



# MANLY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## YEAR FIVE NEWSLETTER, TERM 4, 2023

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome back to Term 4, with another busy term of activities planned for Year 5, as they prepare to become our Leaders of the school next year. Nominations of School Captains, Prefects, House Captains and Vice House Captains will take place throughout this term. Information about this process will be communicated to the students nearer the time.

### **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.

### **New Curriculum**

The new Mathematics and English curriculum will be mandatory for year 3-6 in 2024. Teachers will be working collaboratively to implement changes and update English and Mathematics programs to align with the new syllabus outcomes and descriptors.

### **English**

Our focus this term will be on informative writing. Students will participate in modelled, guided and independent activities, focusing on the language and stylistic features of informative texts. The 'Focus on Reading Super 6' comprehension strategies will continue to be taught, through the exploration of informative texts. Spelling and Vocabulary lessons will be taught alongside these units. Students will share their Influential Person Website to further develop their speaking and listening skills.

### **Mathematics**

Strands being covered this term include: Fractions, Decimals, Multiplication, 2D and 3D Shape, Angles, Volume and Capacity, Mass, Chance and Data. Working Mathematically outcomes will continue to be embedded in all topics through problem solving activities which encourage Mathematical reasoning and communication.

### Term 4 Diary Dates

**Oct 9<sup>th</sup>** – First day of Term 4 for students and teachers

**Oct 10<sup>th</sup>** – Regional Athletics Carnival

**Oct 11<sup>th</sup>** – Kindy and Year 6 Narrabeen Excursion

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** - Kindy and Year 6 Narrabeen Excursion

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** – Writing Enrichment Workshop Balgowlah North PS

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** – P&C event: Interrelate Yrs 3-6 in hall

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** – NAP – Civics and Citizenship Field Trial assessment for 6S

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5 UPP Leadership Day

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>** - K-2 Athletics Carnival

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>** – Year 2 testing for Band

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Year 2 Swimming everyday

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Cromer HS Transition session at MWPS

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup>** – NSW Athletics Carnival

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup>** - Year 1 Excursion to Wildflower Garden

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>** – 2024 Kindy Parent Evening webinar 6pm

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** - World Teachers Day

**Oct 30<sup>th</sup>** - Kindy 2024 Orientation Session 1

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** – Yr 5 Leadership

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## History

Our unit of study this term focuses on the significance of migrants to Australia's colonial and post-colonial history and the influences that these newcomers have had and continue to have on Australian society.

## Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) & Music

Students will continue to develop their understanding of art elements and techniques, including huckaback weaving. In Music, students will discover Seussical, the musical based on Dr Seuss works, through Music and Drama activities designed to have them performing, appreciating and creating musical and dramatic works. Students will sing, move and use instruments to perform, as well as use their understanding of the concepts of both Music and Drama to create a short performance as a class.

## Science and Technology

This term, students will be investigating the Material World unit, 'Matter Matters'. Students will consider the three states of matter - solids, liquids and gases, and gain an understanding of their specific properties and behaviours. Students will engage in observations and investigations involving the three states of matter and explore the effects of heating and cooling matter. They will continue to employ the scientific method and the principles of fair testing. Students will also take part in a Technology unit; integrating coding skills to create a game about their influential person.

## PD/Health/PE

Students will develop leadership dispositions through Personal Development lessons, in preparation for Year 6 leadership opportunities. Further, during Child Protection lessons, students will examine power in relationships and identify protective strategies. Students will participate in organised sport sessions to enhance physical movement skills and sportsmanship. PSSA will continue till week 5 or 6, depending on where each individual team places.

## Uniform

Students are to be commended on how responsible they have been in wearing the correct Summer uniform, upon their return back to school. **However, just a reminder that school uniform should be worn at all times, including black school shoes, the MW school jumper and royal blue school hat in the playground.** We appreciate your support in this matter.

## Homework

From Week 1 to 8, students will complete online homework activities including Matific, Typing Tournament and mini projects posted to the Google Classroom. Students will also be asked to read for at least 15 minutes each day. There will be no homework in Week 3 due to camp.

## Great Aussie Bush Camp

We are in the process of preparing students for camp, and we have a lot of excitement surrounding Week 3. All information required has been emailed to parents, and key information for students has been posted on Google Classroom. A final email with bus times and reminders will be sent next week, as soon as we have confirmation.

We thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Kate Walton, Mr James Richards, Mr Zachary Johns, Miss Francesca Scobie,  
Mrs McMaster and Mrs Bianca Larcombe (Year 5 Teachers)

Mrs Julie Organ (Principal)

## Term 4 Diary Dates

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**Nov 6<sup>th</sup>** – Band Information Night  
6:30pm

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>** - Kindy 2024 Orientation  
Session 2

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>** – Year 1 Excursion to  
Wildflower Garden

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>** – Band Auditions Yrs 2-5

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>** – Pedlar's Parade

**Nov 15<sup>th</sup>** – Kindy to Year 1  
Transition Parent Webinar 5pm

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 Graduation

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup>** – Year 2 to Year 3  
Transition Parent Webinar 5pm

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Thank You Morning Tea  
for Community Volunteers and  
Centenary Path opening

**Nov 24<sup>th</sup>** – Band Blow tests

**Nov 27<sup>th</sup>** – Band Christmas Concert  
6pm in Hall

**Nov 28<sup>th</sup>** – 2024 Year 7 Orientation  
Day for Public High Schools

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup>** – Years 3-6 Presentation  
Assembly

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** – Band Instrument return  
and Pizza Lunch

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup>** – Year 1 and 2 Presentation  
Assembly

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup>** – Kindy Presentation  
Assembly

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** – Dance Expo K-2

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** – Reports Home

**11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Year 3-5 End of Year  
celebration activity

**Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** – K-2 End of Year Disco

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 End of Year  
excursion to Dee Why Bowling

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** – Whole School Clap Out

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** – Last day for students

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2024** – Students Yrs 1-6  
return to school