Principal’s Report

Mufti Day –over $1030
Thank you to our generous community. At present we are fundraising with the Dance-a-Thon and the carnival and yet when our students, staff and parents were asked to support Seaforth PS, $1030 was raised in a day. Thanks everyone. What a wonderful community with great citizenship values.

Bronze Awards
Congratulations to Octavia Williams who was the first student in our school to receive the new Bronze award. The Student Welfare awards were changed in 2014 and students need to accumulate up to 5 expectation certificates or a combination of 3 expectation certificates and 2 merit cards to achieve a Bronze Banner. Well done Octavia.

Community Consultation Funding
Many schools including Manly West have been given some funding to assist with communication and community engagement. We have recently organized surveys for students, staff and parents and will continue to evaluate and endeavor to acknowledge and improve our strategies based on the information we receive from all these data collections. Some of the funds will be used to improve Student Wellbeing K-6. More of our teachers are being provided with training in the Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners program and we are currently updating our Student Welfare Policy to include aspects of the Wellbeing Framework. We want our students to connect, succeed and thrive and all teachers will be gradually receiving professional learning in this area.
We are also using the funds for other curriculum areas. We are offering more support in Mathematics for our Year 4 students and extra assistance for our students in K-2 with instructional leaders mentoring our teachers and supporting students. We are also utilizing the funds to start to build up historical resources for the new History syllabus beginning in 2016.

Cemetery
Thank you to those students who represented the school at the 150 Year Anniversary Cemetery Service on the last day of third term. Those students were very respectful and the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and other visitors commented on their wonderful manners and focus on this historical occasion. Congratulations to Joseph Dar 6R, Caroline Kassel 6J, Joel Butcher 6J, Phoenix Gock 6M, Audrey Mulquiny 6J, Sophia Mooney 6C, Jake Black 6C, Tana Tufts 6J, Jack Jeffreys 6C, Asha Blaiklock 6M, Bryce Jones 6M.

Kitchen Garden Working Bee
Thank you to all the Manly West families who set aside time for voluntary work with the Kitchen Garden last weekend. We are having a special visit from the Premier at the end of the month regarding our Bushlink and Kitchen Garden outstanding programs.

Safety for Carnival
Thank you to the P&C for the outstanding support given by all our parents and community with the carnival. There will be some large items and truck deliveries on the last 2 days before the carnival and we will be sectioning off some parts of the playground on Friday 23 October. The 3-6 sports assembly normally held on Friday afternoon will be moved away from the hall. We ask that everyone be careful about safety issues particularly on the Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Student News
Congratulations to Freida Kirkham and Charlotte Blenkhorn in 2J and Hannah Steele from 2L. These students pop in to see me regularly to show me their work as budding authors. They are already writing several short stories in their own time. Well done!

Congratulations to Arabella Condon Year 6 who has now been selected in the North Sydney Region Water Polo team and will compete at the State Gala Day on 16 November. Good luck –what a great achievement!

Diary Date:
Saturday October 24 is the diary date for the Manly West Carnival in 2015. The major sponsor is Cunninghams Real Estate.

Mrs Julie Organ
From the Deputys’ Desk

Thank you - Earn & Learn

I thoroughly enjoyed selecting mathematical equipment for classrooms as a result of the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. This was based on resource needs teachers identified in a stocktake of mathematical equipment last term. Mrs Dowdle has also selected items to assist the Kitchen Garden program.

Thank you so much to all the students, parents and grandparents who collected Woolworths dockets, contributing to our allocation. A special thanks to Helen Yardley, parent to Alice, who gave much of her time to organise our school’s participation and tally our points. We look forward to the delivery of our new equipment.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students for receiving an Expectation Certificate:
Iris Watt, Octavia Williams, Alice Aboud, Francisca Ferreyra, Tyler Gaunt, Wil McPherson, Leonardo Cardeira, Zoe Burke, Bonnie Beaumont, Leyla Merry, Harrison Cairns, Charlie Gibbon, Ryan Carter and to Hugh Manchee for receiving two Expectation Certificates. Special Congratulations to Octavia Williams for being the first student in K-2 to receive a Bronze Banner.

