Welcome to 2015

Welcome to all our students and their families who are returning to Manly West PS or starting at our school for the first time. Welcome to our new Kindergarten families who will start formally on Friday 30 January from 9.40-12noon. In the interim, Kindergarten students will be completing their Best Start appointments. We hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday and Australia Day weekend and that you are looking forward to a busy and productive year of learning.

Our most important issue at hand is organising the classes for the start of 2015 so that our students have a smooth transition. Students temporarily move up a grade in their old 2014 class formations in holding pattern classes. They will be completing healthy lifestyle courses this week on a rotational basis with all the teachers on their grade. This forms part of the PDHPE curriculum. We anticipate that classes will be confirmed by the end of the week. The classes are therefore temporary until finalised.

Staff news:

We welcome back all our staff and farewell Mrs McConnaghy, who was a great support in 2014 for our new teachers as part of the Great Teachers Inspired Learning Reform. We welcome Mrs Pauline Slater, who has been appointed permanent on our staff and will be teaching Year One as well as welcoming Miss Natalie Bosnich and Mrs Catherine Jones. In the newsletter next week, all classes and teachers will be listed.

I would particularly like to thank many of the staff who devoted time in the holidays to organise their rooms, programs and administrative procedures in preparation for 2015. Thanks to Mrs Dickings for the new mural at the entry of the library. Thanks also to Mr Perks and all our cleaners who have worked hard during last week in readiness for the start of 2015 at Manly West PS. I would also like to thank the many parents led by Holly Matthews for keeping our gardens watered during the hot summer and to Mr Perks for his assistance with the beds and trellis formations. The vegetable garden is looking fabulous and already there has been a meeting for the Kitchen Garden progress in 2015. The sunflowers, greeting us look amazing –thank you for such a positive smile from nature as we enter our school grounds.

Further details of school organization for 2015 will be provided in the Week 2 newsletter. Newsletters will be distributed each week. There are two newsletters –a more detailed one (Manly West Matters) and a smaller version (Manly West Mini Matters) with reminders and urgent information. These will be distributed alternatively each Wednesday.

Swimming Carnival –Wednesday 4 February Students in Years 3-6 and any child in Year 2 who turns 8 this year, attends a swim club and has a time for the 50m freestyle under 60 seconds can compete in the Carnival. Unfortunately in 2015, we have been allocated a decreased time at Manly Pool which limits the number of swimming events. There will only be finals for freestyle events if time permits. Swimming Carnival notes will be handed out to all students in Years 3-6 and if you require a note for a Year 2 student they will be available from Mrs Simpson in the office. 

Important diary dates:

Kindergarten students start: Friday 30 January 9.40-12noon;
Parent Information nights will be organised in Weeks 3 and 4 in Term 1.
Text book day will be held on Tuesday 3 Feb and more information will be sent out next week. Parents do not need to attend this day.
Tears and Tissues morning tea organised at school hall for new Kindergarten parents on Monday February 2nd from 9.40am.
P&C Tuesday 24 February
We extend a warm welcome to all our families at Manly West PS and look forward to a wonderful community partnership in 2015.

Julie Organ
Principal
**Kindergarten Information**

We look forward to welcoming Kindergarten on **Friday 30th January** at **9:40am**. If your child is unable to attend and you have not yet informed the office, please do so. Children go directly to classrooms on Friday and Monday. There will be prefects to assist parents who do not yet know which class their child is to attend. Please pack a small piece of fruit or vegetable sticks for **Fruit Break**, a water bottle and food for **Morning Tea**. A reminder that Kindergarten do not have access to the canteen for morning tea or lunch orders until they are officially introduced to the canteen through a special morning tea later this term. On Friday at 12 o’clock, please collect your child from outside the Kindergarten classrooms. KY will meet you on the lower basketball court, KR near the 'big tree' and KB, KG, KO and KP in the Literacy and Numeracy Area. Teachers will dismiss each child when they sight a parent/guardian.

On Monday Kindergarten attend from 9:40am until 2:30pm. From Tuesday 3rd February, Kindergarten attend from 9:20am when the regular school bell sounds. Students are shown how to form morning lines on Monday. Bags are placed in lines, not the classroom area. Parents are asked to join us for Tea and Tissues under the hall COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area). If you will not be collecting your child at 2:30 pm during the first two weeks of school, please inform your child’s teacher.

**Stationery**

Stationery lists for 2015 are available on the school website. If you wish to order these items online, you can still do so through Humphreys on the Flexischools website. [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) Please address any queries to stockcontrol@humphreys.com.au

Wendy Mwanga  
Deputy Principal

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**Canteen News**

Welcome to 2015 in the Manly West Canteen! Another fun and delicious year awaits!

**There have been a few small changes** to the menu for this year and some small price increases so please be aware when dropping off your kids lunch orders.

Until classes are sorted out for the year connecting kids with their lunch orders can sometimes be a little tricky, so please let your kids, especially the younger ones, know when they are having a lunch order. In the first days of the new year putting the child’s 2014 class will usually help to get kids connected with their lunch orders.

**Don’t forget to update** class details once they become known PARTICULARLY if you use Flexi-schools as they don’t update the information automatically. Parents are required to update flexi-schools themselves once they have a permanent class allocation for 2015.

**If you have a couple of hours** to spare particularly on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday we’d love to see you in the canteen. We have lots of spots to fill on the roster and lots of hungry mouths to feed so come and join the crazy fun that is life in the canteen and make a school kids day ...as well as their lunch!!

**Contact the canteen** on 9948 2257, email to mwcanteen@gmail.com or just drop in.

Thanks, Isobel

**Canteen Roster for week 2, Group 1**

**Monday 2nd February**

- Emma King AM  
- Kristin Lindemann AM  
- Tanya Fenn PM  
- Jane Barnes PM

**Tuesday 3rd February**

- Marie-Claire Johnston AM  
- Shannon Kearns AM  
- Lucy Lopez PM  
- **VACANCY PM**

**Wednesday 4th February**

- Clinton Alver AM  
- Deb Beverley AM  
- Annabel Cotton PM  
- Sarah Edwards PM  
- Jules Cooray PM

**Thursday 5th February**

- Tiane Olive AM  
- Helen Yardley AM  
- **VACANCY PM**  
- Melissa Mander-Jones PM

**Friday 6th February**

- Wendy Dar AM  
- Maggie Faulder AM  
- **VACANCY AM**  
- **VACANCY PM**  
- Natalie Mitchell PM