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## Principal's Message

**Diary Dates:** Harmony Day Assemblies Yrs 3-6 Thurs 18th March, K-2 Fri 19th March (see Page 2 for details of 'a touch of colour').  
**Parent/ Caregiver interviews from 17<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> March.**

### Gold and Silver Award recipients

Congratulations to Noah Jeston who was presented with his Gold Award last week at assembly. Congratulations also to our Silver award recipients Marcus Williams and Jeremy Vowels and our Bronze Award recipients Rohan Thomas-McDonnell, Adam Mu, Callum Neal, Charlie Herfort, Charlotte Thomson and Luna Zanellato. Students need to be reminded that they need three expectation certificates and two merit certificates to be awarded a banner.



### Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

There is a parent feedback summary of the Best Start Assessment now available for parents. The teachers will give these out during the parent/caregiver interviews for you to have an understanding of the progress that the students have already made in their time at school this year.

### Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024

A team of staff are currently working on the 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan. Our Vision for students at Manly West is part of that plan.

As part of the situational analysis, it was recognised that a significant school focus should continue on high impact Teacher Professional Learning that links with the Strategic Plan, the Excellence Framework and the 2019 Alice Springs Declaration to support the Manly West PS student centred Vision and enhance and refine teacher and student confidence.

We will continue to focus on strong foundations and high expectations to increase the number of students achieving in the top two bands of Literacy and Numeracy.

General Capabilities and Visible Learning practices including feedback, setting goals, curriculum differentiation, and formative and summative assessment practices were implemented in the last school plan. As part of the new 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan, we will now endeavour to embed these strategies into teacher and student practice to support students to become assessment capable and critical and creative thinkers. Manly West will focus on extending High Potential and Gifted Education opportunities, catering for and supporting students with learning needs and enhancing effective data systems and parent partnerships.

**Manly West Vision 2021-2024**

All students reach their full potential to succeed academically and thrive as healthy, active, critical and creative thinkers and local and global life-long learners who connect and contribute to their school community and society.

**Why:**  
We want a student centred vision that enables our Manly West students to reach their full potential.

**How:**  
This vision is promoted in a respectful, supportive and challenging learning environment that incorporates school wide collective responsibility in partnership with staff, students, parents and caregivers.

**We will focus on:**  
Strong foundations and high expectations particularly in Literacy and Numeracy  
Teaching and learning confidence of staff and students continually being enhanced and refined  
Effective Visible Learning practices, high impact Professional Learning and close learning partnerships with parents.

### Visible Learning and Curiosity and Powerful Learning 2020-2021.

Manly West School Improvement Team including Executive and extended staff have been collaborating with other Northern Beaches Learning Alliance Schools to gain access to the theories and knowledge of Professor David Hopkins and Professor Lyn Sharratt. This insight has supported an increase of the knowledge and understanding of our teachers and students to enhance student agency and engagement with their learning.

### Boosting Your Child's Technology Education At Home

T4L Kids is a self-guided learning resource created by teachers for students. Parents can use [T4L Kids TV short videos](#) at home to explain how to use key technology platform features. [T4L Kids magazine](#) features technology demos and a purposeful digital technology design challenge with a step-by-step process guide. Take a look at the T4L Kids magazines Issue 1, Video Game Design and Issue 2, Science Fiction.



### Parent Support in Classrooms.

Welcome back to our parents who are now supporting our students in the classrooms.

### Student News

Harvey Matheson has been selected for the Sydney North Schools Sports Association Primary Cricket (Boys) Team for trials on Monday at Ourimbah. Well done Harvey.

Congratulations to Kaia Kumeroa 6S who made the Sydney Scorpions NSWTA Junior Regional U12s Squad 2021.

Congratulations to Prescott Williams 6G who was awarded Age Champion (12-year-old Boys) at Manly Warringah Little Athletics.

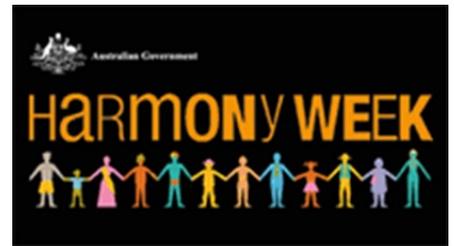


**Mrs Julie Organ**  
Principal

## From the Deputy's Desk

### Harmony Week

We are celebrating Harmony Day this week. As notified in last week's newsletter, students are asked to wear their regular uniform and a touch of their grade designated colour on Thursday (Years 3 -6) and Friday (Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2). Some options include coloured socks, scrunchies, sweat bands and streamers. Please note, face paint and coloured hairspray is not allowed.



