



# MANLY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER Term 1

12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome to Year 1 for 2024. We hope you have had an enjoyable and safe holiday and are ready for a productive year ahead. Thank you for your support to ensure your child has had a settled start to the new school year by supporting our school routines. We are pleased to introduce our Year 1 teaching staff for 2024. Through extensive collaboration in planning and programming, Year 1 teachers will be implementing teaching and learning programs to provide quality learning environments to successfully meet the needs of all students. Below is a list of our Year 1 classroom teachers as well as supporting teachers that implement various programs within Manly West PS.

1T	1C	1D	1H	1/2J
Mrs Nicole Tinsley	Ms Karen Crawford	Ms Katie Davis (M-Th) Mrs Beth Dowdle (F)	Mrs Beccy Garrett (M-Tues) Mrs Meghan Hartley (W-Fri)	Mrs Jen Fergus
<b>Assistant Principal</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>EAL/D</b>	<b>Learning Support</b>
Mrs Mona Johnson	Mrs Ellen Swick	Mrs Erica Dreverman Mrs Beth Dowdle	Mrs Poly Vescio	Mrs Kathy Deacon

### Term 1 Diary Dates

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** – School starts for Yrs 1-6

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>-Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** – Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten students

**Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** – 9:45-12pm Transition Morning for Kindergarten students

**Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** – 9:45-10:30am Tea and Tissues for 2024 Kindy parents

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>** – Kindergarten first day 9:45am-3:10pm

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>** – Kindergarten students start 9:20am – 3:20pm

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>** – Kindy Parent Information Evening 5:30pm – Start in hall

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** – Training Band instrument distribution 9:30am

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup>** – MWPS Swimming Carnival Years 3-6

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup>** – Band Tutorials start

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** – Mackellar Girls and Balgowlah Boys Open Days 9:15-12:30pm

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** – Stage 1 Parent Information Evening 6pm

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Information Evening. 5pm in the hall for talk with Balgowlah Boys and Mackellar Girls HS Principals. 5:30pm in classrooms.

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** - Applications for year 7 2025 Academic Placement Test for Mackellar Girls High close

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>** – Stage 2 Parent Information Evening - Year 3 and 3/4V at 5pm, Year 4 at 5:30pm

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### **Manly West PS Vision**

Our Manly West Vision states that all students reach their full potential to succeed academically and thrive as healthy, active, critical and creative thinkers and local and global life-long learners who connect and contribute to their school community and society.

### **Assessment Capable Students**

As a K-6 school, we are focusing on students participating actively in their own learning using a Visible Learning Approach. Teachers use Learning Intentions and Success Criteria to make it clear to students what is the expected learning to be achieved in lessons for all abilities. We are building student capacity so that students know what they are learning, why and how they can improve and move to the next level in learning. If students know this, they can assess their own learning with teacher feedback and reach their full potential in each lesson.

### **New English and Mathematics Curriculum**

In 2024, English and Mathematics syllabus documents are being implemented in Year 3-6.

K-2 English and Mathematics Syllabus documents were implemented in 2023 and are now being embedded in 2024.

Teachers will continue to engage in professional learning to build their capacity to deliver the pedagogy embedded in these documents to achieve set outcomes. All teachers K-6 will be involved in sessions off class for planning and programming. More information on the new syllabus documents can be found at

<https://curriculum.nsw.edu.au/>

### **Year 1 Teaching and Learning Programs**

Year 1 is an important time in your child's schooling. They are continuing to develop and grow in all areas of academics, as well as physically, emotionally, and socially. Students in Year 1 also begin their schooling through stages, whereby the NSW Education Standards Authority provide programming outcomes that are to be reached over two years. This is different from Kindergarten where outcomes are met over one year.

More information on this will be provided during our school reporting time and at our upcoming Year 1 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 13th February at 6pm. Each teacher will hold their Information Evening in their classroom. Teachers will be presenting the expectations, requirements, timetables and general information that is needed for this year. Please be prompt. There will be handouts if you are unable to attend.

