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, such as:

- rubbish collection
- local parks
- dog registration
- Aquarena

Using the Melbourne and local (Leader) newspapers:

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

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

YEAR 3 2015
CENTRAL IDEA:

In Australia we live in a democratic society

What do we want students to know?

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

**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

**Teacher Questions**

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

**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
- Learning about past and present Individual leaders in Australian Government
- Investigating the local government and the services they provide

**LINES OF INQUIRY**

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