Dear Parents,

Welcome to another exciting and busy year at Manly West. The Year 5 children are beginning to settle into Stage 3 and their respective classes. Teachers are now establishing routines and expectations for the rest of the year. The classroom teachers for this year are Mrs Bellomo and Mrs Johnson (5J), Ms FitzGerald (5F), Miss Martz (5M) and Mrs Siale (5S).

**Uniform**
Students are to be commended on how responsible they have been in wearing the correct summer uniform. They have been exceptional role models for the rest of the school. However, just a reminder that school uniform should be worn at all times, including hats in the playground. We appreciate your support in this matter.

**Sport**
Sport uniforms will be worn for dance on **Monday** (5S & 5M), **Wednesday** (5J & 5F) and **Friday** for school or PSSA sport. Selections for summer PSSA will take place over the next two weeks.

**Text Books**
Students have already been issued with some exercise books and will receive their text books this week. Most students are well equipped with the necessary classroom items and if you did not receive an equipment list there is a copy available on the Manly West website.

**Mathematics**
Teachers developed a mathematics program for Year 5 and the text book will complement this program. The strands to be covered include: Whole number, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division strategies, Measurement (calculating perimeter, area, length and distances), Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and Data.

**Writing**
Writing is a regular activity in the classroom. Our focus this term will be on persuasive, imaginative and descriptive texts. We will be exploring the book ‘Nanberry’ as part of our literacy lessons, with a focus on narrative voice, characterisation, imagery and author’s purpose.

**Science & Technology**
Science this term will be taken by Mrs Bergelin during RFF time on Mondays and Wednesdays. Year 5 have a class set of laptops that all classes utilise to develop technology skills and enhance learning across all Key Learning Areas. This year each class will be using Google Classroom as a platform for communication between school and home.
History
The unit of work to be studied in Term 1 from the new Australian Curriculum will be ‘Australian Colonies’. Students will also be involved in a group project related to the Australian theme called ‘An Australian Road Trip’. They will plan a trip around Australia and identify key sites they want to visit. Numeracy skills will also be incorporated as students calculate distance and costs involved. Some tasks will be done as homework.

Homework
Homework will begin in Week 4. It will cover a variety of subjects including weekly spelling and reading, Maths activities and Mathletics. We will be gradually implementing these activities as the weeks progress, and will also be including research tasks and assignments.

Music and Library
This term all Year 5 students will have a specialist teacher for Music, Ms Esparraga, as part of the RFF program. Class teachers will take the children to Library for borrowing and research work.

Music is on Wednesday and Thursdays.

Parent Information Night
The Year 5 teachers are looking forward to meeting you at the Parent Information night on Monday 20th February at 5:30pm, where we will be able to explain our plans and expectations in detail. The evening will begin in the hall and move to classrooms.

Some important dates for your diary

Term 1
- Life Education begins - 8th February
- School Swimming Carnival – 15th February
- Scripture starts – 25th February
- PSSA Round 1 – 26th Feb
- Last Day of Term 8th April

Term 2
- Project Penguin throughout Term 2
- NAPLAN testing – 10th, 11th, 12th May (Term 2)

Kind Regards,

Sam Bellomo, Mona Johnson, Kim Fitzgerald,
Katie Martz & Emma Siale

Mrs. Julie Organ
Principal

Year 5 Teachers