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Principal's Message

Diary Dates:

Dec 16th: Clap out – Year 6 bottom gate of oval; Years K-5 leaving students at hall;

Tuesday 1st Feb: Years 1-6 resume; New students from 9:30am.

Mon 7th Feb: Tea and Tissues for Kindergarten parents TBC

Centenary Events 2022

Thank you to the P&C Events Management Committees, as there are a number of coordinators in the process of organising a variety of events to cater for all groups interested in celebrating the Centenary in 2022. Please see the newsletter for details on Page 8.



Students Resume

On Tuesday 1st February, Years 1-6 will resume. The first week, students will be in their 2021 classes and completing Healthy Lifestyle lessons which form part of the PDHPE curriculum. This will also give students an opportunity to reunite with their peers. Please also check the stationery items list for each grade to purchase in the holidays in readiness for Term 1. The lists will be sent out tomorrow by email.

Kindergarten students will have their Best Start times in the first week and will have the Transition Morning on Thursday 3rd February 2022.

Gold Awards

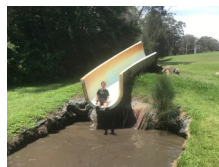


Congratulations to all who received their Gold awards at the recent assemblies. It was very inspiring for many of our Year 6 students to achieve this level before their departure to High School.



Year 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Year 6 students enjoyed an exciting finish to their last week at Manly West with the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber yesterday. More photos, Page 5.



Crossing Supervisors Gift Collection

Our School Crossing Supervisors, John and Roger work each day for the safety of our students. If you are able to make a donation for an end-of-year gift for them, could you please put it in an envelope marked 'Crossing Supervisor', give it to your child, and ask them to hand it in to the school office tomorrow morning.

We apologise for the short notice.

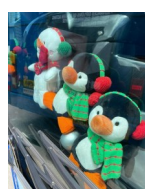
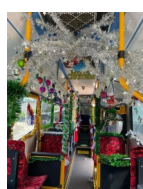
Student News

Congratulations to Ariki Wihongi and Marley Kumeroa for being selected in the Manly State Touch Football U10's Team and Kaia Kumeroa in the Northern Beaches State Touch U14s Team. They will be competing and representing our community over the Summer - good luck!



Thank You/ Happy and Safe Holiday

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing teachers and staff at Manly West for their incredible commitment and dedication throughout this year. Thank you also to our parents and caregivers who have given our school staff and students amazing support despite the challenges. Finally, I would like to say thank you to our students who have been so resilient, flexible and joyous throughout this year, despite any difficulties or changes. All the best to our Year 6 students transitioning to high school and to our families who are relocating. Congratulations everyone and we hope that you all have a very well-deserved holiday. Be safe and we look forward to our return in 2022!



Year 6 students decorated the 'Christmas Bus' for Keolis Downer, which operates the Northern Beaches and Lower North Shore Bus services. Keep an eye out for it. They did an outstanding job!

Mrs Julie Organ

From the Deputy's Desk



Special congratulations to **Charlie Rybicki** and **Nina Gower** for gaining a Bronze Banner.



Congratulations to the following students for gaining four Expectation Cards to receive an Expectation Certificate: **Charlotte Thomson, Rafferty Stapelfeldt, Oliver Hayes-Holmes, Christian Bush, Harper Chapman, William Hu and Charlie Rybicki.**

K-2 Athletics Carnival

Thank you to our Year 6 House Captains and House Vice Captains, Miss Topham, teachers and students for a very successful K-2 Carnival.



K-2 Magic Show

Shrieks of laughter echoed in the corridors yesterday as students were entertained by the Virtual Magic Show. Thank you to Mrs Tinsley for organising the event.

Stationery and Textbooks 2022

Stationery and Textbook requests for 2022 will be emailed tomorrow.

Please note, textbooks are available from our local Humphreys store in Balgowlah Rd. Grade textbook and stationery supplies for Manly West will be available for purchase on or after Monday 3rd January. Parents may choose to source stationery supplies from Humphreys, home or other suppliers. Please note there is no textbook for Year 5 2022 students.

