



Manly West Matters

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Wednesday 10th November 2021 Term 4 Week 6

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Principal's Message

Diary Dates:

- 10th November (Tonight) from 6pm, Years 3-6 Interrelate - Page 7.
- 11th November Remembrance Day - SRC and School Captains.
- 11th November 2.15pm - Gold Award ceremony for Year 6 recipients
- 17th November - OC Test at Manly West PS

Assemblies

Congratulations to all our Silver and Bronze Banner recipients. Please see the photos from these assemblies. These students have worked hard towards this achievement and waited patiently through lockdown to receive the Banners. On Thursday, eight of our Year 6 students will also be presented with their Gold Banners.



Year 4 Bronze and Silver recipients.



Year 6 Silver Banner recipients



Year 5 Bronze and Silver Banner recipients.



Year 3 Bronze and Silver Banner recipients with Year 6 Prefects.



Year 1 Bronze Banner recipient.

Check-In Assessments - Year 4

Congratulations to our Year 4 students who are currently participating in Check-In Assessments in readiness for NAPLAN next year. These assessments are online and give our students more support in managing the online testing platform. The results are returned to teachers fairly quickly, so that teachers can adjust their teaching based on the assessments.

Labelling Day and Lost Property

The SRC and the Prefect Team are organising some initiatives to reduce lost property at Manly West PS. They have now set up an area next to the K-2 toilets for lost property. Today all students and teachers were asked to label the uniform items with name and class so that lost property can be sent directly to the students if found.

SRC

Yesterday our SRC representatives and Year 6 Prefects were given a tour by Mrs McLean and myself of the new seating, bubblers, new lost property location, plants to reduce temperatures on the oval and information about the K-2 toilets being demolished and re built. The SRC are the voice of all our students and take an active role in the decision making.

The SRC students will also lay a wreath on behalf of their class for Remembrance Day tomorrow.



New bubblers with safety lids on the oval.



Socially-distanced SRC Meeting.



New seating on the oval.

Dance and Kitchen Garden Program Invoices Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 4

Dance will start for Kindergarten, Year 3 and 4 students next week. The invoice will be sent in the coming days. Year 4 have commenced the Kitchen Garden Program and an invoice will be sent home for Term 4 as well.

Reminder: Laptops Loaned from School

We still have not received all the laptops loaned to students during the Home Learning Period. We will begin to make phone calls to check about devices being returned. If you are returning a device, please phone from the Griffiths St entrance and a staff member will come out. There are two numbers you can phone - either **9948 2257** or **9948 1959**.

Mrs Julie Organ

From the Deputy's Desk

Small Changes to COVID-19 Restrictions at School

Schools are now in updated Level 3 restrictions. This does mean a few minor changes to how we can operate in a COVID-safe manner.

Kindergarten Orientation can now take place. We can have outdoor assemblies with cohorts separated and class dance lessons can return. We will continue to use our cohorting model in the playground and staggered dismissal times for now.

Unfortunately, Band is not allowed to resume face-to-face and Scripture and Ethics lessons will not be returning in 2021.

Teachers will continue to wear masks indoors, classrooms will still be well ventilated and sanitising and cleaning measures will remain in place to ensure the safety of students and staff.

Parents are asked to remain off site and call the front office if you need to pick up your child.

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Registered students in Year 4 will sit the Opportunity Class placement test next Wednesday morning. This test will be run at our school, in the computer lab.

Results of the test and class offers for Year 5 2022 will be sent to parents in mid January.

Bikes at School

Please remember to stay safe when riding bikes or scooters to school. Always wear a helmet and walk your bike or scooter through the playground before placing it carefully in the bike storage area.

We are aware of some students who are riding to school together and arriving after the 9.20am bell. In the interest of safety, it is important that when students leave home they ride to school and arrive on time.

Band Information Night

Is your child interested in joining the Manly West Training Band?

