Principal’s Report

Remembrance Day Service
Thank you to Mrs Sue McLean for organising a very beautiful and meaningful Remembrance Day service this morning for Years 2-6. The prefects reminded all the students of the history of Remembrance Day. Caroline Kassel read the poem, In Flanders Fields by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae 1915. Layla Paterson read, A poem for Remembrance Day written by Nina Korgul Year 6M. William Todd played the Last Post and the Reveille and the choir performed The Spirit of the ANZAC, which was conducted by Miss Esparraga. Caroline Kassel, Tom Wood and myself laid the wreaths representing all our students, staff and parents.

Our Captains Joseph Darr and Charlie Scott attended the Manly Dam Remembrance Day service representing Manly West PS as well. Thank you to all the parents who offered flowers this morning and to Mrs Simpson for arranging them for our table. Thank you to all the Year 6 boys who helped with the sound and film and thank you to the flag bearers who have followed the flag protocol today leaving the flags down at half mast until after 11am. They are now flying at full mast.

Manly West at its finest!
Yesterday was an amazing day for all classes at Manly West. Our New Kindergarten 2016 children arrived for their second orientation morning with great success. They were extremely settled and enjoyed all the activities. Our current Kindergarten children participated in special sports tabloid activities on the oval and singing activities during that time. The police arrived in the playground with two of their special squad cars for the Year 2 talk about People at Work. This caused a great air of excitement for all students with many students from other grades having a chat to the police. The Performance and Concert Band were given wonderful tuition with some members of the Navy Band during the middle session. Then, in the afternoon Years 2-6 were given the special treat of attending the Australian Royal Navy Band Performance in the hall.

Special thanks to all our Service men and women. Thanks to Mrs Penny Caucll, the Band Committee, the Year 2 teachers, Kindergarten teachers and the office staff for the outstanding organization of all these events.

Staff News
I would like to thank Mrs Mwanga, Mrs Fuller and Mrs Rebecca Sutherland (P&C representative) for their work on the recent panel required for a new teacher position at our school. We are thrilled to announce the successful candidate, Mrs Nicole Tinsley who has now been appointed permanently at Manly West after teaching many years in a temporary position. Congratulations to Mrs Karen Burke who has also been appointed on a part time permanent basis at Manly West.

Mrs Julie Pemberton will be retiring at the end of 2015. Currently she is teaching Year 1 Science and is looking forward to spending more time with her family in the future. We will be hosting a thank you morning tea to celebrate her time at Manly West PS. Mrs Jenny Wellings has also officially retired this year.

Diary Date—Year 5 Parent Invitation
Eminent Person Display. Tuesday 17th November 5A & 5T and Wednesday 18th November 5B & 5S.

Invoices
All invoices have been sent out for the term. Apparently a few families did not receive their invoices. Please let Mrs Simpson in the office know.

Reminder: 2016 planning
This is the time of the year that we begin to plan for 2016. We ask that parents give the school notice in writing if they are leaving the area. We also ask that parents write to the Principal if they are going on holidays at the end of the year and will be arriving late in 2016. We need to account for all students to enable us to form classes accurately.

Student News
Thank you to all the Year 5 and 6 students who have been helping with the Kinder 2016 Orientation Days over the last few weeks. It has been a pleasure to observe their beautiful interaction with our new students and families. **Year 5 helpers:** Ella McLeod, Jordan Figuiere, Alex Gee, Lucas Cadman, Zaliah Dayeian, Xavier Carlile, Jahzara Hood, Mackiah White, Emma Kha, Dextor Craddock, Jessica Spence and Josh Ware. **Year 6 helpers:** Caroline Kassel, Charlie Scott, Noah Figuiere, Fergus Faulder, Jasper Daddo, Josie Carlile, India Horlsey, Chloe Stewart, Joseph Dar and Sid Williams.

Mrs Julie Organ
Principal
From the Deputys’ Desk........

Congratulations to the following students for receiving an Expectation Certificate.

