Dear Parents

Our Commitment; Excellence, Innovation, Community

Please keep your children safe, Staff Car Parks are NOT to be used for any reason by parents. My thanks to the many parents who are observing this vital regulation

Community

FAREWELL MR SUN

Next week marks the end of an era at Mona Vale Public School as Mr Gil Sun retires after dedicating 50 years of service to public education. He will farewell the students at special assemblies held on his last day, Tuesday, before hosting a private function with colleagues. Mr Sun has made an invaluable contribution to public education and has improved the learning outcomes for literally thousands of children throughout his career. I would like to wish him good fortune and health in retirement and thank him for his tireless work in the Mona Vale community.

PARENT FORUM

All parents are warmly invited to attend our first Parent Forum for the year which will be held next Wednesday 10th April at 9:15am in the staffroom. The forum will run for approximately one hour, covering the topic of the New English Curriculum in NSW. If you are interested in hearing about the new English Curriculum, please come along for the presentation. In Term 2 we will hold our next parent forum in the evening, one hour before the P and C meeting.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be held for Years 1-6 on Tuesday and Wednesday evening of next week. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child’s academic and social progress throughout Term 1. I thank my teaching colleagues for their time in meeting with parents.

Kids Matter

Mona Vale at the Show!

Congratulations to Lou Mellor of 6O. Lou has been selected to represent Zone Pony Club at the Sydney Royal Easter Show 2013. Lou was competing on her horse, Coco, in 3 hacking events in the Main Arena. Congratulations Lou we hope you had a successful show and enjoyed participating.
Young and Old Coming together

An important part of supporting young people in their development is to have them relate to and if possible interact with older Australians. I am in the process of arranging two initiatives to support this. Firstly our chess students will be linked with Mona Vale House, a Thompson Aged Care facility in Mona Vale. We will be exploring opportunities for Mona Vale House residents to tutor and play chess with our students, what a wonderful opportunity for both groups. The second initiative is using technology through our Connected Classroom to video-conference with residents of an Aged Care facility. The interaction will be around sharing stories, given some residents are in their 90’s, I wonder what wonderful tales they will have to tell to our students.

Excellence

My thanks to all the students, staff, parents and Grand friends who attended our Easter Hat Parade last week. It was great to see our senior students with their Kindy buddies and the performances from various grades. My thanks to our Grand friends for visiting and making the day special for us.

NAPLAN 2013

NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5 will be conducted the week starting 13th May and concludes Thursday 16th May. It is important that all students attend school this week to participate in the assessments. A letter will be sent home next week to Years 3 and 5 outlining the assessment details.

Innovation

Executive staff development is critical to the success of any high performing organisation. Yesterday, we took our executive staff to Macquarie University for a day of executive team building and development. The day began with a tour of the university facilities in which we explored opportunities for our students to participate in programs conducted at the Uni. Following that, we undertook the first in a series of executive development workshops provided by an external provider. I would like to thank my executive team for their commitment to professional excellence and their courage in self-reflection.

Greg Jones BA Macq  MA Ed Macq
Principal

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Parent Teacher Interviews 3:15-7pm |
| **Thursday 11th April** | Support Classes at Nippers  
PCS Leadership Presentation  
Years 5 & 6 Excursion to Manly gallery |
| **Friday 12th April** | Anzac Day Service for students  
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From the Office

Administration hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am – 3.15pm

3-6 User Pay Sport
Notes for students in Years 3-6 have gone home this week. There are still a few places available in Yoga and Capoeira, if you would like a place please call me or return your note on Monday. Please note these sports are optional, therefore, if you have any outstanding accounts, these must be paid first.

PSSA
Students who have been successful in gaining a position in a PSSA team will receive a note shortly. Payment for PSSA is $60 and it will be on your Term 2 account. Accounts will be sent home in the first week of Term 2 and all PSSA payments must be received by Monday 13 May to participate.

After School Care
Camp Australia and Cheeky Monkeys have asked us to remind you, when your child is absent for any reason to please notify them directly.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 1-6 are taking place next week. If you have not booked your appointment time, please do so now. Go to website www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter event code T5MKN. From there enter your name, email etc and click GO. Choose your teacher from the drop down box and select the time you would like.

Thanking you
Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager
We welcome Olivia Munro as the Chair of P&C Canteen Committee. A big thanks to Olivia! Another Kindy parent taking on a volunteer role, and leveraging her regular job skills and interests to assist the working of the Canteen.

