PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

The beautiful Spring weather has announced fun times for these holidays that are nearly here!!

Students return to school on **TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER** after the long weekend.

Such a busy term has flown by and I thank everyone for their dedication to learning and hard work over the term.

Assembly of Excellence

Our Term 3 Assembly was held yesterday and the comments from everyone I have spoken to since have been extremely complimentary. It was very well attended by parents, families and friends, with some making the trip from Sydney to share our day. Mrs Lynne Small received her well-deserved Education Department Service Medal from our Wyong Director, Mrs Lisa Muir. Mrs Muir was very impressed with our school, the assembly, the quality of our items and the great achievements of our students. Everyone was so happy to see Mrs Small’s smiling face back at Mannering Park! Thank you to all the students for your excellent efforts throughout the term.

Gibalee Day

Our Annual Gibalee Day took place last Thursday. Our students took part in various activities throughout the day along with those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island students (3 to 6) from Gwandalan and Lake Munmorah Public Schools. Students took part in cultural, environmental, artistic, cooking (the kangaroo and crocodile were delicious!), musical, dance and traditional sporting activities. Thank you to the visiting teachers and volunteer helpers who did a great job, along with our dedicated staff, on the day.

LMG Spelling Bee

Last week two of our students, Wilson Clarke and Abby Muddle represented our school at the LMG Spelling Bee. This competition is between the schools in our LMG (Local Management Group) which include Lake Munmorah High, Lake Munmorah Primary, Gwandalan Primary and Mannering Park Primary. While this year’s winner was Lake Munmorah Primary, our representatives both received medallions for their efforts.

Congratulations and great effort, Wilson and Abby.

School Hats

We recommend that school hats be taken home these holidays and washed, but please remember to bring them back in Term 4 to adhere to our Sun Safe Policy.

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#](https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm#)

Username- parent18074
Password -Man4316.

Sydney North Athletics Carnival – Congratulations to our talented athletes who participated in this year’s Sydney North Athletics Carnival that was held at Sydney Olympic Park last week. Our talented team represented the school at the highest standard both in their athletic skills and behaviour. Ben Groves will proceed to the NSWPSSA Championships to be held in October after coming first in the 100m.

His time in the heat was 13:97 and in the final he blitzed it with a time of 13:72. Well done Ben and good luck at the championships in October.

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.

Holidays

Students, please remember to enjoy your holidays with your family and friends and, most importantly, stay safe so you can return ‘raring to go’ for a fun-filled Term 4.

Peter Mandroules
Principal

**Dates to Remember Term 2**

**Term 3**

Fri 18 Sept: Last day of Term 3

**Term 4**

Tues 6 Oct: First day of Term 4
Fri 9 Oct: Kindergarten 2016 Transition 9:15-10:45am
Fri 9 Oct: Bilby Bash - Budgewoi PS
Sun 11 Oct: Working Bee
Thurs 15 Oct: Kinder/Year 1 Excursion Hunter Valley Zoo
Fri 16 Oct: Kindy 2016 Transition 9:15-10:45am
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
Year 5 & 6 Students Speech Project
Year 5 & 6 students have a project to write and present a speech in Week 2 Term 4. Students have been given a note about this, please support your children in completing this project.

Year 6 Transition
Yesterday all Year 6 students received a note regarding the Transition Taster Day at Lake Munmorah High School. All students, whether they are going to Lake Munmorah High next year or not are welcome to attend. Please have this form back to us by Wednesday, 7 October, the first week back next term.

Thank you

4S Project
4S have been learning about British Colonisation. They designed and built houses from early settlement times which even have opening roofs so you can see what they look like inside. Well done to all those who completed the project, they are all fantastic!

Under 10’s Rugby League
Congratulations on the Under10’s for making it to the All School State Carnival. All players were outstanding on the field and made it through to the semi-finals, but unfortunately they were knocked out.
A special thanks to ALL the parents that assisted with transport on the day and a special thanks to Luke Oldfield for assisting with the training.
Mr Shepherd

Gibalee Day
Here are a few comments from students about their experience of Gibalee Day:
My favourite from Gibalee Day is dance, because I get to dance with my Nan and I like dancing - Cordy
My favourite activity on Gibalee Day was rock painting because I made a rock friend - Shai
I loved eating Croc - Rylan
I like Gibalee Day - Lilien
I enjoyed making and eating damper - Harley

Student Banking - Commonwealth Bank Update
Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.
To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of Frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!
Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.
Don’t forget, the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

