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Year One Newsletter

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope you had a lovely holiday break and are looking forward to another busy and productive term. Please check the Term 4 diary dates as the students will be participating in many events in the coming weeks.

MWPS Learning Walks in English and Mathematics

Since last year, our school has been conducting regular Learning Walks in all K-6 classrooms. The Principal, Executive staff as well as many teachers have been visiting classrooms to gain an understanding of how students are articulating their learning as well as how they are progressing as Assessment Capable Learners. This has been a focus for a Collaborative Inquiry approach at Manly West PS. More recently, we have been sharing practices with other schools in our network.

This Collaborative Inquiry (CI) is based on research by Lyn Sharratt, where students use the Learning Intentions (LI) and Success Criteria (SC) to know and articulate what they are learning in the classroom as well as what they can do to improve their learning. Students receive more regular descriptive feedback from their teachers and peers and are managing self and peer assessment in order to begin to create authentic learning goals. From our data that we have been monitoring since last year, overall:

- Year 4-6 students are demonstrating strong knowledge of LISC when articulating their learning and their knowledge of how to improve.
- Years 2-3 students are demonstrating some knowledge of LISC when articulating their learning and their knowledge of how to improve.
- Years K-1 are establishing their knowledge of LISC and beginning to articulate their learning and their knowledge of how to improve.

English

Students will participate in speaking and listening activities, reading and comprehension tasks and a variety of writing lessons based on the new K-2 English Syllabus. Teachers will be monitoring students in all literacy aspects and developing activities that target progress in identified areas. Students will continue focused reading groups, developing and extending their decoding skills, fluency and vocabulary, as well as their comprehension skills. They will be utilising rich texts as a stimulus to produce their own informative, persuasive and imaginative texts. We will continue to program Spelling focusing on phonology, orthography and morphology.

Mathematics

Students will participate in differentiated lessons which develop their skills in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Space, Statistics and Probability. Activities will be a variety of hands-on and written activities to achieve outcomes in the new K-2 Mathematics syllabus. We are focusing on building the capacity of students to reason, problem solve and explain their thinking mathematically.

Term 4 Diary Dates

Oct 9th – First day of Term 4 for students and teachers

Oct 10th – Regional Athletics Carnival

Oct 11th – Kindy and Year 6 Narrabeen Excursion

Oct 12th - Kindy and Year 6 Narrabeen Excursion

Oct 12th – Writing Enrichment Workshop Balgowlah North PS

Oct 12th – P&C event: Interrelate Yrs 3-6 in hall

Oct 16th – NAP – Civics and Citizenship Field Trial assessment for 6S

Oct 17th – Year 5 UPP Leadership Day

Oct 17th - K-2 Athletics Carnival

Oct 18th – Year 2 testing for Band

Oct 23rd – 25th – Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Oct 23rd – Nov 3rd – Year 2 Swimming everyday

Oct 23rd – Cromer HS Transition session at MWPS

Oct 25th – NSW Athletics Carnival

Oct 25th - Year 1 Excursion to Wildflower Garden

Oct 26th – 2024 Kindy Parent Evening webinar 6pm

Oct 27th - World Teachers Day

Oct 30th - Kindy 2024 Orientation Session 1

Nov 4th-24th – Yr 5 Leadership

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Geography

The students will continue to study 'Features of Places' and will be investigating the natural environment through a visit to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and an excursion to the Ku-Ring-Gai Wildflower Garden. See the excursion note for further information and please complete the online permission form.

Science and Technology

Mrs Menzies and Mrs Dowdle will teach the Science unit 'Schoolyard Safari'. Students will explore some common invertebrates found in the school environment. They will investigate the parts of the animals that enable them to move, feed and protect themselves.

Weekly computer lab sessions will focus on typing skills, navigating online programs and beginning to create texts using collaborative platforms such as Google Docs.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

This term, all classes will be participating in sports activities to develop specific gross motor skills while building social and interpersonal skills. Students will need to wear sports uniforms on **Mondays**.

We will continue Child Protection lessons that focus on teaching strategies to keep our bodies safe.

Creative Arts

Visual Arts, Drama and Music lessons will be taught by classroom teachers to complement our English and Geography programs. Students will have opportunities to create, perform and appreciate the work of others in all artforms.

Dance lessons will continue with Mrs Amber Kriletich. Dance days are as follows: Monday 1D and 1T Wednesday 1C, 1B and 1S Friday 1P. Please ensure your child wears their sports uniform. Parents are invited to attend the Dance Expo on Wednesday 6th December,

Homework

Homework will continue and includes weekly home reading and the online programs Soundwaves Spelling and Matific. News will be prepared as part of homework. News topics are listed on the Term 4 Homework Overview.

Library

Library days will continue to be 1T and 1P on Tuesdays, 1B on Wednesdays, 1S on Thursdays and 1C and 1D on Fridays.

In the coming weeks, the Year One teachers will begin planning for 2024. Please inform the school if your family will be leaving the school community at the end of the year.

Kind Regards,

Julie Organ

Year One Teachers

Principal

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Nov 6th – Band Information Night
6:30pm

Nov 8th - Kindy 2024 Orientation
Session 2

Nov 8th – Year 1 Excursion to
Wildflower Garden

Nov 8th – Band Auditions Yrs 2-5

Nov 9th – Pedlar's Parade

Nov 15th – Kindy to Year 1
Transition Parent Webinar 5pm

Nov 16th – Year 6 Graduation

Nov 21st – Year 2 to Year 3
Transition Parent Webinar 5pm

Nov 23rd – Thank You Morning Tea
for Community Volunteers and
Centenary Path opening

Nov 24th – Band Blow tests

Nov 27th – Band Christmas Concert
6pm in Hall

Nov 28th – 2024 Year 7 Orientation
Day for Public High Schools

Nov 30th – Years 3-6 Presentation
Assembly

Dec 1st – Band Instrument return
and Pizza Lunch

Dec 4th – Year 1 and 2 Presentation
Assembly

Dec 5th – Kindy Presentation
Assembly

Dec 6th – Dance Expo K-2

Dec 7th – Reports Home

11th Dec – Year 3-5 End of Year
celebration activity

Dec 11th – K-2 End of Year Disco

Dec 12th – Year 6 End of Year
excursion to Dee Why Bowling

Dec 14th – Whole School Clap Out

Dec 15th – Last day for students

Feb 1st 2024 – Students Yrs 1-6
return to school