During the first days of school, your child has been participating in our Healthy Lifestyle Choices, where topics of Road Safety, Sun Safety, Cyber Safety, Fire and Emergency Evacuations, Healthy Living and Water Safety were explored as part of the PDHPE Stage 1 program.

Over the first few weeks, students participate in initial assessments in order for teachers to gather valuable information on their students. We will also be establishing class routines, discussing school and class rules, and enjoying getting to know each other in our new classes.

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**Feb 19<sup>th</sup>– Mar 8<sup>th</sup>** - Life Education commences

**Fed 19<sup>th</sup>** - Introduction to the canteen for Kindy KO, KY, KB

**Feb 20<sup>th</sup>** - Promotional and Individual Kindy photos

**Feb 21<sup>st</sup>** - Introduction to the canteen for Kindy KG, KR

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>** - Applications for year 7 2025 Academic Placement Test for Balgowlah Boys High close

**Feb 27<sup>th</sup>** – NBLA Yr 6 Leadership Day for School Prefect team

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>** – Years 5&6 Cyber Safety

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** – Summer PSSA Round 1-4

**Mar 5<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3 and 3V Kimbriki excursion

**Mar 6<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3 and 3V Kimbriki excursion

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** – Scripture starts

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup>** – Kindy Cocktails at Manly Golf Club

**Mar 13-24<sup>th</sup>** – NAPLAN commences for Years 3 and 5

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>** – PSSA Zone Swimming

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>** – Stage 1 Excursion to Field of Mars

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>** – MBSC Academic Test for 2025 Enrichment classes at Mackellar Girls and Balgowlah Boys HS

**Mar 20<sup>th</sup>** – Stage 1 Excursion to Field of Mars

**Mar 25<sup>th</sup>- Apr 5<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Teacher Interviews Commence

**Mar 28<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Scripture Combined Assembly

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday public holiday

**Apr 1<sup>st</sup>** – Easter Monday public holiday

**Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Metropolitan North Regional Swimming

### **Home Reading and Homework**

**Home Reading:** We will begin home reading in Week 5. All teachers will be assessing children's home reading levels on an individual basis. Once your child's reading has been assessed, their home reading level will be adjusted. Readers are given so that students are fluent with their text and can easily understand literal comprehension. Further information on home reading will be discussed at the Parent Information Evening.

**Homework:** Homework will begin in Week 5. We will explain the homework expectations and organisation during our Parent Information Evening.

### **Library**

Your child will have a regular weekly borrowing session in the library with Mrs Ellen Swick or Mrs Beth Dowdle. Library day is Tuesday for 1H, Thursday for 1J and 1D and Friday for 1C and 1T. Your child will need their library bag to be able to borrow.

### **Pick up and Drop Off Procedures**

All children are to place their bags in their class lines under the Year 3 and 4 COLA in the mornings, after 8:50am and then be seated by the second bell at 9:20am. For safety reasons, please do not place bags outside classrooms before the bell. In the case of wet weather, children are to remain outside, under the COLA (under the supervision of the teacher on duty) A rising chime bell will ring to signal when students can move to their classrooms. To assist your child in developing their independence and to ease congestion in our line up area, we ask that you say goodbye to your child by the bell or wait behind the class lines, so children have full attention to their teacher's instructions.

In the afternoons, **1H, 1T and 1C** children are collected at the bottom of the steps **near the big tree**, while **1D** children are collected near the **steps leading up to the Year 1 rooms**, near the Year 6 Handball Courts. **1/2J** children will **continue as they have been**, and then confirmed once the works on Griffiths St have been completed. If your child is attending after school care or an after-school activity, please ensure your child is aware of this and advise your child's teacher in writing.

### **Parent Helpers**

Please be aware that as part of the Department of Education policy, any volunteer must complete a Working with Children Check. You must complete an application at the school office using a 100-point identity check. Working with Children Checks will be current for 5 years. This applies to all parent helpers, including classroom helpers and those parents attending school excursions.

### **Equipment**

A stationery list for Year 1 can be found on our school website. Please bring in your equipment as soon as possible, along with the required **Handwriting textbook**.

