Principal’s Message:

Best Start
The Kindergarten Best Start reports are completed and will be sent out this week to parents.

Parent Interviews-K-6 classes
Social Skills Interviews will be held in the next few weeks. Please see over for details.

History Syllabus
The new History syllabus is currently being implemented under the HSIE banner. All grade teachers have collaboratively planned their units of work. Year 6 attended the Kokoda Trail excursion at Canada Bay this week which was very interesting for all students and teachers.

The Stage 2 students are studying the unit ‘First Contacts’ researching the diversity and longevity of Australia’s first peoples and the way Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are connected to Country and Place. The Year 4 students have completed beautiful artwork of Uluru which has been displayed in some of their classrooms.

Design Make and Innovate (DMI) Year 4
Year 4 students have recently learned a great deal about problem solving, working collaboratively and following a process to complete a product in a short time schedule. They worked really well with their Year 9 mentors from Mackellar. Yesterday they spent the day finishing off the board game or arcade game in readiness for judgement of their products using a set criteria. Congratulations to all Year 4 students for their enthusiasm and commitment when following all the design steps.

Student News:
Congratulations to Sebastian Bush for his selection in the Group 3 Sub-regional Cricket Trials on Tuesday 15th March –Good luck!

Congratulations to Piper Simons, Jaya Griffith and Connor Phillips for being selected for the Sydney North Football (soccer) Boys and Girls Trials on Wednesday 23rd March and Thursday 28th April.

Congratulations to Sam Litchfield and Millie Baker for being selected to represent Manly Warringah Zone at the Sydney North Hockey Boys and Girls trials on Tuesday 29 March at Wyong.

Congratulations to Austin Holley (4S) for being selected in the Manly Warringah Baseball’s Rookie Cup Representative Side. His team was undefeated with all their games. Twenty teams from across Greater Sydney Region competed. Well done Austin!

Mrs Julie Organ
Principal
Deputy Principal's Report

Student Progress Parent / Teacher Interviews will be held from Monday 21 to Friday 1 April. Parents will be able to use the online booking system to book interview times for all children at the one time. Online Bookings will be open from 4.00pm Monday 14 March and close on Saturday 19 March at 5.00pm.

Booking Steps
2. Enter School Event Code vbrpc – (All lower case)
3. Enter your details
4. Select your teacher(s)
5. Select your time(s)
6. When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews - until bookings close on Saturday 19 March at 5.00pm.

For parents who don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, computer access will be available at our Main Office from Tuesday 15 March to Friday 18 March, so that parents can still make their own bookings. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 99482257. Interviews are strictly 15mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code vbrpc. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 9948 2257.

During the 15-minute interview, teachers will focus on your child’s social skills and application to work. They will not be discussing areas of assessment at this time. Any student who is experiencing significant difficulty in areas of literacy and numeracy will have already come to the attention of the Learning Support Team. Learning Support teachers, Mrs Jill Robertson and Mrs Jill Horne will also be available to meet with parents.

Reminder - 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. Please attach paperwork relating to UNSW Competitions to your Semester One account.**

Adrienne Bruce
Deputy Principal
Library News

Each student should have received a Scholastic Book Club catalogue featuring books for sale, thanks to Kerrie King. Kindergarten children received a note attached with it outlining the process in detail on how to make purchases if you would like. This note follows and will help new families or those new to ordering from the Scholastic Book Club - thank you, Tim King, for drafting the note. Every purchase helps the school buy new books for the library, but you are under no obligation to do so. The closing date for orders is FRIDAY, MARCH 18th, 2015. This will ensure delivery before the end of the term.

Happy reading!

Ellen Swick, Teacher Librarian

Introduction to the Scholastic Book Club

The Scholastic book club has been available at Manly West for a number of years. Many parents are familiar with it, but others may not be and there have been some changes in recent times. Here are some key points:

- The book club is operated by Scholastic and is a commercial operation
- Scholastic return 20% of sales value to the school as "rewards"
- Manly West receives about $2,000 per year in rewards, and this money is spent by Ellen Swick in the library on new books
- The book club is made possible by parent volunteers who administer the Manly West details on the website, submit some orders, distribute books to classrooms, and handle exceptions
- There is NO obligation to buy books – it is entirely at the discretion of individual families
- We run book club once per term at Manly West. You can order books at other times too, but you will need to pay for delivery to your home rather than have free delivery to the school

