Principal's Report

STOP PRESS: There will be a mulching working bee on Sunday 31st May, 11—12:30 near oval. Mulch will now arrive on Thursday. Please BYO garden tools and water.

Heart warming story

Sometimes there are great stories to share that warm the heart. In previous newsletters I have acknowledged the Year 6 boys led by George Thompson and Toby Newton who with some guidance restored the special seat donated by the Mildwater Family in loving memory of their son Billy as well as other seats in the garden. Other Year 6 students, our Bushlink friends and gardener Chris have also been clearing and restoring the area this year.

Last Wednesday, the parents of Billy visited the area with flowers for their deceased son’s birthday and were greeted with the surprise of the whole garden area being transformed. Students in the classes came to sing happy birthday to their son and welcomed them with special messages to the parents. As well the Year 6 teachers and students gave them a tour of their classrooms. The parents, Jacqui and Larry said that they went away so elated from the experience and even visited the next day because they had such a wonderful feeling after 20 years. Not too many of us walked away without joyful tears in our eyes.

Take heart anyone who is currently experiencing difficult times.

NAPLAN Science Literacy Trial

Thank you to Mrs Bruce and all the senior students who participated in the NAPLAN Science Literacy Trial during first term. The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting team acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of our school staff and students for participating in the trial.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Working Bee

Thank you to everyone led by Ms Holly Docker and Mrs Beth Dowdle for their work in our Kitchen Garden on the weekend. We hope everyone visits the garden to see the new improvements especially with signage.

Finance

The Resource Allocation Model (RAM) is a DEC term used regarding the allocation of funds for schools based on the statistics and data for each school. We have been allocated an amount of money to assist families in need. We have a number of families who are strained with finances at different times however we don’t always know family circumstances. Please could you write to me or make an appointment with me if you are having difficulties with payments and we may be able to assist families in small ways that could make a difference.

Band Camp

Thank you to Ms Penny Councill, Ms Esparraga, the Band Committee, Mrs McLean, Mr Richards, Mr Byrne, Mrs Bruce, Ms Rosnell and the many parents supporting this event. It requires a major organization. The band camp was very successful with preparation for the Eisteddfod season and special performance events for the year.

National Walk to School Day – unfortunately cancelled due to such wet conditions.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Zone Cross Country. They performed extremely well considering the difficulty of this event. Good luck to the following students who will participate in the Sydney North Cross Country or act as reserves in readiness: Tom Wood, India Horseley, Ziko Veseley, Joel Ansems-Mills, Amelia Taudien, Matilda Oliver, Arron Darling and Mercy Nathaniel.
Student News

Congratulations and good luck to Will Edwards (Year 6) who has been selected in the NSW PSSA Australian Rules Football 12 Years and Under team to play in the Australian Football Championships in Victoria from 18-25 July. There may soon be some raffle tickets being sold at school to assist his tour.

Congratulations to Madeline Pilz, Taylor Silverthorn and Chloe Stewart for their inclusion in the State Junior Music Camp next term.

Congratulations to Jesse Michniewicz and Zane Browne for being selected in the Sydney North Rugby Union Team and will be competing in 18-20 August at Pittwater Rugby Park. Good luck!

Congratulations to Ruby Gordon and Isabel McGarva for their acceptance into the Expanding Horizons Visual Arts Camp.

Diary Date: Saturday October 24 is the diary date for the Manly West Carnival in 2015 sponsored by Cunninghams Real Estate.

Mrs Julie Organ

From the Deputies’ Desk.......  

We need Ethics Teachers for K- 2 students

At this stage we are unable to offer Ethics classes to Kindergarten and Year One. We have started a Year 2 class, however, there are many more Year 2 students attending Non-Scripture in anticipation of Ethics becoming available to them. Unfortunately, our Year 2 Ethics teacher who started a class this term has experienced a run of family illness so has been unable to teach in recent weeks.

We have many parents who have shown interest in their child attending Ethics classes. However, we need to recruit more volunteer teachers. Are you, a friend or a grandparent interested?

No teaching experience is necessary. Ethics teachers are asked to teach a 30 min class each Thursday during the school term. This also involves approximately an hour of preparation a week.

