Principal's Message:
The Year 6 Farewell held last Wednesday night at the Manly Golf Club was an outstanding event. The Year 6 students dressed beautifully and seemed very appreciative of the venue and the support they received from staff and parents. The atmosphere truly reflected this collegial group of students. Thirty five staff attended and Year 6 parents were invited as well to enjoy the dancing and presentations of the Graduation certificates. Thank you to the wonderful Year 6 parent committee supported by Mrs McLean. Thank you also to the Year 6 teachers Mrs McMaster, Mr Richards, Mrs McLean and Miss Dullard for the amazing support to all our Year 6 students for this event. The students sang a song at the end of the night and everyone commented on the fabulous evening.

Stranger Danger Reminder
When travelling to and from school, students are reminded of Stranger Danger procedures. This afternoon there was an incident that occurred while a student was walking along Condamine Street towards Stocklands shopping centre. We ask that all parents speak to their children about safe travelling practices to and from school.

Reports
Reports will be sent home on Thursday 3 December. Year 6 students will take their reports home today as many of the Year 6 students will be attending the high school transition day on Thursday.

Events for your diary:
There are many events in the coming days and weeks that parents are invited to attend:
Wednesday 2 December 6.30pm Band Christmas Concert;
Thursday 3 December 11.20am Thank you Parent and Volunteer Morning Tea;
Friday 4 December 9.30am Presentation Day—wear summer school uniform;
Monday 7-11 December Year 5 and 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp;
Tuesday 8 December 9.30am Year 1 and 2 Presentation Day;
Wednesday 9 December 9.30am Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony;
Thursday 10 December 9.30am 3-6 sports Assembly;
Friday 11 December 2.10pm Kindergarten Dance Expo;
Wednesday 16 December Year 6 end of school farewell arch.

Student News
- Congratulations to Naomi Ainsworth (3B, Training Band, French Horn) who successfully auditioned for the Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble.
- Congratulations to Zane Shepherd (3/4R) who successfully auditioned for the Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE) Band.
- Congratulations to our Manly West Wildcats Basketball Team who won their Grand Final on Monday night.
- Congratulations to Jesse Michniewicz who represented Manly West as Vice Captain of the NSW Touch Football team. They competed at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide last week. The team was awarded a Silver Medal for coming second.

Dance Expo events:
Thank you to Amber Kriletich and Morgan Randell for their excellent choreography and teaching of the different dance items with Kindergarten and Year 3 and 4 classes this semester. The Stage 2 Dance Expo was brilliant today and we thank all the teachers and parents for organizing all the wonderful costumes. We look forward to seeing the Kindergarten Dance Expo next Friday.

Mrs Julie Organ
Deputy Principals Report

Combined Scripture Assembly
This Thursday 3rd December, our Scripture students combine for a Christmas Service in the hall. This includes all students who attend Bahai, Catholic and Protestant classes at school.

The combined assembly for Years 3 - 6 is from 9:20 - 10:00am and the K-2 assembly is from 10:20 -11:00am. Students who usually attend Non Scripture or Ethics will be supervised in classrooms by teachers. Any parent of a child placed in Non-Scripture or Ethics who wish their child to attend the Christmas Service, please indicate this in a brief note to the classroom teacher. We thank all our Scripture and Ethics volunteers this year and hope you will be able to join us for morning tea after the assembly this Thursday.

Year One and Two Presentation Assembly
As previously indicated in the newsletter, Year One and Two will celebrate their learning and achievements next Tuesday, 8th December at 9:30 in the hall. Please be aware that while all students will perform through song, only a small number of students from each class will receive an award. I will explain this to students at this week’s K-2 Assembly on Friday.

Selected students from Year 2 will chair the assembly and the Training Band and Junior Choir will perform. Year 2 students will have the opportunity to join the band and choir programs next year.

At the end of the assembly, award recipients will be asked to leave the hall with parents for a photo opportunity. The assembly should conclude by 11:00am.