Jack Beverley, Lucy Matthews, Alexey Beale, Rachel Ainsworth, Joel Swanson, Joel Butcher, Georgia Spill, Matilda Oliver, Tyson Dagenais, Cary Thomas-McDonnell, Ruby Peparr, Romi Harding, Jordie Lovegrove, Jack Grevelle, Audrey Mulquiny, Sophia Zervas, Maddie Nichol, Ruby Mooney, Natasha Kelly, Ana Gordon, Alex Gee, Ruby Gordon, and Bray Downing.

Australian Navy Band

The Royal Australian Navy Band (RAN) is one of Australia’s most recognised and valued military bands. Concert and Performance Band students had the opportunity to participate in a master class with members of RAN Band on Tuesday to further develop their musical prowess. In the afternoon the RAN Band showcased their musical capabilities by performing ceremonial, traditional and contemporary wind music, and popular music pieces.

Thank you to Penny and to the Band Committee for organising this wonderful musical experience.

Calling All Budding Authors!

Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2015 Schools Writing Competition!

Students all over Australia are invited to enter their poems OR short stories, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer. There is no theme! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Entry is FREE and all entries must be in by the closing date of Friday 20th November 2015. The quickest and easiest way to enter is online at http://www.write4fun.net/competitions/56

End-of-Year Calendar

Don’t forget to place important calendar dates into your diary for upcoming events in Term 4. Please check the school website calendar regularly. Some highlights include Band Christmas Concert, Sport Assembly, Kindergarten and Years 3-4 Dance Expos, Helpers Morning Tea, Kindergarten Graduation, Presentation Days, Year 6 Farewell and K-2 and 3-6 Picnics. More information will follow about these activities throughout the coming weeks.

Opal Cards to Replace Bus Passes in 2016

The School Opal card officially launched its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region on Monday, 2 November. The application can be found at www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

Just like current paper travel passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler, because now students do not need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators within the Opal network. Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are starting school for the first time, changing schools, home address or moving from Year 2 to 3 or Year 6 to 7. Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to their school for the beginning of the first term in 2016. For more information go to https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

Final reminder - 2017 Selective High School Online Applications Close Monday 16 November

• 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.
• For more information go to http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

Mrs Adrienne Bruce
Congratulations to the following students for receiving an Expectation Certificate.


Special congratulations to Alice Yardley for being the second child in K-2 to receive a Bronze Banner.

Community Support

Congratulations to Aidan King in Year 2, Gus King in Year 1 and Matilda King in Kindergarten for making time to raise money for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Louanne Mitchell, former parent and Salvation Army representative presented the King children their certificates at an assembly.

We are very proud of them.

Year One Rugby Gala Afternoon

The Rugby Gala Afternoon has been rescheduled for this Friday, 13th November.

The Manly Roos are hosting the afternoon at Keirle Park from 4:30 – 6pm. Our five friendly qualified coaches, each with their unique accent, are returning tomorrow to prep the students for the games on Friday. We would love to field teams representing Manly West to play in a Rugby World Cup style gala afternoon for both boys and girls. Please consider attending this free family event. Your child can show you their new skills, have fun with their classmates and have a free sausage sizzle.

Kindergarten 2016

We look forward to our new Kindergarten 2016 students and families returning in 2016 for the Best Start interviews and the first Friday Transition morning on Friday 29th January from 9.30-12noon. The students are then invited to attend a play session with other parents in Cemetery Park, Griffiths Street, Fairlight from 12 noon following our transition morning.

Workers in the Community Presentations

As part of the unit, Workers in the Community, Stage One has been engaged in presentations from some of our parents. Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered their time to present. Both students and teachers are thoroughly enjoying them. Mrs Vescio was not feeling so well the day Cubby Evans’ parents spoke about their respective roles as a doctor and a nurse.

