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Wednesday 10th February 2021 Term 1 Week 3

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Principal Message:

Diary Dates: Parent/Caregiver Information Evening - see below.

Kindergarten Parents/Caregivers

It was wonderful to welcome our new Kindergarten parents and caregivers at the Kindergarten Parent Information evening last night. The Kindergarten team of teachers led by Mrs Theresa Fuller gave excellent presentations and the students have enjoyed a very settled educational start.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Mr Turner, Mrs Gaynor and the staff team, who organised an outstanding swimming carnival yesterday. Thank you to all the Year 6 House Captains, Vice House Captains and many other Year 6 students who helped out with varied job allocations. For more photos, see gallery on Page 4.



Dance

Ambition Dance has started weekly dance classes for Years 1, 2, 5 and 6. For more details, see Page 6.

Reminder: Parent/Caregiver 2021 Information Evenings.

Successful education for your child relies on strong partnerships between parents, staff and students. The K-6 Parent Information evenings are the first step towards strengthening communication and knowledge about your child's class and classroom teacher.

Teachers will present an overview of the program, explain class routines, outline curriculum expectations and major events for the grade and provide ideas on how you can assist in your child's learning. It is a great benefit for parents and caregivers to attend these meetings and learn about school and classroom life at Manly West Public School. Please also consider being a Class Parent Representative for your child's class.

**Tuesday 10th February 5.15pm Year 2 in classrooms
5.45pm Year 1 in classrooms**

Tuesday 16th February 5.30pm Year 3 (except 3L) 6pm Year 4 in classrooms

**Monday 22nd February 5pm Year 5 & 6 High School talk with HS Principals in the hall
5.45pm Year 5 & 6 Information Evenings in classrooms**

Tuesday 23rd February 5.30pm 3L in 3L classroom.

Since indoor gatherings are currently limited to 30 people due to COVID-19 restrictions, we ask that only one parent/caregiver per family attend.

Strong Foundations of Numeracy: Building Numeracy Leadership

Our teaching staff constantly update their skills through high quality professional learning. The teachers and students will continue to strengthen their Mathematical knowledge through the Building Numeracy Leadership professional learning this year and the newly written K-6 Mathematics programs embedding mathematical concepts at a deeper level and enhancing mathematical vocabulary. Last week, 1S students were involved in a Number Talk lesson with Mrs Wilson and they were able to further develop their mathematical thinking by sharing their knowledge.

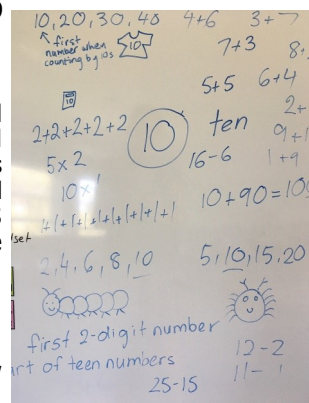
Building Work

Our Canteen upgrade is nearly completed. The entrance to the canteen is now much safer with wide cement stairs and railings.

Banking

Unfortunately we cannot continue to organise Commonwealth Banking at Manly West PS.

**Mrs Julie Organ
Principal**



1S Number Talk

From the Deputy's Desk

The Manly West Swimming Carnival was a great success! The students participated enthusiastically and swam their personal best. The teachers did an amazing job cheering them on and running the day. A special thank you to Mr Turner, Mrs Gaynor and the committee for their planning and organisation of the day. More photos on Page 4.



School photos



On Thursday 25th of February, Advanced Life Photography will be taking individual portraits of the Kindergarten students and students new to Manly West in 2021. They will also be taking photos of the School Captains and Prefects on this day.

These will be available to order and are paid for when the class photos and individual portraits are taken for the rest of the school on Monday 29th March.

Group photos will be taken on Monday 30th March.

An envelope will be sent home with your child soon, but it does not need to be returned to the school if you order and pay online.

Bike and Scooter Licence

Please remember that if your child rides a bike or scooter to school and they are in K-4, they must be accompanied by an adult. Our policy does not allow older siblings to take responsibility for younger children riding to school who aren't eligible for a bike licence. If students are in Year 5 or 6 and wish to ride to school independently, you will need to sign a 'bike licence' form that you can get from the front office and return to my office. Bikes and scooters must only be stored in the designated area during the school day. Thank you.



Manly West Chickens



As part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, Year 4 students at Manly West learn about and care for our school chickens. Plans are currently being made to upgrade the chicken coop for the health and safety of the chickens. For this reason, the chickens will not be returning from holiday vacation care this term. We look forward to welcoming the chickens back when the coop upgrade is finished later on in the year.