Kindergarten Graduation Assembly
We celebrate the first year of schooling for Kindergarten students on Wednesday 9th December, from 9:30 - 10:45am. All Kindergarten students will receive a graduation certificate. Parents may like to practise shaking their child’s hand at home in preparation. Selected Kindergarten students will chair the assembly and the Junior Choir will perform with Kindergarten. Following the assembly, parents may like to return with their child’s class for a photo opportunity.

Mrs Wendy Mwanga

Library News

Please return all your library books! 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)! Remind your classmates to return their library books, so your class will win!!! I hope to see the numerous Library Parent Volunteers tomorrow for the Thank You Morning Tea in the Bicentennial Garden. Your time and help is invaluable, & all the students and teachers benefit from your efforts – thank you so much!

I would also like to thank the Year 5 Library Monitors and those that help during non-Scripture. They are the fabulous Alex Gee, Jessica Spence, Ella McLeod, Millie Baker, Alicia King, Ruby Mooney, Grace Hyland, Eva Pollitt, Mimi Gillen, Rachel Ainsworth, Poppy Troy, Ally Bullman, Lucy Matthews, Jessica Clarke, Emma Kha, Rose Dowdle, Daley Hodgson, Jesse Heriot, Mackenzie Goulding, Matilda Oliver, Jordie Lovegrove, Eleanor Williams, Sophie Darton, Soraya Gerritsen, Millie Carlton & Kiera Burke.

Happy reading & returning,
Ellen Swick
Teacher Librarian
Presentation Days are an occasion to celebrate and recognise the achievements of all students throughout the year.

- 9.30am Years 3-6 Presentation Assembly Friday 4 December;
- 9.30am Year 1-2 Presentation Assembly Tuesday 8 December;
- 9.30am Kindergarten Graduation Wednesday 9 December and
- 2.10pm Years 3-6 Sport Presentation Assembly Thursday 10 December.

These are formal assemblies and we ask that students wear full school summer uniform. All parents are welcome to join us, however, please note that all students will be attending so seating is limited.

Year 5 Sport House Captain Elections

Congratulations to all Year 5 students who were nominated by their Years 4-6 peers to be Sport House Captains on Monday. Many teachers commented on how confidently and sincerely students spoke about being a positive role model, acting in a responsible manner towards each other, wanting to help teachers and students and encouraging others to aspire to do their best.

Congratulations to the following students who presented speeches:

**Phillip**
Millie Baker  
Scarlett Beaumont  
Matilda Oliver  
Jack McKittrick  
Toby Martin  
Ryan Iggo  
Mackiah White  
Nathan Marsden

**King**
Carla Barnard  
Sophia Addington  
Jessica Clarke  
Giselle Russell  
Claire Foy  
Zaliah Dayeian  
Grace Pearson  
Daley Hodgson  
Joel Ansem - MILS  
Lucas Cadman  
Fynnlay Meaney  
Jonah Knepple

**Hunter**
Alicia King  
Mercy Nathanael  
Ally Bullman  
Liz Kenis  
Ruby Michniewicz  
Mia Gillen  
Sophie Darton  
Alexandra Gee  
Charlotte Yan  
Angus Pepar  
Cyrus Tualima  
Flynn Sherry  
Steven Vinogradou  
Erik Gerring

**Bligh**
Jesse Heriot  
Ruby Mooney  
Jasmine Parkes  
Mackenzie Goulding  
Cellidh Lloyd  
Sofia Davidson  
Sebastian Bush  
Max Morton  
Callum Burke  
Conor Goulding  
Joseph Davey

Sport House Captains will be presented with their leadership badges at the 3-6 Sport Assembly on Thursday 10 December.

Social Media

At school, children do not have any access to social media as our internet access is filtered by the DEC server. The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik and Snapchat is 13. Despite these clearly stated and published age restrictions, large and growing numbers of children are using social media networks, often with their parent's knowledge and consent. Please ensure your children comply with these age restrictions and have a conversation with them about what to do if they come across inappropriate content on the internet. Raising good digital citizens requires a partnership between school and home.