An information session will be held for parents of interested Year 2 students via Zoom on Thursday 11th November at 6:30pm. For details, please see the flyer on Page 8.

Mrs Amber Fuller



Band News

Attention all Parents and Carers of students from Year 2 to Year 5:

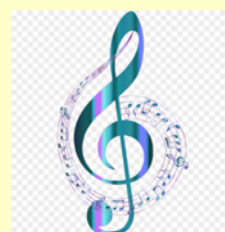
This **Thursday 11th November at 6.30pm**, we are hosting a Band Information Night - please see the flyer on Page 8.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, our information night will be hosted via Zoom: (no password)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7368537799>

If your child is keen to try Band, please make sure to [register their interest](#) on or before **Thursday 18 November**.

We will be hosting an instrument information session for the children during class time on **Friday 19th November** where they will have an opportunity to decide their preferences and to see if the various instruments are suited to them. Your early expression of interest is appreciated.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Nicole Macnicol at band@manlywestpandc.org.au or Mobile 0400 401 650



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band@manlywestpandc.org.au



The PBEL for the week is **Responsibility**



Be responsible for your belongings



From the Deputy's Desk

Thursday 11th November

Collection of Kindergarten 2022 Information Packs and Pre-ordered Uniform Packs

On **Thursday 11th November from 9:30 am- 2:45 pm** Kindergarten information packs and pre-ordered uniform packs are available for collection. Information packs will be placed in alphabetical order by surname.

Location - Grass area at front of the school

Access - Griffiths St gate only. Please do not enter the school via any other gate.

Within the Kindergarten Information Pack is **a coloured slip indicating your child's orientation class and designated arrival and departure time** and location for our Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday 17th November.

On the table with the Information Packs, **there will be a container for completed Parent Questionnaire and Student and Family Information'** sheets. Some parents may have already returned these to the school.

9:30am -10:30am Staff will also be available to answer any questions on the grassed area near the Griffiths St Gate.

9:30-11:00am Our Uniform Shop Manager, Ashleigh Searle, will also be available. Pre-ordered uniform packs will be available for collection.

For parents who are not collecting pre-ordered uniform packs we encourage you to collect the Kindergarten Information Packs later in the day to ease congestion.

Kindergarten Information Packs not collected on Thursday 11th November will be:

- sent home with siblings where applicable
- on your child's Orientation Class Meeting Table on Wednesday 17th November.



From the Deputy's Desk

Wednesday 17th November
Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Program

Wednesday 17th November –

Time - 9:35am - 10:50am K Green K Purple

9:45am - 11:00am K Orange K Silver

9:55am - 11:10am K Blue K Yellow K Red

Please note our start and finish times are now staggered, to ease congestion and adhere to COVID restrictions.

Entry - Boyle St Driveway Gate only

Exit - Parents exit via the Lower Boyle St Gate near the pedestrian crossing.

See map Page 5.

Please be aware that you will also need to enter and exit at these points only when you return to pick up your child at their designated time.

In line with New South Wales Department of Education Guidelines, **only one parent/carer** per family is permitted on school grounds for Kindergarten Orientation and this designated person needs to be fully vaccinated.

To access school grounds for Kindergarten Orientation, parents are required to:

- use the Boyle St Driveway Gate only.
- check-in using a NSW Service COVID Safe QR Code that will be attached to the school fence.
- show your NSW COVID Safe check-in and vaccination certificate to a staff member at the gate.
- only be on school grounds for up to ten minutes when dropping off or collecting your child.

Staff will guide parents to the Orientation Class Meeting Point on school grounds. This location is marked with a table covered in the colour of your child's orientation class.

Parents and carers who prefer not to enter school grounds or who are not double vaccinated may handover their child to a staff member at the Boyle St Driveway gate.

A reminder that your child's Kindergarten Orientation class may not be their class for 2022. You will be notified of your child's class for 2022 at the beginning of the 2022 school term.

