Dear Parents

Our Commitment; Excellence, Innovation, Community

A warm welcome to new families and students to our school, especially Kindergarten, who are starting “Big School.” We hope you have settled in and are starting to make new friends. The year has started very smoothly with 935 students enrolling and two additional classes being formed. I would like to acknowledge the excellent team work of both the administrative and teaching staff who worked tirelessly at the end of last year to ensure a smooth start to 2013.

This year we will be introducing “Mona Vale Manners,” an initiative that will focus each week on a behavior we will be teaching and expecting of students. Read more about this initiative in Mrs Martin’s, Deputy Principals Report.

Senior Executive Staff 2013

With the imminent retirement of Mrs Liz Crick I have asked Mrs Shirlee-Ann Curtis to act as relieving Deputy Principal. Mrs Curtis is an outstanding teacher with strong leadership skills and will join with Mrs Leesa Martin, Deputy Principal, Mrs Leonie Gallard, School Administrative Manager and myself as the school’s Senior Executive Officers in 2013.

Mona Vale’s Executive structure consists of; a Principal, two non-teaching Deputy Principals, a School Administrative Manager and five teaching Assistant Principals.

Mrs Crick has had a distinguished career teaching and caring for students for the last 20 years at Mona Vale. As a gesture of appreciation I would like all students to bring in a $2 coin so we, as a community, can purchase a gift to acknowledge her dedication to the students, staff and community of Mona Vale. We will provide details on the collection days in our next Newsletter; I thank you in anticipation of your support.

New Staff

I would like to welcome the following new staff to Mona Vale in 2013 and look forward to working with them. Ms Jessica Tobin 3-6T, (Targeted Graduate appointment), Mr Matthew Campbell 6C, Mr Liam Chapman 2C, Ms Justine Curtis 5BC and art specialist, Mrs Lynda Taylor 2BT, Ms Jessica Snell KS, Mrs Jacqui Shaw, Music Specialist. I know the community will make our new colleagues feel welcome and supported.
Class Organisation, Parent Information Evenings

We have formed 37 classes, with a record 8 Kindergarten classes this year. As in previous years we will be holding Grade Information Evenings to inform parents of grade expectations and routines. Where possible we will be keeping routines and expectations consistent across the school. Please take the opportunity to attend these evenings as they are most informative and will assist in supporting school expectations.

This year all sessions will be held in the Hall and will take 1 hour

Grade Information Evenings

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* 5S to meet in room at 5.30pm then proceed to Hall @ 6pm

Kindergarten | Wednesday 13th Feb | 5-6pm | Hall    |
Year 2       | Wednesday 13th Feb | 6-7pm | Hall    |
Year 6       | Wednesday 13th Feb | 7-8pm | Hall    |

Swimming Carnival

Great weather, fantastic organisation and a spirit of cooperation and participation were the highlights of our Annual Swimming Carnival held on Thursday at Manly Swim Centre. My thanks to all staff and parents who ran the Carnival and a special thanks to Mrs Lee Elsley and Mrs Mel Stevenson who organised the carnival. It was great to mix with happy students, parents and staff and I know 2013 is going to be a great year at Mona Vale.

Student Safety, Car Parks

With the start of a new year I am again asking parents to not use the School Car Parks to drop off or pick up students. School Car Parks are significant risk issue in schools and unless you have specific approval by the Senior School Executive please do not use them. I am considering having electronic Boom Gates installed if parents continue to ignore this request.

Greg Jones  BA  MEd Macq

PRINCIPAL
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families, both new and existing. 2013 is going to be an exciting year in which we will continue to strive for excellence in all that we do at Mona Vale Public School.

Mona Vale Manners Program 2013

This year at Mona Vale we will be implementing a new social skills program called Mona Vale Manners. The staff of Mona Vale PS believes the educational process involves equipping students with skills they will need throughout their lives. Social skills, such as courtesy, respect, tolerance and understanding play a vital part in the child’s overall development. It will be an excellent addition to our Positive Behaviour Engaging Learning (PBEL) program.

The program involves the following:

- Each week a different social skill is highlighted at school and published in the Mona Mail to be reinforced at home.
- Students displaying the social skill will receive reinforcement, such as Chook Lottos, Principals stickers or Merits which can be used as part of the whole school awards system.
- As we progress throughout the term, the students will receive recognition for use of the prior skills as well as the current skill of the week.

A copy of the Mona Vale Manners program has been included for you to print and display in your home. Please take the time to discuss these skills with your family each week and reinforce them whenever possible. Together, we are making our students the pride of the Northern Beaches! Thank you for your support.

Swimming Carnival

Yesterday many of our students in Years 2-6 participated in our annual school swimming carnival with great energy and enthusiasm! A wonderful day was had by all with several records being broken in the pool! Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Lee Elsley and Mrs Mel Stevenson for organizing an outstanding event and it was lovely to see so many parents at the pool to support our students.

Leesa Martin
Deputy Principal
From the desk of the Executive

**MJ Peel**  B.Teaching, B.Social Science, Newcastle  
Assistant Principal

At Mona Vale Public School we are continuing to move towards Technology Enabled Schooling. Our learning and teaching programs are designed to cater for the 21st Century learner and to develop the skills they require to be successful in an ever changing workforce. The use of technology in schools has rapidly changed over the years and as a result the NSW Department of Education and Communities has produced the School A to Z website and free app as a valuable tool for parents of school-aged children.

The aim of the website, mobile and ipad application is to create an online community with comprehensive homework and ‘school life’ support for parents that is easy to use, relevant and engaging.