Dance Expos

Parents of students in Kindergarten, Year 3 and 4 may like to take note of the date of the end of term Dance Expos. Students perform for an audience of students in the morning and for parents in the afternoon of the dates specified below:
Year 3 and 4 – Wednesday 2nd December 2:10 - 3:10pm
Kindergarten – Friday 11th December 2:10 - 3:10pm

During these expos students have the opportunity to shine, performing a dance with their class. We thank our dance specialists, Mrs Amber Kriletich and Miss Morgan Randall for their efforts and enthusiasm in choreographing and teaching each class a unique dance.

Swim School

Year 2 participate in a two week intensive swimming program at Manly Swim Centre every year. Our less confident swimmers in the primary grades also have the opportunity to participate. The program starts next Monday. We ask that parents pack swimming needs with their child in preparation for Monday and ensure all items are labelled, including shoes. During the week they tend to tire so early nights are recommended. Thank you to Lyndell Lutton for organising the program and to all the Year 2 teachers for supporting Swim School.

Year 5 Gold Projects

In the last week of Term Three, Year 5 presented their projects on their study of Gold. I was impressed with the process involved in their design briefs, their attention to detail in their products, sense of pride and reflection on the task.

PBEL for this week is Responsibility: Wear your school hat when playing outside. If you do not have a hat play under one of the Cola’s.
From the Deputys’ Desk........

2016 Band Information Evening - Tonight
We look forward to parents joining us this evening at 6.30pm for our Band Information Evening in the hall. The evening is aimed at parents of 2015 Year 2 and 3 students who will make up our Training Band and our in 2016. The meeting will run for approximately 1 hour and include:

- A brief description of the band program;
- An explanation of the process to join the band program in 2016;
- The chance to meet Ms Penny Coucill, Band Director and members of the Committee;
- The opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the program and Information about instrument hire.

2017 Selective High School Applications
- Parents need to apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement as there are NO paper application forms.
- Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online from 13 October to 16 November 2015.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.
- Please see Mrs Mclean for Information booklets about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017.
- For more information go to http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/

Sporting Schools is Australia’s largest school-based sports participation programme to help children foster a lifelong interest in sport. The program is based on the Playing for Life philosophy which encourages children to have fun by focussing on skills not drills. Last week we were advised our funding application to Sporting Schools Australia had been successful. The Sporting Schools funds will enable Stage 3 school sport students to have the opportunity to work with highly experienced and qualified coaches from Basketball NSW and Hockey Australia for 8 weeks.

Reading and Storytelling
Reading aloud and sharing stories with your child is a great way to spend time together. Reading and storytelling also helps promote language, literacy and brain development. Sharing stories, talking and singing every day helps your child’s development.

- Reading stories sparks your child’s imagination, stimulates curiosity and helps with brain development. Interesting illustrations and word patterns – such as rhymes – can get your child talking about what he’s seeing and thinking, and help him understand the patterns of language.
- Exploring stories also helps your child learn the difference between ‘real’ and ‘make-believe’ and might help develop her own ideas.
- Reading or telling stories can also be safe ways to explore strong emotions, which can help your child, understand change, as well as new or frightening events. Books about going to the dentist or hospital, starting at child care or making new friends will help your child learn about the world around him.
- Sharing stories with your child doesn’t mean you have to read.
- Just by looking at books with your child, you can be a great storyteller and a good model for using language and books. Your child will learn by watching you hold a book the right way and seeing how you move through the book by gently turning the pages.
- Reading stories with children has benefits for grown-ups too. This special time together promotes bonding and helps to build your relationship, laying the groundwork for your child’s later social, communication and interpersonal skills.

For more information about Telling Stories with Children go to http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/reading.html

Mrs Adrienne Bruce
CANCEEN NEWS

It’s been an absolute joy to meet so many new volunteers in the canteen lately! Thank you, and again thank you, BUT – there’s always a but!! Dad’s of Manly West, where are you hiding!??!

