Principal’s Report

P&C News
Saturday October 24 is the diary date for the Manly West Carnival in 2015. Thanks to the P&C led by Mr Fred Kelly, Mrs Yardley and Mrs Highnam, we have been able to secure Cunninghams Real Estate as our major sponsor 2015-2016.

NAPLAN News
NAPLAN continues on Thursday for Years 3 and 5 students. The students completed the Language Conventions and Writing on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and will complete the Numeracy on Thursday morning. There will be no scripture for these classes tomorrow morning.

Parent Maths Workshop – Tuesday 19 May 6pm in the library Years 1—6. See more details later in the newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Horne and Mrs Bruce for the reading workshop on Tuesday 12 May.

Staff News
It is with sadness that we announce that Mrs Kay Parker, who is our School Administrative Manager will be retiring at the end of term. Mrs Parker was appointed here in 1988 and has been a major part of Manly West PS community for 27 years. She has gained an enormous amount of knowledge of students, staff and families in our community as well as administrative processes and finance at our school. It will be a great loss to farewell her however she is happily looking forward to retirement and lots of travel and time with her family. We wish her all the best. We will be organizing some farewell opportunities for her at the end of term.

Write4fun writing competition
Congratulations to the many students who entered the Write4fun writing competition recently. Manly West PS received a Certificate of Excellence for our contributions. The winners will be announced on Wednesday 20 May and can be viewed on line.

Year 6 outdoor tables
It is wonderful to see the Year 6 students outside for fruit break or for outdoor lessons using their new furniture. The students raised some of the money for the tables which now forms an outdoor classroom. The area outside Year 6 rooms has really been enhanced by the students’ interest in restoring the garden and furniture.

Congratulations Lifeline
The recent Book Fair raised $35000 for Lifeline. Thank you to all those who supported this event.

Student News
Congratulations and good luck to Madeleine Taudien, Molly Tycho, Josie Carlisle, Jasper Daddo, Maddie Pilz and Charlie Scott who were selected for the Netball trials on Tuesday 12th May. Congratulations to Charlie Scott who will now trial at the next level.

Congratulations to Anne-Sophie Mueller and Marie-Christine Mueller who both scored a highly commended in the Annual Northern Beaches Eisteddfod, Ballet Junior-12 years & Under Classical Ballet Group (with the Tanya Pearson Classical Coaching Academy).

Good luck to Emma Kha, Alex Gee, Bella Hocking, Sophie Darton and Natasha Kelly who will be performing in 2 Flute sections in the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod next Sunday 17th.

Congratulations to Zane Browne, Tom Wood, Jesse Michniewicz and Jonah Wildash who were selected for the Rugby Union Trials on Monday 11th May.

An ANZAC diorama was recently on display in the foyer. Unfortunately a few army pieces have disappeared. Please return to office. Thank you.

Mrs Julie Organ
Principal
LIBRARY NEWS

If you are not ordering books through the LOOP system, please put your payment (credit card online/phone or cheques) and order forms together in a clearly marked envelope in the money box in the office NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY, 15th MAY. All late orders will be ordered and arrive much later than those given in on time. Thank you for your understanding and being prompt with your orders.

The following students need to take a curtsy or bow because they have completed the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge: Poppy Wrublewski (3B), Sydney Moss (3B), Audrey Mander-Jones (4G), Caitlyn Saadeh (5S), Ally Bullman (5T), Jaya Griffths (ST), Rory Keane (6R), Dashiell Keane (4G), Sarah Scott (4W), Tara Smith (3M), Esme Livingston (3M), Millie Rundle (3M), Chloé McLeod (3/4R), Ella McLeod (5T), Claire Emmerton (3JL), Amelie Taudien (3JL), Clara Wall (3B), Ruby Mooney (5T), Rose Dowdle (5A), Liz Kennis (5A), Finley Forbes (1S), Jackson Wrublewski (1BV), Charlotte Hugman (4W), Zev Shy-Tielen (4W), Harry Hadley (6M) and Francisca Ferreyra (2LA)!

PBEL for this week is Responsibility — wait in the correct place for Kiss & Drop.

Ellen Swick, Teacher Librarian
Parent Reading Workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Reading Workshop on Tuesday. Mrs Horne our Learning Support Teacher explained the importance of teachers and parents working in partnership to enable children to experience joy in reading and to help them begin to view reading as a pleasurable experience.

