Principal’s Message:

Education Day
Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and grandparents who attended Education Day at Manly West PS. The Open Day provided a great opportunity to visit the classrooms and gain an understanding of the programs that students are involved in and the outcomes that students are working towards. The classrooms looked fabulous with displayed student work and indicators of student learning. Thank you to all the students for their efforts this semester and their performances. Thank you to the whole school community for supporting this event and donating books to our library. Please make sure when you visit our school hall to see the beautiful Aboriginal Art work completed by all our students with the assistance of the Koomurri Indigenous Group.

A Message from the NSW Minister for Education Adrian Piccolo
Education Week is a time to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students, teachers and support staff across all NSW public schools. Public education is undergoing significant transformation with a clear agenda of reform to provide the best possible education for our children. Our evidence based reforms are aimed at improving student results by providing more resources for schools through a fairer needs-based funding model and a focus on quality teaching. Our Great Teacher Inspired Learning Reform is raising the standard of teaching at every career stage. We have introduced higher university entry standards for future teachers, provided more support for beginning teachers and additional funding for teacher professional development. This year, the Government announced $224million investment in quality teaching, providing additional release time for our best and most experienced primary school teachers to mentor and coach other teachers. We are also committed to addressing the concerns of teachers, parents and the community about Student Welfare. Public schools will benefit from additional counsellors and funding to meet the needs of our students. Education Week 2015 is an opportunity to celebrate our successes and show how our schools are improving to benefit every student in NSW.

Year 5 Camp
Thank you to all the teachers and students involved in the Year 5 camp to Bathurst. It was very successful with the students learning a great deal about our Australian History.

PSSA Sport
Good luck to the Junior A and B Girls Soccer Teams and the Senior B Girls Soccer Team in the PSSA Finals this Friday. Well done to all the teams who competed last week in the Semi-Finals for Winter PSSA. They all played well and were commended by their coaches. Thank you to all the Winter PSSA coaches and managers who have inspired our students and given them an understanding of being a team player and portrayed the attributes of commitment and passion.

Student News
Good luck to the Intermediate and Training Bands who will perform in the UNSW Band Festival this weekend.
Good luck to Fionn McMorow-Dermody and Elinor Williams who will represent Manly West in the Bear Pit Public Speaking competition at Parliament House on Monday 24th August.
Congratulations to Talisa Gray and Anna Ivanovic who were invited to attend the Sydney Academy of Sport and Futsal NSW in the Talented Athlete Program this week.
Congratulations to Jonathan Ryan 5S for his fabulous speech on Wealth in preparation for the Bear Pit competition. It will be included in next week’s newsletter as it is one that is thought provoking about the concept of True Wealth.

Apologies
There were a couple of errors in last week’s newsletter –they have been rectified and the website newsletter edition is the correct version.

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
Deputy Principals Report

2015 Arts Alive Primary Choral Concert
We are fortunate to have such talented children attend our school. Our Year 4-6 Choir did a wonderful job performing at the Sydney Town Hall last night. They sounded amazing and enjoyed the day of rehearsals in the city. Thank you to Miss Esparraga and Miss Monds for working with the children during lunchtimes and accompanying the children.

Reminder: Belinda Murrell Creative Writing Workshops this Saturday 15 August.
- **Times:** Years 2-4 11.30 – 1.00pm and Years 3-6 2.00 – 3.30pm
- **Location:** Year 6 Classrooms
- **Equipment:** Children are asked to bring their own pens and pencils

Thank you to Anita Tymkiw and the P&C Enrichment Committee for organising this wonderful opportunity for our students to work with a highly accomplished children’s author.

The Partners in Learning Parent Survey - 17 August to 31 August
From Monday 17 August parents and carers will be to access the Partners in Learning parent survey via a direct link that will be emailed to all families and placed on the school website homepage on Monday 17 August. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. 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 take 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 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.

Advanced Life Group Photographs
Class and Family photos have been distributed and if your child has not received their photo please contact Advanced Life on 99056688. There is an error with the 2J class photo. This will be corrected and a new photo given to the students.

Basketball Gala Day
Congratulations to our three basketball teams who represented Manly West with pride at the Annual Manly Warringah Basketball Gala Day. All teams qualified for the semi-finals, with the girl’s team winning for the first time and the boys A team winning for the fourth time. Thank you to their coach Paula Martin, Mr Richards and parents for supporting the teams.

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 that many of the classes are currently implementing

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).

Mrs Adrienne Bruce
**Deputy Principals Report**

This Sunday 15th August, our Intermediate and Training Bands will compete at the NSW Schools Band Festival at the UNSW. In preparation for the competition on Sunday, the bands will perform in front of a student audience tomorrow at 2:30pm in the hall.

It was a delight to visit classrooms this morning to see parents and students engaged in learning as part of our Open Day.

