Principal’s Message:

The official title ‘Department of Education’ has replaced the old title of Department of Education and Communities.

Education Day
Education Week is being celebrated at Manly West PS officially on Wednesday 12 August. Parents/caregivers/grandparents from all grades will be invited to the classrooms. There will also be opportunities to see a variety of performances in the school. More details will follow.

Charities and fundraising this semester.
This semester, there are several charities and fundraising events that are being supported by Manly West PS. This has been coordinated by the Student Representative Council (SRC), the P&C and some staff. The main event is the Manly West Carnival held in Term 4. There will also be a Dance-athon held in the last week of Term 4 and two mufti days in preparation for the Carnival. The money raised by all these events will assist the P&C with some of their fundraising for our school. Bear Cottage and Stewart House are run by the SRC and funds are directed to those charities. This year, the school will be involved in Jump Rope for Heart which supports the Heart Foundation and also a healthy lifestyle for our students. I have spoken with our students at assembly so that they understand that all families are in different financial situations and contributions should relate to how families can manage and family priorities. We ask that families support if possible but not to be pressured. Raising awareness and understanding of the charities and relating aspects of what they have learned to our PBEL expectations is educational for our students and gives them civic citizenship knowledge.

- Gold Coin Mufti Day—Thursday 23rd July. This will be organised by the P&C to raise funds for the lucky dip prizes for the School Carnival.

Drama Festival
The Drama groups will now perform at NIDA as all groups have been selected to participate in the Drama Festival. Drama rehearsals will be held on the 23 July with Drama performances on the 29 July.

Year 6 students
This week, Year 6 students will participate in Art lessons with Ms Emily Lees and their teachers using specific art materials and utilizing different artistic concepts in the art world. This is a trial program to incorporate sources of wonder and inspiration and use of a range of expressive forms including drawing, painting and sculpture. We also wish our Year 6 students and staff a wonderful camp experience next week to Canberra and the snow fields.

Student News
We have received a card from the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr Tony Abbott. He has thanked our Captains and Vice Captains—Joseph, Charlie, Tom and Caroline for their contribution and attendance at the 2015 Defense of Sydney Commemoration at North Fort. They represented Manly West Public School.

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

Mrs Julie Organ
Principal
Deputy Principals Report

Manly West 3-6 Track and Field Events Carnival
This year we will be running our annual Years 3-6 Track and Field Events Carnival at the NSW Institute of Sport, Narrabeen on Tuesday 28 July. Students will be travelling by bus to and from Narrabeen. $15 will cover venue, timing gates, field events equipment hiring and bus costs. The amount will be added to your child’s Term 3 Invoice. The Manly West 3-6 Track and Field Events Carnival Information / Permission Note has been given to all students today and students need to return the permission note to their child’s teacher by Thursday 23 July. The information note is also available on the School Website.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)
From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005.
This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability. The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school. The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

General information about the national data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website at;

K-6 Child Protection Program.
The Child Protection for 2015 will commence this semester. The aim of Child Protection Program in primary schools is to assist students in developing skills in recognising and responding to unsafe situations, seeking assistance effectively and establishing and maintaining relationships and strengthening attitudes and values related to equality, respect and responsibility. As there is increasing agreement in the community about the importance of this education for students, annual permission for students to participate in child protection education is no longer necessary.
However, if you do not wish your child to participate in this program, please contact your child’s class teacher. Provisions are made for children not participating in the program.
For more information about the Child Protection Program go to:

2016 Opportunity Class Test
Year 4 students who applied for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2016 are required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test next Wednesday 22 July from 9:00am to 11:15 am. Our school test centre is Northern Beaches Secondary College Mackellar Girls Campus Campbell Parade & Quirk Rd, Manly Vale. All parents were sent a letter advising them about the test centre their child is required to attend. They were also sent a copy of a document called, Test information for parents and students.
Please contact the school if you have not received this information.

Reminder:
THE MANLY WEST PS 2015 TRIAL BICYCLE / SCOOTER / SKATEBOARD SAFETY GUIDELINES POLICY has been discussed with the Student Representative Council (SRC), all teachers and P&C at the Term Two P&C Meeting. The P&C President, School Principal and SRC have endorsed the trial. The 8 month trial commences this term and will be reviewed in February 2016. A copy of the THE MANLY WEST PS 2015 TRIAL BICYCLE / SCOOTER / SKATEBOARD SAFETY GUIDELINES POLICY is attached with the newsletter and it is also on the school website.
N.B Student and Parent Bicycle/Scooter/Skateboard Agreements need to be returned Mrs Bruce.
Deputy Principals Report continued:

**Write! Write! Write!**

**Creative Writing Workshops with Belinda Murrell – Saturday 15 August at Manly West**

Manly West students can join best-selling author, Belinda Murrell for a dynamic creative writing workshop. Through fun and varied activities she will encourage students to write fantastic stories through a mixture of brainstorming games, lightening writing activities, character sketches and story creation. With an emphasis on being fun and interactive, kids will explore the elements of writing such as character, setting, planning, plotting, dialogue, beginnings and endings. Belinda is back by popular demand. Her last Manly West workshop was a sell out and we are now pleased to offer two sessions.