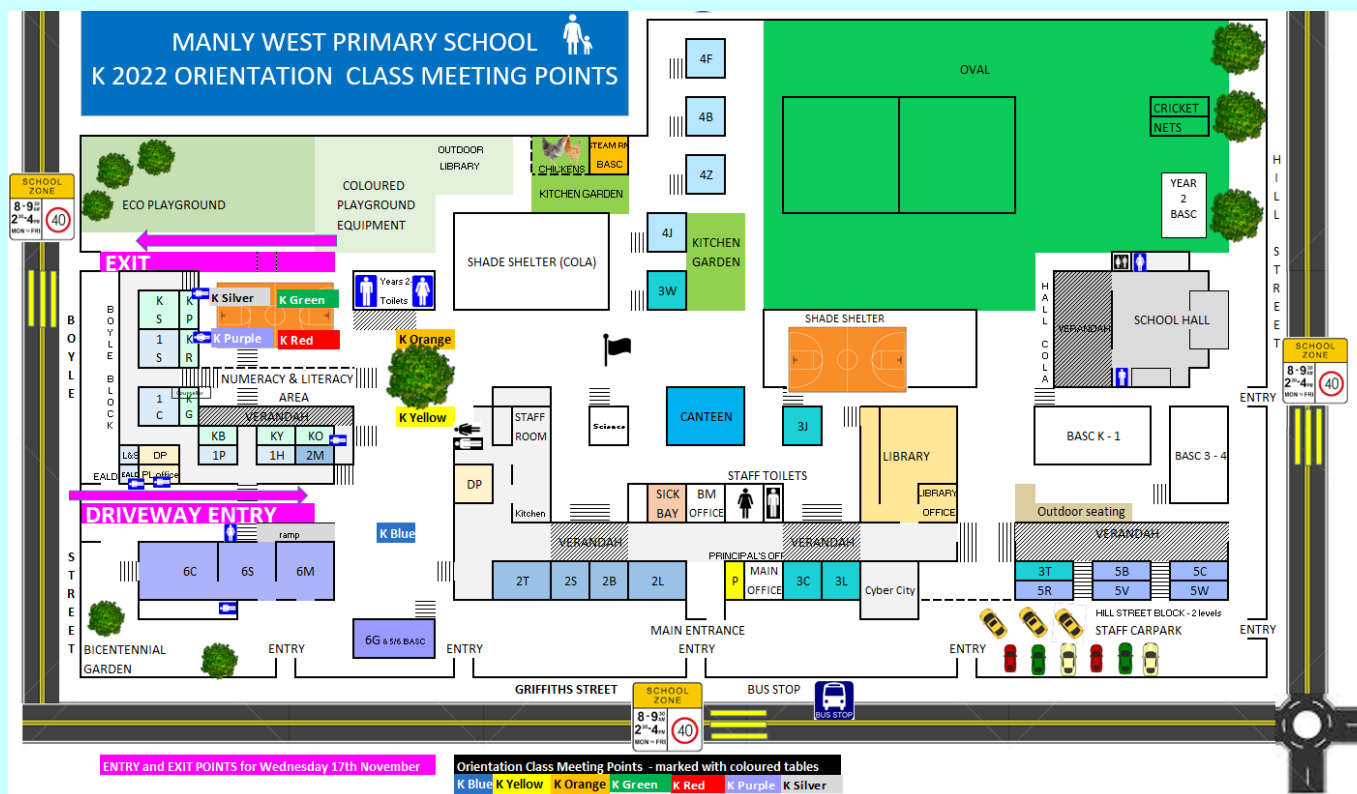


From the Deputy's Desk

MAP SHOWING ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS FOR THE K 2022 ORIENTATION MORNING

THURSDAY 17th NOV

(MEETING POINTS FOR THE ORIENTATION CLASSES ARE ALSO SHOWN)



Mrs Wendy Mwanga

Library News

All students have now received a Scholastic Book Order catalogue with many specials in preparation for holiday gift giving and summer reading. You are under no obligation to purchase anything, but if you would like to give the gift of reading or get something for yourselves, please place your order online with the LOOP payment system **before or by Friday, November 19th, 2021**. This will ensure everything arrives at school well before the end of Term 4.



