Principal's Message:

Parent Teacher Information Evenings-
Thank you to all the parents who have attended the Parent Information Evenings already this week. These information evenings give the teacher the opportunity to present an overview of the program for each class, explain class routines, outline expectations and provide ideas on how you can assist in your child’s learning. I urge you to try and attend these meetings, as they will answer many of the questions you will have about school and allow you to better understand classroom life at Manly West Public School. Please also consider being a class parent representative for your child’s class or volunteer to assist the class either from home or at school.

Parent Information Night Times and Locations
Kindergarten: Wednesday 10 Feb 5.30pm in classrooms;
Year 1: Thursday 11 Feb 6pm in classrooms, 1D will also be included;
Year 5 and 6: Wednesday 17 Feb 6pm in hall. Principals from the local high schools will speak at 6pm and then teachers will conduct their presentations in the classrooms.

Reporting to Parents
The Parent Teacher Information nights occur at the beginning of Term 1. At the end of first term, the teachers will provide parent interview timeslots. At the end of Term 2, reports for each child will be sent home. A second report will be sent out at the end of Term 4.

P&C
The P&C is a very important part of our school community. We work in partnership and the P&C support all our school programs. The first P&C meeting of 2016 is on Tuesday 23rd February at 7pm in the school library. New parents are welcome.

School Accounts
This year we will be sending out semester accounts rather than term accounts. They will be sent out in Week 5.

Student News: Congratulations to Jordan Figuiere, Livinia Williams, Flynn Sherry, Xavier Carlile, Lee Watts, Sophia Addington and Andi Korgul for their selection for the Basketball Trials today at Narrabeen and Manly West.

Mrs Julie Organ

Deputy Principals Report

Scripture
Scripture (SRE) lessons start soon. These 30 minute classes take place on Thursday mornings and are run by volunteers. Please return your child’s scripture note to school tomorrow, Thursday 11th February.

Text Books
The sale of textbooks took place on Tuesday. Late orders are to be taken to the office. Thank you to a number of Year Six leaders who ensured the day’s success. Thank you also to 5P for their assistance.

Allergies
We have a number of students at school with life threatening allergies to nut products. We cannot ensure a nut-free school; however, we ask that parents consider this when making your child’s lunch. There is a no sharing food policy at school.

Kindergarten Morning Lines and Afternoon Dismissal
We ask that parents stand at the back of the morning lines so that students can focus on the teacher’s instructions and to allow classes to move quickly into the classroom to start learning. It is normal that some children starting Kindergarten struggle separating from their parents or caregivers. This may change from day to day. Children usually settle quickly once in classrooms. If you need to communicate important information to your child’s teacher, please do so through the office or hand a note to one of the supporting staff members at morning lines.
If parents wish to communicate with their child’s teacher at the end of the day, please wait until all students have been dismissed. This is to ensure student safety.

Use of Playground Equipment
We request that children are not left unsupervised after school or allowed to play in the school grounds without parent supervision. For safety reasons we ask that parents do not allow their child/children to play on the playground equipment before or after school with or without parent supervision.

Stationery Supplies
We thank Humphreys for the efforts made to deliver stationery supplies to classrooms. These were ordered online by individual families.

Mrs Wendy Mwanga
Deputy Principals Report

Stage 3 Parent Information Evening – Wednesday 17 February

As a school we work in partnership in a number of project based learning and enrichment activities with Mackellar Girls and Balgowlah Boys High Schools. Principals from these schools and Cromer High School will be speaking about their academic and extra-curricular programs to Stage 3 parents at 6.00pm in the hall for 30 minutes.

- Stage 3 Parent Information will commence at 6.30pm in classrooms

The Northern Beaches Secondary College offers academic extension and gifted and talented classes for Year 7 students at three of their campuses:

- NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus (extension and talented classes)
- NBSC Cromer Campus (extension classes)
- NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus (gifted and talented classes)

Placement in the Year 7 Academic Extension classes is based on the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test and additional supporting evidence of eligibility.

For more information go to: http://www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-opportunities/year-7-academic-placements1

ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST DATE: Thursday 17th March 2016 at 9.00 am

Please Note application forms need to be submitted before 4.00pm on the dates listed below.

