Principal Message:

Staff News
Congratulations to Mrs Bellomo and Mrs Maloinato who both had baby boys during the holidays. Mrs Maloinato is now living down in Wollongong. We wish both families all the best this year. This week Ms Milburn will be leaving on Maternity Leave. I would like to thank her for her outstanding organization of KO students and class and her amazing collaborative leadership with the Kindergarten teachers and students this year. Mrs Teresa Fuller will be Relieving Assistant Principal for the rest of the year and one of her main roles will be to lead Kindergarten (Early Stage1). Miss Georgina Williams will be teaching KO class. I will be away next week until Wednesday 6 May. Mrs Mwangi (Relieving Principal) Mrs Bruce and Mrs McLean (Relieving Deputy) will be available for any concerns.

SunSmart School
Thank you to Mrs Kerry King, the P&C representative, Mrs Wyles and Executive staff for their contribution to our SunSmart policy. We have now been approved by the Cancer Council NSW as being a SunSmart school. We need to comply with our policy and the Cancer Council guidelines.

ANZAC Day Services - 100 years, 100 boats
Thank you to Mrs Sue McLean, the office staff, the Prefects, Performance Band and students for the organization of the ANZAC Day services this week at school, in Manly and at Collaroy on Saturday for the 100 years, 100 boats celebration. Manly West PS has been partnered with Queenscliff Surf Club at this special event. Congratulations and good luck to William Todd for being selected to play the Last Post for such a large audience on Friday.

MWPS Traffic Safety Week - 27 April—1 May
Next week, the P&C committee is promoting a Safety Road/Traffic Week to encourage safety around our school particularly in the mornings and afternoons when students are being dropped off or picked up. It coincides with the new traffic signs created by members of the P&C, being installed in Hill St and Boyle St. Dion Prince who is a police officer and a MW parent will speak at the Year 2-6 assembly on Monday to encourage our students to take responsibility for safety as well.

Hill St Entrance/Carpets 4F, 5S, 5B
As you would have observed, Hill St entrance has been widened and another gate has been ordered. This will assist truck access for our carnival in October. The cement and fixtures were completed in the holidays and the fencing will be enhanced in the coming weeks.

4F, 5S & 5B classrooms were fitted with new carpets during the holidays.

Art Mural in Library
I would like to thank Mrs Karen Dickings and 2014 1D students who contributed to the gradual creation of a beautiful magical mural entrance into the Library and LapLand. She has spent significant time outside of school hours with the assistance of her son Scott. Please visit the library at this wonderful time when the results of the shortlisting of 2014 books begin to be unfolded. We need everyone to take responsibility for caring and appreciating this beautiful artwork.

Student News
Thank you to the Year 6 parents for organizing the 2015 Year 6 special hoodies. They look fabulous and this week, it has certainly kept them very warm. Congratulations to our Year 6 students for their exemplary behaviour at the Election Day fundraising barbecue. Many people commented on the evidence of a very positive school and community relationship, and were impressed with the ‘politeness and enthusiasm’ of the many Year 6 students selling items as well as their superb artwork in the posters and signs. Congratulations and good luck to Will Edwards who has been selected to compete in the NSW PSSA Boys Basketball State carnival in Wollongong from the 28-30 April.

Mrs Julie Organ
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Report

ANZAC Assembly

Students in Years 3-6 will take part in a special ANZAC Assembly starting at 10.30am on Friday. Children are asked to bring flowers and greenery to Mrs Milner in the photocopy room to contribute to our school wreaths on Friday morning. The School Captains and Prefects will be running our assembly and parents and grandparents are most welcome to attend.

The Years 3-6 Cross Country Carnival will be held next Wednesday 29 April at Manly West Park. Boys and girls in Years 3-6 and those in Year 2 turning 8 this year are eligible to participate. Children aged 8, 9 and 10 will run 2km and the older children will run 3km. Parents are most welcome to attend and cheer from the sidelines.

2016 Year 5 Opportunity Class Applications opens on Monday 27 April 2015 and closes on Friday 15 May 2015. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications for Opportunity Class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment.

Parents/Guardians will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address). There are no paper application forms.


Parent Reading Workshop - What parents can do at home to help their child with reading.

Reading in our modern world is more important than ever as good reading skills provide a solid foundation for learning. On Tuesday 12 May at 9.30-10.30am Mrs Horne our Learning Support Teacher will be conducting a parent workshop focusing on:
• using three little words (Pause, Prompt and Praise) to help your child to read and
• developing practical tips to help children enjoy learning to read.

Please email Mrs Horne by Thursday 7 May if attending – jill.horne@det.nsw.edu.au

In the subject line please write Parent Reading Workshop, and in the body of the email please write your name, child’s name and grade (eg Year 1 2015).

Early Arrivals Reminder

Student supervision does not begin at school until 8.50am when teachers are officially on duty. Children who arrive prior to this must be seated on the Griffiths St verandah. This is the verandah between the office and the staffroom.