Individual Health Care Plans (IHCP) 2022

Today, Individual Health Care Plans have been sent home for identified students.

Individual Health Care Plans must be developed for:

- students with severe asthma, type 1 diabetes, epilepsy and anaphylaxis
- any student who is diagnosed as having a condition that may require an emergency response
- any student who requires the administration of health care procedures

We ask that IHCPs and updated Emergency Action Plans are returned at the beginning of the school year to Kate Gunton in the front office. Please note it is required that Emergency Action Plans are in colour.

Transition Booklets

Teachers have identified students who would benefit from a Transition Booklet/Brochure. These will also be sent home with students today.

Mrs Wendy Mwanga

Bug Protectors

Year 2 students have recently enjoyed using the Griffith St playground. Some of the Year 2 students have enjoyed imaginary play and their self-appointed roles as bug protectors.



Farewell Staff

In a year like no other, we farewell some fabulous staff members. We thank them for their commitment to teaching and their work with staff, students and their parents at Manly West. They will all be sorely missed.

As indicated in previous newsletters, Mrs Sue McLean, Assistant Principal and Year 6 Grade Supervisor retires at the end of this week, marking 30 years teaching at Manly West, including teaching some of our parents and current staff members. Mrs McLean is known for her passion for teaching, high expectations, good sense of humour and stories. She views Manly West as her extended family.

Mrs Jill Robertson, our Learning and Support Teacher, retires today. 7 years ago, Mrs Robertson brought 40 years of teaching expertise to the role of Learning and Support Teacher and has assisted many staff, students and parents in her time at Manly West. Mrs Robertson is highly regarded for her knowledge and skills by colleagues across the Northern Beaches Learning Alliance Learning and Support Network.

Mrs Rosemary Massey, our School Counsellor has been on extended leave this year and much of last. She has supported many students, families and staff in her years at Manly West. Mrs Massey leaves Manly West with a very memorable Year 6 cohort, many of whom she supported, particularly in their early years of schooling. Mrs Massey retires with this message:

*May the sun bring you energy by day
May the moon restore you by night
May the rain wash away your worries
May the breeze blow life to your being
May you walk gently in the world
May you see beauty all the days of your life*

Miss Clare Harding, Mrs Bonnie Shepherd, Miss Lucy Bonnett and Mrs Bonnie Cleary are leaving us this year. Such high quality, 'sunny' teachers, we do hope they will return.

Miss Issabelle Higgins and Miss Tracey Byrd, both known as passionate teachers, are taking a year of leave. We look forward to their return in 2023.

We welcome the return of Mrs Christy McMaster in 2022 who will no doubt be looking forward to her role in the Manly West School Production to mark our centenary.

Due to funding cuts, we also say farewell, we hope for not too long, to some of our Student Learning Support Officers - Mr Zak Arnott, Mrs Michelle Foster, Miss Hayley Cambourne, Mrs Fiona Mullane, Mrs Kathryn MacDonald and Mrs Fiona Geoghegan.



Farewell Students

Tomorrow, we say goodbye to a very memorable Year 6. It seems only yesterday that they rocked the Kindergarten classrooms.

Year 6, as our student leaders, walk tall as you leave our gates and know that we are very proud of you and that we will always consider you and your families, part of the Manly West School Community.

Best wishes to all those who leave us this week. We look forward to welcoming our returning students, reenergised on Tuesday 1st February.

We hope that we can also welcome parents back onsite in 2022. NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education will guide us and we will communicate school procedures at the beginning of the school year.



Mrs Wendy Mwanga

From the Deputy's Desk



Special congratulations to the following students for gaining a Silver Banner:

Tully Hurley



Harvey Collins

Tyson Fraser



Congratulations to Sydney Therrien-Girard for gaining a Bronze Banner.