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Reading Tutors

Our Tutor reading program at Manly West is based on the MultiLit program developed at Macquarie University. It aims to teach students, who are struggling with their reading, a bank of 200 sight words and the necessary “word attack” skills to become accurate and fluent readers. Becoming a tutor at MWPS involves a small group training session with Mrs Robertson, our Learning & Support Teacher, and ongoing support in your sessions with students from Grades 1 - 2. If possible, tutors are asked to commit at least one hour a week, this can be on a share basis with another parent. Tutors invariably find the process of working with our students to be a rewarding one. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

A love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. If you have the time, and are interested in joining our tutor program, please contact Mrs Robertson on 99482257 for more information.

Student Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child is sick and likely to be away for more than three days, a phone call to the school is advised. For all absences, a short note advising the school of the date and the reason for the absence which has been signed by a parent or carer should be sent in with the child on their return to school. These notes are a legal requirement for record keeping purposes.

In line with NSW departmental guidelines, should you wish to take your child out of school for an extended period, permission from the Principal is required through a written letter.

If, for any reason, your child is late arriving at school you need to go to the office and sign them in or out. The office staff will give you a permission slip which must be given to the class teacher.

Mrs Adrienne Bruce
P & C News

P&C General Meeting
Manly West's Parents and Citizens Association will be having its first general meeting this year on Tuesday 23rd February at 7pm. We meet in the school library and refreshments will be served.

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 looking for a volunteer for Environmental Coordinator. 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.

Finally, we are looking for a volunteer P&C website manager. This would not be a time consuming position and would involve keeping the website up to date with new information about P&C activities and meetings. Again, if this is something you might be interested in, please contact Kirsten Highnam (P&C Secretary) on thighnam@bigpond.net.au.

Manly West P&C

Checks
The 'Girls' have returned from their sojourn at the farm. Our Year 6 Chicken Wranglers Coordinators– Liz Kennis, Eleanor Williams and Matilda Oliver are settling the 'Girls’ back into school routines. Thank you to families for offering to share in the joyful experience of caring for the ‘Girls’ on the weekend. We are seeking additional families to assist with their care on the weekends. It was usually one weekend a term. Please send an email to our school email address  Manlywest-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you are able to assist or happy to continue being on the roster.

In the subject line please write Weekend Chicken Roster, and in the body of the email please write your name, child’s name and grade (egg Year 1 2016) contact the office.

Chook Roster
Saturday 13 February
Bolton Family

Sunday 14 February
Fighera Family
### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 10th February**  
5:30pm Kindergarten Parent Info Evening — in classrooms  
3:30pm Pittwater/Manly District Basketball trials at Narrabeen North PS

**Thursday 11th February**  
6:00pm Year 1 Parent Info Evening — in classrooms

**Friday 12th February**  
K-2 Assembly 12.30pm  
PSSA trials

**Tuesday 16th February**  
Swimming Carnival

### CENTRE NEWS

A few of the interesting things happening in the rooms: K-2 children chose their special interests of Super Mario and Minecraft to cover the walls. It has also been a busy week with craft/food around Chinese New Year, Pancake Tuesday and Valentine’s Day; Club 3/4 – The year 3 children are really enjoying exploring their new room, games and activities they have to play with. All the kids have also been loving the photo booth fun and delicious foods on offer this week; 5/6 Club is enthusiastically developing their own newsletter. The new year 5s have easily adapted to the 5/6 room, with the opportunity to make their own sandwiches, the highlight!

### 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](https://manlywestbasc.hubworks.com.au) and click on ‘ENROL’. Enter your child’s details and then click ‘SUBMIT’.

### Uniform Shop

**Thursday 11th February**  
8:45-10:00am

**Monday 15th February**  
2:45-3:45pm

### Kitchen Garden News

**Welcome back!**
- Harvest stall this Thursday 3pm
- We are collecting gum boots—large and small for donation, please leave at the shed in the garden.
- Do you have any time to help at Working Bee? Please contact hdly@dockerz.net
- Are you interested in running an art project? Please contact holly@dockerz.net

See you in the garden!
### Canteen News

**Canteen Roster for week 4, Group 3**

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If you’d like to help in the canteen for a couple of hours (9.20am-12pm or 12-2pm), we’d love to see you. Contact us by email [mwcanteen@gmail.com](mailto:mwcanteen@gmail.com), call us on 9948 2257 or come by and see us.

