Principal’s Message
We are learning to ‘Be the Best We Can Be’!
To become independent, confident, caring adults, your children need to learn how to be ‘self-starters’ and put effort into all that they do. Below are some of the ways we are helping Manly West students to do this:

- **Academic** – students take responsibility for their own learning at a student-led conference with their parent and teacher and set learning goals.
- **Every Day Counts** - every child has a calendar to keep tabs on their own attendance, including if they are late to school.
- **Effort** – Principals’ award certificates and free books. ‘Caught being good’ playground awards and Classroom teacher awards.
- **Social/Emotional skills** - students are encouraged to try to solve their social issues and support others using the High 5. Occasionally they may need adult help when the problem is too big for them to handle on their own.
- **Learning Behaviour skills** - every child is working towards bronze, silver or gold.

We would also like to know your ideas about being the best we can be. Please complete the enclosed **Traffic Light Survey** to share your thoughts and ideas.

Some Dates for your Diary!
**ANZAC DAY – WE WILL REMEMBER THEM** - In 2014 we continue our school’s proud tradition of honouring those brave servicemen who have acted in defence of our country. You are invited to the Manly West SS ANZAC Day ceremony on Thursday, 24 April at 2.30pm in the Performing Arts Hall. Before the ceremony, the children will place the poppies they’ve made in the classroom on the grassed area in front of the Hall.

Families are also encouraged to march with the Manly West SS representatives at the Manly-Lota RSL March on Friday, 25 April starting from in front of Manly State School at 8:00am. It is very crowded, so please be there by 7:45am to meet Ms Morrison and take your place in the March. Families are most welcome to march with their children. Please ensure children wear their correct uniform (checked shirt where possible) and school hat.

**NAPLAN Tests – 13 to 15 May** - It will be business as usual for our Manly West students in Week 4 – 13, 14 & 15 May when our Year 3, 5 & 7 students sit the annual National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy Tests. All students who are eligible in Year 3, 5 or 7 sit these tests. Parents and caregivers are asked to reschedule any appointments for these days. Thanks for your assistance with this. Please talk to your class teacher or the school principal if you have any queries about NAPLAN.

**CLASS CO-ORDINATORS’ Meeting – Friday, 16 May** - thank you to those parents who have taken on the role of class co-ordinator. I look forward to meeting with you at our next meeting on Friday, 16 May at 9:00am in the OSHC playroom. Bring your younger children for a play!
STATE EDUCATION WEEK – 19 to 23 May

Principal for the Day – 19 May - as part of our celebrations for State Education Week, one of our Manly West students will be ‘Principal for a Day’. On Monday, 19 May this student will host parade and be principal for the middle session of the day. To be selected, your child needs to write an application to Ms Morrison explaining why he/she would make a good principal for the day. The application (letter) needs to be sent to Ms Morrison by 3:00pm on Friday, 9 May.

UNDER 8s DAY – Friday, 23 May – a wonderful community event for our Prep-Year 3 students and families.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL Meeting – 26 May
WOW! It is wonderful to see that the bike and scooter racks are well used every day! We need members for our Active School Travel team – please consider joining. Come to the next meeting – Monday, 26 May at 3:15pm in Mr Darryl Brown’s classroom (D Block).

Student Council Project – outdoor learning spaces
The student council, which comprises a student representative from each class (Year 3-7) is working on a project to develop our outdoor learning spaces. This will involve designing seating plans for outdoor spaces around the school. If you have any suggestions for this group can you please send them through to the school office; specifically listing where you think outdoor seating and tables could be placed for maximum use by our students and families.

Lisa Morrison
Principal

From Around the School

Cross Country Carnival
As you would all be aware, we held our Cross Country Carnivals at the end of last term. Thank you to the students, staff and parents for making the day such a success.

The results for our Junior Carnival were :-

Woy Woy 106 points
Tinonee 119 points
Kurrawah 138 points

The results of our Senior Carnival were :-

Woy Woy 121 points
Tinonee 163 points
Kurrawah 155 points

Kurrawah was the overall winner for the day on a total of 293 points.

Mothers’ Day Stall
This year’s Mothers’ Day Stall will be held on Tuesday, 6 May. To help run the stall, we need some parent volunteers. Please see Lyle at the Uniform Shop if you are able to spare some time during that day.

From the Office

Excursions/Activities
Years 4 to 7 Interschool Sport, payment of $54 due by 24 April
Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Out of the Box, payment of $20 due by 28 April
ICAS (Science, English, Maths), payment of either $8 for each assessment due by 2 May.
From the P&C

Entertainment Books are Back!
We are excited to again be able to offer parents the opportunity to purchase 2014|2015 Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Surrounds Entertainment™ Memberships to help us raise funds for our school.