Congratulations to the following students for gaining four Expectation Cards to receive an Expectation Certificate: Ella Scrivener, Liam Prince, Sol Marks-Carless, Piper Norton, Daniel Sands, Tyson Fraser x3

Farewell Clap out

On Thursday afternoon at 2:45pm, we will farewell our students and staff who are leaving. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, parents are unable to be on site. Please line the fence along Hill Street to enjoy the music and festivities.

Kindergarten to Year 5 students who are leaving are invited to walk down first and then make their way to the hall where a teacher will supervise them until their normal dismissal time.

Year 6 students will exit via the gate at the bottom of the oval and be dismissed by their teachers from there.

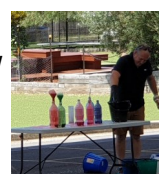
FINAL CLAP OUT DETAILS FOR YEAR 6

Students will be permitted to have their sport shirt signed by their peers in the Year 6 rooms after lunch, if they have permission. They can then wear their shirts as they do their final clap out through the tunnel at 3:00pm. They may bring a spare school shirt to have signed, rather than the one they are wearing. We do not wish students to have their summer uniforms signed as this can be donated to the clothing shop or worn by siblings. We would very much appreciate your support in this matter. They may also like to sign their Yearbook with their friends and teachers.

Parents are asked to line up outside the school at the bottom fence of the oval. The Year 6 students will exit at the bottom gate.

Science Fun

Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying hands on experiments with Mr Mann in the last few weeks, increasing their scientific concept knowledge. They have made Coke and Mentos eruptions, Christmas water rockets and even elephant's toothpaste! They were totally engaged and loving science!



Years 3-6 Sports Day

Years 3-6 students participated in sports and games, lead by our House and Vice-House Captains. Even a little rain couldn't stop them, until the storm arrived!

Thank you to Mr Turner, Mrs Gaynor, Mr Byrne and all class teachers for organising this event for our students.



Final Year 6 Assembly

On Monday, Year 6 held their final Primary School Assembly. The prefects enjoyed wearing their blazers one last time and we celebrated all they had achieved this year. We also farewelled Mrs McLean. The prefects read heartwarming messages for her and she may have shed a little tear. We wish Mrs McLean all the very best in her retirement.



What a year it has been! Thank you to all staff, parents and students for welcoming me into the Manly West community this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all and look forward to continuing to do so in our special centenary year next year. Please enjoy the holidays and stay safe. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, see you in 2022!

Mrs Amber Fuller

Library News



Congratulations to KPurple, 1T and 2M for being the most responsible borrowers and winning the Library Bag Contest for this term! You are all on the NICE list and will receive your prizes tomorrow! Still hoping for a class to return ALL their library books...

Thank you to the fabulous parent volunteers, Kate Mooney, Natalie Moschou, Laura Jeston and Jenny Dean, assisted by Leila Elder, Poppy Moschou, Emily Murphy, Luella Moschou and new student Talia! They did an amazing job of coordinating and delivering all the Scholastic Book Orders and could train Santa's elves to be organised and efficient!



I also wish to acknowledge and thank the Stage 3 Library Monitors for their help this year. It is too bad the library was closed for Term 3 and lunchtimes, but they did a great job the first semester! Thank you to Jessica Smith, Daisy Mann, Lois Austin-Raffan, Finn Veiga-Clark, Luella Moschou, Aodghan Lloyd, Charlie Wright, Layla Earl, Libby Hihgland, Aurnia O'Brien, Milla Behrens, Safari Estivo, Georgie Massey, Ruby Alver, Chloe Hodgkinson, Malia McGree and Alana Robinson. I hope you consider continuing next year! I also thank Evie Williams, Catriona Bowring, Kohia Berry, Alexis Hall and Amy Bates who are off to high school next year – wishing you all the best of luck for your bright futures!

And lastly, thank you to Mrs Burke, Mrs Dowdle and Mrs Witton who have made up the amazing Library Team this year! They have given so much time, effort, heart and soul into making the library such a vibrant and fun learning and reading environment for everyone at Manly West.