There are lots of opportunities to help the School via the P&C. I had a good chat to some parents about volunteering at our coffee & tea stands at Grandparents Day. I know people want to help but we are all juggling a lot of things and don't want to over commit ourselves, and then feel pressured or let people down. I would say trust your desire to help...we can work out what works for you from that. Maybe it's a dedicated volunteer position on one of the committees (like Olivia), maybe it's not. Perhaps it's simply doing an occasional volunteer shift each term or even once a year at Canteen or Uniform Shop. Maybe more of an on demand model works for you in that you would be happy to be asked to help when events come up e.g upcoming events are Mothers’ and Fathers’ day etc.

Bottom line, if you want help then follow that desire....the amount is flexible and determined by you! We are a big school and that means playing to our strength of everyone doing a little - it makes a big difference!

Let us all participate.

Send us an email with your contact details re volunteering with P&C monavalepspandc@yahoogroups.com.au and we will get back in touch.

Best Regard

Mark Welch

MVPS P&C President
News from our Support Classes

It’s been an exciting and fast moving term for our 3 support classes! Each week the students have been travelling by public bus to Newport Beach for a special surf awareness program. This has been a truly valuable experience with students developing terrific communication, social skills and independence at the beach, whilst having lots of fun too!

UXC Connect is delighted to announce it has donated five new Apple iPad’s to Mona Vale Public School this week, for use in its Support Unit for students with special educational needs. Rob McCabe, UXC Connect’s Services Director was on hand to present the 4th generation 128 GB iPad’s to the classes and the teachers who will use the tablet devices to assist with the specialised curriculum.

Thank-you UXC Connect!

Annette Palmer – Assistant Principal (Support)

Chess

We are finishing off a successful and very busy Term 1 with 53 seniors and 24 juniors now enrolled in the Chess Club.

For anyone wanting to brush up on their skills over the holidays, the Sydney Academy of Chess, NSW Junior Chess League and our very own senior coach, Miro Nowak, are all running holiday clinics. Check out their websites or email monavalechess@gmail.com for Miro’s clinic details.

For online chess programs that can be downloaded to a home PC, Miro recommends Dinosaur Chess. Chessmaster Grandmaster Edition, currently available from Scholastic for only $10, is another widely used program.

Committee Vacancy

A position has become available on the Chess Club committee. If you have basic bookkeeping and Excel skills and would be happy to give less than 1hr per week of your time, or you need more information on the Vice Treasurer position please email monavalechess@gmail.com It is vital we fill this role for the club to continue running smoothly.
Northern Beaches Primary Schools Chess Challenge

The P&C Chess Club hosted its largest tournament last week, 252 students representing 17 Northern Beaches schools playing chess at the annual Northern Beaches Primary Schools Chess Challenge.

Mona Vale took out the best junior team thanks to the high scoring David Tulk, Seb Brown and Jacob McNicol, and the best girls' team thanks to the fine efforts of Claudia Choi, Jiaye Zou, and Miku Nakamura.

Mona Vale’s A team of Tyler Ratcliff, Zoe Tulk and Henry Cross finished second overall to Manly West’s winning team, the final one point difference decided by the nail-biting last match played between the two board 1 players.

Congratulations to Mona Vale’s B team of Dawei Yuan, Andrew Lin and Mitchell Seymour for their sixth overall.

Macquarie University Schools Chess Challenge

Tyler, Ryan and Dawei spent all day at Macquarie Uni on Sunday 24th March for the Macquarie University Schools Chess Challenge. From 67 teams our boys finished 10th, an outstanding result. A huge thanks to Ryan’s mum, Balaka, for driving the team.

Free play Tuesday moving to the Library Connected Room

For space and comfort, the school has kindly agreed that free play Tuesday Chess can move to the Library Connected room starting the first week of Term 2. Please remind your children of this change of location and the importance of leaving the room clean and tidy.

Unless the space is needed for storage, Thursday junior coaching is always in the Connected Room.

Friday tournament

The Friday after school tournament will start 10th May. Team selection is nearly complete and parents will be advised of team members next week. We are still waiting on the draw details from the NSWJCL, as usual there will be a mix of home and away games.

Lisa Ratcliff
Volunteer Chess Club Chair/Convenor
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. Uniform changeover will start in Week 1 of Term 2 with winter uniform being worn by Week 3.

Uniform shop is now fully stocked.

