night at their store on Thursday, 10 April from 6 to 8pm which will include craft activities, face painting, a roving puppet show and of course the Easter Bunny will make an appearance. Bookings are essential, so please phone 3906 5000 to RSVP by 9 April.

Bayside and Districts Netball Association is currently looking for players aged 7, 8, 9 and 10. To find out more, please come along to our FINAL REGISTRATION morning for 2014 on Saturday, 22 March from 9am-11am at Cox Park, Lota. For more information, contact us at baysidedistrictsnetball@gmail.com

Help bring Wynnum Central to life at the weekends by coming along to the art/craft/vintage/retro market at Edith Street from 9am to 3pm on the first Saturday of each month. There will be food, music and fun for everyone!

Wynnum Manly Chaplaincy invites you to a Gala Event, “Growing Hope in the Bayside” to help raise funds for chaplaincy programs in the schools in our district. This event, which will take place at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club from 6.00pm on 28 March, will feature a 2 course dinner and entertainment and include an auction on the night. The cost to attend is a donation/pledge. Please phone 3906 7800 to book.

School Holiday Programs
School Holiday Survivor Camp (8-13 year olds) will run from 15-17 April 2014 at Camp Lake Fire, Maroon Dam. Activities include fishing in electric powered boats, canoeing, abseiling, boat tube rides, archery & open fire cooking. Camp cost $210. Bus transport available. Bus cost $55 return. All registrations are through the Events section at www.sportstuition.com.au For further details, contact Steve Wilkes on 0403154510.

Fort Lytton National Park are holding a school holiday program for children aged 6 to 12 years. Set in and around a real historic fort and former quarantine station, this program offers hands on drama based activities run by rangers and professional actors, using drama to engage children in real learning and fun. Cost for the 2 ½ hour program is $8 per child and there is no charge for supervising adults. Bookings are essential, so please phone 3393 4647 to reserve your place.

Activ8 Sports Camps are running a school holiday program at Moreton Bay College from 7 to 8 April. Activ8 is the first camp in Australia to blend the best aspects of a holiday camp, sports camp and activity holiday program for children aged 4-12 with over 20 different sports and activities in a one week program. 100% of bayside parents agree Activ8 is “excellent” and would send them again. For further information (watch our 2 minute video) or to book click here. Alternately, call 3495 6155 or visit www.activ8camps.com.au.
Calendar

Thursday, 20 March
P&C Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 25 March
Year 4 Mangroves and the Environment
Year 5 Commissariat Store

Thursday, 27 March
Cross Country Carnival, Years 4 to 7, from 9 to 11am

Friday, 28 March
Cross Country Carnival, Prep to Year 3, from 1 to 3pm

Wednesday, 2 April
Pancake Breakfast, 7.30am

Friday, 4 April
Last day of term

Monday, 21 April
Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tuesday, 22 April
School returns for Term 2