



# MANLY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

### Term 1

13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome to students and families of Year 3, 2024. Students have settled into their classrooms and teachers have been establishing expectations for the year, conducting formal and informal assessments and commencing Term One programs. Our aim in Year 3 is to provide a collaborative environment where students can reach their full potential.

We are pleased to introduce the Year 3 team of teachers this year with many supporting teachers, to ensure your children continue to achieve success. There are four Year 3 classes and a composite 3/4 class this year. We look forward to meeting you, explaining teaching and learning programs, classroom routines and organisation during our upcoming Parent Information Evening.

#### 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 across Years 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/>

#### Programming

Most of our programs are planned and taught as stage based programs. The outcomes for Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4) are taught over a two year cycle. The teachers work collaboratively to design these programs to ensure that each child can reach their full potential. All programs are differentiated to suit the needs of every student.

#### 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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### Routines

Every morning Year 3 will line up under the COLA outside the Hall. Please, could students place their bags in their lines outside the hall. They are not to enter their classrooms until school starts. If your child is unable to attend school, please send an email or letter to the office or class teacher.

### English

During Literacy lessons based on the new English syllabus, students will develop foundational skills and knowledge in: Reading Fluency, Reading Comprehension, Spelling, Vocabulary, Creating Written Texts and Handwriting and Digital Transcription. Further, through the study of quality texts, including *'Fantastic Mr Fox'* by Roald Dahl, students will develop conceptual understandings of English through Oral Language and Communication, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Creating Written Texts and Understanding and Responding to Literature.

### Mathematics

During Numeracy lessons, students will be participating in differentiated activities which develop their skills and knowledge in the focus areas of Place Value, Representing Number, Data, Geometric Measure (position) and Chance. Our teachers have worked collaboratively to program a variety of activities based on the new NSW Mathematics syllabus, with Working Mathematically outcomes embedded throughout focus areas. Teachers will be guiding students to think critically and creatively and scaffold their ability to explain their thinking and how they achieved an answer.

### Geography

This Semester, Stage 2 will be exploring the topic, The Earth's Environment. Students explore the climate, natural vegetation and native animals of places in Australia and Asia. They examine the importance of natural vegetation and natural resources to the environment, animals and people and learn about the ways people value environments, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Students identify sustainable practices and recognise that there are differing views on how sustainability can be achieved. Geographical inquiry skills such as data collection and mapping will also be developed.

### Science and Technology

During Semester One, Year 3 students (except for 3/4V) will be studying Plants in Action in the Kitchen Garden with Mrs Dowdle. Students are welcome to bring gardening gloves labelled with their name on them. 3/4V students will participate in this Kitchen Garden program during Semester Two. They will begin Semester One studying the topic: The Earth, the Moon and the Sun.

Each class will also have a weekly session in Cyber City to develop their computer skills where there will be a particular focus on graphs, data and typing skills.

### Creative Arts

Our Visual Arts unit will incorporate various Key Learning Areas and focus on appreciating and making art.

Dance will be taught by Mrs Amber Kriletich this semester. Please see the table over the page for your child's allocated dance time. Please ensure your child wears sport uniform for Dance lessons.

### Term 1 Diary Dates

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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 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

## PDHPE

During the first initial days of school, your child participated in our Healthy Lifestyles rotations, where topics of PBEL, Road Safety, Sun Safety, Water Safety, Cyber-Safety and Resilience were explored as part of the PDHPE Stage 2 program. Students will also participate in the Life Education 'Friends and Feelings' program and a sequence of classroom lessons based on growth mindset.

This term, sport will be taught as part of a Stage 2 Fundamental Movement Skills program. Please ensure your child wears their sport uniform on Tuesdays. Students will also be participating in school sport or PSSA on Fridays so please ensure your child also wears sports uniform on a Friday (See table below).

## Library

In Library this term, students will participate in shared reading of high-quality texts to develop and nurture their love of reading and learning through literature. They will utilise skills and technology, including ORBIT, to locate and select titles and have the opportunity to borrow each week. Students will also be encouraged to borrow books from the Premier's Reading Challenge lists and can begin to enter them online from March. Please see table below for when your child is required to bring their library bag to school.

## Homework

Homework will begin in Week 5. Homework will consist of weekly Maths Mentals which are to be completed in their green coloured Maths Mentals Textbook. This needs to be handed in every Monday. Students will also have online activities which consist of Matific and Typing Tournament. It is really important that your child reads every night for a minimum of 30 minutes. We also encourage all students to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. There will be projects set on Google Classroom throughout the year.

## Playground Happenings

Year 3 classes will have the opportunity to help run the Kitchen Garden Library this year. This is an opportunity for Year 3 students to manage the library by opening it, keeping it tidy and reading with younger students. Each class will have 4-5 weeks throughout the year.

## Timetable

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>3B</u>	Library	Stage 2 Sport	Dance Kitchen Garden		School Sport + PSSA
<u>3D</u>		Library Stage 2 Sport	Dance Kitchen Garden		School Sport + PSSA
<u>3T</u>	Dance Library	Stage 2 Sport	Kitchen Garden		School Sport + PSSA
<u>3W</u>	Dance Library	Stage 2 Sport	Kitchen Garden		School Sport + PSSA
<u>3/4V</u>	Dance	Music + Drama Stage 2 Sport	Library		School Sport + PSSA

*\*3/4V will be participating in Kitchen Garden in Semester Two*

More detailed information outlining curriculum content and relevant information for Year 3 will be available at our Parent Information Evening. This will be on Thursday 15th February at 5.00pm.

We look forward to a productive year ahead.

Year 3 Teachers

Mr Grant Turner, Mrs Karen Burke, Mrs Lyndell Lutton, Ms Becky Wilson, Mrs Izzy Davis, Miss Vanessa Brown

## 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