Dear Parents

Our Commitment; Excellence, Innovation, Community

Congratulations to Mr Mark Welch who has agreed to be the P&C President this year. Mark has a child in Kindergarten and is looking forward to working with the school. I met with Mark earlier this week to discuss the school’s direction and how we can work together to expand opportunities for students at Mona Vale.

Car Raffle Edition

As discussed in our last edition, our major fundraising effort this year is participation in the Rotary Car Raffle. Rotary provide a Nissan Micra and we sell the tickets. Tickets are $2 each and each book has 10 tickets. The school receives approximately 80% of the return, the remainder goes to Rotary to cover the cost of the car.

The funds raised will be used to complete our K-2 and 3-6 Playground Equipment upgrade. If each child sells their allocated 2 books or $40 worth of tickets we will make in excess of forty thousand dollars.

To support this Fundraising initiative we have a number of prizes including; a draw for a large screen Panasonic Digital Television for families who sell more than 10 books, an iPod for the student who sells the most tickets in each grade, a Hamper draw for every family who sells just their two books and a special prize for the K-2 and 3-6 class that sells the most tickets.

Let’s get behind this initiative and give our children the best playground equipment in the area.

Details:

This Raffle is run under State Government Racing and Gaming rules and all tickets must be accounted for. Parents who do not return unsold tickets will be required to pay for them.
Term 1 Week 6

Friday 8th March, 2013

- Tickets will be sent home on Thursday 14th March and will need to be returned by Friday 22nd March. A short but intense selling time, tickets can be returned any time during this week.
- Please return ticket stubs and the money as NOTES or CHEQUE only, coins will not be accepted as volunteers are counting the money and coins make this task very difficult.
- Tickets and Money need to be sent to the OFFICE, a designated collection box will be set up for money collection.
- All profits will go towards completion of the K-2, 3-6 Playground Equipment.

I thank you in anticipation of your support. These tickets are very easy to sell, who doesn’t want to win a car for $2?

Greg Jones BA Macq MA Ed Macq
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

MONA VALE SWIM STARS!

Congratulations to all the students who represented our school at the Manly Warringah Zone Swimming Carnival last week. The Mona Vale Public School team were overall winners of the carnival, with Charlie Hammond in 6O being named Swimmer of the Meet! What an amazing achievement.

Thank you to Mrs Mel Stevenson and Mrs Lee Elsley for accompanying our team and working at the carnival. We will be cheering you all on as many of you head off to the Regional Carnival later in the term. Please see the sports report later in the Mona Mail for full details of our outstanding success.

FAREWELL MRS CRICK

Yesterday we said our final goodbye to Mrs Crick after 20 years of service at Mona Vale Public School. We had a farewell assembly and morning tea fit for a queen and I know that Mrs Crick was incredibly touched by everyone’s kind words, both spoken at the assembly and written in her beautiful book from the children.

I would like to thank the staff, students and school community for your contribution to this special event and for Mrs Crick’s farewell gift – a gorgeous painting of Mona Vale Beach which will serve as a lasting memory of her time in this beautiful community forever more in her home.
I would also like to especially thank Mrs Ruth Chapman, Mrs Mel Stevenson, Mrs Sienna Dusting, Mr Michael Warby, Mrs Jacqui Shaw, Mr James Hill, Mrs Jacqui Davies, Mrs Louise Anderson, Mr Greg Jones, Mrs Judy Webb, Mr Matt Kelson, Mrs Helen Rawlings, Miss Justine Curtis, the Performance Band, the student leadership team and the student representatives from each grade who spoke so beautifully. Each of you worked together to create a truly memorable experience for Mrs Crick.

Mrs Crick receiving her beautiful gift from the Mona Vale community.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP INDUCTION**

Today we were honoured to have Mr Rob Stokes, Member for Pittwater, attend our annual Prefect Induction. It was lovely to see so many family members present to support our leadership team, who looked every bit the part as they were presented with their certificates. What a special moment for you all!

I would like to thank Mrs Cherie O'Bryan, Mrs Shirlee-Ann Curtis and Ms Ange Despotovic for their coordination of the event. Congratulations to the entire student leadership team on your official induction into your roles for 2013. It is already evident that you will make a significant impact on the student body at Mona Vale PS.

**Leesa Martin BEd, Dip Teach UTS**

Deputy Principal
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| Monday 11\(^{th}\) March | Year 4 Roar and Snore excursion  
K-2 Science Day  
Barrenjoey HS Open Night |
| Tuesday 12\(^{th}\) March   | Academic Extension Placement Test at PCS Schools                                 |
| Wednesday 13\(^{th}\) March | Year 4 Roar and Snore excursion                                                  |
| Thursday 14\(^{th}\) March  | Support Classes at Nippers  
Selective High School Placement Test                                                 |
| Friday 15\(^{th}\) March    |                                                                                   |

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| Monday 18\(^{th}\) March | Parent Teacher Interviews for Kindy 3:15-7pm  
Regional Swimming Carnival       |
| Tuesday 19\(^{th}\) March | P & C Meeting 7:30pm-9:30pm  
Academic Placement Tests at Mackellar Girls HS & Cromer HS |
| Wednesday 20\(^{th}\) March | PCS Student leadership Program 12:30pm-3pm                                       |
| Thursday 21\(^{st}\) March | Support Classes at Nippers  
Harmony Day,  
Parent teacher Interviews for Kindy 3:15-7pm  
MADD (CAPA) meeting 3pm-4pm  
Academic Placement Test at Balgowlah Boys HS 9am-12pm |
| Friday 22\(^{nd}\) March   | Pittwater Zone PSSA Gala Day  
St Ives High School Extension test for Year 6                                   |

Please Note Term 2, 29\(^{th}\) and 30\(^{th}\) April are staff development days. Students return 1\(^{st}\) May
From the Office

Administration hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am – 3.15pm

K-2 User Pay Sport
Payments for User Pay Sport for K-2 are due by Monday 11th March. We currently have a large number of outstanding payments for sport. If payment is not received by Monday 11th March students who have not paid will not be able to continue in the program. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact me to arrange a payment plan.

