**Principal’s Report**

**Parent Teacher Information Evenings**
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Information Evenings already last week.
The Year 5 and 6 Parent Information Night will be held tonight at 6pm in the hall. Principals from the local high schools will address the parents with their presentations. At 6.30pm, parents will be asked to go to their child’s classrooms for individual class presentations by the Year 5 and 6 teachers.

**Swimming Carnival**
Thank you to Mrs Christy McMaster and her amazing committee for their outstanding organization of the swimming carnival. The weather was fabulous and our students were so well behaved. Their levels of participation and enthusiasm were certainly high and clearly evident. Every student received a house point for their entry in the swimming race and it was clear that all students wanted their house to perform well. Thank you to all the house sport captains and vice captains for their wonderful support and cheers. Thank you to all the parents for their support and assistance on the day. More details will follow.

**Prefects and Leaders**
At the end of last year, students voted for the selection of the new Prefect Leadership Team and Sports Captains. This term, students and teachers are in the process of selecting our Multicultural Leaders and Student Council Representatives (SRC). All students in Year 6 are school leaders and will have the opportunity to represent the school in various capacities throughout the year. They will also buddy up with Kindergarten students in the next few weeks.

Captains: Soraya Gerritsen, Jonathan Ryan;
Vice Captains: Jordan Figuiere, Rachel Ainsworth;
Prefects: Charlie Adams, Sienna Hayles, Grace Hyland, Finn Beachley, Xavier Carlile, Ami Barnes, Rose Dowdle and Carter Daly.

**House captains and Vice House Captains**
Hunter: Ally Bullman, Flynn Sherry, Angus Pepar, Ruby Michniewicz;
King: Daley Hodgson, Lucas Cadman, Sophia Addington, Joel Ansems-Mills;
Phillip: Matilda Oliver, Jack McKittrick, Millie Baker, Mackiah White

**Multicultural Officers**: Lucy Matthews and Winona Wrigley

**PSSA Sport Trials**
Thank you to Mr Richards for his participation in the PSSA Sydney North Basketball selections held recently.

**Lost Property**
Thank you to Mrs Davidson and Sofia Davidson for sorting and returning all the lost property each week for all our families.

**Kiss and Drop Reminders**:
Do not leave your vehicle. Be timely—if your child does not get in or out of the vehicle within 2 minutes, you must leave and re-enter the No Parking Zone. Stay in sequence. No U-turns. Child safety.

**Art Mural**
In the next few weeks Mr Robin Martin will be a resident artist at our school, completing a wall mural to connect our East & West Kitchen Garden.

**Student News:**
Congratulations to Jordan Figuiere and Lee Watts and Sophia Addington for their selection for the Sydney North Basketball Trials being held at Terrigal on Thursday.
Congratulations to Ewan Key for his selection in the PSSA Tennis Trials at Narrabeena next Monday 22nd Feb. Good luck!
Congratulations to Jonathan Ryan, Angus Pepar and Sebastian Bush for being selected for the Manly Zone Cricket Trials on Friday at Harbord.

**Mrs Julie Organ**
Principal
From the Deputys' Desk......

Congratulations to the following students for receiving an Expectation Certificate.
Hannah McIlwaine, Holly Brailey, Piper Simons, Nigel Kerr, Maggie Grant, Arisa Tuysakda,
Samual Ford, William Farrar x2, Taj Ballesty x2, Jasmine Parkes, Clara Wall, Cooper Fenn,
Amelia Crouch, Naomi Ainsworth, Ava Kilpatrick. Bronze Banners: Elysia Zwartzka, Joshua Ware,
Alysia Merry, Sienna Rowland, Sophia Addington, Soraya Gerritsen and Grace Hyland.

School Sport Program
In 2015 paid and non-paid sports options were introduced as part of the School Sport Program at Manly West. Students participating in this weekly sport program had an opportunity to participate in a variety of new sports led by specialist instructors. Sport options offered included: Yoga, Basketball, Tennis, Martial Arts, Cricket, Soccer, T Ball, Eagle-Tag, Hockey and Volley Ball. The school sport options were highly popular amongst students. Students were engaged, motivated and had fun playing sports and learning new skills.
Also last year, Manly West successfully applied for funding support from Sporting Schools Australia. As a result students from across Stage 3 worked with highly experienced and qualified coaches from Basketball NSW, Athletics Australia and NSW Hockey Association.