*Mrs Wendy Mwanga*

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**BAND NEWS**

**NSW School Band Festival – Clancy Auditorium, UNSW, Kensington - this Sunday**

The Band Festival is on this Sunday for our two junior bands - Training and Intermediate. Hope you are looking forward to it. Please make sure you arrive at the appointed time in full band uniform (black socks too please!) at the front of the Clancy Auditorium at UNSW. Campus map with parking has been emailed and here is another link for more information about the event:

http://schoolbandfestival.org.au/parent-information

**Training Band – Arrive 8:30am**  
**Intermediate Band - Arrive 10:00am**

**Open Rehearsal for Education Week and IB performance**

By the time you are reading this, Training Band will have had an Open Band Rehearsal for those parents and carers who were able to come the School’s Education Week activities today. Intermediate Band will also have given a performance in preparation for Sunday's Band Festival event. Hope you enjoyed the band program's involvement in Education Week.

**Band Committee meeting postponed**

Due to the General P and C meeting being on Tuesday evening this week, and other committee member commitments, we are looking to hold the next band committee meeting next week on Wednesday. We will confirm as soon as we can. There are some important administrative changes being discussed for the band program next year involving the P and C so we are hoping that a lot of new parents can get involved to help

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**Basketball Gala Day**

On Tuesday the 11th of August, thirty excited Manly West students ventured down to the Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre (NBISC) in Warriewood to compete in the Annual Manly Warringah Basketball Gala Day. One Senior Girls team and three Senior Boys teams represented Manly West on the day. Congratulations to two of our teams who won the boys and girls divisions. This is a first for the girls and the fourth time the boys have brought the trophy back to Manly West.

It was an extremely successful day and all players should be commended for not only playing with excellent skill, but displaying sportsmanship at all times. A special mention must go to the super coach Paula Martin, along with the parent coaches on the day, Sarah Edwards, Tracey Black and Kelly Morrison. Thank you also to the other parents that put in a tremendous effort transporting, coaching and cheering throughout the day.

*Mr Jimmy Richards*
**Diary Dates**

**Wednesday 12th August**
7pm Band Parent Committee Mtg

**Friday 14th August**
Stage Competition Premier’s Spelling Bee

**Saturday & Sunday 15th & 16th August**
Parent Creative Writing Workshop

**Sunday 16th August**
Training & Intermediate NSW Band Championships

**Monday 17th August**
Partners in Learning Parent Survey opens online

**Tuesday 18th August**
Year 1 Zoo Excursion
9:45am School Tour

**Wednesday 19th August**
Year 4 Cockatoo Island Excursion

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**Canteen News**

Canteen Roster for week 6, Group 3

**Monday 17th August**
Fiona Davidson AM
Orlaith Sheill AM
Annie Tufts PM
Tana’s Granny PM

**Wednesday 19th August**
VACANCY AM
VACANCY AM
VACANCY PM
Sam Lumsdaine PM

**Friday 21st August**
Lara Dunford AM
Jess Kirkham AM
Fred Kelly AM
VACANCY PM
Lisa Carter PM

**Tuesday 18th August**
Nicola Bird AM
Lyn Martin AM
Caz Thompson PM

**Thursday 20th August**
Susan Darton AM
George McLeod AM
Andrea Koster PM

VACANCY’s this week. To help out please call 9948 2257 or email mwcanteen@gmail.com or just drop by and let me know when you can help. Even just an hour makes a difference!! Thanks, Isobel

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**Chook Roster**

**Saturday 15th August**
Corn family

**Sunday 16th August**
Fighera Family

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**Uniform Shop**

**Thursday 13th August**
8:45-10:00am

**Monday 17th August**
2:45-4:00pm

**Thursday 27th August**
8:45-10:00am

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**Library**

**Humoungus Thanks** to all the generous students and families who came to the book stall and donated over $2000 worth of books to the Manly West Public School Library! Imagine the wonderful smiles you will be putting on all the students’ faces who borrow the numerous amount of books donated today!

Looking forward to see you next week in your colourful and creative book character costumes on Thursday, August 20th, 2015 for the BOOK PARADE!

Happy reading and preparing!

Ellen Swick, Teacher Librarian

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**Manly West Before & After School Care**

**Session Vacancies**

There are Permanent or Casual Vacancies EVERY morning and FRIDAY afternoon. Contact the BASC on 9948 8113, write in our ‘Parent Message Books’ or email admin@mwbasc.com.au

**Accounts**

2nd Instalment is due this week by 14 August, 3rd Instalment by 28 August. Late Fees will be charged this week if no payment has been made.

If you have changed your email address or did not receive your account, please contact us immediately.

**Centre News**

A few of the interesting things happening in each room: K-2 has begun a ‘Post-It Wall’ where the children are able to express their feelings and ask whatever questions they want; Club 3/4 is having a Spelling Bee Championship and also investigating and exploring Sensational Science with hands-on experiments; 5/6 is doing lots of craft especially working on their pet rocks and choosing the best for the room mascots!

**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).
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.

So you think you can Dance Manly West !!!!?

MWPS Dance-a-thon
Tuesday, 15 September 2015
School Hall | School Hours

Sponsor Fun Competitions Prizes Dance off
AND so much more!

Volunteers Needed
Be part of the fun!
Join the Dance-a-thon team
There’s plenty to do . . .
To register, email Tracey Martin at danceathon2015@optusnet.com.au