At home you can help by:

Pointing out the Manningham Council Offices when you drive by and drawing your child’s attention to the many services that the council has responsibility for, especially those you use, like:

- bin collections
- local parks
- dog registration
- Aquarena

Using the local (Leader) newspaper -

- share and discuss local government information and initiatives with your child
- look for photos of local politicians and share them with your child. Talk about whether they are local, state or federal politicians

In a way your child can understand, discussing the upcoming State election as it relates to our Inquiry – ‘big picture’ conversations such as why we are voting, how we cast our vote, what parties are campaigning, why people vote as they do

Taking your child with you on polling day so that they can see, first hand, how voting is conducted in a democracy

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities, societal decision-making and economic activities.

YEAR 3 2014
What do we want students to know?

**Human systems and economic activities:** The study of how and why people construct organizations and systems; the ways in which people connect locally and globally; the distribution of power and authority.

**Teacher Questions**

- What is a Democracy?
- What is Federation?
- What are the levels of Australian Government?
- How do people decide who they want as a leader?

**Central Idea:**

In Australia we live in a democratic society

**Lines of Inquiry**

- Some countries have a democracy
- Australia has 3 levels of government
- We elect a government to help the community

**PYP Concepts**

**Function** - The workings of the events, systems and relationships in societies and the natural world

**Responsibility** - People's individual and collective responsibility towards themselves, groups and the environment

**Perspective** - The ways in which humans connect knowledge and experience that lead to diverse understanding

**Related Concepts**

- Governments
- Legislation
- Conflict
- Rights
- Comparison
- Citizenship

**During this unit your child will participate in the following activities to enhance their inquiry:**

- A Year Level Election that will involve students running advertising campaigns
- Interviewing and employing party members
- Looking at various types of governments around the world
- Writing letters to Manningham Council
- Learning about past and present Individual Leaders in Australian Government
- Investigating the local government and the services they provide