Buying books

There is a much improved online ordering system:

- Paper catalogues are distributed to classrooms
- Orders can be made for about 2 weeks
- Payment options are online using a credit card or by cheque.
  For the online option you place your order and pay online
  For the cheque option you fill out the order form in the paper catalogue and return this to the school office in a sealed envelope with your cheque

There are NO cash payments

Please order online if at all possible and only select the cheque option if you really have to (since this requires parent volunteers to do an online order on your behalf)

Once the orders are closed the books are delivered to the school and distributed to classrooms
If you do not want your books sent to the classroom (perhaps it is a birthday gift) then -
  * For online orders check the “Gift Order” box on the order screen
  * For paper orders mark this clearly on the form

Any questions? Please check with Mrs. Swick in the library or email her at ellen.lo@det.nsw.edu.au.
Manly West Before & After School Care

Manly West Before & After School Care
Do you have any old CDs that you do not want? Our K-2 room would love them for our craft project next week! Also, they would like some empty, clean 1.25L and 2L drinking bottles with lids. Drop off anytime.

CENTRE NEWS
♦ This week in K-2 Room each year’s project is being worked on to decorate the room – Kindy will be making the Hungry Caterpillar; Year 1 will be designing and researching an ant colony; Year 2 will be working on a world map and investigating different countries.
♦ The 3/4 Club enjoyed their Mexican themed afternoon with nachos and dress-ups in sombreros! Outside they have been busy creating obstacle course challenges at the coloured equipment and inside the children have drawn a huge replica of the Titanic and decorated an iceberg.
♦ Club 5/6 celebrated the launch of the 2016 NRL season last week, with NRL craft, touch footy and the start of a friendly tipping competition. The children also enjoyed a special treat of toast pizzas! Week 7 will see the kids get their hands dirty with some finger painting craft and calligraphy, while outside, they will play games of cricket and soccer.

TERM ACCOUNTS
Third and final instalment is due by Friday 18 March. Late Payment Fees apply for payment not made by the due dates.

ABSENCES
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).

Did You Know? The Family Assistance Office (FAO) will only pay CCB and CCR for 42 Allowable Absences in a Financial Year from all Approved Services for your child. Unless special circumstances exist, absence sessions greater than 42 will not receive any rebate. The top RH corner of your invoice shows absences to date. If ‘Unknown’ is shown, it means that your child has not ‘Formalised’ with the FAO and no CCB or CCR will be paid. Please check/update your account with Customer Reference Numbers (CRNs) and correct Dates of Birth.

WAITING LIST
The waiting list continuously moves as families’ circumstances change. 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.

Diary Dates
Thursday 10th March
8:30 Junior PSSA training
Selective High School Test—Mackellar Girls HS

Friday 11th March
Senior PSSA training
K-2 Assembly 12:30pm
Summer PSSA Round 3

Monday 14th March
District Swimming Carnival at Warringah Aquatic Centre

Tuesday 15th March
DMI MW project display at school

Wednesday 16th March
9:45 School Tour
Northern Beaches Primary Schools Chess Challenge at Mona Vale PS—students to meet at school at 7:30am
Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival at Homebush

Uniform Shop
Thursday 10th March
8:45-10:00am

Monday 14th March
2:45-3:45pm

Chook Roster
Saturday 12th March
Zingsheim family

Sunday 13th March
Corn family
Canteen News

Canteen Roster for week 7, Group 3

Monday 14th March
Victoria Kelley AM
Orlaith Sheill AM
Sharon Newman PM
Lara Bullman PM

Tuesday 15th March
Nicola Bird AM
Lyn Martin AM
Angela Toshack PM
Libby Beaumont PM
Jose Mauricio PM

Wednesday 16th March
VACANCY AM
VACANCY AM
Liz Henry PM
Rhani Chivers PM

Thursday 17th March
Susan Darton AM
George McLeod AM
Natalie Mitchell PM
Jodi Stacker PM

Friday 18th March
Linda Harrington AM
Chris Cammack AM
VACANCY AM
Helen Yardley PM
Lisa Carter PM

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, call us on 9948 2257 or come and see us.

Thanks,
Rachel