Parents can also help children to become independent readers through praise and encouragement.

- For more information on how to support your child go to the School A to Z website.
  http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home

University of NSW / ICAS Competitions

Many of our Year 3 – 6 students will be participating in the UNSW competitions over the coming weeks.

**Students need to be at school by 8:00am for an 8:15am start.** We will not be able to wait for late arrivals. The test location for each grade is as follows:

- Year 3 - 3M Classroom with Miss Simat
- Year 4 - 4W Classroom with Miss Wyles
- Year 5 - Year 6 Rooms with Mrs Bruce
- Year 6 - Year 6 Rooms with Mrs McLean

The first competition, Digital Technology Competition, will take place on Tuesday 19 May.

**Please note**, at times we need to reschedule the competitions due to the many activities the school provides. It is not permissible for individuals or a group of students within a grade to sit a test at a different time to the grade cohort.

2016 OC Applications

A reminder to parents of Year 4 children that applications for 2016 opportunity class (OC) placement close on **Friday 15th May**. Applications can be made online at: [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). On this page there is also a short video guide for parents which explains the OC process in detail.

Walk to School Day

Next Friday 22 May is Walk Safely to School Day. To mark the event we encourage all children to wear happy/ funky/brightly coloured socks. Primary students participating in PSSA sport will need to bring their sports socks to change back into.

Walk Safely to School Day is a community event encompassing road safety, health, public transport and the environment. Parents who have to drive may choose to park the car and walk the final kilometre or chosen distance to school. It is a time when parents or carers can reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour. It is advised that children up to ten years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.

Science

Year One students are currently studying the unit ‘Spot the Difference’. They are investigating how heating or cooling a food can change its properties.

Mrs Adrienne Bruce
Diary Dates

Thursday 14th May
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 — Numeracy

Friday 15th May
OC Applications for Year 4 close
Winter PSSA Round 3
Stage 2 School Sport Programme

Tuesday 19th May
8:00am Uni NSW Computer test
9:45am—11:00am Kindy Open Day 2016
6:00pm Parent Maths Workshop in library
7:30pm P&C General Meeting in library
Zone Cross Country
4W & 4G Art Gallery Excursion

Wednesday 20th May
Project Penguin Make Day Year 5
Maths Olympiad Years 4-6

Thursday 21st May
Zone Cross Country

Friday 22nd May
Walk to School Day

Manly West Before & After School Care Accounts

If you have not paid a first instalment, FULL PAYMENT is due by FRIDAY 15 May. Late Payment fees apply for unpaid accounts after the due dates.

Session Vacancies
We now have Permanent or Casual Vacancies most mornings and a limited number on 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).

Band News

Performance Band recording of audition video for Town Hall/Opera House concerts
Big thanks to Band grandparent Bill Taylor for volunteering (yet again!!) to video the Performance Band’s audition.

Band Camp Notes and Payment
Very excited about camp in two weeks. Notes and payment need to be returned urgently, and parents need to fill in the online medical form provided by Narrabeen Sports. Log on details on the notes.

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours
Thurs 21st May - 8:45—10:00am
Mon 25th May - 2:45—4:00pm
Thurs 4th June - 8:45—10:00am

Canteen News

Canteen Duty is not NAPLAN for parents!
There is no assessment of your kitchen skills; we don’t pass or fail you if you confess to not liking to bake; there is no mysterious league table pitting you against your opposite number at other school canteens!
Canteen duty is simply about lending a hand so we can get the job done of feeding so many hungry students and a few staff members too! So please if you’ve got some crazy ideas in your head about what happens in the canteen come and find out if they’re true by doing a volunteer shift whenever you like and at the very least you should get a good story out of it!! You can help out as often or as infrequently as you like to or are able to fit in to your schedule. Why not grab a friend and volunteer together and that way you can catch-up and tick the volunteering box at the same time!
Get in touch by phone 9948 2257 or email mwcanteen@gmail.com or just come on in.

Thanks, Isobel.