There are three competitions that the artistic, clever and creative Manly West students might like to enter. Good luck to all those that enter! Please see information and due dates below:

- 1) The year 2021 has tested the resilience of many Australians. There is a **Museum of Fire Art Competition** which focuses on *RESILIENCE*. Create an artwork that embodies resilience. Entry is open to all primary school-aged residents. Your artwork must be submitted by **29th November, 2021**. Please see their website <https://www.museumoffire.net/museum-of-fire-art-comp> for terms, conditions and how to enter.
- 2) Entries for the **Litterarty Schools Waste-Art Competition** are still be accepted **until the end of Term 4**. Use rubbish to create a masterpiece and to keep it out of our beautiful oceans! Head to <https://www.oceanloversfestival.com/litterarty> for all entry guidelines and information.
- 3) **The Toyota Dream Car Art Contest** encourages and inspires creative expressions and imagination by challenging the boundaries of traditional thinking. It's a chance for tomorrow's engineers, designers and creative thinkers to let their imaginations run wild by drawing an image of their 'Dream Car'. <https://www.toyota.com.au/dreamcar> has all the information you need to enter **before 10/12/21 for an extra chance to win or by 28/2/22** to take advantage of the extra time during the school holidays.

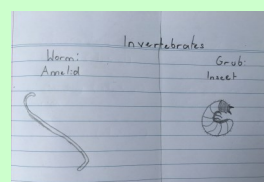
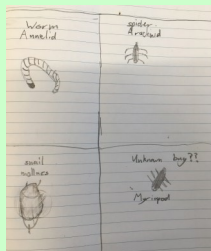
Happy reading and competing!

Mrs Ellen Swick, Teacher Librarian

Kitchen Garden News

Year 4

This week in the Kitchen Garden Year 4 are investigating invertebrates found in the leaf litter and tasting beetroot hummus made with beetroot grown in the Kitchen Garden.



It's National Recycling Week this week.

Always check the Australian Recycling Label (ARL) on products you buy from supermarkets - it will tell you if the packaging is recyclable, and how to recycle it. Use it to help inform your choices of what products to buy.

Your Garden needs you!

Please [sign up](#) to help water the garden and turn the compost bins.

School Compost Bins

Please note, due to a reduction in capacity in the school compost bins and worm farms, we are unable to accept any food waste brought from home.

We will continue to accept food waste brought onto the school grounds by students and staff, BASC and canteen.



Angie Penn and Beth Dowdle

**Ticket sales close at
5:30pm today!**

...the "questions..."

the answers!



Join experienced educators as they discuss these delicate issues
with sensitivity, openness and humour

10 NOVEMBER 2021

Live online event

\$10 per family per session

Purchase your family tickets [here](#)

Interrelate family talks are suitable for children in Year 3 and above.
A parent or carer **must** attend these talks with their child(ren).

WHERE DID I COME FROM?

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Suitable for students in Years 3-6

PREPARING FOR PUBERTY

7:15pm - 8:15pm

Suitable for students in Years 5&6

(Years 3&4 students may attend at their parent's discretion)

Many thanks to the Manly West P&C for coordinating and subsidising this event.

**View topic information and event details at
www.manlywestpandc.org.au/interrelate**



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BAND Info night

The Manly West Band program is a rewarding way to:

- learn to play an instrument
- develop self-confidence
- make music as part of a team
- gain self-discipline
- improve music reading skills
- perform in concerts for the school and community

And it's lots of fun (especially band camp!)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: STUDENTS, PARENTS/CARERS

WHEN: THURSDAY 11 NOV 2021

TIME: 6.30PM

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7368537799>

No password – we will let you in.

