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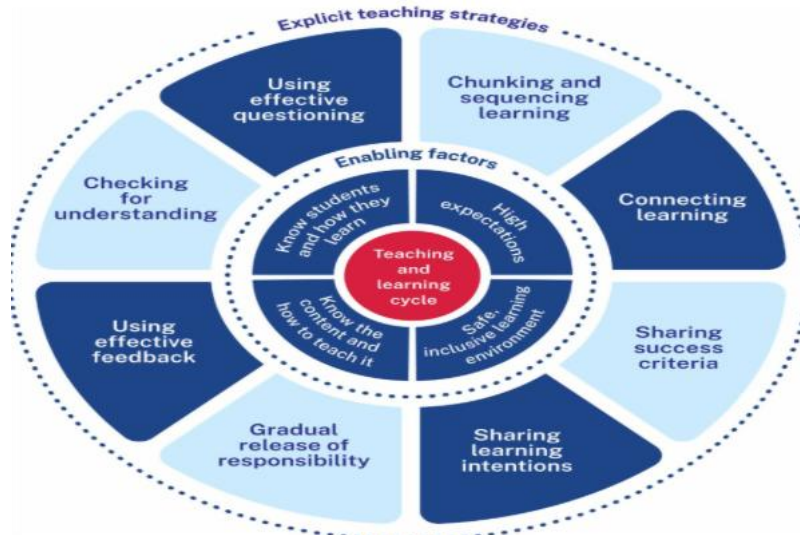
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Year Two Newsletter – Term Four 2025

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Explicit Teaching at Manly West PS

Our teachers are actively engaged in the explicit teaching of concepts for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Research clearly demonstrates that explicit teaching strategies enhance learning outcomes for all students across every classroom. At Manly West, students are consistently provided with clear Learning Intentions and Success Criteria in all English and Mathematics lessons, as well as in other subject areas. In addition to these strategies, our teachers implement a range of other effective strategies to support student learning. They also participate in ongoing professional learning focused on various elements of explicit teaching, ensuring that every student has the best possible opportunity to succeed.



Reminder: Please ask your children how they are going with K- 6 Evidence Based Maths Fluency Focus at Manly West PS.



Our teachers have recently engaged in professional learning to improve student fluency in Mathematics. We have been focused on embedding strategies that improve the ability for students to recall maths facts quickly and with little effort. At Manly West, we are implementing a Maths Fluency program where students will review and practice known maths facts multiple times a week for five minutes each session. This initiative will be implemented this term K-6 and reviewed consistently by teachers to ensure effectiveness.

Research into Cognitive Load Theory demonstrates that our working memory can hold 4-5 pieces of information at once. When teaching Mathematics, we need to move learned information from students' working memory into their long-term memory. Research shows this is best completed through effective practice and repetition.

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 two Science units, 'Digital Systems' and 'Plants'. First, students will investigate digital systems, learning about hardware and software and how these work together in everyday life. In the second half of the term, students will focus on plant growth in our Kitchen Garden. They will conduct a scientific investigation with bean seeds, observing changes over time and analysing their results.

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.

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 10th November**, with Blow tests to take place on Friday 21st November.

Homework

Homework will begin in Week 2 with daily reading, weekly Maths mental and News presentations. From Week 4 and 5, students will take part in an Oral Narrative Public Speaking Competition. More information will be sent home soon.

Warm regards,

*Ms Jen Fergus, Mrs Nicole Tinsley
Mrs Poly Vescio, Ms Kim FitzGerald
Miss Courtney Peters*

Mrs Julie Organ
Principal

Classroom Teachers