To support lessons, we ask that parents assist their child's class by bringing in a **packet of wet wipes and a packet of tissues**.

Thank you for your support. We encourage you to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year.

Kind regards,

Ms Karen Crawford  
Mrs Nicole Tinsley  
Miss Katie Davis and Mrs Beth Dowdle  
Mrs Beccy Garrett and Mrs Megan Hartley  
Mrs Jen Fergus

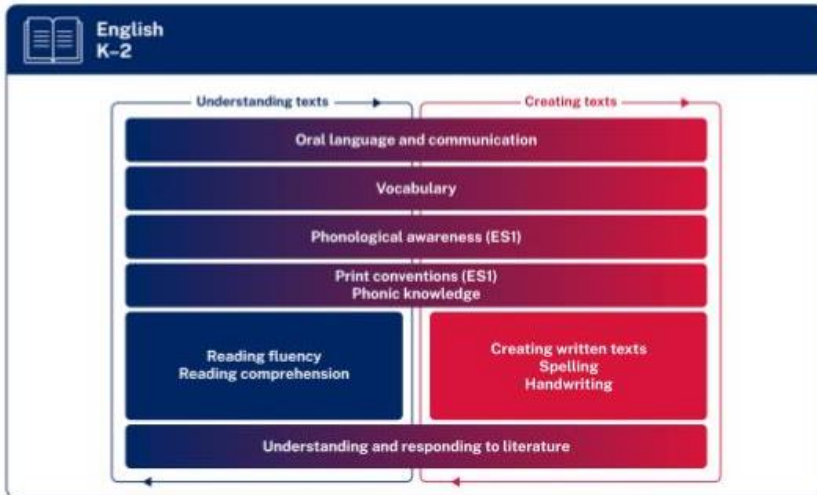
Mrs Mona Johnson  
**Assistant Principal**

Mrs Julie Organ  
**Principal**

**Class Teachers**

## **English**

The diagram below outlines the focus areas for the new K-2 English Syllabus. In English K-2, the importance of strong foundations in the early years across oral language, reading and writing is highlighted. The organisation of the syllabus supports the development of early literacy knowledge and skills, while continuing to acknowledge the importance of learning about and enjoying literature.



Modelled, guided and independent English tasks will be used throughout the Year 1 classrooms. The children will be taught to write using a variety of texts, with an emphasis being placed on their use of spelling strategies, grammar and punctuation in context.

## **Mathematics**

During Mathematics lessons, students will be participating in differentiated activities which develop their skills in the content strands of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Space and Statistics and Probability. Our teachers have worked collaboratively to program a variety of hands-on and written activities based on the NSW K-2 Mathematics syllabus where mathematical strategies have been sequenced over the course of the year. Teachers will be guiding students to think mathematically and scaffold their ability to explain their thinking and how they achieved an answer.

## **Geography**

During Semester One, we will be exploring the topic, Features of Places and People and Places. Students will explore places and spaces within their local area. They will describe the natural and human features of places and the connection people have to these environments. Students will attend an excursion to The Field of Mars to support their learning.

## **Science and Technology**

Students will be involved in weekly Science activities each week, actively learning through exploratory play, observations, and inquiry-based learning. This term's topic is 'Forces and Gravity'. 1C and 1D will be taught by Mrs Beth Dowdle, and 1T, 1H and 1/2J will be taught by Mrs Erica Dreverman. Each class will also have a weekly session in our PC lab to develop their computer skills.

## **Creative Arts**

Year 1 will be taking part in creative arts activities where each child will participate in Music, Drama and Visual Arts. Year 1 will participate in the Dance program in Semester 2.

## **PD/H/PE**

This semester, PD/H/PE will focus on interacting fairly and cooperatively through play and the development of fundamental motor skills.

**Please ensure your child wears their sport uniform on Mondays.**

## **Term 1 Diary Dates**

**Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Class and Individual photos for Years 1-6

**Apr 4<sup>th</sup>** – Group photos and Year 6 photos

**Apr 29<sup>th</sup>** – Term 2 begins for staff - Staff Development Day

**Apr 30<sup>th</sup>** – Term 2 resumes for all students