**Principal Message:**

**School Development Day—Monday 20th April**

On Monday the 20 April, all teaching staff at Manly West PS will be attending a presentation by Tony Ryan with other NBLA schools. He will be addressing the teaching of critical thinking to 21st century learners to address the new higher order thinking objectives of the new Australian Curriculum, in particular in ways that are creative, critical, imaginative and interpretive. The cross curriculum perspective of thinking critically and creatively will be a focus of the day. Thank you to Mrs McLean who is the Manly West staff representative for the organization of this event. Students resume Tuesday 21st April.

**Reminder: Parent Interviews**

Parent Interviews with teachers regarding student progress are currently being conducted now. Please phone the office if you have not booked an appointment.

**Attendance Policy from Term 2 2015-more information**

Some parents have been concerned about the leave applications. Parents need to write to the Principal if students will be away for holiday or family events outside of school holiday periods with dates and a short explanation. Please write the student name and class.

- If the Principal accepts the reason for the absence, then this will be marked as approved 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 Leave will not be issued.
- The Principal will then instruct the class teacher when marking the roll.

**Tell them from me Survey**

Thank you to all the students in Years 4-6 for completing the Tell them from Me Survey. It will give us valuable data for our school planning 2015-2017.

**Student News**

Congratulations to Rhowan Lukin for his place in the School’s Interstate International Training Program Level 1 at the Australian Ballet. What a wonderful achievement!!

**Mrs Julie Organ**

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**Deputy Principal’s Report**

**Winter PSSA Sport Trials**

Teachers will be trialling children from Years 3-6 for Winter PSSA teams of girls and boys’ soccer, rugby league and netball this Friday 27 March. There are limited places available in each team and we request that parents discuss the prospect of ‘missing-out’ with their children to help avoid too much disappointment. The PSSA interschool sport competition commences Friday 1 May. Students not participating in the PSSA competition will be involved in a modified sports skills program at school, with paid and non-paid sport options.

**Young Leaders Conference**

Year 6 students attended the Young Leaders Conference at the Entertainment Center on Monday with 6,000 other primary pupils from NSW. The aim of The National Young Leaders Day is to inspire students to make a positive contribution to their school and motivate students to be great leaders in their area of influence. It also aims to promote the value of inspirational and positive role models as examples to others, by exposing students to a diverse range of leaders and their views on leadership.

This year’s guest speakers included NSW Premier the Honourable Mike Baird, wildlife documentary presenter Bindi Irwin, Rachael Leahcar from The Voice and Dylan Parker and James Nolan, the real paper plane pilots who inspired the movie Paper Planes.

Safetytown Website – A Road Safety Education Program

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters and skateboards).

For further details, visit [https://www.safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)

**Mrs Adrienne Bruce**
**Deputy Principal’s Report**

**Impetigo**
There is about of impetigo in the wider community. If your child presents with sores on the face that appear much like cold sores, please seek medical advice. The following link is a handy reference for parents when deciding if a child is too sick to go to school.

**Scripture and Ethics**
Next Thursday we are holding a combined Scripture Service in the hall. Children who participate in Bahai, Catholic and Protestant Scripture classes attend the service. Children who attend Non-Scripture and classes in Ethics will be supervised by class teachers in classrooms.

9:20-10:00 Years 3 – 6
10:20-11:00 K - 2

**Easter Hat Parade**
Please note the Easter Hat Parade is starting at 9:45am next Wednesday, not 9:30 as mentioned in last week’s newsletter. This involves all children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2, as well as Year 6. Parents, carers, grandparents and friends are welcome to join us. Please bring a hat as we are hoping for a lovely, sunny day.

Mrs Wendy Mwanga

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**REASSURANCE**
A reminder that this Saturday, 28th March 8:30-9:39pm, is Earth Hour so don’t forget to switch off your lights to be part of this great event.

For any further information go to www.earthhour.org.au

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**ELECTION DAY**
A Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle will be held outside the Hall on Election Day – Saturday 28th March by Year 6 Class and Parents in conjunction with the P&C to raise funds for the Year 6 end of school year events.

There will be an assortment of Cakes, Sweets, Cupcakes, Cookies, wrapped Lollie bags etc along with a Sausage Sandwich and Egg/bacon Rolls and drinks.

Please stop by and pick up a little something to eat and drink to show your support for Manly West!!
Youth Soccer Academy is holding an Easter holiday camp from 7 - 10 April. You can join us for one, two, three or all four days. The camp will be run at the Calabria Club, Manly Vale, from 9am - 3pm (and includes lunch). As usual we are aiming to strengthen your soccer skills, but most importantly, enjoy learning and playing together. As spaces are limited for our Easter camp, if you are interested please contact us on info@youthsocceracademy.com.au, or go to www.youthsocceracademy.com.au/courses to register.

Canteen Roster, Week 10, Group 1

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*Don’t forget “Easter Treat Day” in the canteen this Thursday 26th March! If you are able to help out with serving on this day at either morning tea 11.20 ’til 11.40 or lunchtime 1.15 ’til 2 please let us know by email mwcaanteen@gmail.com or calling 9948 2257. Thanks, Isobel.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

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Winter School Uniforms (to be worn in Term 2 & 3) are now available via Flexischools

www.flexischools.com.au

Training and Intermediate Bands Open Rehearsals – thanks to all the parents, grandparents and other family members who took the opportunity to sit in on the OPEN REHEARSALS last week. Our youngest bands have made stunning progress in just a few short weeks. Congratulations to all the band members and to Penny.

Performance Band – a reminder about this Thursday’s (26 March) CONCERT with the Northern Beaches Symphonic Wind Ensemble at Pittwater High School, Mona Vale. Please check that you have everything you need for the Band Uniform, including black socks. The blue ribbons for the girls’ hair will be provided as usual by a Band committee member.

We haven’t been told specifically where to set up and leave instrument cases but it is likely to be (as previously) in the rooms straight behind the main Hall (not in the Hall or out the front). Please be there ready to meet at 6:30 - parking close by is not always possible.

All Bands – please keep a look-out for the permission and other notes for BAND CAMP at Narrabeen Sports Academy which will be coming home with your child before the end of this Term. As usual, their prompt return early in Term 2 is essential, as well as payment for Camp. The notes will contain information about the new system at Narrabeen for online submission by parents of essential medical information in relation to every band member going to camp. They will also invite parents to assist with aspects of the Camp, like setting up and helping out on outdoor activities. Let us know via email if you haven’t seen these notes emerge from the depths of the school backpack by next Wednesday.

Thanks very much

Band Committee

Uni Competition

Acc paid $48 NO NAME.
Please see Mrs Simpson if you think this is yours.

FOUND

Kathmandu waterproof ski jacket. Size 12.
Please see Mrs Simpson in the front office if it belongs to you.

LOST

Casio G-Shock watch on Monday 23rd March.
Please call Maggie 0434 970 438
REWARD!

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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 are available in all BASC rooms. 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).