PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS
Dear Parent and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone has had a great time over the last two weeks with families and friends. The beautiful weather is now back and I’d like to remind all our students that they must wear their school hats whilst playing out on the oval throughout this term. Their safety is of utmost importance and, to further promote sun safety, we are also giving each and every student a complimentary pair of High level sunglare reduction sunglasses which meet Australian standards. These sunglasses, from a company called ‘School Shades’, are maroon and have Manning Park Public School written on the side. Whilst we would like our students to wear these when outside, they are not compulsory. The students need to take responsibility for their glasses which come in a protective case with their names on them. I’m sure our students will put these to good use. They will be coming home this week.

Working Bee
Earlier this year we advertised that a working bee would be held this coming Sunday. We have had to postpone this date as we are now waiting on delivery of fitness equipment which we will be installing onto the playground for our students. Once we know exactly when the equipment will be arriving I will let everyone know via the newsletter of the new Working Bee date. A bit of assembling, digging holes and concreting posts will be required on that day as well as gardening, line marking etc. Watch this space……

Bilby Bash
Our Aboriginal school children from years 3 to 6 have been invited to the annual Bilby Bash which takes place this Friday at Budgewoi Public School. Our students will be accompanied by Mr Shepherd and Mr Ingram where they will take part in various activities throughout the day along with students from many other schools. Please ensure the permission notes have been completed before Friday.

Premier’s Spelling Bee
During the last week of Term 3, three of our students, Wilson Clarke, Caillan Twyman and Baylin Banno represented our school with aplomb at the Regional Spelling Bee Competition. This competition was held at Coal Point Public School. Congratulations boys on your great efforts! You made us proud.

NSW State Athletics
Congratulations to Ben Groves on winning the Regional 100m at Sydney Olympic Park last term. He will now represent the school at the NSWPSA Championships to be held next week. We all wish him the very best. Go Ben!

Tell Them From Me Survey
Thanks to all the great people who have thus far completed our parent survey. We would really like all parents to please login to the website address below and take the short survey. Your input is most important to us and we look forward to using your thoughts in MPPS future planning! Parents and carers access the survey through  https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm#

Username- parent18074
Password -Man4316.  

Mobile Phones
We understand students may need to have a phone for safety reasons before and after school, but these devices MUST be handed into the office upon arrival to school. Students who are found with electronic devices will have them taken from them. There is no need for a phone to be accessed at school during the day for any reason. Please discuss this with your child and ensure they are well aware of the need to hand in their phone or other device to the office each day. Thanks.

Peter Mandroules
Principal

Dates to Remember Term 2

Term 4
Fri 9 Oct: Kindergarten 2016 Transition 9:15-10:45am
Fri 9 Oct: Bilby Bash - Budgewoi PS
Fri 9 Oct: Year 5 Buddy Training and Pizza Day
Fri 9 Oct: Year 6 to 7 Transition LMHS
Sun 11 Oct: Working Bee - POSTPONED
Thurs 15 Oct: Kinder/Year 1 Excursion Hunter Valley Zoo
Fri 16 Oct: Kindy 2016 Transition 9:15-10:45am
Mon 19 Oct: Parent/Carer Info Year 6-7 5:30-6:30 Library
Fri 23 Oct: Kindy 2016 Transition 9:15-10:45am
Fri 30 Oct: Kindy 2016 Transition 9:15-10:45am
Sat 31 Oct: School Fete
Thurs 5 Nov: Parent session Kindy 2016 Transition 6:30-8:00pm
Fri 6 Nov: Kindy 2016 Transition 9:15-10:45am
Fri 6 Nov: Parent session Kindy 2016 Transition 9:15-10:45am
Mon 23 Nov-Wed 25 Nov: Year 5 & 6 Forster Camp
Wed 2 Dec: Assembly of Excellence
Fri 4 Dec: Year 6 Reports home
Fri 11 Dec: K-5 Reports home
Wed 16 Dec: Poolside Picnic Years 3-5
Wed 16 Dec: K-2 Performance and Xmas Picnic Day
Wed 16 Dec: Last day of Term 4

2015 Fete
We are looking for lolly donations for our school fete this year, for our Lolly Store. If you would be able to donate please send in lollies to Mrs Vine or to the front office. Thank you.

Year 6-7 Transition
A Taster day has been organised for all students Lake Munmorah High on Friday, 9 October. Notes have been sent home and need to be returned tomorrow. It is important that all students attend the transition day.
Start: 9:30 sharp and Finish 2:00pm
Thank you
Belinda McDonald

Manno Munch News
Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a fantastic break. Volunteers needed, anytime you can spare would really be helpful.
I need help 1: Monday-Thursday with serving: 8:30-9:00am, 11-11:30am and 1:30-2pm.
and 2: Preparing food 9-11am, 12-1:30pm. Thank you to Rhani, Jen, Anne, Lisa and for those who come in to give us their valuable assistance.
Thank you all for your support of our Movie night fundraiser, I hope you all had a good night.

We had about 120 people there which is a great effort for a Wed night. Thank you also to Jenny, Rhani, Nikki and Lorna who made beautiful cakes for our stall. You all helped raise approx $271.
MANNERING PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C FETE

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER

10.00 AM TILL 2.00 PM

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RAFFLES

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OUR SCHOOL. VALES RD MANNERING PARK
Newsletter Item 11

Aim: To provide parents with practical strategies to support the school to reduce bullying.