2016 School Sport Program commences this Friday 19 March and students in Years 3-6 not participating in the PSSA Competition will have an opportunity to select:
1. Paid sport options run over 4 weeks of yoga run by Beth Cunningham from Zenergy Yoga, or tennis with Stephen Halls from Manly Tennis Academy.
   • The cost of the Yoga program is $20.00 and $10.00 for the Tennis Program.
   OR

2. As a result of our successful 2016 funding application to Sporting Schools Australia non-paid options of basketball run by Brad Dalton Basketball Academy or TBall / Softball run by Kylie MacFadzean Level 3 coach from Softball NSW.
All sport options align with the Australian PDHPE curriculum and all children will have the opportunity to develop their skills in a variety of different sports throughout the year as part of the School Sport Program.

Manly West Snowsports Team
Calling all skiing and snowboarding enthusiasts. Following on from the outstanding results in 2015 Manly West will once again be entering a team into the Interschools Snowsport Championships in Thredbo during the first week of the July school holidays (July 6-9). The main 3 snowsports at Interschools Snowsport competitions are Cross Country Skiing, Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding. An information session is being held on Monday 3rd March at 3.45pm in the Yr 6 classrooms where any questions will be answered, and dry land training will recommence in Term 2 and run 6 weeks. This is a great chance for the team members to get 'ski fit' and welcome new members to the ski team.
For more information on the Manly West Ski Team, please contact Tom Rundle tumbletom@hotmail.com

University of NSW Competitions (ICAS)
If you would like your child in Years 3-6 to enter in to the statewide testing program conducted by the University of NSW please find the information and permission note under the Notes tab of our website. Tests are available in Digital Technologies - $8.00, Science - $8.00, Writing - $17.00, Spelling - $11.00, English - $8.00 and Mathematics - $8.00.
Please note these tests are optional and that all tests will be held before school on the below dates to minimise disruption to class programs.

Dates for the competition are;
Digital Technologies – Tuesday 17 May at 8.00am
Science – Tuesday 31 May at 8.00am
Writing – Tuesday 14 June at 8.00am
Spelling – Wednesday 15 June at 8.00am
English – Tuesday 2 August at 8.00am
Mathematics – Tuesday 16 August at 8.00am

Note and monies for ALL tests need to be returned to the office by Monday 21 March 2016. No late entries will be processed. Please add amount/s to your Semester 1 account.

Friendships to Boost Your Child’s Learning
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.
• Read Social and emotional growth - school age from the Raising Children Net-work to understand age typical social development for children.
• Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Mrs Adrienne Bruce
From the Deputys’ Desk.......

**Congratulations to the following students who have collected 4 Expectation Cards to gain an Expectation Certificate:** Stephanie Smart, Clara Crouch, Ashley Glenton, Isabella Carmack, Clara Crouch, Lachlan Holley, Riley Thomson, James Haddleton, Zain Ballesty, Leona Lee, Luca Snehor and Tijs Oostdijk

Expectation Certificates are presented at our weekly assemblies on Friday in K - 2 and fortnightly assemblies on a Tuesday in Years 3 - 6. Students need to take responsibility for collecting their Expectation Cards (with a little help from a parent or caregiver at home). Once a student has collected 4 Expectation Cards they inform their teacher and take them to either Mrs Bruce (Years 3 - 6) or myself (Years K - 2). To ensure students receive their Expectation Certificate on the day of their respective assembly, please remind your child to bring these to school the day before. Expectation Certificates are published in our newsletter every second week.

**Medication and Health Care Plans**
If your child requires medication at school this needs to be given to the office ladies for administration. Medication is not to be kept with students unless this is specified on their individual health care plan and we have a copy of this at school.

Please ensure the school is aware of any medical needs your child may have. It is the responsibility of parents to provide updated action plans and medicine to the school. Please note Anaphylaxis Action Plans need to be in colour, on the most recent form provided by ASCIA (currently 2015), dated 2016 by a doctor and include a coloured photo of your child. These need to be updated yearly.

**Anaphylaxis Action Plan link:**

**Asthma Care Plan link:**

**Kindergarten Introduction to the Canteen**
Next week Kindergarten will be introduced to the canteen through a special morning tea. This is also an opportunity for new Kindergarten parents to assist in the canteen.

