Principal Message:

Parent class information

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent information evenings over the last two weeks. The teachers were very pleased with the attendance as it is a valuable part of the communication and as well forms part of the process of reporting to parents throughout the year. The children have settled into their new classes extremely well and adapted to the new daily class routines and expectations very quickly. At the end of this term, teachers will conduct short Social Skill interviews with parents reporting on students in terms of attitude, commitment, routines and progress. Details will be sent out later in the term.

Scripture

Thank you to Mrs Mwanga for the outstanding organization of Scripture starting this week. All the scripture teachers were invited to a morning tea last Thursday and have the class lists ready to begin. We will endeavor to increase the number of Ethics classes when more teachers are able to volunteer.

Clean up Australia

This is a wonderful Australia-wide initiative and assists our students to understand first-hand about their civic responsibilities. It also gives a clear message about teamwork and personal contributions to a greater cause. Don’t forget to bring gloves and bag. Thank you to Stockland Management for their sponsorship with this event. They will provide drinks and gloves for all students in Grade One.

School Tour

There will be a School Tour for prospective families 2016 on Wednesday 11 March at 9.45am.

P & C News

Diary Date—Tuesday 10th March at 6pm in the library. All parent class representatives and any parent volunteers are invited to this meeting. The main agenda item will be the Manly West Carnival held in October, 2015.

Reminder: Term Accounts

The term accounts will be sent out on Monday. It included ICAS (UNSW) competitions and the P&C levy. We understand that some parents experience financial difficulties at times and ask that parents make an appointment with the Principal if this is the case. Parents can also pay by instalments as well if experiencing difficulties with a large amount. Parents also have the option of paying a larger amount earlier in the year if they want to pay in advance e.g a deposit for camps or other big ticket items.

Students News:

Josie Carlile, Lee Watts, Flynn Cooray and Will Edwards were selected to try out for the Sydney North Regional Basketball team in Terrigal last Thursday. Congratulations to Will Edwards who was selected in the Sydney North side and next goes to Wollongong in April for the state championships.

2) Josie Carlile (U12 Girls), Charlotte Scott (U12 Girls), Jesse Michniewicz (U12 Boys), Ruby Michniewicz (U10 Girls), Piper Simons (U10 Girls) and Tylan Berryman-Black (U10 Boys) all represented Manly Warringah in the NSW State Cup for Touch Football last weekend. All their teams made the finals but the finals were cancelled on Sunday due to heavy rain. Congratulations on making it to the finals.

Julie Organ
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Report

Clean Up Schools Day - Friday 27 February

Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in the Schools Clean Up Day.

SRC students have allocated grade areas to clean up and maintain throughout the year. Students need to bring sturdy gloves and tongs to school this Friday. Teachers will be asking students to estimate how much, location of and most common type of rubbish to be found in our playground. Grades will come together to weigh their piles of rubbish.

2016 Year 7 High School Information

Mosman High School is running Special Programs for talented students in Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Academic Extension. All programs are aimed at students with special talents, interests or gifts. Please contact Mrs McLean for an Expression of Interest Application Form in one of the above programs.

Entry is by audition (Drama and Music), portfolio/interview (Visual Arts) or examination (Academic Extension) and closing date for all applications is Thursday 12 March, 2015.


The Northern Beaches Secondary College offers academic extension and gifted and talented classes for Year 7 students at three of our campuses:

- NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus (extension and talented classes)
- NBSC Cromer Campus (extension classes)
- NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus (gifted and talented classes)

Placement in the Year 7 Academic Extension classes is based on the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test and additional supporting evidence of eligibility.

ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST DATE: Thursday 19th March 2015 at 9.00 am

Please Note application forms need to be submitted before the CLOSING DATES listed below.

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Adrienne Bruce

LIBRARY NEWS

Important reminder! Please fill in your Scholastic Book Order forms and send in payment (by cheque, credit card online or try out the new LOOP system - NO CASH) by this Friday, February 27th, 2015. You are under NO obligation to make any purchases, but if you do all Manly West students benefit by buying books with a percentage of the sales. Thank you for encouraging reading with your order.

Happy reading!
Ellen Swick
Teacher Librarian
Sprout Shout!
Year 3 has been enjoying their first few weeks working in the Manly West Kitchen Garden. The students showed how they could manoeuvre wheelbarrows around the oval before obtaining their wheelbarrow licenses. After that they worked in teams to mulch the area between the East and West garden beds. It was hot and tiring work but we agreed that we had transformed the space. This week students have been planting seeds and making signs to in the school about what we are trying to grow.

We enjoyed tasting a rockmelon that we cut off the vine last week. We have been thrilled with the response by parents to help in the garden. If there are any volunteers from 3M, please let Miss Monds know.

Mrs Dowdle
Year 4 boys and girls needed to play soccer!!!!
Brookvale Tigers are looking for new soccer players. We would love anyone who would like to have a go at playing this winter for our mixed U10 team. We compete in the Northern beaches competition and play on Saturday mornings. There will be one training session after school per week. The current team is mainly boys and girls from Manly West. No experience is required, the emphasis is on having fun and enjoying being part of a great team.
We would like to finalise our team as soon as possible so please call me or email me if you are interested or would like further information. The orientation day is Sunday 15th March at 3pm and the first game is Sat 4th April.
Amanda Hugman (mum of Charlotte in 4W) 0414941749 ahugman@gmail.com