Happy reading and enjoy your holiday break! See you in 2022!

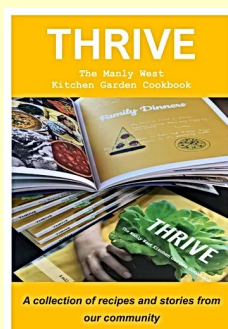
Mrs Ellen Swick
Teacher Librarian

There are only a few copies left of our own Kitchen Garden cookbook, *Thrive*.

Fully of easy-to-make recipes, art work and photos of kids in the garden as well as tips for gardening.

Would make a fantastic Christmas present.

Available for purchase through flexischools for \$30.



GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP PHOTOS



Your P&C News

Canteen

canteen@manlywestpandc.org.au

We hope you have a lovely festive season. Our last day of service at the Canteen is Thursday 16 December. The first day back is Tuesday 1 February 2022. Kindergarten children are not able to order until they have had their Canteen orientation session.

Until new classes are set it is recommended parents use their child's 2021 class number. As Kindergarten has been blanked out, there is a new class name – Year 1 2022 – on Flexischools for 2022 year one pupils. As soon as new classes are established we will update Flexischools.

Thank you again to our volunteers and farewell to those leaving us. We will miss you. Early 2022 spots are open on

[SignUp - https://signup.com/go/VfhcRjo](https://signup.com/go/VfhcRjo) if you wish to secure your favourite spot!

Can you volunteer at short notice? Stay in touch by joining our WhatsApp group using this

QR code

MW Canteen Volunteers

WhatsApp group



Uniform

uniform@manlywestpandc.org.au

Online orders

Today is the last day for Flexischools online orders so please pop any last-minute orders in. We are closed throughout the school holidays but, you will be able to go online to place an order for 2022. The first day parents can collect online orders in the new year will be the **31st January**. Orders for the first week will need to be collected as the classes will not be defined yet.

Thank you and Merry Christmas

To all the parents thank you for your patience and understanding as we tried our best to navigated through this difficult year. We wish you and your families a safe, happy and healthy festive season.

Second-hand orders

If you need second-hand items, please contact us via [email](#). We do have a variety of items in the shop that we can sell thanks to the donations that have come in these past few weeks

Donations

Thank you to those who donated uniforms this term. We will not be taking any more donations this year, but will be collecting items again the new year.

Environment update

environment@manlywestpandc.org.au

Year 6 Graduation Party and Looking Forward to 2022

The Environment Committee was so impressed with the beautiful decorations created for the Year 6 Graduation Party at Manly Golf Club. Celebrations and parties typically involve balloon arches, ribbons, confetti and glitter, which often end up in landfill after just one use. The amazing Year 6 community decided to do things differently this year. The decorations were made from paper (which is easy to recycle or compost) or materials collected from the garden, such as sticks, leaves and sand. All other materials (such as blu-tak and fairy lights) will be used again next year. Another school has borrowed the striking window and table dressings for its graduation this week – a great example of local schools banding together for a zero-waste future!

There are many exciting events in the calendar for the centenary year and the Environment Committee is looking forward to working with the events team to minimise waste on every occasion. We wish you a really happy festive season. Check out the Christmas tree poster for some ideas to cut out waste when eating, shopping and celebrating with family and friends.

Meet your P&C

Name | Ashleigh Searle

Job Title | Uniform Shop Manager

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About me

I was born in Zimbabwe. My parents decided to immigrate to South Africa when I was 2. I grew up in Johannesburg with my older brother and sister. After finishing school, I studied fashion design then worked for various designers before moving to London with my current husband to work and travel. After a spectacular 2 years in London, we moved back to South Africa, got married and applied for PR for Australia. We knew we wanted safety, stability and sunshine and Australia was calling. We moved to Sydney in 2013 with my eldest child Evan, who was in year 4 this past year at Manly West and I have since had another beautiful yet feisty daughter. She will be starting her Manly West adventures next year. I must admit I miss my family in South Africa and the beautiful bush but, it has been an absolute pleasure living on the beaches. We have experienced a kind and friendly community since moving here, and we are grateful for the opportunities we have been given.