Visit to 5V

I had the pleasure of visiting 5V last week to meet the students and see what they had been learning during the first week back at school. I was so impressed with not only their work ethic and keen interest in learning all about logos and design elements, but also their manners and the warm welcome I received to their classroom. Ms Annika Vasara had been talking with the students about what a great classroom looks like, sounds like and feels like. By including the students in these discussions and making learning visible in the classroom, they feel empowered to become independent and capable learners.

Well done 5V and thank you for welcoming me, I look forward to the next visit.

Mrs Amber Fuller



From the Deputy's Desk

Arrival and Dismissal from Monday 15th February

Arrival

All students walk in through the school gates independently from Monday 15th February. In line with Department of Education guidelines, parents of Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have been permitted to be on school grounds to assist their child's transition to school. We ask that parents say goodbye at the gate. There will be staff at the Hill St Gate and the Lower Boyle St gate from 9.10am to assist. For those children feeling a little tentative, we suggest parents arrive just before the 9.20am bell. The music that plays just before the bell often helps jolly students along to lines.



Dismissal

3.10pm Years 4 – 6 leave the grounds independently
3.15pm Year 2 leave the grounds from the grass at the front of school, Griffiths Street.
3.15pm Year 1 leaves the grounds via the Boyle St Driveway.
1S and 1T are dismissed from the fenced area in the bush garden behind Boyle St block.
1C, 1P and 1H are dismissed from the Boyle St Driveway.
3:20pm Year 3 leave the school independently.
3.20pm Kindergarten are dismissed on grounds.
KO and KY near the 'Big Tree'
KB, KG, KP and KR from the lower basketball court.

For safety reasons, we prefer Kindergarten students to be collected by an adult on grounds. If you wish an older sibling to collect your child and meet you or an after school care provider off site, please indicate this in writing to your child's class teacher.

Students who attend BASC or Band (Years 3-6) stay in the care of their teachers until 3.20pm.

Students who have younger siblings meet their sibling on school grounds and meet their parent/carer at the specified dismissal time and location of younger/youngest sibling.



Sport in School Australia (SISA)

Next Tuesday 16th February, all students in Kindergarten and Years 1-4 will be involved in a Social Skills program provided by SISA. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform.

The Kindergarten program will run throughout the year on Tuesday afternoons from 2.15 - 3.15pm. Students in Years 1-4 will participate in the SISA program for Term One only. The cost of these programs will be on the Semester One School Account.

Playground Equipment

The playground equipment is open only during class time with teacher supervision. Teachers ensure that children sanitise before and after using the equipment. We ask that parents do not allow their children to play on the equipment before or after school. Unfortunately, there have been a couple of accidents during these periods.



Birthday Treats

Currently we are not permitting birthday treats to share with classmates at school. This includes treats from home, the school or the canteen.

Textbooks and Stationery Reminder

If you have not already organised textbooks and stationery, please do so soon.



Textbooks are available through Humphreys, Balgowlah Road. We ask that you present at the store and indicate your child's school and grade for 2021. Most grades have one or two assigned textbooks. Year 5 parents, please note there are no Year 5 textbooks to purchase this year.

Stationery lists were sent home at the end of last year and are available on our school website under the School Notes tab. We ask parents to source these items independently. All items are available at our local Humphreys store in

Balgowlah Road, near our school.

<https://manlywest-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/school-notes.html>

Mrs Wendy Mwanga

Swimming Carnival Photo Gallery



Kitchen Garden News

In the Kitchen Garden this week...

Year 3

Year 3 will be continuing their orientation of the garden this week, earning their tool and wheelbarrow licences.

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

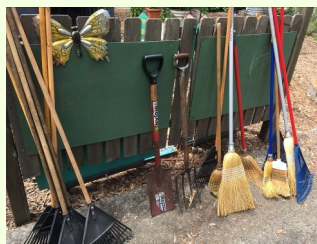
<https://kimbriki.com.au/eco-house-and-garden/learn/>

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.

<https://www.manlywestpandc.org.au/kitchen-garden>

Regards,
Angie Penn and Beth Dowdle



Library News



It is lovely to see students borrowing and reading now that lessons in the library have begun. **Year 1's** lessons first focus on Library Skills then will move onto the theme of Friendship. **Year 2** are keen to borrow and will learn about different celebrations around the world this term. The MWPS Library isn't only for reading though.