School starts at 9:20am and finishes at 3:20pm. When the 9.17am bell rings children move to their lines. If you wish to stay in the area please gather behind the lines so children can see and hear their teacher. We are keen for children to move to classrooms quickly to settle and start learning.

We also request that children are not left unsupervised after school or allowed to play in the school grounds without parent supervision. For safety reasons we ask that parents do not allow their child/children to play on the playground equipment before or after school with or without parent supervision.

Mrs Adrienne Bruce

Medical Alert

We have been informed that there is a case of chicken pox in our school community. As you may be aware chicken pox is highly contagious. Symptoms can include a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab, a slight fever, a runny nose and drowsiness. The attached 'Too Sick to Go to School' is a useful guide for parents.

Transition to Winter Uniform

As of Monday, Week 3, students are expected to wear their winter uniform. The first two weeks of Term 2 is a transition period and choice of uniform is weather dependent. Please see the school website for winter uniform details.

Mrs Wendy Mwanga
Since ancient times this aromatic herb has been believed to have properties to improve the memory. Perhaps because of this, rosemary became a symbol of remembrance in literature and folklore. Traditionally, sprigs of rosemary are worn on Anzac Day.

Rosemary has particular significance for Australians as it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli peninsula. Students may like to come to the Kitchen Garden on Friday morning and receive a sprig of rosemary to wear to the ANZAC service.

Mrs Dowdle

Canteen Roster for week 2, Group 4

Monday 27th April          Tuesday 28th April
Rachel Kassel AM           Kelly Ducat AM
Kristina Lindemann AM      Nikki Bird AM
Oriana Russell PM          VACANCY PM
Natalya Hansson PM

Wednesday 29th April       Thursday 30th April
Clare Smart AM             Kate Scott AM
Helen Yardley AM           Tiane Olive AM
Rhani Chivers PM           Helen Braines PM
Libby Beaumont PM

Friday 1st May
Clare Key AM
Olivia Jenkins AM
Claudia Bels AM
Heather Robertson PM
Carmen Taylor-Haywood PM

We always need and appreciate more help in the canteen so if you’ve got a couple of hours to spare why not drop in or contact us by email mwcanteen@gmail.com or phone 9948 2257.

Thanks!

School Uniform Shop

Opening Hours
Tuesday 21st April  - 2:45-4:00pm
Wednesday 22nd April  - 2:45-4:00pm
Thursday 23rd April  - 8.45-10:00am
Monday 27th April  - 2:45-4:00pm

Anzac Day

The Manly West Anzac Day service will be held this Friday at 10.30am in the school hall. It will be attended by Years 3-6 and led by our prefects. Our service will especially acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. We have invited special guests to speak to our assembly. Parents are also invited to attend.

Joseph Dar and Caroline Kassel will represent Manly West at the Anzac Memorial Service at Hyde Park on Thursday the 23rd April, which is run in conjunction with the R.S.L. and the Dept. of Education. Tom Wood and Charlotte Scott will be attending the 100 Years 100 Boats Anzac Beach Memorial at Collaroy Beach this Saturday.

We also request donations of flowers to make our wreaths for our Anzac Day service this Friday. If students or parents could bring appropriate flowers and greenery to the office by 9 o’clock it would be very much appreciated. Also remember that writing entries for the Australia My Country Competition are due Monday April 27th to Mrs Swick or myself.

Mrs Sue McLean

ANZAC DAY FLOWERS

Flower donations for the Anzac Service would be greatly appreciated. Please send to print room on Friday morning.

MWPS TRAFFIC SAFETY WEEK - 27 April to 1 May

Next week is MWPS Traffic Safety Week!
Lots will be happening around school to reinforce our traffic safety messages, including the installation of new Kiss & Drop zone signage. If you are a parent who uses the K&D zones please read the new signs as you may not be familiar with how the zones should operate.

All children will also be bringing home a handout with safe school zone practices.

To better understand our MWPS community needs, we would like to again 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/HNWLHNG

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

MWPS TRAFFIC SAFETY WEEK

Week 2—MWPS Traffic Safety Week

Friday 24th April
Anzac Service 10:30am
Yrs 3-6
Winter PSSA Trials continue
Performance Band 4pm Manly Corso

Monday 27th April
Australia My Country Comp entries due

Tuesday 27th April
Project Penguin Habitat Day

Wednesday 29th April
Yr 3-6 Cross Country

School Uniform Shop

Opening Hours
Tuesday 21st April  - 2:45-4:00pm
Wednesday 22nd April  - 2:45-4:00pm
Thursday 23rd April  - 8.45-10:00am
Monday 27th April  - 2:45-4:00pm
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 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 an hour or two between 8am and 4pm on Tuesday 5th May, can you please email clarepetterkey@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.