Manly West Band



Who Can Join?

The Manly West Band program is open to any child entering Year 3 or upward in 2022. No musical experience is required.

Come and join us via Zoom to find out more!

If you need more information contact Nicole Macnicol at band@manlywestpandc.org.au

Your P&C News

Welcome to this week's update from the Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association. Over the coming weeks we will be sharing information on the services available to you from the P&C, some information on committee members and also showing you how to get involved. As we continue to build the Manly West community, we would love to know how you can help the school with your expertise and passion.

P&C Update

We're so happy to advise that Emma Coultas and Michelle Terry will join us as joint P&C Secretaries, effective immediately. Thank you both so much for volunteering.

The next General Meeting is next **Tuesday 16th November, 7pm at Manly West, in the new Science Room (near the School Office)**. Please do join us (vaccination certificate and masks required). Refreshments provided.

Canteen

canteen@manlywestpandc.org.au

Shutters opening!

We are really looking forward to seeing all the wonderful volunteers as the Canteen moves to serving recess and after lunch sales, in addition to online lunches. We are sure the children are too!

Thank you for signing up: [SignUp](https://signup.com/go/VfhcRjo) - <https://signup.com/go/VfhcRjo> Volunteers must be fully vaccinated and should please check in at the office. We also have a form for you to sign at the Canteen. You may prefer to bring your own mask.



Uniform
uniform@manlywestpandc.org.au

Online orders

Online orders through Flexischools continue to be processed and orders can be delivered directly to your child's classroom.

Returns

Items that need to be returned or exchanged, can be sent back to the school with a copy of the invoice and a note, explaining what you need exchanged/refunded. Students can return items by dropping them off in the office or parents can drop them off when collecting their children from school. Please phone the school office when you arrive at the Griffiths Street gate and someone will pop out to collect your items from you.

Second-hand orders

If you need second-hand items, please contact us via [email](#). There is limited stock at the moment but we will see what we can do to help.

Donations

Donations are welcome. Please contact us via [email](#) if you have any items you would like to donate. Please ensure second hand items are washed and are in good condition.

Kindergarten students 2022

We are currently selling Kindergarten packs for new students starting next year. Parents will be able to collect their orders either on or after 11th November from the front of the school near the Griffiths Street entrance. If you know any parents who have not ordered uniforms yet please could you encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

Environment update

environment@manlywestpandc.org.au

Waste-free Wednesdays

Waste-free Wednesdays will be back before the end of term once restrictions have eased further. A new team of waste warriors will be trained for 2022 and we are excited about working with the canteen to keep reducing waste at Manly West. In the meantime, please continue to pack nude lunchboxes.

Walk and Bike 2 School

We are planning to celebrate Walk2School and Bike2School days in 2022 and would love your help! **Please email us** if you are keen to see more children walking and cycling to school. The project will involve looking at current travel patterns, identifying safety issues on the streets around school, creating some fun events and supporting more families to leave the car at home.

Meet your P&C

Name | Helen Yardley
Job Title | Vice President
Email | vicepresident1@manlywestpandc.org.au



About me

I'm from Essex, UK but have lived in Australia for almost 18 years. We moved to Fairlight in 2011.

I work for KPMG where I manage operations and resourcing for a few of the audit teams. My biggest team is our offshore centre in India – I can't wait to be able to get back over there to see them all again.

When I'm not working you can find me trying to train our new Jug puppy, Jasper. It's going OK - it's taken me longer than it should have to realise that he'll do almost anything for chicken! But if he goes quiet, I know there'll be trouble.

I love to read and dine out. To counteract the latter, I also try to run and am a little bit obsessed with our other lockdown purchase: a peloton bike.

Me at Manly West

My oldest daughter, Alice, started at Manly West in 2013. I've been involved with the P&C on and off since 2014. My younger daughter, Juliet, is currently in year 5.

