Principal Message:

Reminder: Tell Them From Me Survey
Manly West PS will participate in the Department of Education and Communities initiative Tell Them From Me Student Survey. The survey is about student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices and is targeted at students in Years 4 – 6. The survey is totally confidential. The survey will take less than 30 minutes to complete and will be administered from 11 March until 2nd April using our technology room timetable.

Camps Years 5 and 6
At the February P&C meeting, the proposal below was accepted for camps in 2015 and 2016. Therefore there are no changes to camps in 2015 but in 2016 the Year 6 students will not attend Aussie Bush Camp.

Camp proposal for 2015 and 2016-Years 5 and 6.

2015
Year 5 attend Bathurst and Aussie Camp
Year 6 attend Leadership Day, Canberra and Aussie Camp

2016
Year 5 attend Bathurst and Aussie Camp
Year 6 attend Leadership Day, Canberra and an End of Year excursion e.g Waterworks

Teachers do not want to be locked into these camps as other camps may be included from 2017 but we realised that since many Year 7 schools also now attend Aussie Bush Camp it is better to eliminate this from the Year 6 program. The current Year 5 students will be told that they will not attend Aussie Bush Camp in 2016. Year 4 will not attend camps at this stage. Fees can be paid throughout the year held in credit to assist parents with large fees in one term. However we do need camps to be paid in full by camp dates as the school cannot absorb this cost. Students are accommodated at school during camp dates if parents do not wish their children to attend. Band camp and Prefect Leadership camps are in addition to these camps.

Dates for parents and students:
Life Education starting this week;
Harmony Day 18 March—wear orange mufti;
Easter Parade for K-2 and Year 6 buddies Wednesday 1 April.

Student News
Good luck to Fergus Faulder and Sebastian Reidy who have been selected to participate in the Boys’ District Trials for soccer on Thursday 12 March.

Good luck to Charlie Adams, India Horsley, Talisa Gray and Josie Carlisle who have been selected for the Girls District trials on Thursday 12 March.

Mrs Julie Organ
PBEL for this week: RESPECT — Walk quietly so that you don't disturb other classes when they are working.

Deputy Principal’s Report

Training Band Reminder
Training Band commences at 8.30 on the 18th March, 2015.

K-6 Student Progress Parent / Teacher Interviews will be held from Monday 23 to Tuesday 31 March. Parents will be able to use the online booking system to book interview times for all children at the one time. Online Bookings will be open from 4.00 Wednesday 11 March and close on Saturday 21 March at 5.00pm.

Booking Steps
1. Go to Manly West PS website http://www.manlywest-p.schoools.nsw.edu.au/ to access the link directly
2. Enter School Event Code EU27W
3. Enter your details
4. Select your teacher(s)
5. Select your time(s)
6. When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews - until bookings close on Saturday 21 March at 5.00pm.

For parents who don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, computer access will be available at our Main Office from Thursday 12 March to Friday 20 March, so that parents can still make their own bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9948 2257. Interviews are strictly 15mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code EU27W. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 9948 2257.

During the 15-minute interview, teachers will focus on your child’s social skills and application to work. They will not be discussing areas of assessment at this time. Any student who is experiencing significant difficulty in areas of literacy and numeracy will have already come to the attention of the Learning Support Team. Learning Support teachers, Mrs Jill Robertson and Mrs Jill Horne will also be available to meet with parents.

Reminder - Years 3-6 University of NSW Competitions (ICAS) due Friday 13 March
Please note these tests are optional and that all tests will be held before school on the below dates to minimise disruption to class programs. Information and permission note is located under the Notes tab of our website.

Dates for the competition are;
Digital Technologies – 19 May @ 8.00am
Science – 3 June @ 8.00am
Spelling – 16 June @8.00am
Writing – 15 June @ 8.00am
English – 28 July @ 8.00am
Mathematics – 11 August @ 8.00am

Mrs Adrienne Bruce
Sprout Shout!

Year 3 students have been busy planting a variety of seeds over the past few weeks. We planted lettuce, snow peas, radishes, beetroot, rocket and kale. You may be interested in seeing our tee pees which will support our snow peas as they grow.

We have been harvesting egg plants this week and cooking them with garlic and olive oil. The children have enjoyed tasting this interesting vegetable.