### Wear a touch of the rainbow



**Years 3 -6 on Thursday**  
**K-2 on Friday**  
**Kindergarten: red**  
**Year 1: orange**  
**Year 2: yellow**  
**Year 3: green**  
**Year 4: blue**  
**Year 5: purple**  
**Year 6: pink**



### Student Attendance

Regular attendance at school is important so that students can achieve their educational best. We thank parents for their efforts to ensure students are at school on time, ready to learn.

The Department of Education acknowledges that on occasion students may be absent. Student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

The link below has further information on compulsory school attendance from the NSW Department of Education.

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/student-wellbeing/attendance-behaviour-and-engagement/media/documents/attendance/attendance\\_parents.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/student-wellbeing/attendance-behaviour-and-engagement/media/documents/attendance/attendance_parents.pdf)

### Easter Festivities

Due to COVID there will be no Easter Hat Parade this year, however, there will be an Easter Assembly for Combined Scripture classes and K-2 students will be involved in Easter activities. Kindergarten has a special Easter session planned with their Year 6 buddies for the afternoon of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March.



Year 6 and Kindergarten students are pictured enjoying their recent buddy session. To complement the Kindergarten Science program, students created and tested wind catchers.

**Mrs Wendy Mwanga**

NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight	4 weeks	Over 1 year missed
1 day per week	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years missed

education.nsw.gov.au

## From the Deputy's Desk

### Practice NAPLAN Tests

Next week, Years 3 and 5 students will participate in a practice online NAPLAN test. The purpose of this is to familiarise the students with the online platform, as it is the first time they will have completed NAPLAN online. The results will not be recorded as an assessment and the teachers will be able to assist students in order to build their confidence in preparation for the online NAPLAN assessments in Term 2. **We request that all Years 3 and 5 students ensure they have brought in headphones to use for these practice tests and NAPLAN next term. Thank you.**

### Regional Swimming Carnival Report

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, four Manly West students (Hugo, Collins 2L, Leo Kozlinski 3T, Isabel Wimpole 3J and Phoenix Berbakov 4J) attended the Regional Swimming Carnival at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Reports from the students' parents have stated it was an excellent carnival and that the Manly West children represented their zone tremendously well. The results for each student are stated below.

- Hugo Collins (Boys 8Yrs 50m Freestyle): Finished 30<sup>th</sup> Overall in his age group
- Leo Kozlinski (Boys 8Yrs 50m Freestyle): Finished 10<sup>th</sup> Overall in his age group
- Isabel Wimpole (Girls 9Yrs 50m Freestyle): Finished 13<sup>th</sup> Overall in her age group
- Phoenix Berbakov (Boys 8-10Yrs 50m Breaststroke): Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in his heat and a top half finish in the final.

These students are to be commended on their outstanding efforts at the Regional Carnival this year. Also, thank you to the parents/caregivers who were able to take them to the carnival on the day.

### Typing program

All students in Years 1-6 now have access to a typing program called Typing Tournament online. Your child has a log in that allows them to access interactive games that build their touch typing skills. Some grades have included this program in their homework and your child is free to use the program at home.



Progress through the 16 Levels is based on our revolutionary Multiple Progressions Model that assumes that mastery of existing keys must be demonstrated before new keys are introduced.

- Start at the beginning or dive in at your Level
- Carefully researched parameters optimise progress
- Builds muscle memory through Home Row and Vertical Key Path exercises
- Each key stroke is part of an intentional learning sequence
- Uses our revolutionary new Multiple Progressions Model
- Only four new keys per lesson

Mrs Amber Fuller

## Year 5 Quarantine Excursion Report

First we met our tour guide, Martin. He told us about the history of Sydney Cove and about the Q Station. Martin then took us to the Gravedigger's Cottage and summoned a spirit called Sam. Martin taught us about the devastation that smallpox caused while we had a tour of the hospital where infected people were treated. We also saw the shower rooms where immigrants were ordered to wash.

- Brooklyn and Olivia 5V

Our tour guide talked about first contact in Sydney Harbour. We went inside the Gravedigger's Cottage and also saw the mortuary where autopsies were done. In the hospital, our tour guide showed us pictures of doctors and nurses and people infected with smallpox, as well as an old-fashioned scale used to weigh babies.

After that, we saw the rooms where the luggage of immigrants was deep-cleaned. We also toured the shower rooms and the laundry room, which they now use to educate visitors about the history of the Quarantine Station.