Canteen Roster for week 5, Group 3

Monday 18th May
Fiona Davidson AM
VACANCY AM
Annie Tufts PM
Tana’s Granny PM

Wednesday 20th May
Emma Baird AM
VACANCY AM
Jan Beacham PM
Sam Lumsdaine PM

Friday 22nd May
Lara Dunford AM
Jessica Kirkham AM
Fred Kelly AM
Kirsten Pedersen PM
Lisa Carter PM

Tuesday 19th May
Nicola Bird AM
Oraith Sheill AM
Caz Thompson PM
VACANCY PM

Thursday 21st May
Susan Darton AM
George McLeod AM
VACANCY PM
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Congratulations
To the following students for receiving an Expectation Certificate:

Poppy Wrublewski
Grace Pearson
Amelie Taudien
Rachel Ainsworth
Conor Phillips
Naomi Ainsworth
Asia De Souza
Claire Emmerton
Talia MacDonald
Ella McLeod
Tom Ballantyne
Jack Greville
Beau Kelly

P & C News

P&C General Meeting - Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm in the school library.
Come and hear what's going on at your school from both the Principal and the P&C.
Share your views or just listen. Wine and nibbles provided. Everyone welcome.
If there is anything you would like to see on an agenda or have discussed, please contact Kate Grant, P&C Secretary at grantkate@hotmail.com.

PLEASE HELP - WANTED URGENTLY - P&C Environment Co-ordinator
Our current co-ordinator has also volunteered her time to organise Carnival Infrastructure and cannot manage two roles so we desperately need an Environment Co-ordinator.
If you don't have the time to do much, being Environment Co-ordinator just means organising school working bees (next one is scheduled for May 31st) by sending out notices and doing a bit of directing of people on the day. If you want to do more - fantastic! There are folders with information and the sustainability and kitchen garden teams are already in place.
Please email Kate at grantkate@hotmail.com ASAP if you can help. Thank you.

Mother's Day Stall - Huge thank you
The P&C and school community would like to thank the fantastic team who ran the Mothers' and Carers' Day stall.
Jody Phillips, Nicole Macnicol, Audrey Watson, Clare Key and Marie-Claire Johnston did an amazing job. Using last year’s experiences (!) and their incredible organising expertise, not only did they give our children a great sense of responsibility (and lots of fun), they also helped give lots of mothers and carers a wonderful Mothers' Day. To top it all they raised a lot of money for the school which will go back into improving our children’s education. Watch this space for the total amount next week!
Thank you also to all the many volunteers and teachers who assisted on the day and to the school community for supporting the stall. A great success all round.

Great News! Manly West P&C and Kidstuff are proud to announce a new partnership. Now, parents can earn loyalty points for the school whenever we shop at Kidstuff in Balgowlah, Manly or indeed any of their stores. Please mention Manly West when making your purchase and we can collect points to redeem for fabulous prizes for the Carnival or other school events.

Cross Country
Congratulations to Bella Condon, Jemimah Mitchell and Mia Demery who will also compete at the District Cross Country Carnival on Thursday the 21st of May at John Fisher Park in Curl Curl.

Donations
We are helping a young couple who are homeless and living in their car with their baby boy (Size 0). Any donations of baby things would be really awesome and appreciated! Please contact Bella on 0413509543 or drop donations to 1/106 Griffiths Street, Balgowlah

Many Thanks
Bella Blaiklock

Manly West would like to say a special thank you to Kerry and Sarah O'Brien, the mother and daughter team who own 'Watermelon Home' at Fairlight, a gift and home-wares shop.
Kerry and Sarah were such a fabulous support to Manly West School and helped the Mothers Day Team source some wonderful gifts at cost price in order for the school to make a good profit on the Mothers and Carers Day Stall.
They have the most beautiful products, so if you are ever looking for that special gift or piece to style your home, Watermelon Home is the place to visit. Make sure you introduce yourself as a Manly West Parent.
TRIVIA NIGHT
Hello Parents,
Planning is already well underway for the 2015 Manly West Trivia Night and this year we have a bigger venue to accommodate everyone who wants to be a part of the social event of the year. If last year’s ticket sales are anything to go by, start planning your teams now, and get in quick when tickets go on sale on Friday 1 May.