The special morning tea roster follows:

- Tuesday 23rd February  KY,  KS  and  KO
- Wednesday 24th February  KB,  KR,  KP and  KG

Please speak to your child’s teacher if your child has any food intolerance or allergies.

Following this introduction, Kindergarten can visit the canteen at recess or lunch and place lunch orders. As many students tend to place lunch orders on Friday, we recommend that if you wish your child to have a lunch order that this is organised for a day earlier in the week. Please see the note from the canteen on page 6.

**Textbooks, Stationery and Scripture**
Thank you for attending to our requests regarding Stationery, Textbooks, Scripture, Life Education and the note regarding Permission to Publish and Local Walking Excursions. This ensures school programs run smoothly.

There are still outstanding notes. Late notes create unnecessary delays and administration time. Please check your child’s bag and if you have not attended to these yet please do so promptly. Should you require financial assistance with requests such as textbooks or excursions, please contact the Principal.

All these notes are available on the school website under the ‘School Notes’ tab.


Unless a child is a new enrolment or they have been recently absent, any child who has not returned a scripture note by Thursday 18th February, will be placed in Non-Scripture.

We are sometimes asked whether students can change scripture groups each term. Students are placed in a class for the year. It is not an option to experience different scripture groups in a school year; however, parents can choose a different group the following year.

**Ethics in 2016**
Special Ethics Education (SEE) may be an option for students who attend Non-Scripture. This is dependent on available volunteer teachers from our school community. If you are interested in your child attending Ethics, please consider volunteering to teach Ethics. Please see the note on page 5 from Louise Fletcher, our Ethics Coordinator.

**Mrs Wendy Mwanga**
P& C Bulletin

P&C General Meeting
The first P&C meeting of 2016 is on Tuesday 23rd February at 7pm in the school library. Whether you are a new parent or an old hand at the school, you are particularly welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you don't have time to stay for the meeting but would like to come and meet your P&C team, we will be having refreshments from 6.30pm in the library and we would love to see you there.

Welcome to Manly West from the P&C
Manly West's Parents and Citizens Association will be having its first general meeting this year on Tuesday 23rd February at 7pm in the school library. We would love to see you there. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm.

If you don't have time to stay for the full meeting but would just like to come along and meet the P&C volunteers beforehand please feel free to drop in anytime from 6.30pm.

The P&C is responsible for:
- the school Canteen.
- co-ordinating Before and After School Care.
- managing the uniform shop and deciding on uniform style.
- helping run the school band program and other enrichment activities for students.
- raising funds for the school.

Coming to a P&C general meeting is a great way of finding out what is happening in the school. You can just listen (the school Principal presents a report at each meeting) or if you have something you want to add or questions you want to ask you can speak up.

Whether it is sharing your views at meetings, volunteering in the canteen or uniform shop or helping out with fundraising activities your input is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering but don't know the next step to take or have more questions about it, please contact Kirsten Highnam (P&C Secretary) thighnam@bigpond.net.au

Volunteers Needed
We are still looking for a volunteer for Environmental Co-ordinator. This co-ordinator liaises with the school and kitchen garden team and Bushlink program, generally making sure the school grounds look good by organising a couple of mulching and planting working bees throughout the year. No prior experience is needed and you are very welcome to add sustainability and eco factors if you are passionate about making the school a more environmentally sustainable place. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this position, please contact Kirsten Highnam (P&C Secretary) thighnam@bigpond.net.au.

We are also looking for a volunteer Traffic Co-ordinator to help with any traffic issues around the school, such as safety on crossings, kiss and drop, bike parking etc. No prior experience in this area is necessary. If it is something you would like to find out more about, please contact Kirsten Highnam (P&C Secretary) on thighnam@bigpond.net.au.

Manly West P&C

Chook Roster
Saturday 20th February
Coney Family

Sunday 21st February
Shapter Family

Uniform Shop
Thursday 18th
8:45-10:00am
Thursday 25th February
8:45-10:00am

Diary Dates
Wednesday 17th February
6:00pm Parent Information/HS Principals Evening in Hall
6.30pm Years 5 & 6 classroom presentations in classrooms

Thursday 18th February
Scripture Teachers morning tea

Friday 19th February
Collection of second-hand football boots
PSSA training

Tuesday 23rd February
7:00pm P&C General Meeting in school library
Some Kindergarten classes introduction to canteen

Wednesday 24th February
Other Kindergarten classes introduction to canteen
ETHICS—WE NEED YOU

We need more volunteers to teach Ethics.
The Ethics program offers children an opportunity to engage in extraordinary conversation and being a Volunteer in the Ethics program is incredibly rewarding.