**YEARS 2-4**
Time: 11:30am to 1pm  
Cost: $30/child

**YEARS 3-6**
Time: 2:00-3:30pm  
Cost: $30/child

**Bookings:** [http://www.trybooking.com/144032](http://www.trybooking.com/144032)

Trybooking Event: Manly West Creative Writing Workshop

**Enquiries:** P&C Enrichment Committee ([atymkiw@bigpond.net.au](mailto:atymkiw@bigpond.net.au))

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Mrs Adrienne Bruce

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**Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016**

If you have a child starting school in 2016, please collect an enrolment form from the front office or download one from our website. You can access this through the ‘Our School’ tab on the home page of our website. [http://www.manlywest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home](http://www.manlywest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home)

If you have friends or neighbours who are new to the school, please let them know that our next school tour is on:

**Tuesday 18th August at 9:45am**

We ask that parents contact the school office on 9948 2257 if they wish to attend.

Our Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of prospective 2016 K students is on:

**Wednesday 28th October at 6pm in the hall.**

This is followed by two orientation mornings for Kindergarten students:

**Wednesday 4th November 9:45 - 11:00am**

**Tues 10th November 9:45 - 11:00am**

Mrs Wendy Mwanga

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The **PBEL** for this week is **Respect**: Walk through the office quietly and sensibly.
**Band News**

**Welcome back to a busy Term 3 for all Bands.**

**CONGRATULATIONS FROM TERM 2 PERFORMANCES**

Congratulations to both the Concert Band and Performance Band for their outstanding appearances at the Northern Beaches Instrumental Music Festival towards the end of last term (Friday, 12 June). Penny was extremely happy about how it went and reports that she received many glowing compliments from members of the audience after your performances. Well done. And thanks too to those parents who helped out by bringing the percussion stand and helping get the band members ready.

**BAND CAPTAINS 2015**

In case you missed this announcement in the Deputy Principal’s report in the final Newsletter of Term 2, congratulations to our 2015 Band Captains:
- Performance Band: Jamie Clarke and Victoria Quinn
- Concert Band: Jonathon Ryan and Poppy Troy
- Intermediate Band: Finn Harvey and Zoe Ball
- Training Band: Freddy Mulder and Ivy Polkinghorne

**NSW SCHOOL BAND FESTIVAL**

The dates for Manly West’s participation in this annual event held at the University of NSW in Kensington are now available. Please put these times and dates in your diaries. As usual, the performances and adjudication will take place in the Clancy Auditorium. There is also usually a band photo taken out the back directly after the performance. More information for parents about the Festival is available at this URL: [http://schoolbandfestival.org.au/parent-information](http://schoolbandfestival.org.au/parent-information)

**Sunday 2nd August:**
- Concert Band arrive at 1:30pm
- Performance Band arrive at 2:20pm

**Sunday 16 August:**
- Training Band arrive 8:30am
- Intermediate Band arrive 10am

**BAND COMMITTEE MEETING: RESCHEDULED THIS WEEK**

Please do get involved, particularly as we head into the second half of the year, so the transition to 2016 can be as smooth as possible. There is lots to do and the Band program depends on parent volunteers to be viable. Big or small amounts of help welcome. No musical skills required (we leave that to Penny, the tutors and the kids)!

Our meeting scheduled for this Wednesday in the school library is being rescheduled because our Band Liaison teacher is away this week. It is now planned for 7pm Wednesday, 22 July 2015.

Hope you can make it.

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**Art Extension Program**

Year 6 are working with Ms Emily Lees on a Visual Arts Program over the next two days. They are exploring different art forms and processes which will be shared across the grade.

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**Uniform Shop**

**Thursday 16th July**
- 8:45-10:00am

**Monday 20th July**
- 2:45-4:00pm

**Thursday 30th July**
- 8:45-10:00am

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**Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2015**

**Collection date:**
- 22nd July

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**Diary Dates**

**Friday 17th July**
- State Cross Country
- PSSA Round 9

**Monday 20th July**
- Year 6 Canberra

**Tuesday 21st July**
- Year 6 Canberra
- Art Alive Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday 22nd July**
- Year 6 return from Canberra
- OC Test

**Thursday 23rd July**
- P&C Mufti Day for Carnival
- NIDA Drama Rehearsals
**CANTENE NEWS**

Canteen Roster for week 2, Group 3

**Monday 20th July**
- Fiona Davidson AM
- Orlaith Sheill AM
- Annie Tufts PM
- Tana’s Granny PM

**Tuesday 21st July**
- Nicola Bird AM
- **VACANCY** AM
- Caz Thompson PM
- **VACANCY** PM

**Wednesday 22nd July**
- Heather Robertson AM
- **VACANCY** AM
- Jan Beacham PM
- SamLumsdaine PM
- **VACANCY** PM

**Thursday 23rd July**
- Susan Darton AM
- George McLeod

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

**Robotics:**
Congratulations to the team of students in Year 6 who have completed robotics in Term 1 and 2 with Mr Richards. The students developed skills in teamwork, building and programming Lego NXT Mindstorms Robots.

- Tom Fullwood
- Tommy McLean
- Ben Havranek
- Talisa Gray
- Harry Hadley
- Rhowan Lukin
- Tom Kelly
- Dylan Haley
- Jerry Lopez
- Arvend Karunagaran
- Will Manahan
- Sean Ashover
- Sam Atkinson
- Rory Keane
- Tal Shy-Tielen
- Jake Black
- Lachlan Coleman

If you are able to help out in the canteen, any time you can give is greatly appreciated! Get in touch with us.

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**GIRLS Come ‘n Try Teeball/softball**

If you would like to play a team sport this summer come along and try a fun and exciting sport at Mackellar Girls High on Friday 24th July 3.30 – 4.30 (oval behind school in Campbell Parade.) All equipment provided just wear runners.

Teeball and Modball are played on Saturday mornings at Abbott Rd Harbord from September till March (not during school holidays)

Just come along or contact Jill 0421 200 459

**If wet Come ‘n Try will be the following Friday**