The details for this year’s event are:

Date: Saturday 20 June (book the babysitters now)
Time: 6pm – late
Venue: The Great Hall at "The Castle" (ICMS/St Patricks), 151 Darley Road, Manly
Teams: Tables of 10
Capacity: 200 (20 tables of 10)
Ticket Price: $70 per person (includes a 2 course buffet meal, $20 donation per person towards School Fundraising, Trivia and DJ so you can dance the night away)
The theme this year is fitting with the castle like venue, which is books: storybooks, fables, fiction and more... so pick your favourite book and all come as the characters. Have a good think about it and be creative. There will be prizes for best dressed team and best themed table. Please also note that the trivia itself will be mostly general trivia, with some local knowledge and general book stuff thrown in!
Once again there will be a cash bar for drinks (at reasonable prices), a raffle... and if we get enough great prizes, a silent auction.
On the subject of prizes, if anyone can donate any prizes/auction items or know of anyone who can help out, please email Sarah Bickford (sarah_bickford@hotmail.com). This is a fundraising event for our kids’ school amenities and every cent raised goes back into making Manly West the best for our kids!
So pop on your thinking caps, get creative and we look forward to you joining us for a really fun night!

WANTED
FOR MANLY WEST CARNIVAL - Saturday October 24th, 11am-5pm
PROFESSIONAL FACE PAINTERS
We need professional and fast face painters (up to 4) to cope with the high demand for face painting at our carnival in spring. If you have these skills or know of someone who may be able to help please get in touch with Kirsten Highnam at Thighnam@bigpond.net.au. We will pay a daily rate or if you would like to offer your services at a discount (as all profits go to school fundraising) we would be very grateful.

Trivia Night 2015 - Call for donations!
Rumours will have reached you by now that a fabulous night of trivia, dressing up and merry-making is planned for Saturday 20th June in the Great Hall at St. Patrick's. Parents will socialise, eat, drink, laugh and dance but must also raise as much as possible for the children of Manly West. A big silent auction is planned to add to the fun and a dazzling array of prizes is needed.

Please can you all have a think about what you could offer. A few ideas to inspire you:

Do you own a business? Can you offer goods or services? Perhaps a consultation, or a voucher, or a lovely item from your shop. Maybe your employers can be persuaded to contribute. It will be an opportunity to raise awareness of the business.

Are you an artist? Perhaps you have a painting or a sculpture that party guests will fight over. Or if you are crafty, what about something you have made from timber or clay or fabric? If it is beautiful, the bidding will be fierce.

Do you own a holiday home? Could you offer a week or weekend stay? It could be off-season or for specified dates. People love buying holidays at auction nights. Maybe a relative with a second home at the beach or in the bush is happy to support the school - please ask them! Boats are great too. Can you provide a day's fishing or an afternoon of harbour sailing?

Do you have valuable skills? Everyone does! Maybe you can babysit, or cook for a dinner party, or spring clean, or weed a garden, or take photographs or teach a language. The list is endless.....

One last idea - do you have any tickets for shows or sporting events that you can't use? Please send them to us to sell!

No donation will be too little - smaller items can be packaged together. Large items will be auctioned by the MC to really get the competitive spirit fired! If you can't attend the party, you can still donate a prize and contribute to the fundraising.

Please send your donations and ideas to sarah_bickford@hotmail.com Thank you!
Manly West Carnival News
Saturday, 24th October 2015

The Carnival Committee has begun pulling together the many and varied elements of the Carnival. It is shaping up to be another spectacular event again proudly supported by Cunninghams. Lock the date in your diary.

This school newsletter and the Manly West Carnival Facebook page will be the main form of general communication regarding the Carnival. We encourage any parents on Facebook to follow this page for regular updates and Carnival news.

www.facebook.com/ManlyWestCarnival

Class Parents will be an integral form of communication specifically relating to your classes stall.

In the coming weeks each class will be allocated a stall and a comprehensive information pack that includes tips and learnings from parents from years gone by. Kirsten Highnam and Kate Grant will arrange a meeting with the Class Parents to run through the information pack and answer any questions.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Some stalls will require donations from the whole parent community with mufii days to be scheduled in Term 3 for:

Infrastructure Fund – gold coin donation to kick start the Carnival’s infrastructure needs.

Lucky Dip - each child to bring in one girls and one boys lucky dip prize

Chocolate Game - each child to bring in one average-family sized block of chocolate.

Additionally we ask that parents consider donating to the Hooky game with bottles of wine, spirits and soft drink, the Second hand book stall, Tea and Cakes stall and the Gourmet Food Stall.

Closer to the Carnival collection dates and venues will be shared.

And now to the favourite of all Carnival stalls - Tombola. For now we are simply asking parents to start collecting their empty glass jars – jam jars are perfect. The class allocated to Tombola will start to collect filled jars in Term 3 so please don’t send any in as yet. Please note if you want to also start collecting sweets, trinkets, toys, hair accessories etc to fill your jars please note contents need to be new items and any lollies or sweets MUST be wrapped.