We currently have 3 regular dads and 2 emergency dad helpers involved in the canteen. Like the busy mothers of this school, find some time in your schedule and get yourselves in here pronto!! In case you’re wondering we speak many languages in the canteen. Some of these are Spanish, Italian, Rugby, Cricket, Soccer and Fishing and personally I am also fluent in fashion – men’s and women’s! So as you see you have no excuse not to get involved!

Contact us by email mwcanteen@gmail.com phone 9948 2257 and ask for the canteen or just drop by.

Thanks, Isobel.

Canteen Roster for week 3, Group 3

Monday 19th October
Fiona Davidson AM  Nicola Bird AM
Nicky Brown AM  Lyn Martin AM
Kirsten Rock PM  Angela Toshack PM
Ayesha Ballesty PM  Libby Beaumont PM
Michelle Lewis PM  Jose Mauricio PM

Wednesday 21st October
Rhani Chivers AM  Andrea Koster PM
Helen Yardley AM  Sharon Newman PM
Jan Beacham PM  Joyce Liang PM
Sam Lumsdaine PM

Thursday 22nd October
Lara Dunford AM
Claudia Bels AM
Rebekah Zoszak AM
Helga Gordon PM
Megan Wood PM
Lisa Carter PM

Although this week’s roster is very healthy – thank you very much! – we still have some Vacancies on some Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays so if you have some time on those days we’d love to hear from you! See above for how to contact us.

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to KPurple, 1S and 2H for winning the Library Bag Contest for Term 3! It was so very close in each grade, but these classes came out on top. Remember it does not have to be a Manly West Library Bag as pictured. It can be any type of bag that is strong and will protect your precious library books, so they can be read again and again by numerous students throughout the year. Will it be your class that wins in Term 4?!?!?!?!

All those library bags are being filled up with lots of new books each week that the marvellous Alison Dodd, Christine Wies and Sumei Wrigley have expertly covered for us – thank you so much as you encourage reading and literacy with your handiwork!

Year 6 aspiring authors! Here is your opportunity to show off your writing talents and win 2015’s JOHN WATT WRITING AWARD. To be eligible, you must put together a portfolio of 8 pieces of writing written this year in at least 5 different genres (i.e. poetry, narrative, information report, description, exposition, recount, etc.). They can be photocopies or print outs of assignments handed in this year or original pieces you have authored. Your writing portfolio must meet these requirements and handed into me before or by Thursday October 29th, 2015. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to check with me. I look forward to reading some amazing things!

Happy reading and writing,
Mrs Ellen Swick
Teacher Librarian
Manly West Before & After School Care

Centre News
This week we are sending out an email to all existing families asking for your 2016 requirements. Please let us know by 23 October or your places may be reallocated!
A few of the interesting things happening in the rooms: The new oven is finally in the K-2 room and so this week on the menu is pasta bake! They will also be adding new crafty bits to the new kitchen door and wall; Club 3/4 will be getting active, playing new oval games and challenges; 5/6 Club is having a nachos afternoon picnic with plenty of guacamole. Also, they will be getting funky with some Jackson Pollock painting.
The fitout of our new room is now complete. Thank you to Styline Kitchens for their professional service.

Session Vacancies
There are Permanent or Casual Vacancies EVERY morning and FRIDAY afternoon. Contact the BASC on 9948 8113, write in our ‘Parent Message Books’ or email admin@mwbasc.com.au

Accounts for Term 4
Accounts will be emailed later this week. If you do not receive, please contact us.

Registering With Us
To register your child with us, please visit our centre’s site https://manlywestbasc.hubworks.com.au and click on ‘ENROL’. Enter your child’s details and then click ‘SUBMIT’. We will contact you to request the sessions you need and we will inform you of availability.

Notification of Absence
To ensure the safety and welfare of the children in our care, BASC MUST BE NOTIFIED if a child will be absent from a booked session. Non Notification delays our awareness of any legitimate concern for a child’s safety. Also, whilst looking for children and contacting parents, our Educators are having less time with the children in their care. Messages can be written ahead of time in each room’s ‘Parent Message Book’ or by email admin@mwbasc.com.au (with at least 24 hrs notice). We can be contacted at late notice by phone on 9948 8113. There is a Non-Notification of Absence Charge of $11 (incl GST).

