Welcome to returning families and students and hello to our newcomers in Kindergarten, Opportunity Classes and our Support Clases. I hope you had a great summer holiday and are enjoying your 2nd week at Mona Vale Public School.

Last year was a very big year for MVPS and has set up the 2013 P&C for a steady and purposeful year of activity with some very exciting school initiatives underway which the P&C can support.

**What does the P&C do?** As a refresher we have 5 sub committees run by volunteers. These are the Canteen, Chess Club, Band, Uniform Shop and Social and Events. We employ staff in the sub committees. We run the Mother’s and Father’s Day events (helped by our lovely school staff) and assist the school at Grandfriends day. The P&C fundraising focus this year is the Rotary car raffle to be run in Term 1.

**What’s in it for me?** If you are new to the school, the 7:30pm Tuesday 19 February Annual General Meeting (AGM) followed by General Meeting is an excellent way to get up to speed on joint School / P&C plans. Being part of P&C keeps you in close contact with the Principal and Deputies to support our students. We meet week 4 and 8 each term only.

**What next?** At the AGM all positions will be declared vacant. This year there are several resignations, including the Presidents’ position which I am stepping down from. My sincere thanks to the 2012 P&C team for your support to the school and students – you are awesome.

Please also join me in welcoming Rebecca O’Donnell starting officially this term as our Canteen Supervisor.

Renewal is a great thing. The vibrancy created by new members joining in 2013 is sure to bring new ideas, perspective and enthusiasm, essential for any committee environment.

**Please join us on Tuesday 19 February in the School Library at 7:30pm - it will be great to see new faces there.**

Best wishes,

Louise Anderson

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Vice-President:  Aid Bisson, Susan Senior  Treasurer:  Kathryn Loudon
Relieving Deputy Principal's Message

We have already had two weeks back at school, and what exciting weeks they have been.

I have been around to all the Kindergarten classes and I am pleased to report that all our Kindergarten students are happy and settled despite some tears they display in the mornings.

I have also been fortunate enough to have taught our new students in the OC class for a lesson, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

As for the rest of the students, I have only seen happy, enthusiastic smiles on their faces, which is a good sign.

Bus Passes for 2013

Students may use their old bus pass for two or three weeks until they receive their new pass. They will be receiving their new bus passes in the next couple of days. If they do not have a bus pass they will need to pay $1.10 to travel on the buses.

Shirlee-Ann Curtis
Relieving Deputy Principal

Dates for your diary

28 March Grandfriend’s Day and Easter Hat Parade

These dates are for Year 6, 2013

20 May – 23 May Canberra Camp

26 February Mackellar Girls & Balgowlah Boys Open Day 9:30 - 11:30am

27 February Balgowlah Boys Info Evening 6:30 - 7:30pm

28 February Manly Selective Open Day 9:30 - 11am

28 February Mackellar Girls Info Evening 6:30 - 7:30pm

4 March Cromer Campus Open Day 9:30 - 11:30am

5 March Academic Placement Test Closing Date & Pittwater High Open Night

7 March Barrenjoey High Open Night

12 March PCS Academic Test

14 March Selective High School Placement Test

19 March Year 7 Academic Placement Test Mackellar Girls & Cromer High 9am

21 March Year 7 Academic Placement Test Balgowlah Boys 9am

Please contact the relevant High Schools with any enquiries.