



MANLY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Year Six Newsletter - Term One 2024

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome to students and families of Year 6, 2024. Students have settled in 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 6 is to provide a highly collaborative environment where students can develop their academic, social and emotional skills, ahead of high school next year.

We are pleased to introduce the Year 6 team of teachers this year with many supporting teachers to ensure your child/ren achieve their potential. There are five Year 6 classes for 2024. We look forward to meeting you and explaining teaching and learning programs and 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 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/>

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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Our Team

Class	6E	6J	6D	6M		6B
Teacher(s)	Mrs Katie Douwes (Mon-Tues) Mrs Alyshia Eastwood (Wed-Fri)	Mrs Catherine Jones (Mon-Tues) Mrs Elise Havenstein (Wed-Fri)	Miss Paige DeGioia	Mrs Christy McMaster (Tues-Fri) Ms Chloe Mansbridge (Mon)		Mrs Amanda Bergelin (Mon-Thurs) Ms Chloe Mansbridge (Fri)
Support Teachers	Deputy Principal	Assistant Principal	Dance	Music Teacher	EALD	Science
	Ms Jenni Milburn (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Lisa Greco (Fridays)	Mrs Catherine Jones	Mrs Amber Kriletich	Ms Sam MacOurt	Mrs Poly Vescio	Mrs Sam Bellomo

Stage 3 Key Learning Areas

English

In English, students will explore how a significant historical event can be portrayed through different genres. Students will engage with various texts that describe the Wave Hill Walk-Off under the leadership of Vincent Lingiari, and consider the context and perspective of each of the authors.

Mathematics

The focus areas for Mathematics will include : Representing Numbers, Multiplicative Relations, Data, Geometric Measure (Coordinates and Length). Working Mathematically will be embedded throughout the term which develops students' understanding and fluency in mathematics through exploring and connecting mathematical concepts, choosing and applying mathematical techniques to solve problems, and communicating their thinking and reasoning coherently and clearly.

Geography

Year 6 will be studying the topic, 'A Diverse and Connected World' where students will be learning how to apply geographical tools, mapping skills, and grid references which links to Mathematics outcomes. Students will be investigating the features and characteristics of countries in Asia and the connections between people and environments.

PDHPE

As part of the Personal Development syllabus, students will continue to develop intrapersonal and interpersonal understanding and skills through the Smiling Mind program. They will also participate in the Healthy Harold program where they will cover the topic, 'Take a Breath' the focus will be on healthy living and the negative impacts of smoking and vaping. We will continue to support students throughout the year and continually monitor their welfare.

PSSA and School Sport will operate each Friday, giving students the opportunity to develop physical and sportsmanship/teamwork skills. Weekly Dance lessons with Mrs Amber Kriletich further provide students with a creative opportunity to develop their fitness and agility. Students will participate in a Production at the end of this semester. Please note the format of the Production will be different from previous years to cater for our growing school. **Students must wear sports uniforms on Wednesdays and Fridays.**

Term 1 Diary Dates

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Feb 19th– Mar 8th - Life Education commences

Fed 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 8th – Kindy Cocktails – Manly Golf Club

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

Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6E		Science	Library Music Dance		PSSA / School Sport
6B		Music	Library Dance Science		PSSA / School Sport
6J	Science		Library Music Dance		PSSA / School Sport
6D	Science	Music	Library Dance		PSSA / School Sport
6M		Science	Library Dance	Music	PSSA / School Sport

Music, Science and Technology:

Year 6 will participate in weekly Music lessons with Ms MacOurt and weekly Science lessons with Mrs Bellomo for Semester 1. In Music, students are connecting music to its time, place and purpose, and exploring the impact of this on its sound. They will explore issues of the last century and music that impacted, and responded to, social change. Students will be singing, playing a variety of instruments and responding to music from a variety of contexts.

In Term 1, Year 6 students will be exploring the topic of 'Forces'. They will investigate common contact and non-contact forces such as applied force, gravity, air resistance, elastic force and buoyancy. Students will employ the scientific method when conducting investigations and utilise the concept of 'fair' testing. Students will continue to develop technology skills using a range of GSuite for Education apps and increase their typing speed and accuracy using the Typing Tournament online program.

Leadership Development:

There are multiple leadership opportunities available for students this year, which we have been communicating to students. We are also currently electing and training students to be SRC Representatives, Multicultural Officers, Flag Monitors, Technology Team and PBEL Monitors where they support the implementation of the school expectations in the classroom and playground and may also have some responsibilities in assemblies. All Year 6 students will also be participating in an incursion called 'Aspire Higher' on the 30th April where they will participate in 3 leadership sessions which will develop their skills and strengths. All students will also participate in our Buddy Program with Kindergarten Students.

Homework:

Homework begins in Week 4. All homework will be posted on Google Classroom. This will consist of (reading log, and spelling activities) and some online (research assignments and presentations and Matific Mathematics). We expect students to keep up to date with homework requirements as they transition into high school.

Save the Dates

- Year 6 Camp - 26th – 28th August
- Year 6 Graduation - Thursday November 14th at Manly Golf Club.

We look forward to meeting you at our Year 6 Information Evening on **Tuesday 13th February at 5pm** in the hall and then approximately 5.30pm in classrooms where each teacher will explain their class routines and expectations. If, however, you have concerns before this evening, please contact the school and make an appointment with your class teacher to discuss any issues.

Kind regards,
Catherine Jones, Paige DeGioia, Chloe Mansbridge,
Elise Havenstein, Amanda Bergelin, Christy McMaster,
Alishia Eastwood and Katie Douwes.
Year 6 Team

Julie Organ
Principal