Manly West Before & After School Care

Diary Dates

Wednesday 14th October
6:30pm Band Info Evening in Hall

Thursday 15th October
Year 5 Film Festival with Mrs Blinco

Monday 19th October
Year 2 Swimming

Tuesday 20th October
Year 2 Swimming
Kinder Tennis

Wednesday 21st October
Year 2 Swimming

Thursday 22nd October
Pizza Thank You Lunch—1T, 2L, 6R
Year 2 Swimming

Red Shield Certificates
Thank you to all the students who were specially awarded Red Shield appreciation certificates by Louanne Mitchell from the Salvation Army. It is wonderful that so many of our students gave up their own time for a worthy cause.

For Sale
Student Trumpet and Cas
Great for Christmas present for Band.
Excellent condition. $350 ono.
Phone: 0400 211 684

Uniform Shop

Thursday 15th October
8:45-10:00am

Monday 19th October
2:45-4:00pm

Wednesday 28th October
Kindy Orientation Eve
5:00-6:00pm

Chook Roster

Saturday 17th October
Fighera Family

Sunday 18th October
Lewis Family

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P&C TREASURER

The P&C is in urgent need of a new Treasurer for 2016. This role means overseeing the finances of the P&C. This position is now significantly less time consuming than it once was thanks to a fantastic paid bookkeeper and the joys of MYOB.

Our current Treasurer has unfortunately become ill which means we need someone to step up immediately if possible. She is happy to help ease the new Treasurer into the role and to fully brief them.

It would probably help if you aren’t too bad at Maths and have some accounting/finance experience but these are not necessities! Thank you.

Please contact Fred Kelly at fjk.mwpc@hotmail.com if you can help.

P&C SECRETARY

According to the P&C’s constitution, after 3 years in the role, the current Secretary will have to resign at the AGM on November 24th. This means we are in need of a new Secretary. This job is very straightforward, mostly just taking the minutes at Executive and General meetings (one of each per term) and setting the agenda. It’s a great way to get to know what’s going on in the school and takes just a couple of hours a week. If this sounds like something you could do, please contact Kate Grant at grantkate@hotmail.com

ALL P&C positions become vacant at the AGM on November 24th, including P&C President, Vice Presidents (x2), and up to 6 members on the P&C Executive. All the Sub-Committees listed below need volunteers and co-ordinators too:

- BASC
- Canteen
- Band
- Environment/Kitchen Garden/Sustainability
- Enrichment
- Traffic
- Uniform

So if you would like to volunteer for the P&C and get involved in how all the money you raise helps our school or you’d just like to have a say in how our school works, please put your hand up. It doesn’t have to be a big commitment. For further information or just a chat about any of the roles, the Executive or the Committees, call Kate Grant on 0405 459957.

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The White Elephant Sale

The White Elephant Store needs donations of pre-loved clothing (clean - good condition), homewares, kitchenware, bikes, surfboards, tools, Manchester, bric-a-brac, etc etc etc......

(NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS)

DROP-OFF TIMES ARE SUN 18TH OCT 2-4.30pm, WED 21st Oct 3-5pm, FRI 23rd 8-11am

FOR LARGER ITEMS PLEASE EMAIL A PHOTO, DESCRIPTION AND CONTACT NUMBER - WE WILL ADVERTISE YOUR ITEM ON CARNIVAL DAY AND IF SOLD WILL PASS ON YOUR NUMBER TO ARRANGE PICK UP.

LET’S DONATE!

EMAIL TO: white.elephant.donations@gmail.com

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Win Carnival Loot

It’s Carnival time and we want to share all the fun of the fair with as many local kids and families as possible. You will have seen the banners on the school fence as well as posters popping up in shops, cafes and playgrounds. But we still need your help to spread the word.

From now until Carnival day, we will be offering 10 prizes of 20 Loot for random sightings of Carnival posters in car windows, house windows, on fences. We will publish the 5 winning photos (by email and on the Carnival Facebook page) on Friday 16th October and 5 winners on Friday 23rd October. If you recognise your car or house, message the page or email hyardley.mwpc@gmail.com with the make, model and colour of the car or the full address of the house. Loot will be distributed before the Carnival. Collect posters from a box outside the school office and start publicising today.

