



MANLY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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YEAR TWO NEWSLETTER – Term 1

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome to Year 2 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 2 teaching staff for 2024**. Through extensive collaboration in planning and programming, Year 2 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 2 classroom teachers as well as supporting teachers that implement various programs within Manly West PS.

2F	2T	2M	2A	2P	1/2J
Ms Kim FitzGerald	Miss Kathy Topham (Grade Leader)	Miss Kim Mitchell	Miss Mikaela Atienza	Miss Courtney Peters	Ms Jennifer Fergus
Stage Supervisor	Library	Learning Support Teacher	EALD Teacher	Science	
Mrs Mona Johnson	Mrs Ellen Swick	Mrs Kathy Deacon & Mrs Elyce Bignell	Mrs Poly Vescio	Mrs Erica Dreverman	

We look forward to welcoming you to our **Year 2 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 13th February at 6pm in your child's classroom.** Teachers will be presenting the expectations, requirements, timetables and general information that is needed for your child for this year. Please be prompt. There will be handouts if you are unable to attend.

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.

Term 1 Diary Dates

Feb 1st – School starts for Yrs 1-6

Jan 31st-Feb 6th – Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten students

Feb 6th – 9:45-12pm Transition Morning for Kindergarten students

Feb 6th – 9:45-10:30am Tea and Tissues for 2024 Kindy parents

Feb 7th – Kindergarten first day 9:45am-3:10pm

Feb 8th – Kindergarten students start 9:20am – 3:20pm

Feb 8th – Kindy Parent Information Evening 5:30pm – Start in hall

Feb 9th – Training Band instrument distribution 9:30am

Feb 12th – MWPS Swimming Carnival Years 3-6

Feb 12th – Band Tutorials start

Feb 13th – Mackellar Girls and Balgowlah Boys Open Days 9:15-12:30pm

Feb 13th – Stage 1 Parent Information Evening 6pm

Feb 13th – 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 14th - Applications for year 7 2025 Academic Placement Test for Mackellar Girls High close

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

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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/>

Geography

Throughout Terms 1 and 2, students will be focusing on Australia, its location on a world map, States and Territories within Australia and how we are connected to places in Australia. Students will explore case studies of significant places in Australia. They will look at Indigenous perspectives and how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are connected to the land and sea.

Science and Technology

Stage One will be completing the unit of work 'Forces and Energy', incorporating a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities. These tasks focus on developing students' understanding of the physical world, including effects of pushing and pulling, gravity and motion. This unit encourages students to follow a consistent design process to complete a project, including finding information, planning and designing, creating, evaluating and communicating. Students will also have a weekly session in our PC lab to develop their computer skills, including touch typing.

Creative and Practical Arts

Visual Arts activities are integrated with other Key Learning Areas such as Geography, English and Science. Students will develop a range of skills using different media. Drama activities are also incorporated across the curriculum and into literacy activities on a regular basis.

PDHPE and Social Skills

This term, Sport will be taught by classroom teachers. All classes will be involved in physical activities to develop sharing, cooperation, trust, adaptability, visual communication, verbal communication, and problem solving. Students will also be taught a variety of playground games each week, to help develop their confidence and social skills during recess and lunchtimes. **All Year Two students will wear their sports uniform on Wednesdays. An additional day will also be advised by your child's classroom teacher.**

Library

Your child will have a regular weekly borrowing session in the library with Mrs Ellen Swick or Mrs Dowdle. Library days are **Tuesdays for 2F, 2A, 2P & 2M and Thursdays for 2T and 1/2J**. Your child will need their library bag in order to borrow.

Homework

Homework will begin in Week 5. It will be sent home on Tuesdays and is to be returned on Mondays. Homework this term will consist of Maths Mentals activities, daily reading, fortnightly public speaking preparation and a range of optional online activities. A note regarding homework will be sent home in Week 5.

Term 1 Diary Dates

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Feb 19th– Mar 8th - Life Education commences

Feb 19th - Introduction to the canteen for Kindy KO, KY, KB

Feb 20th - Promotional and Individual Kindy photos

Feb 21st - Introduction to the canteen for Kindy KG, KR

Feb 26th - Applications for year 7 2025 Academic Placement Test for Balgowlah Boys High close

Feb 27th – NBLA Yr 6 Leadership Day for School Prefect team

Feb 28th – Years 5&6 Cyber Safety

Mar 1st-22nd – Summer PSSA Round 1-4

Mar 5th – Year 3 and 3V Kimbriki excursion

Mar 6th – Year 3 and 3V Kimbriki excursion

Mar 7th – Scripture starts

Mar 13-24th – NAPLAN commences for Years 3 and 5

Mar 13th – PSSA Zone Swimming

Mar 13th – Stage 1 Excursion to Field of Mars

Mar 14th – MBSC Academic Test for 2025 Enrichment classes at Mackellar Girls and Balgowlah Boys HS

Mar 20th – Stage 1 Excursion to Field of Mars

Mar 25th-Apr 5th – Parent Teacher Interviews Commence

Mar 28th – Easter Scripture Combined Assembly

Mar 29th – Good Friday public holiday

Apr 1st – Easter Monday public holiday

Apr 2nd – Metropolitan North Regional Swimming

Apr 3rd – Class and Individual photos for Years 1-6

Apr 4th – Group photos and Year 6 photos

Apr 29th – Term 2 begins for staff - Staff Development Day

Apr 30th – Term 2 resumes for all students

Additional Information

Parent Helpers

Please be aware that as part of the Department of Education policy, any volunteer must complete an application at the school office using a 100 point identity check. This applies to all parent helpers, including classroom helpers and those parents attending school excursions. Each time a volunteer attends the school they must sign in using the QR Code or class sign in book.

Pick up and drop off

When students arrive at school in the mornings, they may place their bag in their lines and then continue to play. All children are to be sitting in their class lines by the second bell at 9:20am.

Afternoon pick ups are on the grass at the front of the school on Griffiths Street at 3.20pm. If your child is being picked up by another parent or carer, outside of normal arrangements, please notify the office ahead of time.

If your child is attending after school care or catching the bus home, please ensure your child is aware of this and please advise your child's class teacher. Students are able to meet younger siblings within the school grounds, providing their parent/guardian enters the school grounds to pick them up. K-2 students are not allowed to walk to kiss and drop independently.

Equipment

A stationery list for Year 2 was sent home at the end of 2023. Please bring in your equipment as soon as possible, along with the required text books from Humphreys. If you require another copy, our stationery list can be found on our school website. To support hands-on lessons during art and craft activities, we ask that parents assist their child's class by bringing in a packet of wet wipes and a packet of tissues or paper towels.

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,

Miss Kathy Topham

Miss Mikaela Atienza

Ms Kim FitzGerald

Ms Jennifer Fergus

Miss Courtney Peters

Miss Kimberley Mitchell

Mrs Julie Organ

Principal

Year 2 Classroom Teachers