Mrs Wendy Mwanga

PBEL for this week is Aspire: Keep the playground clean. and free of rubbish
**Diary Dates**

**Friday 13th November**
4-6:30pm Touch Footy at Keirle Park— free family event
10:00am Choir Recording

**Tuesday 17th November 10.20 to 1.10pm**
Eminent Person Display for 5A & 5T

**Wednesday 18th November 10:20 to 1:10pm**
Eminent Person Display for 5B & 5S in the school hall.
9:30-12pm—Training & Intermediate Band at Arranounbai

**Friday 20th November**
Pedlars Parade

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**Uniform Shop**

**Thursday 12th November**
8:45-10:00am

**Monday 16th November**
2:45-4:00pm

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**Chook Roster**

**Saturday 14th November**
Evans Family

**Sunday 15th November**
Goddard Family

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**Ethics in 2016**

Ethics has been a great success at Manly West thanks to the volunteer coordinators and teachers who have been involved in the program. It is an option for students who attend Non-Scripture. We currently do not have enough Ethics teachers to teach the number of interested students who are waiting for placement. At this stage fewer students will be able to be placed in 2016. If you are interested in your child attending Ethics next year please consider volunteering to teach Ethics or perhaps ever so nicely encourage a fellow parent or community member. Please see the note below from Louise Fletcher, our Ethics Coordinator.

**WE NEED YOU**

_We need more volunteers to teach Ethics._

The Ethics program offers children an opportunity to engage in extraordinary conversation and being a Volunteer in the Ethics program is incredibly rewarding. No teaching experience is necessary for this position as the role is more about facilitating discussion. Detailed, age-appropriate lesson plans are provided by Primary Ethics.

Many parents have indicated that they would like their child to attend Ethics classes, however, we do not have enough volunteers to offer classes to all students who request it. In 2016 we anticipate having fewer Ethics classes available as some parents are completing their commitment.

Becoming a volunteer Ethics teacher is simple:

- contact Louise Fletcher to find out more, show you how to apply and arrange an interview.
- obtain a police check and complete various paperwork
- attend a 2 day training course through Primary Ethics ([www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au))
- teach a 30 minute class each Thursday morning.

Classes take place at the following times:

- Years 5 and 6 – 9:20 - 9:50
- Years 3 and 4 – 10:00 -10:30
- Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 – 10:40 -11:10

In the words of one of our Volunteer Teachers:

“The lesson plans are cleverly thought out and guide you and your students through a process that facilitates critical thinking about all sorts of issues that do not have easy answers: Is it fair for Ben to get the biggest slice of cake because he didn't eat breakfast? Should we help homeless people? Is it ever okay to tease your friends? Lessons explore these concepts through engaging games, stories and scenarios. Listening to the children’s ideas and reasoning is a privilege and delight.” (Primary Ethics volunteer and Manly West mum)

Thank you to those parents, grandparents and grand aunty who have already offered their time and passion. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the Manly West Primary Ethics Coordinator (and parent), Louise Fletcher - [our_oyster@hotmail.com](mailto:our_oyster@hotmail.com).
Congratulations to our Summer PSSA Champions!

**Junior B Girls Eagle Tag Team—shared champions**
Absent from photo: Evie McGarva

**Junior Cricket Team Finals Champions**

**Senior A’s Eagle Tag Winner**
Luca Calabritto, Flynn Cooray, Jamie Clark, Noah Figuiere, Jakob Marsden, Woody Mola, Jesse Michniewicz, Sebastian Reidy, Jonah Wildash, Zane Browne, Billy Highnam.
Absent from photo: Will Edwards

**Junior A’s Newcombe Ball Runners Up**
Back Row: Fran Magtoto, Sam Emmerson, Caleb Atkinson
Front Row: Ollie Todd, Max Black, Luke Black, Oscar Rossetto
Absent: Zev Shy-Tielen
Canteen News

Canteen News…..Oh my goodness we are more than half-way through the term! Thoughts begin to turn to the year ahead so, if your baby is starting school next year leaving you with a few free hours a month then 2016 may be your year to front up as a canteen volunteer! Many of our current crop of volunteers will be saying good-bye to Manly West at the end of this year as their babies head off to high school! This means that more than ever your canteen REALLY needs you…and all your friends!!