Please also feel free to grab a poster to take to your local café/gym/playgroup/preschool/ after school activity place.

It’s time for Pizza!

Thank you so much for your amazing contribution to the Tombola stall. The prize of a pizza lunch will be on Thursday 22nd October.

Kids should please remain in their classroom and we will deliver sufficient pizza for approx 2 slices per child. If your child does not like pizza or you would like to supplement this quantity with food from home, then please feel free to provide lunch as usual.

Could you please advise hyardley.mwpc@gmail.com by Friday 16th October if you child has any allergies to a margarita pizza.

Thank you again for all your support,
The Carnival Committee and all of the P&C

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Thank You

Dear Manly West Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the P&C, Shona and Isobel (Canteen Managers) and the kids of Manly West I would like to thank those parents who have stepped up and volunteered to help at the Canteen this term, it really is appreciated and as a result the Canteen will be able to operate as normal.

If you haven’t had an opportunity yet to experience the joy of helping out in the canteen and realising how much your kids love to see you at the school during morning tea or lunch time, then there are still opportunities to help out. So if you would like to volunteer please contact the canteen on 0413831192.

Fred Kelly
Manly West P&C President
TUNING IN TO KIDS
EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

A FIVE SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOL - PRIMARY-SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Would you like to learn how to:
- Be better at talking with your child?
- Be better at understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids show you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.

VENUE: Chatswood Community Health Centre
57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATES: Tuesday 20th October - Tuesday 17th November (5 wks)
TIME: 7.00pm - 9.30pm
COST: $175pp ($150 concession)

PLEASE PHONE 9887 5830 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE IN THIS COURSE.

The 5 session course will be facilitated by a qualified Parent Educator from Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District.

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COMMUNICATING WITH KIDS
WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

• Learn communication skills for building positive relationships
• Problem ownership
• Listening and assertiveness skills
• Problem solving skills

VENUE: Community Health Centre, 57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATE: Thursday 29th October 2015
TIME: 7.00pm - 9.30pm
COST: $50

For all queries and bookings, please phone: 9887 5830

All our course leaders are parents and trained educators.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING

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BLACKMORES
COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Be a Well Going Blackmores Community Open Day at its SneakersCampus on Saturday 31st October from 10am to 3pm in support of local health, environmental and community organisations. Why not get into the spirit and join us on the day - there'll be something for everyone young and old.

Kids can compete against other pre-schoolers for a special Blackmores prize at the sneaker worshop, which is one of the many free activities available.

Other free activities include:
- Factory tours of the sustainable Blackmores Campus
- Recycle your sneakers, keep capping workshops and dog training demonstrations
- Yoga classes and craft safety tables
- Health and environmental workshops
- Product sampling and discounts
- Halloween face painting and jumping castle
- Live entertainment including performances by Narrabeen North Public School Band, Narrabeen Dance, Northern Beaches Cytballet and Narrabeen High School Band.

Entry is by gold coin in donation to support selected local charities. For further information visit www.blackmores.com.au/blackmoresday

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The Northern Sydney Scholastic and Sports Academy
At Narrabeen Sports High School

WONDERING WHERE TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL? THINKING OF CHANGING SCHOOLS?
Narrabeen Sports High School is a comprehensive public school focused on delivering excellence in all areas of the curriculum. The school has a unique specialist sporting and scholastic Academy professional coaching staff and world class facilities.

We are offering a free afternoon of activities for interested students in years 4, 5 and 6 to try an Academy sport, followed by a BBQ afterwards.

WHEN: Thursday 12th November 2015
WHERE: Narrabeen Sports High School Hall
10 Namona St North Narrabeen
TIME: 3:30pm - 5:00pm
SPORTS: AFL, Rugby Union, League, Football (soccer), Tennis, Dance, Touch Football, Basketball, Netball

Interested parents will be able to attend an information session and school tour during the training sessions. To secure your space please email Karen_Dipper@nsw.edu.au.