No teaching experience is necessary for this position as the role is more about facilitating discussion. Detailed, age-appropriate lesson plans are provided by Primary Ethics.

Many parents have indicated that they would like their child to attend Ethics classes, however, we do not have enough volunteers to offer classes to all students who request it.

Becoming a volunteer Ethics teacher is simple:
• contact Louise Fletcher to find out more, show you how to apply and arrange an interview.
• obtain a police check and complete various paperwork
  - attend a 2 day training course through Primary Ethics (www.primaryethics.com.au)
• teach a 30 minute class each Thursday morning.

Classes take place at the following times:
- Years 5 and 6 – 9:20 - 9:50
- Years 3 and 4 – 10:00 -10:30
- Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 - 10:40 -11:10

In the words of one of our Volunteer Teachers:

“The lesson plans are cleverly thought out and guide you and your students through a process that facilitates critical thinking about all sorts of issues that do not have easy answers: Is it fair for Ben to get the biggest slice of cake because he didn’t eat breakfast? Should we help homeless people? Is it ever okay to tease your friends? Lessons explore these concepts through engaging games, stories and scenarios. Listening to the children’s ideas and reasoning is a privilege and delight.” (Primary Ethics volunteer and Manly West mum)

Thank you to those parents, grandparents and grand aunty who have already offered their time and passion. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the Manly West Primary Ethics Coordinator (and parent), Louise Fletcher - our_oyster@hotmail.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

Now that we are all back into the school routine, I am happy to report that Years 1 – 6 have been borrowing and heaps of books are flying off the shelves. All Kindergarten classes have been visiting the library and learning the Manly West way of finding a book and treating it properly. They will borrow for the first time in Week 6. Well done, students!

Year 6 students who would like to help out in the library at second half lunch times once a week as a LIBRARY MONITOR will be handed a note to complete and hand in to me by Thursday of Week 5. Hopefully they will know if they are in the dance group, choir or debating before we can start rostering them on. If there are not enough Year 6 volunteers, I will talk to Year 5 students about trying out late next week.

Thank you to fabulous parent volunteer, Alison Dodd, who has already covered 2 bags of brand new books for us! Please let me know if you can also help cover books at home as a way to help all the students at Manly West. Also, if you are interested in helping out in the library with your child’s Infants class during their library lesson, please send me an email with your child’s name and K-2 class. From there I will formulate a roster for that class. My email is ellen.lo@det.nsw.edu.au and I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy reading!
Ellen Swick
Teacher Librarian
MANLY WEST BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

TERM ACCOUNTS
Term accounts have been emailed! If you want to pay in instalments, 1/3 is due this week by Friday 19 February. Alternatively, full payment is due by 26 February. If you have not received your account (from HUBWORKS), please contact us.

CENTRE NEWS
K-2 children are working on a Star Wars’ wall. Also they need to hone their skills for the talent quest on Thursday!
Club 3/4 have been loving the new lego and cricket set, barely able to put them down since school has resumed. They will also be getting competitive this week with a timed obstacle course and a tower building competition.
5/6 Club have had fun preparing their articles and photos for the first BASC 5/6 Newsletter, with the first version, produced just by the kids, to be published this week. Quick thinking will be needed for the Google-Maps Race – a game suggested by one of the year 6 students, while others will be able to fine tune their soccer skills with ball drills to be set up on the oval.

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, Music, Drama etc. Forms are available in each room – please see the Room Leader.

WAITING LIST
The waiting list continuously moves as families’ circumstances change. At the moment we are making a lot of adjustments and we will phone you as soon as a session becomes available for your child. We understand it can be frustrating waiting for places but please be aware that due to regulation requirements we can only cater for 150 children per session.

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’.