Students have also been making herb posies to take home. We included 6 different types of herbs that are growing in the garden. Come down and see if you can identify them all!

Mrs Dowdle and Year 3

LIBRARY NEWS

The Scholastic Book orders have been arriving and are still coming, so don’t worry if you have not received your books yet! Thank you to the tireless efforts of Sarah Anderson, Kate Mooney and the entire King family (Kerrie, Tim, Alicia & Robert) who sorted and delivered heaps of orders. Some books have been back ordered and more are on their way, so please be patient and know your books will be in your hands hopefully by the end of the week.

HUGE thanks to the wonderful mums who have recently covered heaps of new books so that Manly West students have lots of great books to borrow from the library. They are the nimble-fingered Danielle Farmer, Kate Mooney, Tanith Carroll and Annie Tufts! If you enjoy covering books and would like to give these mums a break, please come into the library or email me at ellen.lo@det.nsw.edu.au to let me know.

Just a reminder to check the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website for rules, PRC ID numbers or to check which books are on the challenge for your child’s age group. It is https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html. Thank you for encouraging and supporting your child with reading which is such an important skill. Next week there should be several names of those who have already completed it.

Happy reading!
Ellen Swick
Teacher Librarian

On Wednesday 18th of March, Manly West is celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about including all people, being respectful and having a sense of belonging for everyone. We would like students to wear a touch of orange, along with their usual school uniform, to acknowledge the importance of this special day.

Thank you.
Multicultural Officers
Nina Korgul and Mikael Indrawan.

Band News

Open Rehearsals for Training Band and Intermediate Band next week
Parents/carers are welcome to sit in the Hall to watch the second half of the afternoon rehearsals next Monday (16th – TB) and Wednesday (18th – IB) from 4pm.
Later start time for Training Band’s Wednesday morning’s rehearsal – 18 March only.
Training Band will need to start rehearsal later on the morning of 18 March. Please do not arrive at the Hall until 8.30am (not 8am). Rehearsal will finish at 9.15am
LOST
Blue Ice watch with rainbow numbers.
If found please contact Mel on 0411 131 558

University Exam Fees:
$35 was handed into the office with a signed note but no student’s name was included. The student applied to sit 4 different exams. Please see Mrs Simpson if this could be your payment.

Manly West Before & After School Care

ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE FINALISED THIS WEEK BY FRIDAY 13 MARCH.
Accounts were sent out yesterday showing amounts owing. Fees apply for late payment.

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 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).

Canteen Roster for week 8, Group 3

Monday 16th March
Lyn Martin AM
VACANCY AM
Annie Tufts PM
VACANCY PM

Tuesday 17th March
Nicola Bird AM
Orlaith Sheill AM
Caz Thompson PM
VACANCY PM

Wednesday 18th March
Emma Baird AM
VACANCY AM
Jan Beacham PM
Sam Lumsdale PM

Thursday 19th March
Susan Darton AM
George McLeod AM
Diana Holy PM
Jannine Marsden PM
Gemma Meddings PM

Friday 20th March
Lara Dunford AM
Jessica Kirkham AM
Jodie Adams AM
Emma Pepper AM
Kirsten Pedersen PM
Lisa Carter PM
Jodi Stacker PM

We really need your help to fill the Vacancies in the canteen, if you’re able to help please contact us
Email mwcanteen@gmail.com phone 9948 2257 or just drop by! Thanks, Isobel

SEEKING YEAR 2 (Under 8) football players for Brookvale Football Club - come and play soccer for your local team with your friends and classmates. Training and home games at Graham’s Reserve Manly.
Further information from www.brookvalefc.com or Pippa Parkes 0403 333087

CHOOK ROSTER

Saturday 14th March
Corn Family

Sunday 15th March
Fighera Family

Daily Dates

Thursday 12th March
Selective High School Test
Uniform Shop 8.45 to 10am

Friday 13th March
District Swimming

Wednesday 18th March
Year 3L, 3L & half 3/4R to Kimbriki Training Band Starts 8.30am

Dairy Dates

Thursday 12th March
Selective High School Test

Friday 13th March
District Swimming

Wednesday 18th March
Year 3L, 3L & half 3/4R to Kimbriki Training Band Starts 8.30am