



# MANLY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Year Two Newsletter – Term Four

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome back to Term Four. We hope you have enjoyed the school holidays and are looking forward to a busy term ahead. This newsletter will provide you with an overview of what the children will be learning in class and the exciting events they have to look forward to this term. **Diary Dates can now be found on School Bytes on the Parent Calendar. These dates will be the most up to date throughout the term.** There will be a Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Webinar on Tuesday, Week 7 (November 26<sup>th</sup>).

### **Explicit Teaching and Feedback at Manly West PS.**

Our teachers follow the Syllabus Documents in affiliation with the School Excellence Framework, Professional Teaching Standards and the Manly West Strategic 2022-2026 Plan when teaching our students. We are committed to identifying, understanding and implementing the most effective explicit teaching methods with the highest priority given to evidence informed inclusive teaching strategies. There is a school wide explicit teaching approach at Manly West. Teachers consider student cognitive load and are skilled in explicit teaching techniques such as questioning and assessing to optimise the learning progress of students across the whole range of abilities. Teachers provide explicit, specific and timely formative feedback related to defined Success Criteria. Teachers' feedback supports improved student learning.

### Swim School

In Week 3, students will begin the 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 teaches 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

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.**

### Mathematics

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

Mrs Dreverman and Mrs Dowdle will teach the Science unit, 'Bend it! Stretch it!'. Students will investigate a variety of materials and explore how our actions can physically change everyday objects and the materials they are made from.

### 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. Students enjoyed an excellent day at K-2 Athletics Carnival in Week 1. Classes will continue Child Protection lessons which focus on teaching student's strategies to keep their bodies safe, as well as complete their lessons on The Anxiety Project.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> November**, with Blow tests to take place on Friday 15th November.

### Homework

Homework will begin in Week 2 with daily reading, weekly Maths mental and News presentations. From Week 5 and 6, students will take part in an Oral Narrative Public Speaking Competition. More information will be sent home in Week 3.

Warm regards,

*Miss Kathy Topham, Miss Kimberley Mitchell*

*Miss Mikaela Atienza, Ms Kim FitzGerald*

*Miss Courtney Peters, Ms Jennifer Fergus*

*Mrs Julie Organ*

Principal

Classroom Teachers