- Saxon, Elise & Katya 5V





THINK YOU HAVE  
WHAT IT TAKES TO  
CREATE THE NEXT  
MONA LISA?

MANLY WEST

'YOUNG ARCHIE'

PORTRAIT COMPETITION

2021

*Admission is for all students,  
young or older... so get portraiting!*

Entries due: Week 3, Term 2



# 'YOUNG ARCHIE' ENTRY INFORMATION

**Create a portrait artwork at home of someone who is special or important to you such as a parent or friend.**



**Please read the competition guidelines carefully:**

• Students will enter their artwork into the appropriate category:

K-2, 3-4 or 5-6.

- We prefer that the portrait is 'painted from life'. Students may also create the portrait from memory or take a photograph to use for reference.
- One artwork only per entrant.
- Must be on paper (not board).
- Must be unmounted and unframed.
- Must be no smaller than A4 (210 × 297 mm) and no bigger than A3 (420 × 297 mm).
- Can be vertical or horizontal.
- Any art materials or combination of art materials may be used (eg paint, pencil, pastels, paper collage) but the artwork must be two-dimensional.
- On the back of the artwork please include: Student's name, class, and a short paragraph about who the subject of the portrait is and why they are important or special.



**Submit your entry during Week 3 of Term 2**

Ms Bonnett (students in years K-2)

Ms Vasara (students in years 3-6).

Finalists and winners will be announced during Week 5 and 6 of Term 2.

## Kitchen Garden News

### In the Kitchen Garden this week...

#### Year 3

Year 3 are learning about fruit formation in flowers and Manly West's War on Waste. They will also be tasting tabbouleh made with parsley fresh from the garden.

#### Waste-free Wednesdays are starting Term 2

Top tips to avoid food wastage...Don't pack too much food, especially for younger children, and get older children involved with choosing and making their own lunch. Please also encourage your children to bring uneaten food home where it may be eaten for afternoon tea (if appropriate) or composted.

#### Earth Hour Saturday March 27th

Everyone can get involved. Switch off lights to show support for the planet and bring awareness to nature loss and the climate crisis.

#### Composting and worm farming course

To help you on your waste reduction journey, learn how to compost or worm farm in [this course](#) at Kimbriki Ecohouse.

Saturday 31st July, 1pm-3pm – Composting and Worms Family Workshop NB Residents only – \$50 per family

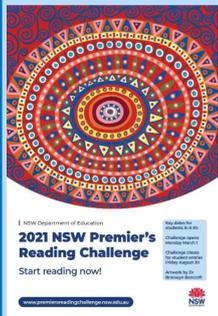
#### Volunteer to help

Please [sign up](#) to help look after our beautiful Kitchen Garden. We always need volunteers to help water the garden and turn the compost. If you would like to bring kitchen scraps to school to add to the school compost bins, you must be signed up at least twice per term.

Regards, Angie Penn and Beth Dowdle



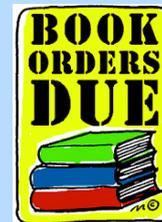
## Library News



Look at the fantastic readers who have already completed the **2021 Premier's Reading Challenge**. Heaps of applause goes to **Elsie Olivier** (3W), **Hallie Brain** (3W) and **Zoe Lancaster** (3C)! These students have proven that keeping track of their reading since the beginning of the year paid off. There is plenty of time for all readers to complete the PRC by the deadline of **Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Remember that **K-2** children will automatically complete it because they are read to in class and the library, but if you want to read as a family and work towards a goal together, I encourage you to hand in a reading log for your child. Students in **Years 3-6** are required to read independently and fill in their own personal reading logs.

Head to <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> for all your questions answered. *Whose names shall appear next week?!?!?!?*

If you would like to purchase from the **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB** this term, please order and pay **no later than this Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**. The easiest way to process a payment is using their LOOP system online, but you can also hand in the order form with a cheque made out to Scholastic Australia. Unfortunately **NO CASH** is accepted. Thank you for fostering your children's love of books as well as helping our school buy new titles for the library!



Are you an aspiring author, poet or playwright? You could win the Mosman Youth Award in Literature, a competition in prose and poetry for young writers. For all the rules, conditions and how to submit your entry and the prizes that could be won, visit [mosman.nsw.gov.au/youthawards](https://mosman.nsw.gov.au/youthawards). Entries close May 31<sup>st</sup> and winners will be announced August 25<sup>th</sup>. Best of luck to all who enter!