Thanks,
Rachel

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### Keep Informed

Manly West Matters is sent out each Wednesday by email. You can also view it through our school website. We do provide paper copies to parents who are unable to receive the newsletter electronically. If you have not already registered for Manly West Matters and wish to do so please send an email to our school email address:

**Manlywest-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

In the subject line please write **Newsletter**, and in the body of the email please write your child’s name and grade (e.g. Year 1 2016). You may register more than one address to include work, home and perhaps a grandparent who might like to be kept informed.

### Dance Group Auditions:

Next Monday 15\textsuperscript{th} February we will be holding auditions for the Senior 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. If they do not have Dance on that day they may wish to bring their sports uniform to get changed into.

The boys’ auditions will be held on Wednesday 17\textsuperscript{th} February and they do not have to wear sports uniform, unless they have Dance or fitness. School uniform and bare feet will be fine.

At this stage the auditions for the Junior Girls will be held on the following week.

We look forward to seeing a lot of the talented students at Manly West audition for all these groups.

**Ms Becky Wilson.**

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PBEL for this week is **Respect**: Listen attentively when someone is speaking to you.
Drama at Balgowlah
Since 1983 the Creativity Through Drama Workshops have been holding after-school classes at Manly West Public School each term for ages 5-7 and 7-11 years. These workshops offer children the opportunity to express themselves imaginatively and creatively and build confidence and self-esteem through the fun and excitement of drama. Bookings are essential for these highly popular classes.

Days and times:
Mondays 4-5pm for 5-7 years
Tuesdays 4-5 for 5-7 years
Thursdays 4.15 – 5.15pm for 7-11 years

For further details and bookings, please contact Pat Whyman on 9949 3352.

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

Band News
We hope all the 2016 band members are enjoying rehearsals so far - especially the new Training Band of course.

Registering for Band online
We need all Band members to register online through My School Music this year so the P & C can assist the school with billing - which is a big job and essential to keep band running smoothly.

Please look out for a band email this week with a link to your child's details to confirm his or her registration and to update your details ASAP.

Thanks for your patience as we transition to these new arrangements.

First Band Committee meeting
Is scheduled for 7pm next Tuesday, 16th. Open to all to come along, not just committee members.

Section Tutes
Don't forget these have now started as well as full Band rehearsals for IB and above.

Regards
Band Committee

Ever thought of giving your child Piano Lessons?
- Ages K-6
- Classical & Jazz
- AMEB & Trinity College Exams Offered
- Geoff & Lyn have Taught at Manly West School for Over 10 Years; Each with Over 25 Years of Teaching Experience
- Concerts Held Annually in Manly West School Hall
- Both Before & After School at Either Manly West or Queenscliff Locations

Fact: piano playing can enhance your child's cognitive and mathematical skills, as well as relieve stress and boost self-esteem.

For enrolments and enquiries, please contact Lyn or Geoff Cumming on 9939 6959
Looking to start your little one/s into tennis? We have all the programs (group & private) covered for you from tots, hot shots, specialized squads, teens, to adults with our professionally qualified coaching team.

Between 1st of February & 1st of March we have some fantastic special offers for you:

**Tots Tennis (3-5yrs)** - 1st session free group trial & free racquet on sign up;

**Hot Shots Tennis (5-12yrs)** - 1st session free group trial & free racquet on sign up; *Refer a friend & on sign up u will receive 2 group classes free*

**Adult Group Coaching** - For all new customers: do a Cardio Tennis, Back 2 Tennis group or squad & sign up for 5 sessions & get your 6th class free. Sign up for 9 and get your 10th class free.

*For both existing & new customers: Refer a friend and when they sign up to 5 sessions you will receive 1 class for free. If they sign up for 10 sessions you will receive 2 classes for free. Refer 2 friends & you will receive a choice of 4 free classes or a thirty minute private lesson with a coach of your choice.*

Positions are limited so to make a booking email us @ info@manlytennisacademy.com.au or call 0402 818 542

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If you are 5 to 8 years old and wish to join try out for the Australian Girls Choir, please come to the office to collect a brochure.

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**Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child?**

**Local foster carers needed**

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A SERIES OF 2 WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

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21 Dalwood Avenue, Seaforth

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participants must attend both sessions)

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