Principal's Report

Strategic Directions

The Executive and staff have been working on the Manly West 2015-2017 Strategic Plan this term. In the second semester in 2014, teachers, student and parent surveys and discussions were conducted as well as parent focus groups that were guided by Mrs Deb Stewart and Ms Pearse. The Melbourne Declaration and some DEC Educational Reforms such as Greater Teacher Inspired Learning were used as the foundation of these discussions. The students’ recent survey of Tell Them From Me will also be used as a baseline for data collection on engagement and learning. The 3 strategic directions are:

- Quality Teaching
- Building Student and Teacher Capacity and
- Transparent Whole School Culture

Election Day Barbecue

Thank you to the amazing team of Year 6 parents, students and canteen ladies led by Mrs Deb Stewart and Mr Fred Kelly for organising such a successful fundraising opportunity on the Election Day last Saturday. The barbecue and cake stalls were set up by an army of volunteers throughout the day. The money will help fund the Year 6 farewell and may also assist with some brand new outdoor tables ordered for the Year 6 grass area. The outdoor furniture will give the Year 6 students an outdoor classroom for all types of learning.

More Year 6 news

Congratulations to Tobey Newton and George Thompson in Year 6 who have been instrumental in updating an outdoor chair and several seats in the Year 6 garden. They saw an area of the school that needed some attention and care. They presented their idea to the SRC and made time to see myself and Mrs McLean who is the SRC coordinator. They then led a team of boys to paint the seats and chair. The area looks so much more inviting now and a great place for quiet time and reflection. Well done!

Traffic conditions

The P&C formed a traffic committee led by Mrs Jo Downer in 2014. They are currently organizing some Manly West signs for the Kiss and Drop areas. We ask that parents please be more careful in Hill St and Boyle St when picking up or dropping off our children. There are certainly some very unsafe road practices being used in these areas when parents become impatient. It would be great if we could all use respect and responsibility at these times.

Recently I received a letter of complaint about community members using dangerous road practices inside the school grounds on Market Days on Saturday. It is preferable that only the market stall holders use the school grounds and staff car parking. There are a lot of members of the wider community that enjoy the markets so we really want a safe place for these events.

Student News

Congratulations to Rachel Ainsworth who scored a highly commended in the Annual NSW Cecchetti Ballet Pre-Junior Medal Test. Congratulations to Will Edward who was selected for the PSSA Sydney North AFL team. Will was also selected for the Basketball team earlier this year.

Happy and safe holidays

We wish everyone a Happy Easter and holiday time. Thank you to the staff and students who have managed a very hardworking and productive term. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the interviews recently.

Please encourage children to use safe practices with bike, scooters, skateboards and road safety these holidays. We suggest to parents that children are not left with mobile devices in their bedrooms alone. It is so much safer to have these devices in the family rooms with good supervision.

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

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of our school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

NAPLAN tests will be conducted across Australia for all students in Years 3 & 5 from 12-14 May.

- **Tuesday 12 May**: Language Conventions and Writing Tests
- **Wednesday 13 May**: Reading Test
- **Thursday 14 May**: Numeracy Test

NAPLAN Parent Information is being sent home today with all Years 3 & 5 students. If you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN please contact the Primary Deputy Principal or go to:


Training Band Performance

The Training Band comprising of 68 enthusiastic young musicians performed for the first time at Primary Assembly on Tuesday. They have been working with their Band Director Ms Coucill for the last 8 weeks and performed ‘Hot Cross Buns’, ‘Jingle Bells’ and ‘Power Rock’.

Congratulations Training Band!

Guringai Reconciliation Writing Competition

The Harbour to Hawkesbury Australians for Reconciliation, sponsored by Willoughby City Council, is once again calling for students to participate in the Guringai Festival Writing Competition 2015.

Now in its 9th year, the competition is open to all students in Years 5-9 in the Northern Sydney Region and aims to promote Reconciliation amongst young Australians. It provides a wonderful learning opportunity for students as well as a vehicle for them to demonstrate their creative writing skills. The competition will run during the Guringai Festival which takes place from late May until mid-July 2015.

