Principal’s Report

Assessment and Reporting – Interviews Term 1
An important professional practice of teachers is to assess, provide feedback and report on student learning. Earlier in the term, parents were invited to the parent information evenings for each class. Over the next two weeks, parents are invited to attend individual interviews with the teachers regarding progress reports of each student. This forms a very important part of the assessment and reporting process with the class teacher. These interviews can be booked online – please see the instructions in the Deputy’s report.

Harmony Day
Thank you to Mrs Mwanga, Mrs Jones, Ms Santich, Ms Esparraga and the multicultural student officers Nina Korgul and Mikael Indrawan for their outstanding efforts of increasing our understanding of Harmony Day in our school. The students all wore a touch of orange and each grade wrote words and sentences on orange helium balloons describing harmony concepts used across the school and world – wide. The students all assembled on the oval to sing ‘Paint me a song.’ The balloons were left in the playground all day to remind us about the significance of Harmony Day locally and globally.

District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all the students who competed in the District Swimming Carnival on Friday. Three students swam at the Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday—Congratulations to Soraya Gerritsen, Layla Paterson and Jonah Sherry. Thanks to Mrs McMaster and Mrs Tinsley for their organization and assistance with the students at the carnival.

Attendance Policy from Term 2 2015
As you would be aware, the Minister of Education has approved changes to the Department of Education and Communities’ Attendance Register codes for 2015. These changes were necessary to implement recommendations about students with health care needs and to implement ACARA National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting.

1) Parents must explain the absences of their children within seven school days.
2) Holidays taken outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A certificate of exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary the following considerations apply:

   - If the Principal accepts the reason for the absence, then this will be marked L - a Certificate of Extended Leave;
   - If the Principal does not accept the absence as being in the best interest of the student and does not accept the reason, the absence will be recorded as A - for absence and the Extended Leave will not be issued.
   - If the period of absence is in excess of 50 days, the student may be eligible for Distance Education. In that period, the student transfers to the Distance Education School.

Reminder: Tell them from me Survey
Manly West PS is participating in the Department of Education and Communities initiative Tell them from Me student survey. The Years 4-6 student survey will continue to be administered until the 2nd April.

Student News
Congratulations and good luck to William Edwards who has been selected to attend the Regional AFL Sport trials on the 31st March.
Well done to Charlie Adams who was selected for the Zone Boys Soccer trials last Thursday 12th March.
Congratulations to Josie Carlisle, India Horsley and Talissa Gray who have been selected for the Combined Zone Football trials on Thursday 23rd April.
Congratulations and good luck to Zane Brown and Jesse Michniewicz for being selected to attend the Sydney North Rugby League trials on 1st April at Wyong.

Mrs Julie Organ
From the Deputy’s Desks......

**Student Progress Parent / Teacher Interviews** will be held from Monday 23 to Tuesday 31 March. Parents will be able to book interview times until 5.00pm Saturday 21 March.

To make a booking go to this link: [http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book) and follow these simple steps:

- Enter School Event Code **EU27W**;
- Enter your details;
- Select your teacher(s);
- Select your time(s).

When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically.

**Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016**

The **Year 6 High School applications** need to be signed and returned by **March 20** at the latest. This is applicable to all students, not just those applying for Government High Schools. Please see the Year 6 teachers or myself if you have any queries.

**2015 National Assessment Program – Science Literacy (NAP-SL)**

This involved 56 Year 6 students being selected randomly to participate in a pencil and paper OR an online trial assessment. The NAP–SL assessment is part of a national sample cycle and students were assessed in Science Literacy, Civics & Citizenship and ICT Literacy.

For further information, please visit [http://www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

**Mrs Adrienne Bruce**

**Easter Hat Parade**

We invite parents to join us for our Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 1st April at 9:30 am. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 will parade wearing the creations they make in class. Year 6 will view the parade, supporting their Kindergarten buddies and admiring the hats they help to design.

Parents of Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 students, please start collecting Easter decorations and recycled materials that can be attached to their hats to make them look fabulous.

**Best Start Reports**

Parents of students in Kindergarten will receive their Best Start report soon. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss these with class teachers at parent interviews in Weeks 9 and 10.

**Bushlink**

We thank our P & C for their continued support employing the Bushlink team. The Bushlink team visit twice per term, working with students to improve our school grounds and promoting mutual respect and understanding of others. The Manly Daily will soon feature some of our students working with the Bushlink team.

**Harmony Day**

**Thoughts from our students**

**Harmony Day means celebrating Australia’s cultural diversity and showing respect to everyone who calls Australia home.**

- **Year 1**
  - Students at Manly West School belong to an important family where we try to be accepting of each other and tolerate each other’s differences and points of view.