Volunteering regularly on the roster means a commitment of ONE morning or afternoon a month. Yes you read that correctly, ONE morning or afternoon a month. So please start pulling out those diaries and slotting in some canteen time.

Contact us to volunteer next year, next week or whenever suits you by emailing us at mwcanteen@gmail.com or calling 9948 2257. Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you soon! Isobel.

Canteen Roster for week 7, Group 3

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We have a couple of VACANCIES this week that need to be filled! Can you help? If so please get in touch as per the contact details above. Thank-you!

Manly West Before & After School Care

Centre News
A few of the interesting things happening in the rooms: K-2 are creating a new dinosaur wall and brushing up on their literary skills; Club 3/4 will be making puppets, masks and magnets; 5/6 Club will be creating craft houses, researching a new animal to adopt and reminiscing about themselves from kindy photos.

Accounts
Final Instalment is due by 20 November. Late Fees will be charged if no payment has been made. Booking for 2016 will not be processed until all fees are finalised.

Session Vacancies
There are 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

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).
Band News

NAVY BAND VISIT TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

What can we say? It was a fabulous event - both for our senior bands (in workshop with the Navy professionals) and Years 2 to 6 who attended what turned out to be very exciting afternoon concert. Thanks to Penny for organising such a great event for the school and to those parents who volunteered help with lunch for our guests – your efforts were very much appreciated by the Band.

JOINING TRAINING BAND IN 2016

Thanks to all the Year 2s who had a turn on the instruments last week. Hope you had fun. We will let you know the outcome and what to do next as soon as possible.

WARRINGAH MALL CONCERT

Congratulations to PB and CB for your lunchtime concert at the Mall last week. You sounded wonderful (even in the heat) and provided great entertainment for many Mall visitors. Thanks to those parents and grandparents who assisted with large instrument transport.

ARRANOUNBAI SCHOOL CONCERT - TRAINING AND INTERMEDIATE BANDS WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

A reminder to bring your instruments, music and a touch of something Xmas to wear next Wednesday. Thanks to those parents who have already volunteered to help – we will be back in touch soon with jobs! This could involve helping to set up and hand out biscuits and cordial to the band kids after they play, or to transport/set up the music stands and larger instruments to and from the school (at Frenchs Forest).

INTERMEDIATE BAND PLAYING AT PITTWATER HIGH, 26 November 2015

Intermediate Band has been invited to perform at a musical evening at Pittwater High School with other local school bands, the Arts Alive Combined Schools Junior Secondary Band and the Northern Beaches Symphonic Wind Ensemble on Thursday, 26th November 2015. Please arrive at the Pittwater High School at 6:30pm in band uniform. Should be a lovely evening. See www.nbswe.org.au

DIARY DATE

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Wednesday 2nd December

Thanks very much
Band Committee
HUGE THANKS to Christine Wies and Alison Dodd for all their book covering expertise! The year is winding down but the books are still coming. There are lots ready for next year’s students and classes as well.

Borrow a new book this week or next, because the last week you can borrow is Week 7! Starting in Week 8, all library books need to be returned in preparation for the stocktake which takes place at the end of the year. The first class to have returned ALL their library books will receive a class prize (There will be a winner in Infants and one in Primary)!

Will it be YOUR CLASS?!?!!

Scholastic Book orders are due this Friday, November 13th, 2015 so the books will arrive well before the school holidays. Please consider registering your details on the LOOP system and receive a free book with your order. Don’t forget to let me know if you would like them set aside as gifts – please email me at ellen.lo@det.nsw.edu.au with your child’s name and class, and I will put your order aside and contact you when the books arrive.

Happy reading,
Ellen Swick
Teacher Librarian
Dear Mrs Organ,

I think it would be wise to let the students of Manly West to have a pet bunny. Firstly they won’t eat much. Also, we could grow vegies in the kitchen garden, for them to eat. Lastly, we don’t have to take them for walks like dogs. Please allow Manly West students to have a school pet, it would bring us so much joy.