Year 3 classes have been using the computers to explore the ORBIT Library technology and **Year 4** students handcrafted a mini book of their very own! **Kindergarten** students will start to borrow later in the term, so please make sure your child has a library bag soon.

If you are in **Year 5 or 6** and interested in becoming a Library Monitor to help at second half lunchtimes, please carefully and thoughtfully fill in the Expression of Interest sheet and return it to me **before or no later than Friday, February 19th, 2021**. All applications will be considered and we will work around your extracurricular activities, training and rehearsals. Mrs Burke and I look forward to working with some very helpful Stage 3 students!

**LIBRARY
MONITOR**

Happy reading!
Mrs Ellen Swick
Teacher Librarian



CREATIVE MOVEMENT and DANCE EDUCATION PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Welcome back to DANCE! I hope all the MWPS families had a wonderful summer break!

To say I'm excited to see the classes of 2021 is an understatement! I can not wait to be back in the hall, creatively moving, dancing, stretching, strengthening and PERFORMING with you all! This year we will be focusing on some extra strength and conditioning exercises in our warm ups, continue to build confidence in ourselves and our moving bodies and to create some exciting dance performances of which we can feel super proud!

Speaking of proud moments, I'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate the dancers in our December 2020 Dance Expo from Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 4! With a student audience we were able to show off all the hard work that was put into your class dance routines over the semester and the performance feedback was outstanding!

Thank you to the Kindergarten parents who were able to attend their child's Dance Expo and give that total performance experience to our newest group of dancers! Their faces said it all and I had a full heart watching their confidence and self pride shine from their gorgeous faces! The talents of a kindy student never cease to amaze me and their ability to learn so many new skills in dance is remarkable!


BENEFITS OF DANCE FOR CHILDREN

- IMPROVES SOCIAL SKILLS
- SPARKS CHILD'S CREATIVITY
- TEACHES PERSEVERANCE AND MOTIVATION TO REACH NEW GOALS
- IMPROVES EMOTIONAL WELLBEING
- INCREASES CHILD'S MENTAL DEXTERITY
- IMPROVES WHOLE BODY PHYSICAL FITNESS

This semester I look forward to welcoming Stage 1 and Stage 3 for a 40 minute dance lesson each week. Dance is on either Monday, Wednesday or Friday and students will need to wear their sports uniform for these lessons. Each class will be informed by the class teacher on what day their lesson will be.

Thank you to Mrs Organ and her staff at MWPS and to all of the parents and students for your continued support of the Manly West Dance Program as we enter into our 13TH YEAR at the school!

Amber
Owner/Teacher
AMBITION DANCE

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What is a Manly West Class Parent?

At Manly West, Class Parents act as the vital liaison between the classroom teacher and the parents and carers of students.

Class parents also pass on important information to the class from the School P&C (Parents and Citizens Association) who co-ordinate fundraising and other activities and manage key areas in the school such as the Canteen and Uniform Shop, Before and After School Care (BASC) and Band.

Being a class parent is a brilliant way to get to know people, including your child's class teacher, and to know what's going on at the school.

THE ROLE

There are generally **two class parents per class**. This allows the responsibilities to be shared and ensures that if someone is away or is perhaps frantic at work, the information is still passed on to the class.

Class parents sometimes divide the responsibilities into **PRACTICAL** (contact list, passing on reminders) and **SOCIAL** (organising parent nights out and play dates). It is up to them.

Class parents always have the support of the class teacher and the P&C.

DUTIES

Class parents:

- ☒ Distribute the class contact list and keep it updated
- ☒ Meet with the class teacher to see if any specific help is needed by the teacher and organize any volunteers required
- ☒ Assist the school and the P&C source volunteers to assist with fundraising activities where necessary
- ☒ Send out specific reminders as and when required e.g. what's needed for an excursion or if there is a P&C event. Please make sure these are sent out as soon as you receive them

In addition, class parents can:

- ☒ Organise parents' and carers' nights out and student play dates/social activities so the class can get to know each other better – particularly in Years K-2
- ☒ Send out regular communication covering happenings to the class
- ☒ Represent the class at the termly P&C meetings.

Should there be any issues within your class, it is not up to the class parent to solve these matters. These should be referred directly to the class teacher or school executive.