Stewart House Donation Drive
Envelopes will be distributed to students next week. If you wish to donate $2 and enter the draw to win a holiday please return your envelope to the office before the end of this term.

Thanking you
Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager

Band News

Congratulations to the Performance Band who played beautifully yesterday at Mrs Cricks Farewell, their first performance of the year. Congratulations also to Concert Band who were giving their first performance of the year today at the Prefects Induction.

Band Camp reminder

It is only 4 weeks until Band Camp! Thank you to all those parents who have returned the band camp forms. We are currently planning cabin lists, activities, and the parent helper roster. So, if you have not returned the band camp forms for your child, please do so as soon as possible. If your child IS NOT attending camp, please email the Band Committee to advise.

If you have not received these notes, please ensure that you advise the band committee of your email address by emailing monavaleband@gmail.com.

Band camp fees due: next Friday 15th March.
Band camp dates: 1st – 7th April (6th - 7th for Training band)

Band fee payments
Please note that we do not accept cash as a method of payment. Please do not put cash in the band box at the office. Our preferred method of payment is EFT (see invoice for new account details) or alternatively a cheque.
Also, an unidentified EFT payment was made on 21st February for $275.00. Please email us with your details if this was your payment.

MVPS Band Committee
monavaleband@gmail.com.au
Thank you so much to all the lovely volunteers who are making Mel and my life in the canteen so enjoyable. Thank you for giving up your time to volunteer in the canteen.

**PRICES:** Soon there will be a full review on prices in the canteen. There will be increases in prices in the near future. I will let you know what and when they are as they are confirmed.

**RECESS:** There are often various fruit alternatives at recess, jelly 50c, corn 50c, banana muffins $1.50 and frozen grapes in addition to the familiar garlic bread and chicken tenderloins

Rebecca ODonnell - 9997 2442

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**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)

**WINTER UNIFORM**

Winter uniform is worn in Terms 2 and 3. Shop will be fully stocked over next few weeks.

**FOR SALE**

**BOYS GREY ONE SIZE - 3 PACK SOCKS** $5.00

**SPORT SKORT SIZES 8, 10 AND 12** $15.00

**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.

Chess News

Thanks for your cooperation with finalising enrolments and Term 1 fees.

Due to high numbers in the intermediate group the Chess Club is appointing another coach, Alex Papp from the Sydney Chess Academy, for Monday lunchtime coaching. Miro’s group will be broken up into two with one group meeting in the Chess Room and the other in Robyn Best’s classroom starting next Monday, 11th March.

A reminder that Juniors are coached Thursday lunchtime in the library connected classroom.

Last Monday, senior coaches Miro Nowak and Max Illingworth conducted the first of what we hope will be an ongoing tournament at MVPS, an internal individual tournament for seniors and selected junior players. Here are the top 10 results.

1-3 David Tulk  Y3
   Zoe Tulk  Y6
   Henry Cross Y6
4 Andrew Lin  Y5
5-7 Alex Glanville  Y6
   Sebastian Brown  Y3
   Mitchell Seymour Y4
8-9 Dawei Yuan  Y6
   Jacob Cuttle  Y3
10 Jiaye Zou  Y6

Seven rounds were played through until lunchtime and a three-way tie put David Tulk as the eventual tournament winner with Zoe Tulk and Henry Cross second and third. Well done to all students who participated. Trophies will be presented in the near future to students in various categories.

On Sunday 24th March the Macquarie University Schools Chess Challenge will be held at Macquarie University. Chess parent Jean Yuan has kindly offered to coordinate teams, if you would like your child to participate please email jeanjzhu@msn.com or call Jean’s mobile 0425 278 288 by Wednesday 13th March. Parents will be responsible for transport and the tournament cost, which is $36 per team of 3 players. We hope you will be part of this exciting event.

Information about the 27th March Northern Beaches Primary Schools Chess Club Challenge, being conducted by MVPS, will be emailed shortly. All tournament invites and RSVPs are now being distributed via email so check any correspondence from monavalechess@gmail.com and to assist with organising and reduce volunteers’ workload, please respond by the due date.

Lisa Ratcliff
Volunteer Chess Club chair/convenor
MONA VALE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

ATTENTION FUTURE NRL SUPERSTARS

We have had a very successful registration; however we still require some players in the following age groups. It’s not too late to register for these age groups 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.

You can register online at www.monavalerugbyleague.com.au or call 0414883948 or come down to Newport Oval on the 24th between 10 and 12pm for our meet and greet day.

All players receive a jersey, shorts, socks and training shirt with their registration.
Win an iPad Mini!

National Youth Week and Pittwater Council invite you to share your photos of your local area. Show us what you love about Pittwater and you could win some great prizes!

How to enter

1. Register online @ www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/100ypp
2. Like the I Love Pittwater facebook page
3. Confirm your details on registration night Friday 5 April, 5 - 6pm
   Newport Community Centre
   Bring your ID, lucky door prizes including iPad Mini!
4. Upload your photos during competition weekend, 6 - 7 April