Supporting your Friendly School

We can help children feel safer and happier at school by demonstrating how parents and schools can work together as partners.

How can parents support our Friendly School?

- Get to know our school’s bullying policy and discuss it with your children.
- Maintain regular contact with your children’s teacher.
- Try to attend school functions, for example assemblies and/or help out on the class parent roster to demonstrate your support for your children and the school.
- Read the school newsletter and discuss items of interest with your children.
- Model a positive attitude toward school and encourage your children to see the positive aspects of school life.
- If there is a problem with your children at school, try to work together with the school to overcome the problem. This shows a committed partnership between parents and the school to work towards positive solutions.
Trivia Night!

**When?** Friday 16th October 2015, Arrive around 6 as the first round of trivia begins at 6:30

**Where?** Doyalson RSL Auditorium

**How do I sign up?** Message Jade Directly through Facebook or on 0434 039 097 with your team name, there is a minimum of 6 and maximum of 10 on a team

**How much?** $10 Per Person, to be paid at the door on entry

**Why?** This January Jade will be doing a mission trip to the Philippines through ADRA to help with disaster relief and disaster awareness programs as well as many other smaller programs. As part of attending this trip it is compulsory for each member to fundraise towards tools and equipment we will be using there!

**Will there be prizes?** Yes! The winning team will receive a prize as well as smaller prizes for games in between rounds. There will be additional ways to win prizes like raffles!

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Lake Munmorah High School invites you to the Year 6 into 7 Transition Parent / Carer Information Evening

Monday the 19th of October, 2015 at Mannering Park Public School 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the school hall

The information evening will address:

- Orientation Day
- Year 6 student attendance at LMHS in Term 4
- Uniform
- Bus transport
- Book packs
- Class placement
- Question & Answer forum

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Social networking

Chat and social networking are great ways to stay in touch and find new friends. However, there are some risks meeting people online—especially if you don’t know them in real life. When you share things online you may be sharing with other people you do not know or trust. Once a message, photo or video has been shared, you also won’t be able to control where it goes.

What do I need to know about safe social networking?

- Limit your friend list — don’t ‘friend’ random people.
- Protect your privacy — don’t share your password and set your profile to private.
- Your personal details are valuable — don’t share them.
- Protect your reputation — keep it clean and ask yourself: would you want others to see what you upload?
- Be careful who you trust — a person can pretend to be someone they are not.
- Don’t use a webcam with people you do not know.
- Think before you post, chat, upload or download.

How do I control my privacy settings?

All social networking sites have their own version of ‘default’ privacy and security settings. It is important that you know how the site works and how to change the settings to protect your personal information. The Games, apps and social networking section (/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking/) of our website gives you access to step-by-step instructions to control your settings for each social networking platform.

What are the risks of social networking?

The risks in using social networking sites include:

- Anonymity — it can be easier to say and do things online that you might not do offline.
- Sharing too much information — for example, photos from a party might be okay for close friends to see but can become an issue if shared more widely.
- Not protecting your personal information — account details and location information can be used inappropriately by others to find you or access your online accounts. It is important that you understand the risks associated with disclosing information about yourself online and know how to manage both your privacy and online friends.
- Treating online friends as real friends — it’s easy for people to lie online, including those who are seeking children and young people for more than a social relationship. Make sure you are careful about how well you really know your online ‘friends’.

What are location-based services?

Many social networking sites take advantage of location-based services, which enable users to report their physical location to others via their mobile phone. By using this function, users can physically locate friends and others from social networking sites. Individuals can ‘check-in’ from a location to let others know their whereabouts.

On some social networking services the location-based functions are turned on by default. To manage these services, and retain your privacy, review your social networking settings to block the function or to limit who sees your location-based information.

Cyberbullying and how to make a complaint

If you know that cyberbullying is happening there are several ways that you can seek assistance in removing the cyberbullying material.

Block the person and talk to someone you trust

A complaint can lead to a formal investigation and so it’s worth trying to resolve the issue before making a complaint.

We recommend the following possible actions:

- talk to a trusted adult, parent or teacher first about the cyberbullying
- block or unfriend the person upsetting you.

If you don’t feel comfortable talking with your parents or teachers, you can contact Kids Helpline (https://www.kidshelpline.com.au/kids/get-help/web-counselling/).

Contact the social media service where the cyberbullying is taking place

Under new legislation, social media services are obliged to take down material believed to be cyberbullying. Most social media services will have a reporting area on their website. Alternatively you can find information about how to report on various websites under the Social media safety centres (/complaints-and-reporting/cyberbullying-complaints/social-media-services-safety-centres/) section of this website.

Report cyberbullying to the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner

If the social media service fails to remove the material, you can make a complaint (/complaints-and-reporting/cyberbullying-complaints/i-want-to-report-cyberbullying/) to the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner.

In order for us to review your cyberbullying complaint, the cyberbullying material must:

- be posted on a social media service or relevant electronic service
- be likely to have a seriously threatening, intimidating, harassing or humiliating effect on an Australian child.