Our Scripture and Ethics classes follow this timetable:

9:20 - 9:50 Years 5 & 6
10:00 -10:30 Years 3 & 4
10:40 -11:10 Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2.

To become an Ethics teacher you will need to:

- contact Louise Fletcher our Ethics Coordinator through phone or email - 0410 680 410 or our_oyster@hotmail.com. Louise will conduct a specific interview.
- complete a 2 day training course at a local university. These take place on a weekend. St James Ethics Centre is the approved provider of classes in philosophical ethics. Primary Ethics (www.primaryethics.com.au), is responsible for all aspects of course delivery, including providing trained volunteers and resources. The course is taught and managed by volunteers.
- complete an online module (approx. 2 hrs).
- Obtain a police check

K-2 Excursions

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 all have upcoming excursions. To assist organisation and a smooth, enjoyable excursion, please ensure permission notes are returned by the requested date, appropriate clothing is worn and that your child is at school on time on the day of the excursion.

Some classes attending the Kindergarten excursion on Monday, 1st June, still require parent helpers. As the excursion is near water we do require more parent helpers. If you are able to assist, please contact your child’s teacher.

Kindergarten Tour

Our next tour for parents of prospective 2016 Kindergarten parents is in Term 3 – Tuesday 18th August at 9:45.

Mrs Wendy Mwanga
National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week
National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities.
Reconciliation Week starts on Wednesday and Mabo Day is June 3. Year 5 students have entered the Garingai Writing Competition and other students will actively participate in class activities to commemorate these days. All the students will participate Naidoc Koomuri Indigenous Day activities on 24th June.

Maths Olympiad
The Maths Olympiad has been operating since 1987 and every year, students from all over Australia and neighbouring countries take part in five contests. The aim of the program is to encourage students to develop important mathematical problem solving skills in an enjoyable environment. This year identified students in Years 4, 5 & 6 are participating in the Maths Olympiad. The students have been working collaboratively in groups to further develop and expand their multi step problem solving strategies. The students completed the first of five Maths Olympiads last week with the following results:

- Year 4 students achieved an average result of 3 out of 5 and 4 students answered 4 out of 5 questions correctly.
- Year 5 students achieved an average result of 3 out of 5, 4 students answered 4 out of 5 and 1 student answered 5 out of 5 questions correctly.
- Year 6 students averaged 4 out of 5 and 9 students answered 5 out of 5 questions correctly.


Year 5 Team: Rose Dowdle, Emma Kha, Ryan Iggo, Sienna Hayles, Flynn Sherry, Elinor Williams, Nick Hird, Ruby Michniewicz, Finn Beachley, Jono Ryan, Grace Pearson, Dexter Craddock, Alexey Beale, Jordan Figuiere, Charlotte Yan, Soraya Gerritsen, Ami Barnes, Lucy Matthews, Grace Hyland and Scarlett Beaumont.


University of NSW Science Competition – ICAS
Wednesday June 3rd is the date for our UNSW Competition ‘Science’
Children are required to be at their designated classroom by 8.00am for an 8.10am start. Please see classroom allocation below:

- Year 3 Science in 3M classroom
- Year 4 Science in 4W classroom
- Year 5 Science in 5A classroom
- Year 6 Science in 6M classroom.

Please note that if children are absent for the test there is no makeup time available.

Multicultural Public Speaking
Multicultural Public Speaking Primary Speak-Off will commence Thursday 4th June.
Pedestrian Safety Messages

- Children up to eight years old should hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the car park, or when crossing the road; an adult is defined as a parent, caregiver, grandparent, sibling in high school or older, other relative or neighbour, or other adult as advised by the child's parents/carers.
- Children up to ten years old should be actively supervised in the traffic environment and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

This cartoon provides graphic facts about Children and Safety in the Traffic Environment.