- The Guringai Festival is an Indigenous festival celebrated across the Northern Sydney Region to celebrate Aboriginal Culture and Heritage.
- The topic and entry form can be found at:
  - https://www.google.com.au/#q=Guringai+Reconciliation+Writing+Competition
- **Entries close on Friday 22nd May 2015.**
- If you have any questions about the Writing Competition please contact 9484 5693 or email west2@aapt.net.au.

Lost Property

Thank to Mrs Davidson for giving up her time to sort through the overflowing Lost Property containers and return items to students each Friday.

Students are reminded to take responsibility for all their belongings and ensure that all items are clearly named. All unnamed clothing items will be given to the Uniform Shop. I ask that parents leave the Lost Property area tidy.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Mrs Adrienne Bruce
Big congratulations to the students who have completed the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge! Hip, hip hurray for Alyssa Aulburn (3L), Maggie Wright (1T), Sophie Darton (5T), Mackenzie Goulding (5S), Elle Warne (3JL), Poppy Troy (5S), Alysia Merry (4F), Zoe Ball (4F), Morgan Mackenzie (4B), Louis Rounsley (4W), Arkie Thomas (3/4R), Roland Vinogradov (3/4R), Abby McPherson (3JL), Jude Jaggers (3L), Carys Thomas-McDonnell (3B), Mercy Nathanael (5A), Siena Rowland (4F), Emily Grimes (4B), Emmanuel Enriquez (4G), Finn Harvey (4W), Cameron Thomas (3M), Bonny Adams (3/4R) and Indi Sanders (4W)! Will your name be here next term!?!!!!?!? You have a lot of time to do your reading and fill in your personal reading logs before or by Friday, August 21st, so keep on reading for the challenge.

Huge thanks to the wonderful book covering team of Danielle Farmer, Kate Mooney and Sumei Wrigley! They have been very busy covering lots of brand new books for all of the Manly West students to enjoy.

World Book Online has updated its look and has made it more user friendly for students, parents and teachers! If you have free time during the holidays, go to http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=AU11018, log in as mwps1 and use manly as the password to access all the educational and age-appropriate information, videos, stories, activities, puzzles and games our school subscription provides.

Happy reading and relaxing these holidays!

Ellen Swick
Teacher Librarian
Thanks to our lovely volunteers for helping make our Easter Treat Day a delicious success! We hoped it got you all in mind of the holidays which are almost upon us. Enjoy the break...and the chocolate!!

**Term 2 will see a change** to the Wednesday lunch special. Prepare to say goodbye to Nachos and welcome back to my Pasta Bolognaise at $4.50. For those new to this dish it is a tasty, homemade bolognaise sauce mixed through macaroni pasta. The small pasta size makes it quick and easy to eat for those keen to get on with their playtime activities!

For those thinking about volunteering in the canteen but nervous about the demands made upon their cooking skills.....RELAX! If you don't enjoy the baking side of kitchen craft just let us know but rest assured that any recipes we use are tried and tested and we use them because they are so easy!!

We don't have the time nor the desire to challenge your inner masterchef in the canteen but we do very much appreciate help in feeding all your hungry children!! So please give it some thought and get in touch to tell us when you might be able to help out ... even if it's only once in your child's school life!

Email to mwcanteen@gmail.com phone 9948 2257 or just drop-in. Thanks, Isobel.

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**Canteen Roster for week 1, Term 2, Group 3**

**Tuesday 21st April**
- Nicola Bird AM
- Orlaith Sheill AM
- Caz Thompson PM

**Wednesday 22nd April**
- Emma Baird AM
- VACANCY AM
- Jan Beacham PM
- Sam Lumsdaine PM

**Thursday 23rd April**
- Susan Darton AM
- George McLeod AM
- Tina Church PM
- Diana Holy PM

**Friday 24th April**
- Lara Dunford AM
- Jessica Kirkham AM
- Fred Kelly AM
- Kirsten Pedersen PM
- Lisa Carter PM

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**Before & After School Care**

**Pupil Free Day Monday 20 April – Places Still Available!**

MWBASC will be providing care to existing families from 7:30am – 5:30pm on this day. Cost is $65. **Bookings close 11am Thursday 2 April.** Contact BASC on 9948 8113 or admin@mwbas.com.au

**Registering With Us**
To register your child with us, please visit our centre’s site [https://manlywestbasc.hubworks.com.au](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@mwbas.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).