SALE - DISCONTINUED STOCK

BOYS GREY ONE SIZE - 3 PACK SOCKS  $5.00          GIRLS LONG WINTER PANTS  $20
SPORT SKORT  SIZES  8, 10 AND 12  $15.00          NETBALL SKIRTS  $15

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CLOSED  CLOSED  Kylie Webb

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

Tracey Cranston -Uniform Shop Supervisor.

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 tracey.cranston@det.nsw.edu.au

Replies to enquiries will be returned in shop opening hours.
CONGRATULATIONS

A huge congratulations to our boys who were successful in trialling for the Zone Rugby League team. They will now represent their school and their Zone at the Regional Rugby League trials in Week 11.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths. Last year, our school received lots of great resources from this program which are now being used in our classrooms. From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and our school will be able to redeem these for educational resources. So please start collecting points for our school! The collection box will be in the school office.

Thank you for your assistance.
Tara Sheppard
“Black and White” disco for Year 3-6 students on Friday 12th April 2013 from 7 to 9pm. It will be held in the MVPS Hall. Wristbands will cost $12 (please bring correct change); this will include a drink, ice block and chips.

Wristbands will be on sale Friday 12th April from 8:30am till 9am outside school library and from 7pm at the door. Children must be escorted to the hall no earlier than 7pm (please stay with your child until ticket purchased) and collected at 9pm sharp. Children will not be allowed to leave school unescorted. Only open to MVPS students. ACCESS VIA WARATAH ST.

Please e-mail your song requests to maddymellor@hotmail.com (Song title, artist, your name and class) no later than Wednesday 9th April.

Prizes - Lucky Door - Best Dressed - Great Music - DJ Dana - Bubble Machine - Karaoke
2013 GRAND FRIENDS’DAY
Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Brazil and Chile are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find Out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au
Photography & Multimedia Course

This 6 week course is perfect for students who want to learn about photography, camera’s and capturing moments. We will also be learning how to use Adobe Photoshop to enhance images, and use these images in multimedia presentations such as Powerpoint, Prezi and Glogster Edu.

Learn how to improve your photos with this exciting short photography and multimedia course for kids. Running for a 6 week duration, you will be taught by Mr Matt Kelson, a Digital Literacy teacher from Mona Vale Public School (www.mattkelsonphotography.com.au) who will give you many tips and tricks to improve your photography. Perfect for beginners and suitable for any camera, your teacher will show you how to improve your photography with simple and easy to follow advice and use your images to create exciting multimedia presentations.

By the end of the course, you’ll have a better understanding on what your camera can do and the confidence to know how to do it and how to use images in your presentations.

When? Commencing Wednesday 8th of May (Every Wednesday from 3pm-4pm)
Course finishing on the Wednesday 12th of June.
Where? Mona Vale Public School (Computer Room)
Who? Available to the first 30 students who bring their payment or deposit their money. ($60.00)
How much? $10.00 per session. Payment of $60.00.
(BSB: 062799 Account No: 1153 0011)
Please add your child’s name to the transaction description.....
Phone: 0404 053 524 Email: mattkelsonphotos@me.com
It's not too late to join our Tigers Family!

if you are aged 4 to 17 years, we have teams in all Age Groups.

**Mini's** U6, U7, U8 and U9’s – Train Friday Night / Play Saturday Mornings
**Juniors** – U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 – Training and Games times vary
Joining is Easy!

**Registration Forms from our website:**  [www.narrabeentigers.rugbynet.com.au](http://www.narrabeentigers.rugbynet.com.au)

**Please Contact** Sue Barry-Cotter  
✉ suebarrycotter@optusnet.com.au ☎ 0422 493 022

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**ART CLUB**

The current exhibition Aesop's Fables in the school library features this term's outstanding work by Art Club students, and is on until the end of term for all to see!
Art Club runs after school and is in its 8th year to cater for those children who want to excel in art and to strengthen their creative approach to problem solving.
Next term it will be running from 3 - 4.15pm Mondays and Tuesdays and for the teens from 4.15- 5.30pm on Mondays.
The eight week term will start the second week back, printmaking features as well as work with colour and 3D!

In addition as per the Pittwater Council Holiday brochure out now (details also on their website) 4 holiday ART workshops on April 23 and 24th are being offered at Avalon Rec Centre - have a look and see the discounts available.
All enquiries are welcome! Please email Liz at theartclub@yahoo.com or leave a message on 0432 956 786