Improving Dyslexic Children’s Reading Abilities

The Role of Video Games

The University of Sydney is running a study looking at improving reading ability in children with dyslexia using video games. The activities will be carried out at the University of Sydney for 11 days (90 minute sessions) during the summer holidays. Participation in the study is free and parking is provided. To participate in the study or for any questions you may have, please feel free to contact Dr Piergiorgio Trevisan at piergiorgio.trevisan@sydney.edu.au or on 0421 948 022.

Mrs Adrienne Bruce

PBEL for this week is **Respect**: Listen attentively when someone is speaking to you.
**Manly West Before & After School Care**

**Some Things We Need From You!**
If your child comes to ASC on Friday:
- K – 2 children need your permission for our crazy hair style day. Emails were sent out, so please reply.
- Reminder 5/6 Club need to bring their bikes, scooters or rollerblades (no skateboards) for their annual Wheels Day! All also MUST bring helmets and rollerbladers appropriate padding to participate. We will be emailing all parents requesting permission. If you have not already signed our Permission Form, please reply.

**ASC on Wednesday 9 December**
- There will be a Manly Council funded show 'The Litter Bug – Plastic Free Show’. This will run from 4pm for approximately 40 minutes, so please collect your children outside the show time if possible.

**Other Centre News**
K-2 are doing Jacaranda inspired craft (thanks to Balgowlah Road!) and starting on their summer wall and Christmas craft; Club 3/4 is all about new games. There will be 2 new large group games, new transition time activities and a new card game.

**Accounts**
All accounts should now be finalised. Late Fees will be charged. Bookings for 2016 will not be confirmed until all fees are paid.

**OFFER OF NEW SESSIONS/WAITLISTING FOR 2016**
Emails with Offer or Waitlisting for new sessions requested have gone out. If you have not already replied, please do so or we will presume the sessions are no longer required.
The waiting list continuously moves as families’ circumstances change, it often moves quicker at the beginning of the new school year. We understand it can be frustrating waiting for places but please be aware that due to regulation requirements we can only cater for 150 children per session. We do our best to allocate places as soon as they become available.

**Session Vacancies**
There are Casual Vacancies EVERY morning and FRIDAY afternoon till the end of the school year. Contact the BASC on 9948 8113, write in our 'Parent Message Books' or email admin@mwbas.com.au

**Registering With Us**
To register your child with us, please visit our centre’s site https://manlywestbas.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.

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**Diary Dates**

**Wednesday 2nd December**
6:30pm Band Christmas Concert

**Thursday 3rd December**
Reports home to parents
11:20am Thank you Parent & Volunteer Morning Tea

**Friday 4th December**
9:30am Years 3-6 Presentation Day

**Monday 7th December**
Year 5 & 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp—students to be at school at 7.30am

**Tuesday 8th December**
Year 5 & 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp
9.30am Year 1 & Year 2 Presentation Day

**Wednesday 9th December**
Year 5 & 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp—students arrive back at 3.45pm
9:30am Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony

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**Chook Roster**

**Saturday 5th December**
Bruce Family

**Sunday 6th December**
Zingsheim Family

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**Uniform Shop**

**Thursday 10th December**
8:45—10:00am

**Monday 14th December**
2:45—4:00pm
**Canteen News**

**Canteen roster for Group 2, Week 10**

**Monday 7th December**
- Rachel Kassel AM
- Jane Cameron AM
- Nicole Warner AM
- Lara Bullman PM
- Laura Jeston PM

**Tuesday 8th December**
- Tina Dermody AM
- Kristy Barbara AM
- Kristie Kha PM
- Lesley Sergeant PM

**Wednesday 9th December**
- Heidi Heming AM
- Rebecca McLeod AM
- Nicole MacNicol PM
- **VACANCY PM**

**Thursday 10th December**
- Orla Sheill AM
- **VACANCY AM**
- Kate Mooney PM
- Lara Boon PM

**Friday 11th December**
- Kylie Wright AM
- Jo Holley AM
- Chris Cammack AM
- Audrey Watson AM
- Naomi Coleman PM
- Kimberley Howe PM
- Rebecca Zoszak PM

If you are able to lend a hand this week we’d really appreciate the help! Get in touch by calling 9948 2257 or email to mwcanteen@gmail.com Thanks, Isobel.