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**BUNNINGS EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION.**

Easter Colouring Competition flyers are available from Mrs Simpson at the front office. These are due to Balgowlah Bunnings by 6pm on Sunday 5th April.
**Diary Dates**

**Thursday 2 April**  
Last day of Term 1  
**Tuesday 21 April**  
Students return to school  
**Wednesday 22 April**  
Year 5 Project Penguin Zoo  
**Friday 24 April**  
Years 3-6 ANZAC Day Service  
10.30am  
Performance Band  
Manly Corso 4.00pm

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**SPROUT SHOUT**

Year 3 harvested eggplants from the garden. Austin’s mum Jo used her family recipe to create this delicious dip for us to try.

**Baba Ghannouj**

Ingredients

- 1 large eggplant *(Manly West kitchen garden eggplant is the best)*
- 3 tablespoons tahini
- ½ cup lemon juice
- 2 garlic gloves crushed
- ½ teaspoon salt (optional, this was left out for the batch the kids tried)
- 2 tablespoons water (optional)

Method

1. Put a couple of slits in the eggplant and bake at 200 for around 1 – 1½ hours until skin is crinkled and flesh is soft.
2. Cool eggplant a little. Remove skin.
3. Put eggplant pulp in food processor with all other ingredients and blend. Only add water if the mixture is too thick.
4. (Optional) To serve on a plate, sprinkle with 1 tablespoon of olive oil, a few pomegranates (or similar seeds) and chopped parsley. Can also be enjoyed with rice crackers or Turkish bread.

Recipe courtesy of Brian Holley (Austin and Lachlan’s grandfather)

Year 3 would like to thank Elinor’s mum, Sarah Bickford and Mr Perks for the fabulous seedling shelf which they have built in the Kitchen Garden. The shelf looks great and will be a useful space for us to place our seedlings as we watch them grow.

If you have any donations (including colourful pots or interesting vessels for planting in) we would love to receive them for our garden.

Mrs Dowdle, Holly Mathews and the Year 3 gardeners

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who received Expectation Certificates:

**Years 1-2**

- Sophie Ballantyne 1BV
- Jessica Johnston 2H
- Grace Kirby 1P
- Thomas Mans 2LA
- Ruby Shute 2LA
- Halle White 1P
- Noah Zingsheim-Smith 1S

**Years 3-6**

- Abbey McPherson 3JL
- Tana Tufts 6C
- Scarlett Beaumont 5T
- Eve Dowse 3JL
- Joshua Ware 5A
- Flynn Cooray 6C
- Claire Foy 5S
- Oliver Todd 4W
- Hannah McIlwaine 4G
- Louis Rounsley 4W
- India Wildash 3M

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**PAINTERS’ GALLERY**

**THANK YOU** to the Painters’ Art Gallery for donating Artwork to Manly West.

Mr Perks adapted it for use in the Infants corridors. Students are now doing string ribbon art in their new developmental play and wet weather times.
MWPS TRAFFIC SAFETY WEEK – 27 April to 1 May

Last year the P&C formed a special Traffic Committee to look at how MWPS children travel to and from school, and how to improve the traffic infrastructure around the school in conjunction with the local authorities. In particular the Committee want to focus on educating our community about how to safely use the zebra crossings, follow the road rules and understand the correct Kiss and Drop zone behaviours.

Next term the Committee has organised a special **MWPS Traffic Safety Week** to start on Monday the 27th of April. New Kiss & Drop signage will be installed to coincide with the special week, along with presentations to the children at school from local Council Safety Experts and a handout to go home for parents/carers.

To better understand our MWPS community needs, we would like to invite parents/carers to complete the following survey so we can understand the current people/traffic flow around the school. Please follow the link below. There is an opportunity within the survey to let us know of any traffic issues or concerns you may have personally experienced.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HNWNLHG

The collated survey information will help us improve the safety and access for all of our children and families in the surrounding school zones, and help us advise Manly Council and Roads and Maritime Services of any traffic safety concerns.