CANTOON NEWS
The canteen committee and staff would like to invite our new kindergarten children to a special morning tea at the school canteen on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th February. The students will visit the canteen and learn about ordering their lunch, where they need to line up and what is available at recess and lunchtime.
A large part of the canteen experience is money handling, so rather than pre-paying we would like the students to come with their exact money in a named purse, wallet or zip lock bag to the canteen – they will come one class at a time and be accompanied by their teacher. After this special morning tea children will be able to access the canteen.
Please speak with your child’s teacher if your child has any food intolerance or allergies.
If any parents would like to come along and lend a hand we would love to see you – just drop by the canteen and add your name to the Kindergarten Morning Tea Roster.

Special Kindergarten Morning Tea $3.00
1 finger bun – with icing (dairy free)
1 juice (100% fruit juice) – apple/orange/tropical
(finger bun $1 and juice $2.00)

We would also like to invite all new parents, grandparents and carers to come and visit the canteen during this week. Come and have a look inside the canteen, maybe have a go at volunteering, or just say hello!
Your kids will love seeing you at the counter at recess or lunchtime, and it’s a great way to meet other parents and be involved at the school.

Canteen Roster for week 5, Group 4

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Instruments For Sale
Clarinet (Buffet) $550
Trumpet (Yamaha) $350
Both in excellent condition.
Call Vanessa 0424 364 248

For Sale
Very good condition Yamaha 250 Clarinet.
Please call Emma on 0416 192 180

REMINDER
Friday 19th February is the last day for donations of second-hand football boots for ‘Have A Ball’ charity. We have collected one box already, so we would like to say a huge thank you to the children and parents who have already donated your boots.

Fun French Club
Manly West Public School
Thursday mornings at 8.15 -9.15am
Give your child the gift of learning a second language
Lots of fun activities, craft, drama, songs, music & games
Experienced and enthusiastic teachers
Supported by our online Interactive website to reinforce learning
Classes are open to K-6

Join our team – we’re hiring!
August 9 is Census night and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for 2,500 motivated and community minded Area Supervisors to join our team across Australia.

Dance Group Auditions:
On Thursday 25th February auditions will be held for the Junior Girls Dance Group. There will be at least two auditions and the girls will need to wear appropriate clothing which allows them to dance freely. They may wish to bring their sports uniform to get changed into.
Becky Wilson, Mel Glasson and Samantha McCartney.
MANLY WARRINGAH NEW PRIMARY BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS
‘2016 THE POTTLE LEAGUE’

WHO: Starts 8th March ’16 and ends June 2016 (no games in school holidays)
WHO: Designed for new players. Individual players or you can enter a team of between 7 & 10 players.
FLAT FEE: $160 per player (school yr’s 1 & 2) $180 per player (school yr’s 3 & 4) $200 per player (school yr’s 5 & 6). Payment before first game.
VENUE: MRC, Jackson Rd, Warringah
DIVISIONS: Mixed sex school years 1 & 2 
MIXED: Mixed sex school years 3 & 4, Boys school years 5 & 6
DIVISION: Mixed sex Years 5 & 6
GAME TIMES: Tuesdays 4 to 6pm Year 5/6, 7pm for YR 5/6 Boys Saturdays 10am - 6pm for all Girls. YR 5/6 comp & YR 5/6 REGISTRATION & TRAINING:Catch Saturday during school term at Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre, Jackson Rd, Warringah, Ages 7 & under session, 2.30-3.30am, Ages 8 & over mixed session, 3.30-4.30pm. Expert coaching plus short game. $20 per session.
ENQUIRIES: MWIA office on 9913.3622

If you wish to play or enter a team, complete the form below and RETURN FORM: EMAIL: camps@manlybasketball.com.au

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YOGA FOR KIDS IS HERE!

CLASSES FOR 8 - 12 YEAR OLDS

8am - 9am TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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Would you benefit from learning how to overcome stress & anxiety?

Would you like to learn how to help your child fall asleep quickly & peacefully?

Get your offering moving and meditating their way to a happier, healthier life. Absolutely no yoga experience required, all mats and props are provided.

Classes are held by me, Jo Hemingway, a Manly West Mum, and passionate yogi.

I am a fully certified Yoga Teacher for Kids, Teens and Adults with almost 10 years Yoga experience.

Class cost is $15 per child/per class.

Term 1 starts Tuesday 23rd Feb

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AS MEMBERSHIPS ARE LIMITED

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