Principal’s Report

Education Day Diary Date Reminder:
Wednesday 12 August. See details over. Book donations for the library will be displayed outside the hall on Wednesday morning.

Term 3 Accounts
Term 3 accounts will be sent home this week. The costs for the Aussie Bush Camp for Year 5 and 6 have been included in the Term 3 account to give parents time to gradually pay this amount. For auditing purposes we have been advised that we need to separate the meals and the camp costs.

Thank you
• Thank you to the P&C for funds for our computers in the computer lab near the staff room and all the wonderful new readers and mathematics equipment.
• Thank you to Mr Christina (Dalisha’s dad). He was the official photographer at the Athletics Carnival and has offered some great shots for the Year 6 Year Book and our school records.
• Thank you to all the families who assisted at the Kitchen Garden Working Bee on Saturday – it is always interesting to see the changes in the garden each week.
• Thank you to Year 4W, 2J and Bushlink for beautifying our gardens around the back of the Boyle St entrance on Tuesday.

Year 5 Camp
Year 5 students are having a wonderful experience. They enjoyed the Jenolan Caves, Bathurst accommodation and food and the gold panning at Hill End.

They will be arriving back at school at 6.15pm tonight.

Band
Congratulations to the Performance and Concert Band who were awarded Gold and Silver respectively for their outstanding performances. This is a tribute to the excellent commitment from all the students under the direction of Ms Penny Coucill and the support from their tutors and parents. Their trophy was presented at assembly on Tuesday. Good luck to the Intermediate and Training Band on the 16 August.

Congratulations to the Performance Band for being selected to perform in the Primary Proms Instrumental and Vocal Concert at Town Hall on the 17th September. It is a great honour to be invited and once again a tribute to their high standard of performance and direction.

Student News

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

**Education Open Day**
Parents and friends are invited to celebrate the quality teaching and learning occurring every day in our school on Wednesday 12 August. Parents and friends will be able to attend a band workshop in the hall, visit classrooms, donate a book to the library and watch our Creative and Performing Arts Groups (CAPA) perform in the hall.

**Open Day Program—Book Stall Open**
- **8.30 – 9.00am** Training Band Workshop
- **8.45 – 11.40am** Donate a book to the Library under Hall COLA
- **9.30 – 10.10am** Open K-6 Classrooms
- **10.30 – 11.20am** CAPA Performances in hall
  - 3-6 Choir
  - Boys Dance Group
  - Years 3 & 4 Public Speakers
  - Percussion Ensemble
  - Junior Girls Dance
  - Years 5 & 6 Public Speakers
  - Intermediate Band
  - Senior Girls Dance

**The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey - 17 August to 31 August**
Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted from 17 August to 31 August. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

- The survey link will be emailed to all families and placed on the school website homepage on Monday 17 August.
- The computer room will be open to families who do not have internet access on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 August from 8.45 to 9.15am.

More information will follow in coming newsletters.

**Parent Reading Workshop - Diary Date Reminder**
What parents can do at home to help their child with Reading and Comprehension.

On Wednesday 19 August at 9.30-10.30am Mrs Horne our Learning Support Teacher will be conducting a second parent reading and comprehension workshop in the Toone Room focusing on:
- Fluency, Comprehension, Selecting the right text level and Super Six Reading Strategies.

Please email Mrs Horne by Friday 14 August if attending – jill.horne@det.nsw.edu.au. In the subject line, please write Parent Reading and Comprehension Workshop and in the body of the email, please write your name, child’s name and grade (eg Year 1 2015).

**University NSW Mathematics Competition**
**Tuesday 11 August**: Children are required to be at their designated classroom by 8:00am for an 8:10 start.

Please see classroom allocation below:
- Year 3 in 3M Classroom
- Year 4 in 4W classroom
- Year 5 in 5A classroom
- Year 6 in 6J classroom

Please note that if children are absent for the test there is no makeup time available.
Premier’s Debating Challenge Round Three
Mrs Tinsley and I had the privilege of watching our teams’ debate against Harbord last Friday. It is very pleasing to see the children’s public speaking skills really developing with each debate. Both teams won their debates and the adjudicator commented on their ability to work as a team to develop realistic models and rebut the other teams’ arguments strongly.

Student Ambassadors

Thank you to Year 6 students Lily Barnes, Arisa Tuysaka, Joel Swanson and Calum Dunleavey for assisting Advanced Life Photographers to ensure the Group Photo day ran smoothly. The students demonstrated a mature and responsible attitude.

Arts Alive
Our Senior Choir have spent many hours rehearsing for their performance at the Sydney Town Hall next Tuesday night. They will be performing as part of the Arts Alive Primary Choral Concert along with hundreds of others from Northern Sydney Region school. Thank you to our Choir Teachers Miss Esparraga, Miss Monds and Miss Newman for coordinating the choir program.