**Happy Reading and writing!**  
Mrs Ellen Swick, Teacher Librarian

# MANLY WEST'S WAR ON WASTE

WE HAVE EXCITING PLANS AT MANLY WEST TO BECOME A WASTE-FREE SCHOOL!

Lots of initiatives will be rolled out in 2021. Student Waste Warriors are leading the charge but they need your support!

Each week, tips and tricks will be shared in the newsletter to help parents help Manly West be a more sustainable school.

## BETTER WRAPPING

The best option is to have NO wrapping or packaging at all. Use small containers or a 'bento' lunchbox to keep everything separated.

Beeswax wraps are natural and endlessly reusable. They are easy to make – see the recipe below!

Aluminium foil should be washed and reused. Ask your children to always bring it home. Once it is too scrappy to use, roll it into a fist-sized ball and pop in the yellow bin. It's a valuable resource.

Brown paper bags can be composted if soiled with food but should be recycled or reused if clean.

Ziplock bags are handy but should never be single-use. They can be washed and reused dozens of times.

Cling film or Glad Wrap CANNOT be recycled and should be avoided.

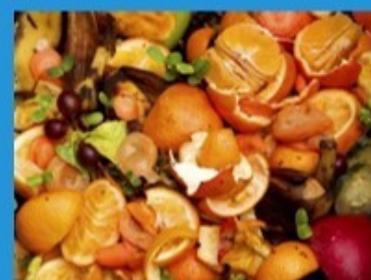
### *Waste-free Recipe of the week* DIY reusable beeswax wraps



They are fun to make! Head to <https://www.biome.com.au/blog/diy-reusable-beeswax-wrap-recipe/>

## WASTE-FREE WEDNESDAYS WILL START IN TERM 2. STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO BRING A ZERO-WASTE LUNCH AND THE RED BINS WILL GO 'ON HOLIDAY'.

Food waste, canteen bags and Return & Earn containers can be left at school. All other waste, including uneaten food, will be taken home where it can be sorted and disposed of properly.



## NEXT WEEK Reducing food waste



# P&C News

Supporting our school, our students, and our school community

## What's On . . . . .



**21 May 2021**

### KINDERGARTEN PARENTS COCKTAILS

NEW DATE . . . . !

Friday, 21 MAY 2021 from 7pm 'til late

Manly Golf Club

Details soon!

**Volunteers needed to help coordinate this event**

Contact our team

[events@manlywestpandc.org.au](mailto:events@manlywestpandc.org.au)



**7 May 2021**

### MOTHERS' AND CARERS' DAY STALL

Friday, 7 May 2021

Under the COLA

9:30am—11:20am

Details soon!

**Volunteers needed to help coordinate the stall—  
extra volunteers needed to help on the day.**

Contact our team

[events@manlywestpandc.org.au](mailto:events@manlywestpandc.org.au)



**uniform**

[uniform@manlywestpandc.org.au](mailto:uniform@manlywestpandc.org.au)

#### WINTER UNIFORM

Purchase your winter uniform today via Flexischools or visit us in-store.

Students are to wear their winter uniform at the start of term 2.

Contact Ashleigh  
[uniform@manlywestpandc.org.au](mailto:uniform@manlywestpandc.org.au)

#### OPENING HOURS

**Monday, 22 December**  
8:45am—9:45am

**Wednesday, 24 March**  
2:45pm—3:45pm

**Monday, 26 March**  
8:45am—9:45am

#### VOLUNTEERS

March and April vacancies are still available.

No experience necessary.

**SignUp [here](#)**





**canteen**

[canteen@manlywestpandc.org.au](mailto:canteen@manlywestpandc.org.au)

## PSSA?

If your child participates in PSSA on Friday's please **use the PSSA** order section on Flexischools or **write PSSA** on the bag if ordering over the counter.

Please remember **NO HOT FOOD** orders are available to PSSA participants.

## VOLUNTEERS

Monday—Friday  
There are loads of vacancies.

**SignUp [here](#)**



**band**

[band@manlywestpandc.org.au](mailto:band@manlywestpandc.org.au)

## BAND PHOTOS AT SCHOOL—TUESDAY 30 MARCH

**Please wear full band uniform to school** (White long sleeve shirt, black pants, black socks, clean black school shoes and band tie. Uniforms can be purchased through the Uniform Shop - both new and second hand. Please also bring your instrument.

## BAND CAMP SAVE THE DATE—MONDAY 24 AND TUESDAY 25 MAY.

This year our band camp will be held at the Academy of Sport and Recreation at Narrabeen on **Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 May**.