Manno Munch News
Week 10 is the last week of Term 3 and most students can’t wait for the school holidays. Pizza Day was a fantastic success with a large number of students ordering Pizza and drinks for lunch. Please remember that it is IMPORTANT that the P&C Canteen has volunteers to enable it to be available to both parents and students 5 days a week for both lunch and recess. Any time you can spare to assist the Canteen would be greatly appreciated.
The Canteen is open from 8:30am to 2:00pm Mon-Fri. You can help us with serving 8:30-9:00am, 11:00-11:30am for lunch and 1:30-2:00pm for recess, or with preparing of food for lunches from 9:00-11:00am and for our other products from noon-1:30pm.
Thank you to the volunteers that helped the Canteen this week: Rhani, Kylie, Lisa, Jen, Leanne and for those others that popped in and helped out.
Have a safe and happy holiday and see you all back next term.
Sam

Have a safe and happy holiday
Swansea Sharks Swimming Club
Registration Day
6pm
13th October, 2015
Swansea Swim Centre

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
JASON 0438 658 803
JULIANNE 0414 761 806

If you have a love for swimming and want to have fun, keep fit and meet new friends, its now time to swim with Swansea Sharks Swimming Club!!
Tuesday’s 6.00pm

PHOENIX PEST MANAGEMENT
FREECALL 1800 774 337

Parents and Teachers SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!
Book your pest service from now to the end of Aug!
Mention MANNERING PARK PS
And we will donate $20 back to your school.
Full House and Garden Sprays, & Termite Inspections.

Go4Fun
Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old and are you worried about their weight?
Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above a healthy weight. The program consists of games, activities, tips on healthy food, labelling and portion sizes plus much more.
FREE fun once a week program for Kids to become fitter, healthier and happier.

TERM 4
06/10/2015–11/12/2015
Go4Fun programs will be held at:
Gosford Olympic Pool
Saturdays
1.30pm–3.30pm
Start Date: 10/10/15
End Date: 12/12/15

Mingara Recreation Club
& Soccer, Tuggerah
Saturdays
1.30pm–3.30pm
Start Date: 10/10/15
End Date: 12/12/15

Peninsula Leisure Centre
Tuesdays
4pm–6pm
Start Date: 06/10/15
End Date: 08/12/15

Wyong Olympic Pool
Thursdays
4pm–6pm
Start Date: 06/10/15
End Date: 10/12/15

Go4Fun | FREE CALL 1800 780 900 | www.go4fun.com.au
The Mannering Park Country Women’s Association, in conjunction with Jill Hall, Federal Member for Shortland, are holding a fund raising morning tea at the Community Hall, Dunvegan Street, Mannering Park on Friday, 25 September from 10am-12noon. Please come along and show your support in the fight against Domestic Violence. Your gold coin donation will go to continue to operate the national 1800RESPECT phone and online counselling service.

Domestic Violence Forum

Domestic violence is the result of unequal power relationships between men and women.

Domestic violence affects both men and women but the majority of the victims are women, attacked by a male family member or friend.

In 2014, a woman a week was killed as a result of domestic violence. In 2015 this has risen to two deaths per week.

You’re invited to attend a forum on the issues surrounding domestic violence.

Hosted by: Jill Hall MP in conjunction with Mannering Park CWA

Yasmin Catley MP (State Member for Swansea) and David Harris MP (Opposition Shadow Minister for the Central Coast) will also be in attendance.

When: 10am, Friday 25th September
Where: Mannering Park Community Hall
RSVP: 4947 9711

The key to stopping bullying is getting those involved to talk about what is happening and decide on some ways to overcome the problem. The Friendly Schools Program recommends schools use the Method of Shared Concern to encourage children to talk about bullying incidents. Parents can also use this strategy at home.

The Method of Shared Concern aims to change the behaviour of students who are bullying and to improve the situation for the student being bullied. This method helps students to develop empathy and concern for others and gives them strategies to help them get along better with others in the school and at home. Our Staff members use the Method of Shared Concern.

What happens in shared concern?

1. Individual meetings are held with each of the students involved in the bullying incident: the student or students bullying, the person being bullied and any bystanders who may have seen what was happening.

2. Each student is asked about the problem and to suggest ways he or she personally could help to improve the situation.

3. The student being bullied is also given the opportunity to discuss what happened and encouraged to think of ways to improve the situation.

4. There are follow-up meetings, discussions and planning that give students the opportunity to change and improve attitudes and behaviours and to put these into practice in a supportive environment.
The simplest way
...to create a vegie garden at home

This spring all you need to start growing your own vegetable garden is a foam box!

Foam boxes are light and easy for you and your kids to manage.

**Step One:** Cut six drainage holes in the bottom of the foam box.

**Step Two:** Elevate foam box by placing it on some old bricks and fill with potting mix.

**Step Three:** Plant seedlings or seeds, making sure not to over plant (aim to plant around 4-6 seedlings per box).

**Step Four:** Water and care for your seedlings daily.

Try planting tomato, pumpkin and zucchini seedlings this spring...and watch your kids enjoy eating the results!

For more information visit
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