There will also be a traditional style adult Tombola this year so any unwanted soaps, hand creams and gift packs hold onto for this stall.

Graphic Designer needed.

The Carnival Committee is also looking for assistance with the following:

• Graphic designer to assist in artwork for marketing materials eg banners, posters, and mud maps.

Please contact Amanda Farrar:
farrara@bigpond.net.au
Identifying and Managing Child Anxiety

Start Date: Thursday, 28 May 2015
End Date: Thursday, 28 May 2015

The Centre for Emotional Health in partnership with the Rotary Club of North Ryde is pleased to present a FREE community information evening for parents, carers, school counselors and teachers on dealing with anxiety in children.

In this information session, Dr Lauren McLellan will discuss:

♦ Ways to identify anxiety in children, ages 7 to 12 years
♦ How anxiety can affect children
♦ Tips to manage child anxiety, and
♦ Available treatment options for children offered through the Centre for Emotional Health Clinic.

The discussion will include an interactive Q&A session.

Event Information

Time: Doors open 5.30pm. Event 6.00pm
Venue: Australian Hearing Hub, Level 1 Lecture Theatre, 16 University Ave,
Macquarie University NSW
Parking: Free parking from 5.30pm in X3 and W4 car parks.

RSVP: Bookings are essential as places are limited.
Contact Person: Barb Corapi barb.corapi@mg.edu.au

Kitchen Garden News

We have had a busy start to the term and a few planting delays with Carnivals and weather but we are now off and growing. We have put in a blueberry hedge in the west garden. Seasonal vegies are everywhere, our strawberries and broad beans are taking off and we have some new and unusual perennial herbs going in. The year three classes have also planted garlic and carrots.

This term we are improving signage and labelling so you can identify the great variety of plants.

Plant of the month is Borage. This strange looking one is a soil miner, bringing nitrogen to the surface. It is bee attracting and the blue flowers are edible and look lovely in ice cubes.

Our challenge is the cool dry wind, very hard on seedlings. We are thinking about a protective screen hedge.

Thanks go to all our volunteers. It can’t happen without you!
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation which was established in 1983.

We have international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs and unfortunately some of these wonderful students still do not have a host family.

We would be grateful if you would consider hosting one of these students and allow them to experience the lifestyle of the Northern Beaches whilst also giving your children the opportunity to develop a global perspective, make lifelong friendships and have fun learning about other cultures.

Our international students come from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Spain. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

You choose the nationality, gender, duration and interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family.

Please contact your local coordinator, Nicky, on 0409 495 758 or by email and.or.nr@a1.com.au for more information.
Alternatively visit us at www.sccce.com.au, email scceaust@sccce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 to request our international student profiles and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

The 33rd Mini-Mos Fun run takes place on the 14th June and we are looking for as many children as possible from Manly West to take place and compete in the Inter School challenge.

For those new to the Mini-Mos the Inter School challenge is a 2km run around the streets of Mosman starting and finishing at Mosman Primary School. You enter one of five age groups depending on the age you turn this year.

Just go to http://mini-mos.com/2km/ and register your children making sure to note the school as Manly West. Whilst you are there you can also register yourself in either the 5km or 10km race if you fancy a challenge!

In additional Mosman Public School holds a large fair so you can stay around and enjoy the morning.

There is a flyer in the Newsletter with more details and feel free to contact Phil Sherry (father of Jonah Yr6 and Flynn Yr5) on 0434182614 if you need any more information.

We are in urgent need of girls underwear sizes 4 to 8 for our spare clothing box. If you are able to supply new ones please bring to the Print Room.

Many thanks

Forms available at the office

University Tests Details for 2015
Please find below the dates for the University tests.
Computer Skills: Tuesday 19th May.
Science: Wednesday 3rd June.
Writing: Monday 15th June.
Spelling: Tuesday 16th June.
English: Tuesday 28th July.
Maths: Tuesday 11th August.

These tests will take place in the following locations:
Year 6: Mrs McLean’s room. Year 5: Mrs Bergelin’s room. Year 4: Miss Wyles’ room. Year 3: Miss Monds’ room.

These tests will commence promptly at 8:00am on the allocated day so your child is advised to be there at least 5 minutes before 8am. If your child is away on the test day every opportunity will be made to complete this test but, unfortunately, in some circumstances this may not be possible.

Becky Wilson