**TRAINING BAND** will attend 25 May ONLY. All other bands will attend both days. More information and permission forms will be coming home soon.

## BAND INVOICES

Please be reminded that **ALL invoices are due and payable by March 22.**

Invoices this Semester include Band Camp and a Performance Band excursion together with the usual rehearsal, sectional and instrument hire fees. Don't forget to claim your Creative Kids Voucher through Service NSW if you have not already done so (this will reduce your fees by \$100 for the year). Invoices can be paid via EFT or through Flexischools.

## BAND ENQUIRIES

Please contact Nicole Macnicol, Manly West Bands Coordinator by email [band@manlywestpandc.org.au](mailto:band@manlywestpandc.org.au) or phone 0400401650.



**kitchen garden**

[angie.penn@unswalumni.com](mailto:angie.penn@unswalumni.com)

## VOLUNTEERS

Every Friday, Sunday and Monday

Tasks are simple  
training is provided

**Contact Angie**  
[angie.penn@unswalumni.com](mailto:angie.penn@unswalumni.com)

**SignUp [here](#)**

## WASTE-FREE WEDNESDAYS

### Starting in Term 2

*Proudly supported by the  
P&C Environment Sub-committee  
and the Canteen*

**See page 7 for details**

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# FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

FREE EVENT

**Festival of Democracy** at the Parliament of NSW these April school holidays

**Friday 16 April**

9 am - 10.20 am  
 10.30 am - 11.50 am  
 12 pm - 1.20 pm  
 1.30 pm - 3 pm  
*(book for an 80 minute session)*

Celebrate democracy in Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children and their families from 4 to 12 years.

- Vote in an election
- Make a speech in the historic Parliamentary chamber
- Play democracy hopscotch
- Listen to storytellers
- Make craft animals and objects
- Enter the mystery object competition
- Visit the historic rooms
- Chat with Henry Parkes

This is a COVID-safe event.



**FREE ENTRY (timed)**  
 Activities 9 am to 3 pm

**LOCATION**  
 Parliament of New South Wales,  
 6 Macquarie Street  
 Opposite Martin Place  
 The public café will be open.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**



9230 2047 or  
 E: [communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

## Autumn Vacation Care

Northern Beaches Council offers quality and affordable [Vacation Care](#) right around the corner. Our action-packed programs at Cromer, North Curl Curl, Forestville, and Manly Vale are perfect for primary school aged kids.

These holidays enjoy a visit from the animals from Taronga Zoo, science experiments, billy cart building and racing, wheelchair basketball and more. Check out the full [program](#).

**Dates:** Tue 6 April - Fri 16 April | plus Mon, 19 April at Cromer

**Time:** 7.30am – 6pm weekdays

**Cost:** \$76 per day (Child Care Subsidy available)

**Bookings:** Book [online](#) or call 9942 2312

[northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](http://northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)



if u like ART

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS

Ages 5 to 14

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Half & Full Day Workshops Available See program at [www.ifulikeart.com](http://www.ifulikeart.com)

If u like ART is located at 1a Powells Road Brookvale

**Book now!**

Call 0409 569483

Email [daphne.katos@bigpond.com](mailto:daphne.katos@bigpond.com)



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS



**A FULL DAY OF ACTIVE FUN**

**FROM \$49 | 8AM - 6PM**



**MULTI SPORTS | TENNIS CAMP**

(02) 9938 1831 | [wrc@voyagertennis.com](mailto:wrc@voyagertennis.com)

Warringah Recreational Centre  
 Corner of Pittwater and Kentwell Rd

**BOOK ONLINE AT [VOYAGERTENNIS.COM/NORTH MANLY](http://VOYAGERTENNIS.COM/NORTH MANLY)**



**Come and Try Auskick with the Balgowlah Suns**

**BALGOWLAH OVAL Friday 19 March 4 to 5pm**

We invite all boys and girls aged 4 to 8 to come and try our fantastic Auskick program at the Balgowlah Suns.

It doesn't matter if you have never kicked a footy, Auskick is full of fun and games for kids of all abilities.



Join us for this free event and see for yourself the fun we have at Suns Auskick!

This event is proudly supported by Cadence & Co.



**MANLY ROOS JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB**

Register for the 2021 season @ [roosrugby.com.au](http://roosrugby.com.au)

**JUNIOR RUGBY UNION IS PLAYED ON SUNDAYS**  
Ages U10 to U14 years  
Contact your Age Managers @ [roosrugby.com.au](http://roosrugby.com.au)

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LAND-ROVER ABOVE & BEYOND  
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HARRIS FARM MARKETS