In 2014 we are working hard to raise money for things like:

- Pool Heating
- Shade solutions
- Seating around the school
- Fitness trail on the back oval

The brand new 2014|2015 Entertainment Memberships feature many of the area’s best restaurants, cafés, hotel accommodation, attractions, and activities, and are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, valued at over $20,000 that your family can enjoy until June, 2015! This year you have a choice – to purchase the popular Entertainment™ Books or the brand new Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

The best part is that for only $65 you'll be helping our fundraising, with $13 from every Membership sold contributing to our school. Please let your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues know we are fundraising, as the more we sell, the more funds we raise!

1. **To purchase the traditional Entertainment™ Book**

   Simply keep the Book your child brings home and make your payment online – details on how to pay online or in person will come home with the book.

2. **To purchase the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership**

   Please return the Book your child brings home in the envelope provided clearly marked with your child’s name and class to the school office, and purchase your Digital Membership at www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2220g47. (Entertainment™ Digital Memberships can only be purchased online).

If you need additional Books or Memberships you can also order these at www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2220g47.

*Please be aware that unless you complete and return the tear off slip at the bottom of the pink flyer sent home last term to ‘OPT OUT’, you will AUTOMATICALLY be sent a book.*

On behalf of the P&C, thank you in advance for your support.

Bunnings Fundraiser
We have been given the opportunity to hold a Sausage Sizzle outside Bunnings at Cannon Hill on Saturday, 31 May from 8am to 4pm to help raise funds for the things mentioned above and if run well, these events have the potential to make anywhere between $1000 and $2000. If you are able to help, even if it is only for an hour or two, could you please contact Rosie at pandcsecretary@manlywestss.eq.edu.au. We are looking for people to set up, pack up, cook the BBQ, serve and restock. Please put your hand up and help us make this event a huge success.
Community News
Zoe Billiard is four years old and suffers from a rare and severe condition called Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis. Every morning, she wakes up with aching limbs, a rash over her body and a fever – it’s a struggle just to roll out of bed. This condition can also affect the heart, lungs, liver, lymph nodes and can be fatal but with management, medication and lots of love and support, a child may lead a fairly normal life. William’s Wish is a charity which was set up in honour of a little boy who lost his fight with Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis and Zoe’s grandparents are part of a team called Zoe’s Angels for William’s Wish. To help raise public awareness of this condition and to raise funds to support children who suffer from it, a Fun Dive Day has been organised to be held on Sunday, 25 May from 8.30am to 2.30pm at the Chandler Aquatic Centre. There will be diving, bomb diving and strike-a-pose competitions, ball games, sausage sizzle, raffles, a jumping castle and much more. The cost is $10 for the first session and $5 for each following session. Please register at www.raps.diving.asn.au where you can also make a direct deposit or pay cash on the day. For further information, phone Di Smith on 0411 121 198. In 2013, the organisation raised $8607 to assist children in attending Camp Footloose.

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 9 June, 24 July, 4 September or 30 October
- 12.30 to 4.30pm on Saturday, 17 May

Enrolment packs are available from the Office or the website. For further information, please contact Jasmin Naylor on 3893 5395 or email jnayl24@eq.edu.au

Calendar
**Thursday, 24 April**  
ANZAC Parade, 2.30pm

**Friday, 25 April**  
ANZAC Day Public Holiday

**Friday, 2 May**  
Interschool Sport commences

**Tuesday, 6 May**  
Mothers’ Day Stall

**Week Commencing 12 May**  
Year 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN Tests

**Friday, 16 May**  
Class Co-ordinator’s Meeting
Dear Parents/Caregivers, Students and School Staff,

Over the past 2 years there have been many new innovations at Manly West and, in partnership with you, we would like to continue to build on this momentum. We are always reflecting on what we do well and what we could do better to meet the learning needs of our students, parents and staff. We are seeking ways to continually improve our school.

To assist with this, your input would be much appreciated. Please complete the attached one-page “Traffic Lights Survey”, and return it to Lisa Morrison by FRIDAY, 9 MAY.

We are seeking your honest, open feedback. On occasion a really great suggestion has been made without an explanation of how it might work, so this time we are asking for your name on the survey so that we can contact you to clarify your thoughts or ideas. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and ideas with us. They will be carefully considered.

Kind regards

Lisa Morrison
Principal
Manly West State School
TRAFFIC LIGHT SURVEY

My name ____________________      My child’s name ____________________

GO!   Everyone needs praise and so we love to hear the good news!

These are the things I really like about Manly West SS …… the things I would like to see continued. These are the things I believe are working well!

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WAIT!   We are keen to hear your clever ideas!

These are my ideas for helping improve our school …… things for you to consider!

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STOP!   Schools are busy places. We try our best and may not be aware that this is not working.

These are the things I believe you need to change in order to make our school an even better place for learning.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH for sharing your thoughts and ideas.