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**Manly West P&C AGM Tuesday 24th November**

Thanks to all who came to last week’s AGM to support the P&C. It was really appreciated as it is such busy time of year. Thank you also to the School Executive of Julie Organ, Adrienne Bruce and Wendy Mwanga for giving up your evenings. We also had a few new faces at the meeting which was fantastic, and some new volunteers to whom we are extremely grateful – thank you to all.

Unfortunately, for the second year running, we are without a volunteer for Environment Co-ordinator. Help! This co-ordinator liaises with the school and kitchen garden team and Bushlink program, generally making sure the school grounds look good – organising mulching, planting etc. You can add sustainability and eco factors if you like, but it’s completely up to you. If you want funding for specific things, ask the P&C Exec and they will support you; we just need someone to step up.

We would also like a volunteer Traffic Co-ordinator to help with any traffic issues around the school, such as safety on crossings, kiss and drop, bike parking etc.

If you can help in either of these roles, please contact Kirsten Highnam, P&C Secretary thingham@bigpond.net.au.

So, some dates for your diaries for 2016, and in the hope that you may be able to come to just one meeting to find out what’s going on as we really need and value your support. We understand that these dates and times may not be convenient to all and so would welcome feedback as to alternatives, such as a General Meeting during the day. Please email Kirsten and let us know.

- Tuesday 23rd February 2016 – P&C General Meeting @ 7.00pm in the school library
- Tuesday 24th May 2016 – P&C General Meeting @ 7.00pm in the school library
- Tuesday 16th August 2016 – P&C General Meeting @ 7.00pm in the school library
- Tuesday 22nd November 2016 – P&C Annual General Meeting @ 7.00pm in the school library

Thanks for your support during 2015 and have a great summer break.

Manly West P&C
CONGRATULATIONS TO INTERMEDIATE BAND FOR PERFORMANCE LAST WEEK
Well done to IB who played beautifully at the musical evening hosted by the Northern Beaches Symphonic Wind Ensemble last Thursday night at Pittwater High. You also really seemed to enjoy seeing Penny wearing her performer hat as she played with your band after conducting your band - with a few MW students (mostly sax players like her I suspect) giving her a standing ovation. It was a great chance for them all to hear a grown up band (which included quite a few Manly West sectional tutors) play music of a different style and degree of difficulty to their own repertoire.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE KIDS STARTING OR CONTINUING IN NSSWE AND ARTS ALIVE COMBINED SCHOOL BANDS IN 2016
It is great that you have such an ability and interest in music-making. The experience you gain in these representative level bands not only benefits you but also helps the bands at Manly West. Congratulations to you all, including Zane Shepherd in 3/4 R who has been offered a place in NSSWE next year for the first time. If there are other new participants, let us know so we can congratulate you too.

END OF YEAR ALL BANDS CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER
For all bands, your end of year concert starts at the Hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 2nd December. (Note – NOT 6pm although Penny would like the kids a bit earlier to get ready). We encourage all the younger band members to stay on after they finish playing to watch the older bands so they (and their parents) can see where they are heading and enjoy and see the great standard of playing. The concert will finish by 830. No need to wear band uniform – Christmas/Festive Period dress strongly encouraged. See you all there – bring siblings and grandparents too.

INTERMEDIATE BAND REHEARSAL CANCELLED ON WEDNESDAY (CONCERT DAY)
So the kids are not too “banded out”, Penny is giving IB the Wednesday afternoon off on the Concert Day. So if you usually don’t collect your IB member until 430 on Wednesdays, please note that an earlier pick-up is needed. Hope that doesn’t inconvenience too many of you.