Why I joined the P&C

I had a career break for a few years when Alice started school and got involved simply because I had the time. I had been helping out in the canteen and with reading groups while she was in kindy and wanted to do a little bit more.

On a selfish note, I think some P&C tasks also really helped when I returned to work; presenting at kindy orientations, helping to organise fundraising events, seeking sponsorship or interviewing new paid staff.

My role in the P&C

I am one of the two Vice Presidents, so I support the President and Executive to generate interest in supporting the school and help keep the P&C moving.

I've scaled my involvement up and down over the years but it's all been great fun. I still love to feel connected with the place where my kids spent/spend so much of their time.

How to get involved with your Manly West community

Manly West Public School has an amazing mix of students and parents from all walks of life and we would like you to share your expertise and diversity to help build our community and make a change for our children.

We currently have a need for anyone with experience in accounting (notably **MYOB**) or **IT** to get in touch.

Contact us using this [link](#) and we will be in touch to discuss how you can help from as little as 1 hour of your time.

P&C General Meeting
Tuesday 16th November 2021, 7pm in the Science Room @ school. Please note you'll need to bring a mask & show your vaccination certificate.

WASTE-FREE WEDNESDAYS WILL BE BACK SOON!

A MODIFIED EVENT WILL BE RUN FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS OF TERM 4 AND A NEW GENERATION OF WASTE WARRIORS WILL BE READY TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING WHEN SCHOOL RETURNS IN 2022.

IN THE MEANTIME, CHILDREN SHOULD CONTINUE TO BRING NUDE LUNCHBOXES WITH ZERO-WASTE SNACKS AND LUNCH ON WEDNESDAYS.

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WASTE-FREE WEDNESDAYS

and the 7 R's of SUSTAINABILITY

REFUSE single-use items and unnecessary packaging.

When shopping for nude lunchboxes, say no to:

- Individually packaged mini-packets of snacks
- Yogurt pouches
- Snack-sized apples in plastic boxes
- Cheese and cracker packs

Try reusable pouches. Buy fruit loose. Choose large packs of crackers and biscuits and decant into reusable containers or a bento-style lunchbox. Bulk packs are cheaper and have less plastic. Save money and reduce waste – it's a winning option!

Always think about how to REUSE items.

Pack re-usable cutlery, straws, beeswax wraps and zippy bags in your child's lunchbox.

Re-purpose and re-use t-shirts as carry-bags

Cleaned, empty glass jars can be re-used to store left over food or as pots for yogurt or chopped fruit.

Choosing the best way to RECYCLE items is important once every effort has been made to refuse, reduce, reuse, repair or rot them:

- At home, the kids can help to sort waste into the Yellow and Blue Council bins. Aim to fill up recycling bins before the landfill bin!
- Soft plastics should go to Redcycle bins at the supermarket.
- Cans, bottles and tetra-packs can go to the local Return and Earn station and earn 10c per item!
- Some retailers accept old clothes for textiles recycling– try H&M or Upparel.

REDUCE the resources you use in everyday life.

Food waste is a big problem. Ask your children to bring any uneaten food home and discuss their preferred quantities and REDUCE what you pack. Let's aim to have no food in the school bins!

Try to REPAIR items instead of throwing them away.

Beeswax wraps can get a little limp and tired after many uses, but they are easily refreshed through a simple process of gentle heating and drying or can be quickly re-coated with a little extra wax.

Broken lunchboxes and drink bottles? Find missing lids and parts in the free box at the next Lunchbox Rescue sale.

Putting food waste in a compost bin to ROT is one of the most impactful things to do to reduce waste and our carbon footprint. Before introducing WFW, over half of the contents of the red landfill bins was food. Uneaten food should go home so:

- Leftovers can be eaten for afternoon tea!
- Scraps can make wonderful fertilizer in your own compost bins or worm farm
- Parents can see how much their children eat and adjust portions to reduce waste.