Yours sincerely,
Jodie.

Dear Mrs Organ,

I think it would be great to have a pet at the school, the best pet is a cow as a school pet. Firstly, it will make manure for the plants and grass, to make the grass green. Secondly, they will make milk for the canteen, to sell for raising money. Lastly, you could learn to ride them. Please, please can we have a cow for our school pet.

Yours sincerely
Hugh.

Dear Mrs Organ,

I think that Manly West should get another pet and that pet should be a dog. Firstly, it is just the right size, it could fit on the oval. Secondly, it could save us from strangers. Lastly, we could make more money because people would buy food for the dog.

Mrs Organ can we please, please, please have a dog?

Yours sincerely,
Maggie.

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Carnival and P&C Update

Thanks again for all your support for Carnival 2015. If you have any feedback from the carnival you would like to share so we can take it on board for next time, please email Kirsten Highnam thighnam@bigpond.com.au.

If you have any great photos from the day you don’t mind us using in the future for publicity, we’d love to have them. Please email to Tom Hutton tom@stagden.com.

Just to let you know, all the left over uncooked food from the Carnival BBQ went to a local Soup Kitchen who were over the moon with the donation. It’s great to know that nothing was wasted on the day.

We have now done our Maths homework (quite tough this week) and the total amount taken at the Carnival was $124,556 giving us an amazing $66,682 profit. This profit is over $10K more than we made at the last carnival. Thank you everyone.

Combined with the success of the Trivia Night and the Danceathon, your P&C’s bank balance is looking very healthy going into 2016. If you’d like to hear more about what your money will go towards at the school next year, or would like to get more involved, please come along to the P&C's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 24th November at 7pm in the school library.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks again.
Manly West P&C

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The Unknown Soldier

A duty must be served
No man can live forever,
But a soldier can die in honour.
The tortures of the battlefield are unknown in his eyes,
For all he sees is hope,
Bravery,
Adventure.
With the dirt cracked beneath his feet
His head pounding in pain
The world he can’t defeat
But he is a hero just the same.
"Make your country proud," the words simmer in his dreams.
The bullets, the cries, the crimson skies.
"Fulfil your duty, make your country proud"
"Fulfil your duty, make your country proud"
Over and over……
Louder and louder!
"You have!" I cry.
"Your country is so proud!"
You may be an unknown young soldier,
But we know you were strong
We know you held on.
Your bravery and spirit Shall always live on.
**Kids’ fishing workshop**

Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for best release techniques.

**COST:** $40 PER CHILD, and includes:
- Shirt
- Hat
- Tackle box
- Show bag—all to take home!

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 25 participants.**

**Locations and Dates**

- Narrabeen (Coastal Environment Centre)  
  **Tuesday 12th January 2016**
- Balmain (Mort Bay Park)  
  **Thursday 14th January 2016**

To book: email: recreationalsfishing@dpi.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 9581 3866 or 0416 927 677

Web: [link](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/)

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**FAIR TRADE Christmas Markets**

28 Nov 2015  
10AM TILL 5PM  
ST MATTHEWS SQ  
MANLY CORSO

**ALL WELCOME**

**FAIR TRADE**

- **Christmas Stalls**  
- **For ALL Your Gift Giving this Christmas**
- **FABULOUS GIFTS**  
- **Devonshire Tea**  
- **11AM – 4PM**
- **FANTASTIC KEY SPEAKERS**  
- **& MUCH MORE!**

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**North Shore Sydney 2015**

**CARTOON CAMPS**

**Bookings:** www.illustrating-man.com.au

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**Summer Holiday Workshops**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

7TH – 24TH OF DECEMBER  
&  
4TH – 27TH OF JANUARY  
(EXCLUDING AUSTRALIA DAY)

**Activities:** Kayaking & Outdoor water activities, Laser Tag, RINFLATICS, inflatable Obstacle Course, Outdoor Sports, Wil Fun, Sandbucket Play Centre

**Pittwater Sports Centre**

www.pittwatersports.com.au or call our office on 9993 7427