Balloons displayed each grade’s chosen words representing **Harmony Day**:

- love, joy, peace    Kindergarten
- freedom, forgiveness, respect    Year 1
- kindness, cooperation, encourage    Year 2
- happiness, trust, caring    Year 3
- friendship, courage, compassion    Year 4
- acceptance, tolerance, belonging    Year 5
- empathy, inclusiveness, unity    Year 6

**Mrs Wendy Mwanga**

PBEL for this week :  RESPECT  Walk quietly so you do not disturb other classes when they are working.
Canteen News… Do you remember your mother saying, “Dinner doesn’t make itself you know!”

Well it’s rather like that in the canteen only it’s morning tea and lunch struggling to make itself!!

As you well know Manly West is a big school, so that’s a lot of hungry mouths to feed.

Everyday we need a minimum of two volunteers in the morning and a minimum of two volunteers at lunchtime to try and keep everyone fed and happy, Friday being a busier day means more help is needed.

Around 80 parents volunteering once a month would achieve this utopian ideal! That’s 80 parents out of the well over 1000 parents associated with the school but guess what we never seem to manage that.

So while you’re marvelling over the maths why not send us an email mwcanteen@gmail.com or call us on 9948 2257 and let us know when you’re coming to help out!

On Thursday 26th of March, we are having an Easter treat day in the canteen in addition to our regular offerings. Treats will be around the dollar mark to make life straightforward and there will be limits so hopefully everyone who wants to buy something will get the chance! Also any extra helpers – see above for contact details - would mean all those excitable little shoppers don’t have to wait too long!

Canteen Roster for week 9, Group 4

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Manly West Before & After School Care

ALL ACCOUNTS SHOULD NOW BE FINALISED TO RETAIN BOOKINGS IN TERM 2

Pupil Free Day Monday 20 April

MWBASC will be providing care to existing families from 7:30am – 5:30pm on this day. Cost is $65. Booking Forms will be available at BASC from Thursday 19 March. Please note, completing the form is not a confirmation of a place being provided as places are limited.

Assistance From You

Our children are currently enjoying making paper planes. We would greatly appreciate any suitable scrap paper to save our paper supply!

Session Vacancies

After years with a Waiting List for every session, we now have Permanent or Casual Vacancies Thursday and Friday mornings! Contact the BASC 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).
Library News

As predicted, many keen Manly West readers have already finished the Premier’s Reading Challenge! Huge congratulations and praise are due to Arran Darling (3JL), Summer Lockwood (3B), William Farrar (2L), Joshua Hicks (3/4R), Marla Washbourne (3L), Hannah McIlwaine (4G), Libby Singleton (3/4R), Lexie Landrak (4G), Charlotte Shute (4G) and Lilla Elwin (4B)! There is still plenty of time to do your reading and fill out your personal reading log to hand in before or by Friday, August 21st. Will your name be here in the next Manly West Matters?!?!?!?!?! If so, you could also collect an Aspire card, a bookmark OR sticker, see your name published in the newsletter and receive your certificate at the end of the year. You can do it!

WOW – the library bag competition in Years K – 2 has never been so close in all my years at Manly West! Well done on being responsible for bringing your library bags and books back each week. There are still a couple of weeks left in the term, so help your class to win Term 1’s contest! Readers are winners and grinners any way you look at it.

Happy reading!

Ellen Swick
Teacher Librarian

‘Australia my Country’ Competition

The Balgowlah RSL Sub-branch, in conjunction with the Northern District Council of RSL, has invited our school to participate in this year’s ‘Australia My Country’ Competition. With this year being the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli this competition presents an ideal opportunity for our students to demonstrate their creativity through writing, poetry or art. Entries should reflect the sacrifice, loyalty, history, tradition and pride in being an Australian, with the topic being ‘Centenary of Anzac’. The competition is open to students from Years 3-6 and the closing date is 28th April.

If you would like to enter into this competition or seek more information please see Mrs. McLean or Mrs. Swick.

Anzac service

Manly West will be conducting our own Anzac service on April 24th in the school hall. As this is the Centenary of Anzac we are interested in including contributions from students who may have their own links to this memorable event. Please contact Mrs Mclean if you are interested in contributing to our service.

Mrs McLean

Kimbriki Excursion

On Wednesday the 18th March 3L, 3JL and half of 3/4R went on an excursion to Kimbriki to learn about recycling and how to work in the garden.

First we learnt how to run a worm farm. Second we imagined a perfect world. Third we learnt all about the recycling and how it gets taken to Kimbriki.

Last we learnt what rubbish we should bury under the earth and what to recycle.

We had heaps of fun!

By Alyssa Aulburn and Tyson Dagenais 3L
MANLY WEST CELEBRATES HARMONY DAY
**SCHOOL SPORT**

This term Stage Two students participating in the School Sport Program had the opportunity to choose from paid and non-paid sport options including basketball, volleyball, cricket, tball and hockey. Students have been busy developing their skills in their chosen sports and it’s terrific to see them engaged, motivated and having fun playing sport and learning new skills!