From the Deputies’ Desk.......  

Medical Alert: Please be aware that there has been a case of Slapped Cheek at school and Whooping Cough in the wider community.

Meet the Bushlink Team—thank you for assisting our classes each term.

Robbie                          Natalie                            Diane — Team Leader        Kieran                          Adrian

Mathematical Problem Solving Workshop for Parents
Last year we surveyed parents to gain interest in areas we could provide workshops to support parent understanding of the way Mathematics is taught at school. In response, we held a number of workshops on numeracy strategies and touched on the approach we use to teach problem solving. On Tuesday 8th September, in the second last week of term, Miss Catherine Wyles and Miss Tina Simat are providing a workshop for parents on Problem Solving. It will be held in the library from 6-7pm. We use the same ‘toolkit’ throughout the school, implemented mainly in Years 1 - 6. If you are interested in attending, please indicate on the tear-off slip below (or just write a brief note) and return to the office.

Mrs Wendy Mwanga

Expression of Interest to Attend Problem Solving Workshop for Parents on Tuesday 8th September form 6-7pm.

Parent Name/s:

Grade/s of child/children:
P & C NEWS

Manly West are now taking part in the Woolworths Earn and Learn scheme. Collect a sticker for every $10 you spend at Woolworths in store or by shopping online, from now until 8th September. Stickers can be stuck to a sticker sheet (download here https://www2.woolworthsonline.com.au/Shop/Discover/earn-and-learn) or just posted into the Manly West collection boxes, situated at Woolworths Balgowlah and at school. The stickers can then be exchanged by the school for educational resources to be used in classrooms.

Please also remember that when you shop at Kidstuff you can also accumulate points for Manly West. Just ask when you are making your purchase. All Kidstuff points will be put towards a raffle prize for the Carnival.

Dear P & C,

I love the new computers because they are faster than the old computers. They are louder. The screen doesn’t freeze or flash. The keyboard isn’t wonky and the computers are brighter.

The old computers weren’t as good as these new computers because on our old computers I wasted time because it kept freezing!

Thank you very much for the new computers.

Kai Ota 2L

Dear P & C,

The whole school loves the new computers. I love them because there’s a few reasons. The old one had wonky keys, the new ones don’t! The old ones weren’t very bright on the screen and the new ones are! The old ones were very slow thinkers and the new ones are very, very fast.

Ellen Swick
Teacher Librarian

LIBRARY NEWS

Next Wednesday, August 12th is Open Day for Education Week. There will be a book stall where you can buy a brand new book to donate to the Manly West PS Library. For only $5, $10 or $15, you can donate a book that is ready to be borrowed first by your child; afterwards everyone who borrows this book will see your child’s name inside and be thought of as a wonderfully generous person who supports reading and literacy. Hope to see you then!

If you would like to order from the Scholastic Book Club, please remember to do so online with the LOOP system or hand in your order form and cheque made out to Scholastic Australia by this Friday, August 7th, 2015. If you have any questions on how to do this, please come see me or refer to the previous Manly West Matters 2 weeks ago where specific helpful information was last published.

The Book Character Parade will be held Thursday, August 20th, 2015 after recess at 11:45 a.m.!!! I hope this date and time have been written into your diaries to help your children get ready and so you can come see story characters straight out of fairy tales, novels and your favourite picture books! Here are some suggestions to get your brains thinking! Do you know which book character you will be?!

The following students deserve a standing ovation because they have completed the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge: Jack Searle (3B), Sebastian Nop (4F), Finlay Beard (4G), Naomi Ainsworth (3B), Bella Zeppel (4B), Audrey Costello (2L), Erin Butcher (2H), Daisy Smailes (4G), Patrick Day (3/4R), Ava Nicolson (3JL) & Isabella Alksnis (3L)!

2015. Please don’t delay, do your reading and hand in your log today!!!

Happy reading and costume gathering!
Ellen Swick
Teacher Librarian
BAND NEWS

NSW School Band Festival, UNSW - outstanding performances

Congratulations to our Performance and Concert Bands (and Penny) for their wonderful performances last Sunday. You are no doubt proud of your Gold and Silver awards.

Looking forward to the turn of Training and Intermediate Bands on the (early) morning of **Sunday, 16 August 2015**.

Congratulations to Performance Band

The Performance Band has been accepted (after audition earlier this year) to appear as an instrumental item at the Department of Education’s Primary Proms "Uluru" Concert at the Sydney Town Hall on **Thursday, 17 September 2015**. A great honour for the Band and to its Director, Penny Coucill. As tickets are already on sale, any family wanting to watch should book ASAP. You can do this via the City Recital Hall website (not the council’s website) or on the phone or in person at City Recital Hall Angel Place box office. Note that the concert is not at Angel Place - they are just selling the tickets. Also note that the schools listed on the website for the Uluru concert on 17 September are the ones participating in the mass primary choir that night, not the instrumental items.