Thank you, Jo Downer

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE
MANLY WEST P&C

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**EASTER BUNNY VISITS MANLY WEST ..**

[Images of Easter activities and the Easter Bunny visiting the school]
Manly West is very excited to announce that we will be holding our Mothers’ and Carers’ Day Stall again this year on Tuesday 5th May as part of the P&C fund raising initiatives for 2015.

All students from K-6 will have the opportunity to purchase some lovely gifts throughout the day.

This year we have a variety of items that will either be $5 or $10. Children are invited to purchase as many gifts for their mothers, grandmothers and other carers as they would like.

A brochure with photos of the options available to purchase will be shown to the children in the classroom in the week before the stall.

Children are asked to bring cash only to school on the day of the stall. Small denominations would be greatly appreciated.

Please note that that this is a P&C optional fund raising activity. Whilst your contribution would be greatly appreciated, there is no requirement for the children to purchase anything. A note will be sent home to be filled out by children who are not participating so that we are aware in advance. Please ONLY send the note back if you DO NOT wish your child to participate.

We would love your assistance!

if you are able to spare and hour or two between 8am and 4pm on Tuesday 5th May, can you please email clarepeterkey@gmail.com. We would also love to see some wonderful fathers on the day to help out with the Mothers’ and Carers’ Day stall if you can spare some time.
Thinking about a school for 2016?

The staff, parents and children of Manly West Public School would like to invite you to our Kindergarten Information Morning.

WHERE: The School Hall  
Enter via Hill Street, Balgowlah

WHEN: Tuesday 19th May at 9:45am - 11:00am

At this informal gathering you can:

- visit classrooms
- find out more about the school and our special programs
- see our school facilities
- meet some of our parents and students
- join staff and parents for morning tea

This morning has been planned as an opportunity for parents to gather information and make an informed decision about their child’s education.

Child care can be provided by our Before and After School Care Centre staff. This will provide parents of young children the opportunity to access this information and view all areas of the school. If you wish to use this service, please call the office to register.

Children will be invited to attend Orientation Days at a later date.

We look forward to meeting you at Manly West!

ENQUIRIES:  
Mrs Julie Organ (Principal) or Mrs Wendy Mwanga (Deputy Principal)  
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12.45-3pm $23 (NEW OPTION)
7-10 April and 13-17 April
Bookings must be made at least 12 hours in advance or by $10 per child for up to 3 weeks.
BOOKING ESSENTIAL SO THAT WE CAN ORGANISE SUFFICIENT STAFF.
Please refer to our website for full details.
Payment: credit card over the phone, direct deposit or at the counter before your child's first day. Please note: 3% charge for credit cards. Please arrive 8.45am on your first day. Camps are still run in wet weather.
Term 2, 2015, coaching starts Monday 20 April. Please book in your child so that we can organise the correct number of coaches - to keep group sizes small.
Kids should bring hat, their own sunscreen, anything they wish to eat or drink at morning tea and lunch and a racket (if they have one). Call 9977 1307 to enquire and book via email keirleparktenniscentre@hotmail.com
www.keirleparktenniscentre.com.au

Kids Tennis Lessons
After School & Saturday
Kids 4-9 years of age
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, 4pm
AND Sat 8am & 9am
5-7 per group $165 per term
Kids 10 years + OK competition standard
Tennis clinic
Mon 5pm, 5-7 per group $175 per term
Tennis lessons for adults: Timetable
www.keirleparktenniscentre.com.au

Holiday Camps
Sun, April, July, Oct
9.15am, 9.30am
Plus NEW 12-45pm option
All standards from 4 to 13 yrs of age.
Ph 9977 1307 Bookings essential
 Owners: Wendy Cameron & Howard Smith

NEW OPTIONS
Roger Week 8 of each term
Red & Green Tennis tournament from 3.30-5pm
Green & Yellow Ball tournament from 5-6.30pm.
Kids 10-13 years
Red & Green ball rally sessions
Kids 12-13 years
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Kids 14-15 years
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