As consumers, we need to RETHINK how we shop.

Is the convenience of pre-packaged food really worth it? Could a home-made version be cheaper and healthier? Consumer choice can help drive companies to adjust their packaging. Be a keyboard warrior and let your favorite suppliers know how you would like to see changes in the way they deliver their products to market.

* REFUSE * REDUCE * REUSE * REPAIR * ROT * RECYCLE * RETHINK *



BASC

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HELLO! FROM SENIORS AT BASC

The 3&4 room is so excited to have a full room of educators and children, and the past couple of weeks have been a great way to catch up. Our program has been all focused-on **collaboration**, with many of our activities using teamwork, communication and sharing ideas. Keep your eye out for our new Welcome Board for all our important updates to parents, designed by the children of the Years 3&4 room. We've also had lots of dancing, sports and construction play with our educators each day - which has given us plenty of time to share our stories of lockdown and Term 3.



Welcome back 5-6 BASC, we've missed you! It's been amazing having you all back, we can't wait to see what this term has in store! So far, we have been making the most of being back at school with our friends, playing lots of handball, lava-ball, and basketball. Inside we spent the first week back doing lots of Halloween crafts, creating and designing paper pumpkins and haunted houses. It's been so nice seeing you all re-decorate our room with all your artwork!



Ethics Teachers needed at MW for 2022



We're looking for some volunteers from our parent community who are interested in supporting the school's ethics program from next year.

Ethics classes are an alternative to non-scripture, teaching our kids to think, reason and discuss a range of ethical issues. Classes are designed to create an inclusive learning environment, where students learn to respect other points of view and come to a deeper understanding of their own beliefs.

At Manly West Public School, we have a very successful program but need more teachers to meet the demand for classes.

Teaching an ethics class involves facilitating a weekly discussion about a range of topics, including fairness, truth and intentions. You don't need any teaching experience, as you are provided with fully prepared lesson scripts and training. The time commitment is about 45 minutes per week including a class every Thursday morning and about 10 minutes to read through the script before each lesson. If helping with our ethics program is a possibility for you or someone you know (maybe a grandparent!), contact our Ethics Coordinator, Lisa Palmer (a Manly West mum) at palmerlisa@hotmail.co.uk. For more information about the ethics program, go to www.primaryethics.com.au.

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Rotary



BACK BY
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CARS'N CLUES ROAD RALLY SEAFORTH OVAL Sunday 28th Nov



STAGGERED START
11:00AM - 1:00PM

Snacks

drinks and

games at our

surprising end location!

RALLY: 2- 2½ hrs

ENTRY \$50

PER CAR

Trybooking



Ref: BURJZ

MORE INFO: balgowlahrotary.com.au

**FUNDS TO BALGOWLAH ROTARY PROJECTS
ESPECIALLY OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS**

CAUTION: ALL PARTICIPANTS ENTER EVENT AT OWN RISK

BRIGHTSPARKS Holiday Workshops for students 8-15yrs

Sing & Record

10-15yrs

10th - 12th January, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Attention singers! Do you dream of one day singing on your own album? Highly trained and experienced singing teachers and industry professionals will really make your voice soar in your very own recorded track.

Shakespeare

9-12yrs

13th & 14th January, 9:00am - 3:30pm

We will take you to glory with the fights, the comedy, the laughter and the love with scenes from the world's most popular plays: A Midsummer Night's Dream and Romeo & Juliet.

Act & Improvisation

8-12yrs

17th & 18th January, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Our experienced team of teachers will guide students through the art of Improvisation, learning how to create scenes, characters and situations in a fast-paced and fun workshop.

Musical Theatre

8-12yrs

19th - 21st January, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Would you love opportunity to sing and act the scenes and songs from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory? We will also be performing with costumes and props for the ultimate holiday workshop fun!

Head to our website for more
information & to book!

ph: 0423 846 757

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