Why I joined the P&C

In 2019 my daughter was young and I worked part-time. I had the opportunity to help out at the school while spending extra time with my children. I signed up to volunteer for reading groups and, I put my name down to be on the uniform committee. Once a week, I would help Natalya (The previous uniform shop manager) with picking and packing orders and the general running of the uniform shop. I attended a few P&C meetings where I learnt more about the different services the P&C

provided and gained vital information about various educational strategies the school uses. I have since seen first-hand how the P&C along with the school, continue to improve Manly West while bringing the community together.

My role in the P&C

The P&C needed a new manager to run the uniform shop. Natalya's youngest daughter had just finished year 6 and her family business required more of her time. After many dedicated years, she thought it was best to bid Manly West farewell. I applied for the role and now happily work with the P&C through these last unpredictable years as they navigate life with ever-changing COVID restrictions.

Getting 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.

If any parent has experience in accounting (notably MYOB) or IT and can spare a couple of hours, it would be wonderful if you could get in touch. Contact us using this [link](#)

SAVE THE DATES!

FOR YOUR 2022 DIARY!

**2022 is our centenary year
All your usual events are back,
plus some special centenary celebrations.**

Lock these in and look out for more in the new year

Kindy Parent Cocktails	Friday 25 February
Easter Morning Tea	Friday 8th April
Garden Social	Sunday 24th April
Mother's Day Stall	Friday 6th May
Centenary Gala Dinner	Saturday 18th June
Father's Day Stall	Friday 2nd September



Be a part of the action

Putting on a year of events takes a bit of work but many hands and all that....!
We'd love everyone to help just a little bit with one event during the year.
Please email events@manlywestpandc.org.au Let us know which events you'd like to help with and any special talents you have!



COUNT ME IN



THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
WISHES YOU A HAPPY AND...

If wrapping paper
scrunches up, it can
go in the blue bin. Or
save it till next year!
Avoid sparkly foil or
plastic wrap

Crackers are fun
for 30 seconds but
create so much waste.
Make your own and
fill them with
edible treats

...WASTE-FREE CHRISTMAS!

Buy experiences
instead of stuff – a
meal, a subscription,
an outing, tickets,
your time

Shop local and
support makers,
designers, artists,
markets and small
businesses

Check out the
Northern Beaches
Council recycling guides
to make sure everything
is disposed of properly
after the big day

Second
hand is cool!
Look for treasures
at op shops or on
Gumtree and
Marketplace

Love your
artificial tree? Then
be sure to use it for years
and years! When its time for
a replacement, look at the
beautiful wooden ones –
or get creative with
a fallen branch!

Do the food
shopping with a list
in hand to reduce the
risk of buying more than
you can eat. Get creative
with leftovers and
freeze goodies for
another day

Big family?
Try a Secret Santa
or White Elephant game
so everyone receives one
great gift instead of
several small and
not-really-wanted
items

Decorate the
tree, the table and
the house with what
you already have. If you
need new, get crafty,
shop local and avoid
plastic!



MANLY MINIS

**an introductory Rugby League
Program for 4-6 year olds**

Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd of
February 2022 | 4:15pm-5:00pm
Sydney Academy of Sport &
Recreation, Narrabeen

Participants receive: mini football, program t-shirt, water bottle,
sticker and participant BBQ with a visit from Igor the Manly Sea
Eagles mascot during the final session

Program Cost \$50



**THE NRL GAME DEVELOPMENT TEAM WILL BE ON HAND
TO TEACH ALL THE BASIC SKILLS OF THE GAME**

BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME

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Go to <https://manlyminis.eventbrite.com.au>
OR scan the QR code to register