That is why Manly West is not listed there.

http://www.cityrecitalhall.com
02 8256 2222

Box Office,
City Recital Hall Angel Place,
2 Angel Place, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia

CANTENE NEWS

Why Volunteer? The canteen is a busy place most days, building from around 100 lunch orders a day early in the week to around 170 on Thursdays and over 200 on Fridays. Throw in morning tea and lunch prep…. and yep we need volunteers to bring it all together!

Many of our stalwart volunteers will be following their last child off to High School come the end of the year, and many of our current crop have already returned to full-time work and/or study leaving great holes in the roster!

If you like to be able to order a lunch order from an affordable menu with a range of freshly prepared options when required or desired then you need to think seriously about finding some time to lend a hand in the canteen. Going on the regular roster requires a commitment of 2 to 3 hours once a month.

If your schedule doesn’t allow for this consider dropping in for an hour after you’ve dropped your kids off. Turn up at morning tea -11.20 to 11.40 to serve the hungry hoards, or lunch break between 1 and 2p.m. when on a sunny day the entire school seems to need an ice block!

Please help us fill those **Vacancies** by getting in touch and finding out when we most need help or by letting us know when you can help. Contact us by phone 9948 2257 or send an email mwacanteen@gmail.com or drop in to the canteen next time you’re passing. Thanks, Isobel.

Canteen Roster for week 5, Group 2

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Congratulations

To the following students for receiving an Expectation Certificate:

Casaya Dayeian
Carys Thomas McDonnell
Soraya Gerritsen
Jessica Spence
Isabella Bucknell
Caitlyn Saadeh
Daley Hodgson
Tiarna Curry
Maddie Nichol
Alex Gee
Mercy Nathanael
Zaliah Dayeian
Samual Atkinson
Harry Hadley
Emily Grimes

Joe Mills
Evie Mulligan
Elia George
Henry Spence
Ashley Corn
Alfie Harley
Taj Bald
Sienna Gold
Harris Klettner
Zoe Klettner
Ciara Moore
John Engledew
Hamish Weaver
Maddox Mitford-Burgess
Alva Jordan
Emily Alver
Alan Yang
Aria Eyles
Carly Hodey
Justus Lindemann
Hannah Cooper-Larson
Isabelle Johnston
Xenia Beck
Cooper Singleton
Harvey Matheson
Hannah Steele
Ella Cotton

NSWPSSA Touch Football Team

Congratulations and good luck to Jessie Michniewicz (Year 6) who has been selected in the NSWPSSA Touch Football 12 Years and Under team to play in the Touch Football Championships in Adelaide from 20-28 November. Jesse will be selling raffle before school each morning in the playground tickets to assist his tour.

Concert Band

Chloe Stewart (Violin)
Maddie Pilz (French Horn)
Tayla Silverthorne (Bass Clarinet) in their concert blacks after final performance of state music camp held 12th - 17th July.

Manly West Before & After School Care

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

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**News from The Kitchen Garden**

It is still winter but what a warm weekend! We had a hive of activity for the Kitchen Garden working bee. We have planted an Olive and a Lemon tree, filled the bath tub with lavender and trellised the water tank so we can grow a climber. We have also planted two native fruiting hedges. These will offer some wind protection from the northeast and hopefully provide some bush tucker. Most of all thanks to our fantastic volunteers especially our keen team at the working bee, Jan Beecham, Angie and Daryl, Sarah Bickford, Yasmina and Nick, Jess Kirkham, Chris Smith, and all the Docker boys. Also a huge thanks to Marla and her mum and dad, Christen and Mark and Yolanda who just happened to be passing and jumped in enthusiastically.

Lots of things are still happily dormant but classes have been busily planting seeds and seedlings of sugar snap peas, spinach, rocket, radish, Choy Sum and lettuce. We have a little greenhouse now so hopefully they will be a bit more protected. If you haven’t been down to the garden for a while, please walk through and have look.

Thanks also to Phil Perks who is always helping us with odds and ends. If you are interested in becoming involved we meet once a term to discuss and make plans and we have a working bee near the start of each term. If you would like to be on the mailing list you can contact holly@dockerz.net to be included. We would love to see you.

Holly
MANLY WEST PARENTS’ ENGLISH CLUB

Meet people and practice speaking English!

What? Coffee and conversation
When? Mondays 9.30am – 10.30am
Where? The new BASC building
How much? $0
Who? Manly West parents / carers
It is okay if you don’t speak much English!
Go to the school office for more information.