Mrs Adrienne Bruce

PBEL for this week is Aspire — be prepared with equipment for all class and school activities.
Diary Dates

Thursday 28th May
Project Penguin 9.30-12pm
3JL & 3B Art Gallery Excursion

Friday 29th May
PSSA Round 5

Sunday 31st May
11am-12.30 Working Bee
10:00am MW SnowSports Team training

Monday 1st June
Kindy Rockpool Excursion KB, KG, KR

Tuesday 2nd June
Kindy Rockpool Excursion KY, KP, KO

Wednesday 3rd June
8:00am Uni NSW Science

Thursday 4th June
Multicultural Public Speaking Speak Off
Canteen News......Special Day!!! Thursday 11th June will be an online order only day for a special lunch, visit Flexischools online to place your order. The only lunch available on that day will be the pre-ordered special day lunch so check the flyer for details and get cracking because IT’S VERY SOON!!

Yoghurt Squeezies now available across the counter or in a lunch order for $1.50. If you’re looking for a low GI, calcium rich treat without the sugar content of flavoured milk and no preservatives, artificial colours or flavours then these are the go. We stock 3 varieties: strawberry, blueberry and vanilla.

Thanks to those parents who’ve been generously offering their time to fill in shifts or even joining the roster with a shift once a month. Every little bit of help makes a huge difference to the smooth running of the canteen and our ability to fulfil the menu while maintaining our sense of humour!! Special Day will require extra helpers so perhaps that could be your chance to give canteen a go?! Contact us by email mwcanteen@gmail.com or call 9948 2257 or just drop in. Thanks, Isobel.

Canteen Roster for week 7, Group 1

Monday 1st June
Emma King AM
Marie Claire Johnston AM
Jane Barnes PM
Lucy Lopez PM

Tuesday 2nd June
Shannon Kearnnes AM
Antoinetta Nicolson PM

Wednesday 3rd June
Deb Beverley AM
Helen Yardley AM
Annabel Cotton PM
Sue O’Brien PM
Jules Cooray PM

Thursday 4th June
Tiane Olive AM
Audrey Watson AM
Sarah Edwards PM
Melissa Mander-Jones PM

Friday 5th June
Wendy Dar AM
Maggie Faulder AM
Jodie Adams AM
Em Pepar AM
Jodi Stacker PM
Natalie Mitchell PM
Jacqui Liddicoat PM

Manly West Before & After School Care

External Activities
Do not forget to complete our External Activities Form if your child needs to leave either a Before or After School Care session eg for Chess, Netball, Music, Drama etc. Forms are available in each room – please see the Room Leader.

Accounts
The FINAL instalment is due by Friday 5 June. If you have changed your email address or did not receive your account, please contact us immediately.

Session Vacancies
There are Permanent or Casual Vacancies most mornings. 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).

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours
Thursday 4th June
8:45-10:00 am
Tuesday 9th June
2:45-4:00 pm
Thursday 18th June
8:45-10:00 am
Monday 22nd June
2:45-4:00 pm

Chicken Roster

Saturday 30th May
Heming Family
Sunday 31st May
Clarke Family
FLYING OF FLAGS
National Sorry Day & National Reconciliation Week
National Sorry Day, 26 May 2015
National Reconciliation Week, 27 May to 3 June 2015

MESSAGE: The following message has been received from the New South Wales Department of Premier and Cabinet, Protocol and Special Events Unit:

"National Sorry Day acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Indigenous Australians. It is requested that all New South Wales Government Buildings and Establishments throughout the State fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags during Sorry Day and National Reconciliation week inclusive.

National Reconciliation Week is focusing on how Australians can better recognise each other and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Flying the Indigenous flags on National Sorry Day and throughout National Reconciliation Week confirms our national respect for Indigenous Australians. From Monday 26 May to Tuesday the 3 June 2015 the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag should be flown on additional flagpoles, where available, next to or near the Australian Flag.

2015 Mini-Mos Fun Run on 14th June

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 part and compete in the Inter School challenge.

For those new to the Mini-Mos the Inter School Challenge is a 3km run around the streets of Manly starting and finishing at Manly Primary School. You enter one of five age groups depending on the age you turn this year.

Just go to http://minimos.com/2015/ and register your children making sure to note the school as Manly West. Whilst you are there you can also register yourself if you feel the 5km or 10km run if you fancy a challenge!

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

Contact Phil Sherry (Father of Jonah Year 5 and Flynn Year 3) on 0413112014 if you need any more information.

Cool Kids Adolescent Health Program