**Class Parents add so much value to classroom activities.
The teachers, other parents and carers and
our students all say thank you!**



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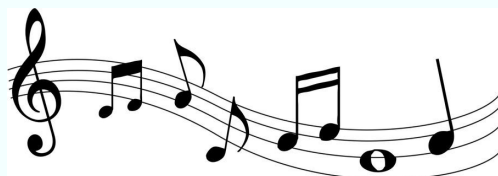
Band News

Band rehearsals kicked off yesterday with Concert Band in the morning and Training Band in the afternoon. There were many excited new faces eager to start their musical journey. Thank you our wonderful volunteer Band Mentors from Years 5 and 6 who form an integral part of the band platform at Manly West. Their assistance with the Training Band is greatly valued and appreciated.

Please be reminded that Training Band students need to be collected promptly outside the hall at 4.30pm on Monday afternoon. Parents/carers should sign in to the school using one of the many QR codes around the school. Students in IB, CB and PB should also have suitable collection arrangements in place with parents/carers and/or BASC.

We invite all Band parents/carers, P&C members and any interested staff members to come along to our first sub-committee meeting which will be held in the library on Tuesday 16th February at 6.30pm. Meetings usually last approximately 1 hour.

If anyone has any questions about the program please contact Nicole Macnicol at band@manlywestpandc.org.au or 0400401650.



We Need More Volunteer Teachers of Ethics.

The Ethics program offers children an opportunity to engage in extraordinary conversation and being a Volunteer in the Ethics program is incredibly rewarding. No teaching experience is necessary for this position as the role is more about facilitating discussion.

Detailed, age-appropriate lesson plans are provided by Primary Ethics. Many parents have indicated that they would like their child to attend Ethics classes, however, we do not have enough volunteers to offer classes to all interested students.

Becoming a volunteer Ethics teacher is simple:

- contact Lisa Palmer to find out more, show you how to apply and arrange an interview.
- obtain a police check and complete various paperwork
- attend a 2 day training course through Primary Ethics (www.primaryethics.com.au)
- teach a 30 minute class each Thursday morning. Classes take place at the following times:

Years 5 and 6 – 9:20 - 9:50, Years 3 and 4 – 10:00 -10:30, Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 - 10:40 -11:10

If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact our Manly West Primary Ethics Coordinator (and parent), Lisa Palmer – palmerlisa@hotmail.co.uk 0453 001 062.

Canteen News

As from 15th February, strawberry jam will be available as a sandwich filling for lunch every day for \$2.50. Starting that week also, Canteen-approved sausage rolls will be available to order on Tuesdays at \$4.00 each. At 120 grams, these are perfect for younger children too.

Welcome back everyone

A special welcome to new parents. Although Kindergarten are not able to use the Canteen at the moment (early lunch and awaiting Introduction to Canteen) it is a perfect opportunity for new parents to volunteer. You will find out what's on our menu and meet the friendly staff. SignUp is our roster system and can be accessed here <https://signup.com/go/VfhcRjo>

We would love to see you!



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Freshwater Girl Guides meets during term time:

- Monday – 5 – 6.15pm – Junior Guides (7-10)
- Monday – 6.15 – 8pm – Guides (10-14)
- Tuesday – 3.30 – 4.30pm – Pre Junior Guides (5-7)
- Wednesday – 4.30 – 6pm – Junior Guides (7-10)
- Wednesday – 6 – 7.30pm – Guides (10-14)

Come and try for 2 weeks for free – if you want to know more contact Lizzie:

HarbordFreshwaterDM@girlguides-nswactnt.org.au

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We are also looking for adult volunteers to be Leaders or Unit Helpers.

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- Train & Play at the nearest ground to your school
- LM Graham Reserve, Balgowlah Rd, Balgowlah (next to Manly Andrew "Boy" Charlton Aquatic Centre)
- Girls & Boys from age 5 and up are all welcome
- All U/6 & U/7 players receive a FREE ball & shorts
- All teams to be outfitted in new style playing strip

Registration Details

Compulsory online registrations have now commenced visit our website www.brookvalefc.com for procedure and payment process.
(Generous family and government discounts apply)
Payment must be made when registering.
Any registration enquiries please contact:
Sam Mesite (U/6 to U/16) on 0498 276 659
Kelly Pierce (All Senior Players) kellypierce05@gmail.com

The U/6 age group boys & girls must turn 5 or 6 years of age in 2021 and must wear shin pads & boots. This gear is for sale at the club's pre-season Orientation Day (TBA) or visit Football Plus Sports Store, 908 Pittwater Rd, Dee Why (9981 2528).

Compulsory Managers and Coaches Required for all Teams

Any non-registration enquiries contact secretaries:
Tony Cavallieri on 0414 998 293 or email: cava67@bigpond.net.au
Louissette Buijs on 0410 032 935 or email: louissette_buijs@aapt.net.au

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