BANDS PLAYING AT SCHOOL PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES
Performance Band – you are playing at the Stage 2/3 Assembly on Friday, 4th December. Your last time together. Bring the tissues, as well as your instruments and music.
Training Band – you are playing at the Stage 1 Assembly on Tuesday, 8th December. You will also need to make a special effort to remember your music and instruments that day as this is not a normal band day for you. You will also return your hire instruments to Penny straight after the assembly.

HIRE INSTRUMENT RETURN – TUESDAY, 8th DECEMBER
All bands should return their hire instruments and text books to Penny at the Hall after the Stage 1 Assembly. She and some Band Committee/tutor volunteers will check them off and check them over before sending them off for their annual servicing. If you are camp that day, please return on the Friday after the Stage 2/3 Assembly.

• Please note that all the hire instruments MUST be returned by Tuesday because they are going off to be serviced. There is no other later day you can return them.

PIZZA LUNCH – All bands, Friday 11th December
All band members should head to the lawn outside the Year 6 classrooms for a pizza-led celebration of your musical achievements during the year.

RE-REGISTRATION FOR BAND IN 2016
As has been mentioned before, the school and the P & C have agreed that the P & C will need to manage the band accounts from next year. To make that transition a little easier, the 2015 sub-committee is finalising the data to go into an online band registration system – My School Music. You will be emailed the link when that is ready to go. At that time, we need to you all to log in and re-register your kids for next year. This will (hopefully) make things a lot more automated communicating with you all, as well as allow for relatively easy generation of band invoices.

BAND COMMITTEE CO-ORDINATORS FOR 2016
As you know, the work of band volunteers at Manly West is co-ordinated through a sub-committee of the P & C, not the school. Parents who volunteer their time make it possible for Manly West children to have access to such a fabulous band program. Thank you to all those parents who have given their time this year, particularly Annie Tufts who is leaving Manly West as her youngest goes to high school after years of service (around work and family commitments) to our school community not only through the band program but also numerous other extra-curricular activities.

We have wonderful new Band Committee co-ordinators for next year, following Natalie Mitchell and Wendy Beard kindly volunteering to become joint co-ordinators as both of them will have 2 kids in the band program in 2016. Nat and Wendy will be in touch with the other parents who have put their hand up to be involved on the committee or in other ways. Thanks to all those who have volunteer so far and please feel free to volunteer still – it is never too late.

BAND TIMETABLE FOR NEXT YEAR
The older band lists for 2016 will be finalised after the Xmas concert and posted at school on the glass doors near the office (as is traditional - and we will circulate to parents via email too). The full band rehearsal timetable is on the P & C website so take a look there is you are trying to plan your before and after school arrangements for next year: http://www.manlywestpandc.org.au/band.html
Manly Salvation Army
Christmas Gift Drive 2015

Last Day for Donations is
Thursday 10th December 2015

At the New Life Community Church & Centre we assist many people in the local community each year.

At Christmas time we provide hampers, toys and financial assistance to make Christmas enjoyable and memorable for those in need.

We appreciate all donations

Pantry Goods eg tinned foods, cereal, rice/pasta
Gifts Adult presents eg Toiletries, T-Shirts & Underwear
Christmas Treats eg Chocolate, cake, biscuits
Gift Vouchers eg Coles/Myer, Woolworths/Big W

Thank You!
**Gelatissimo World Record Attempt**

**Event Details**

*Free gelato at Gelatissimo World Record Attempt*

**Location:** The Corso, Manly Beach

**Date/Time:** Saturday, 5th December 2015, arrive between 7am and 8am with official licking to take place at 8.30am.

**Description:**
Next Saturday, 5th December, Gelatissimo is officially marking it NATIONAL GELATISSIMO DAY! To celebrate we’re attempted to break the world record for the longest chain of people licking an ice cream/gelato cone at Manly Beach.

The World Record currently stands at 2,728 participants, so we are aiming for 3,000 to take the title.

**Be a part of the fun and enjoy some FREE gelato on us.**