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Year Two Newsletter

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

It is set to be a busy start to Term 4 for Year Two, with students attending NSW Department of Education's 10-day swimming and water safety program, starting Monday Week 3. We thank you for your continued support across all areas of your child's education throughout 2023. This newsletter will provide a brief overview of this term's learning programs and other important events.

MWPS Learning Walks in English and Mathematics

Since last year, our school has been conducting regular Learning Walks in all K-6 classrooms. The Principal, Executive staff as well as many teachers have been visiting classrooms to gain an understanding of how students are articulating their learning as well as how they are progressing as Assessment Capable Learners. This has been a focus for a Collaborative Inquiry approach at Manly West PS. More recently, we have been sharing practices with other schools in our network.

This Collaborative Inquiry (CI) is based on research by Lyn Sharratt, where students use the Learning Intentions (LI) and Success Criteria (SC) to know and articulate what they are learning in the classroom as well as what they can do to improve their learning. Students receive more regular descriptive feedback from their teachers and peers and are managing self and peer assessment in order to begin to create authentic learning goals. From our data that we have been monitoring since last year, overall:

- Year 4-6 students are demonstrating strong knowledge of LISC when articulating their learning and their knowledge of how to improve.
- Years 2-3 students are demonstrating some knowledge of LISC when articulating their learning and their knowledge of how to improve.
- Years K-1 are establishing their knowledge of LISC and beginning to articulate their learning and their knowledge of how to improve.

Swim School

Next week, in Week 3, students will begin NSW Department of Education's 10-day swimming and water safety program. It is an excellent program, designed for students of all swimming abilities, and teachers them key survival skills to help stay safe around water. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please see your class teacher. The permission note and program information were sent home last term.

English – New K-2 Syllabus Implementation Phase

This term, students will be studying a range of persuasive texts and learning how authors use different techniques to engage their audience. They will continue to develop their ability to clearly structure short texts, with a specific audience in mind. Students will develop their editing skills as they reflect on, and self-assess, their own work. They will continue to engage with a range of texts during literacy groups, building on their fluency, vocabulary and comprehension skills. **Library days remain unchanged.**

Term 4 Diary Dates

Oct 9th – First day of Term 4 for students and teachers

Oct 10th – Regional Athletics Carnival

Oct 11th – Kindy and Year 6 Narrabeen Excursion

Oct 12th – Kindy and Year 6 Narrabeen Excursion

Oct 12th – Writing Enrichment Workshop Balgowlah North PS

Oct 12th – P&C event: Interrelate Yrs 3-6 in hall

Oct 16th – NAP – Civics and Citizenship Field Trial assessment for 6S

Oct 17th – Year 5 UPP Leadership Day

Oct 17th – K-2 Athletics Carnival

Oct 18th – Year 2 testing for Band

Oct 23rd – 25th – Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Oct 23rd – Nov 3rd – Year 2 Swimming everyday

Oct 23rd – Cromer HS Transition session at MWPS

Oct 25th – NSW Athletics Carnival

Oct 25th – Year 1 Excursion to Wildflower Garden

Oct 26th – 2024 Kindy Parent Evening webinar 6pm

Oct 27th – World Teachers Day

Oct 30th – Kindy 2024 Orientation Session 1

Nov 4th-24th – Yr 5 Leadership

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Mathematics– New K-2 Syllabus Implementation Phase

This term, students will revise key concepts taught throughout the year. They will build on their knowledge of key mathematical concepts to solve a range of word problems and questions set within a real-world context. They will use a variety of strategies to solve problems in different ways.

Science and Technology

This term, Year 2 will study a unit called “Bend it, Stretch it!”. They will observe how materials can be changed, manipulated and combined and consider the use of certain materials for different purposes. Students will continue to visit the PC lab weekly, building their computer navigational skills, use of online learning platforms and touch-typing.

PDHPE

This term, all classes will be participating in a skills development sports program to build gross motor skills and team sportsmanship. Students will need to wear sports uniforms on Wednesdays, as well as their dance day. The K-2 Athletics Carnival in Week 2. will incorporate many of these skills. Classes will continue Child Protection lessons which focus on teaching student’s strategies to keep their bodies safe. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any further queries.

Creative and Practical Arts

During Week 9, students will perform in the Dance Expo, a celebration of their achievement in their dance lessons this Semester. Some parent helpers may be required to help prepare costumes for the Dance Expo. Your class teacher will be in touch, via class parents, closer to the date.

Band Auditions

In Year 3, students will have the opportunity to join the School Training Band. An information evening will be held on **Monday 6th November**, with auditions to take place on Wednesday 8th November.

Changes to Homework

This term, there will be a change to the format of Year 2 homework. Homework will begin in Week 2 with daily reading, weekly Maths mental and an optional News topic, during swim school. From Week 5, students will be assigned a series of Mathematics and Literacy quizzes, to be completed digitally via Google Classroom. This will help them to prepare for online assessments, including NAPLAN, in Year 3. Students will also take part in a Public Speaking Competition this term. More information will be sent home in Week 4.

Warm regards,

Miss Kathy Topham, Mrs Amanda Bergelin

Miss Mikaela Atienza, Ms Kim FitzGerald

Mrs Elise Havenstein, Ms Jennifer Fergus

Mrs Elizabeth Dowdle

Classroom Teachers

Mrs Julie Organ

Principal

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Nov 6th – Band Information Night
6:30pm

Nov 8th - Kindy 2024 Orientation
Session 2

Nov 8th – Year 1 Excursion to
Wildflower Garden

Nov 8th – Band Auditions Yrs 2-5

Nov 9th – Pedlar’s Parade

Nov 15th – Kindy to Year 1
Transition Parent Webinar 5pm

Nov 16th – Year 6 Graduation

Nov 21st – Year 2 to Year 3
Transition Parent Webinar 5pm

Nov 23rd – Thank You Morning Tea
for Community Volunteers and
Centenary Path opening

Nov 24th – Band Blow tests

Nov 27th – Band Christmas Concert
6pm in Hall

Nov 28th – 2024 Year 7 Orientation
Day for Public High Schools

Nov 30th – Years 3-6 Presentation
Assembly

Dec 1st – Band Instrument return
and Pizza Lunch

Dec 4th – Year 1 and 2 Presentation
Assembly

Dec 5th – Kindy Presentation
Assembly

Dec 6th – Dance Expo K-2

Dec 7th – Reports Home

11th Dec – Year 3-5 End of Year
celebration activity

Dec 11th – K-2 End of Year Disco

Dec 12th – Year 6 End of Year
excursion to Dee Why Bowling

Dec 14th – Whole School Clap Out

Dec 15th – Last day for students

Feb 1st 2024 – Students Yrs 1-6
return to school