New sports will be added to the program at the commencement of winter PSSA in terms 2 and 3. Stay tuned…  **Mrs Lind**

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**Chicken Roster**

**Saturday 21st March**
Evans family

**Saturday 22nd March**
Goddard family

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**News from the garden.**

The garden is quiet this week as the children are visiting Kimbriki Eco House and Garden where they will hear about sustainable living. This includes the usefulness of recycling, worms and building good soil and growing veggies without chemicals.

Next week will be busy as we are building a no dig bed in class and planting a green manure crop for winter.

On Tuesday we, (the gardeners) will do some soil improvement and then we are introducing some new and interesting perennials for fragrance, bee attracting, structure and colour.

If you have any time to help out, next Tuesday 24th would be great. Meet at the garden after school. Hope to see some of you there.

**Holly Matthews**

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**Diary Dates**

**Friday 20 March**
PSSA

**Monday 23—Friday 27 March**
Life Education

**Monday 23 March**
Year 6 Young Leaders
Year 4 Field of Mars Incursion

**Tuesday 24 March**
Year 4 Field of Mars Incursion

**Upcoming Dates**
**Wednesday 1st April**
Easter Hat Parade 9.30
A SERIES OF 2 WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Session 1:
- What is anxiety?
- What are the symptoms, impacts and causes of anxiety?
- Ways to overcome anxiety
- Things to work on

Session 2:
- What has/hasn’t worked and why?
- Traps to avoid
- Different types of anxiety
- Where to seek help

VENUE: Community Health Centre, 57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATES: Tuesday 21st April AND Tuesday 5th May
(participants must attend both sessions)
TIME: 7.00pm – 9.30p.m.
COST: $60pp for the 2 sessions

“SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE”

For all enquiries and bookings, please phone: 9887 5830

These workshops will be run by an experienced parent educator.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING

RESILIENT KIDS

Help your kids learn how to “bounce back” when faced with life’s daily challenges
Help them to recognise, accept and express their feelings
Teach them problem solving and coping skills
Find out how to encourage optimism, curiosity and contentment

VENUE: Community Health Centre, 57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATE: Thursday 19th March 2015
TIME: 7.00pm - 9.30p.m.
COST: $45

For all enquiries and bookings, please phone: 9887 5830

COMMUNICATING WITH KIDS

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: Tuesday 31st March 2015
TIME: 7.00pm - 9.30p.m.
COST: $45

For all enquiries and bookings, please phone: 9887 5830

All our course leaders are parents and trained educators.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING
WHAT’S ON IN TERM 2 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-10yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (28/5 - 25/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Seminars (3-8yrs)
Series of 3 seminars on Positive Parenting & Raising Confident, Competent & Resilient Children
Chatswood (12/5, 19/5 & 26/5, 7.00 - 9.00pm)

Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood (14/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Teens Course
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents’ needs & behaviour.
Chatswood 5 wks (13/5 - 10/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Toddlers Workshops (1-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood 25/5, 1/6 & 15/6 (3 wks/2.5hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

NEW Helping Your Pre-School Child with Anxiety
Series of 2 workshops for parents to assist with young children showing signs of anxiety
Chatswood 21/4 & 5/5 (2.5hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

Resilient Kids Workshop
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (18/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST – PHONE 9887 5830 (2–2.5 hours)
★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums ★ Transition to School
★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training ★ Transition to High School
★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep ★ Triple P Seminar Series 1-12 yrs & Teens
★ Older Sibling - New Baby ★ Communicating with Kids

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830
Manly Vale

FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

A Manly Vale Public School
Fundraising event

Set March 28th gates open 5.00pm movie starts 7.00pm
Location: The Calabria Club, 1 Campbell Pde Manly Vale

Thank you to local business sponsors & Major Sponsor

Ray White
Balgowlah

Limited plastic blankets & pillows for hire!

Bring a picnic blanket & enjoy a night under the stars with the family. There will be music, bubble machine, & a roaming camera to see your face on the big screen!

Purchase Tickets on the night $10 adults $5 kids (4 years & under free).

Enjoy the Calabria Club’s famous woodfire pizza with popcorn & gelato treats on sale for the movie!

Movie rated PG. (In the event of light rain movie will continue)

Please see website for wet weather details.

This event is being held on a licenced premises (Strictly No BYO food or Drinks allowed).

Easter Holiday Clinics
Individual Ball Mastery
Just $125

Football Coaching Camps
Professional Coaches for Grassroots Players

KIKOFF Harbord
Bennett Street, Curl Curl, Northern Beaches

Join us for one of our Easter Coaching Clinics at KIKOFF Harbord. Learn new skills with Paul, Jan and our other great coaches from 9am till 12pm each day.

April 7-10, 9am-12pm
UG7, U18B, U10/11

FREE Development Squad Trials for ages 12-16
April 7, 4.30pm
more info head to http://goog/fl/tx/6BZ

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