**Topics covered include:**

- *Practical guide to starting school*
- *Homework and study* (Homework tips, English, Mathematics and assignment help)
- *Wellbeing* (Behaviour development, fitness, food and health)
- *Technology* (Cyberbullying, Cybersafety and using technology)
- *A school guide* (An A to Z guide to school)
- *Questions and answers*

The application is available from the App store and the Android marketplace. I highly recommend exploring the website and free application.


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**Mona Vale Planner**

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TEXT BOOK SALE DAY – WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY

Over 500 students have already purchased their text books online. If you have not purchased online please do so THIS WEEKEND.

ONLINE ORDERS CLOSE ON MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY.

There is a note attached to this newsletter with instructions on how to order your text books online. A copy of this note is also available from our school website.

If you are unable to order your text books online please bring your money in an envelope ON WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY. Please label the envelope clearly with your child’s name and class. Your child will then hand this envelope to the LJ Harper staff on Wednesday.

Please note when you order online all text books are sent to the school regardless of what address you use. Students will collect their online orders from the LJ Harper staff on Wednesday. Please keep your receipt from your online order if you are able to claim for tax.

FOOD ALLERGIES

We have a number of students at Mona Vale Public School who suffer from food allergies. For some students their allergies can be life-threatening. Therefore, our number 1 rule is NO FOOD SHARING. Whether your child suffers from a food allergy or not it is important that they are aware that they are not to give or take food from another student.

Please do not send any nut products to school with your child. Whilst we can not guarantee a nut free school, it would be appreciated if you consider the safety of other students and keep these products to enjoy at home.

If your child has any type of medical condition please make sure you have informed the office. A copy of a medical action plan is required and should be updated any time there is a change in procedure or medication.

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING COLLECTION

Clothing bags will be sent home next week with students. If you have any clothing donations please bring the bags to the school hall before Monday 18 February.

Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager

Uniform shop

REGULAR OPENING HOURS

Mondays 2.30-3.00pm (Terms 1, 2, 4), Tuesdays & Thursdays 8.30-10.30am (Terms 1 – 4)

(When making purchases by cash please keep notes in small denominations)
UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

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Profits made during the year in the uniform shop are given back to the P&C to support initiatives within the school.

Volunteers are always needed so if you can spare a couple of hours once or twice a month please call Tracey on Mobile 0427 224 893 or contact via email mypsuniform@yahoo.com.au

Replies to enquiries will be returned in shop opening hours.

Tracey Cranston – Uniform Shop Supervisor

Chess News

Please find attached to this newsletter a chess enrolment form. The students are to bring their completed form and payment with them to their first lesson. Chess starts in Week 2, with Seniors on Monday and Juniors on Thursday. Kindergarten students can join in or after Term 2.

The Chess Club is run by a committee of parent volunteers. Contact with the Chess Club can be made at monavalechess@optusnet.com.au

Community News

Rebekah Wright
Drama Workshops
Drama Fun for all Ages

Tuesday afternoons at the school hall
Call Rebekah Wright
0411 143 190
drama@agendi.com

Join in Now!
Get fit, have fun & support your local netball club

Mona Vale Commodores

2013 Registration Day

Pittwater RSL Club
Saturday 2nd February 2013
10am – 3.30pm

Net Set Go (5-7 years)
Nettas (8-9 years)
Juniors (10-16 years)
Seniors (17 years+)

(Please bring a copy of
child’s birth certificate + 1 passport photo)

www.monavalecommodores.com
YOU COULD BE A SEA EAGLE!

COME & TRY RUGBY LEAGUE!

Mona Vale Raiders Junior Rugby League Club & the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles are conducting a FREE “Come & Try Rugby League Clinic” in preparation for the 2013 Season!

WHEN: Tuesday 12th February, 2013
VENUE: Newport Park, Newport
TIME: 4:00pm – 5:00pm
COST: FREE

SPECIAL OFFER! All kids who participate will receive a FREE General Admission ticket to the Sea Eagles V Knights at Brookvale Oval on Sunday 17 March. Kickoff 6.30pm

ALL NEW PLAYERS ARE WELCOME
Come & Try all the skills involved in the Greatest Game of All!!!

www.manlyjuniors.com.au

WARRINGAH MALL
24HR MEDICAL & DENTAL CENTRE
SUPPORTING GRASSROOT RUGBY LEAGUE
Pittwater Tigers Junior AFL - Play AFL with your mates in 2013!

Boys and Girls  Ages 5-16 years

Registration days: Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February 10 am – 2 pm, Saturday 9\textsuperscript{th} February 10 am – 2 pm

North Narrabeen Reserve - Walsh Street, North Narrabeen

www.pittwater afl.com.au

pittwatertigers@gmail.com

Registrar: 0422 503 149
Tigers Rugby Registration
9am-12noon  Saturday 2nd February 2013
Saturday 9th February 2013

Rat Park
Warringah Rugby Function Room, 1472 Pittwater Road

If you are aged 4 to 17 years, we have teams in all age groups.

Joining is Easy!
You can register by Post - simply download and complete Registration Forms from our website: www.narrabeentigers.rugbynet.com.au and Post to the address provided.
You can also save time on Registration Day by having the Form completed when you arrive.

If you would like more information please contact Sue Barry-Cotter;
E: suebarrycotter@optusnet.com.au  M: 0422 493 022

WIN! Everyone goes into the draw for a Samsung TV from our Sponsors Bing Lee Mona Vale.
1 ticket per membership/5 tickets if you refer a new player.
You can also buy them $2 a ticket, 6 for $10, and 15 for $20.