Dear Parents

Our Commitment; Excellence, Innovation, Community

Newsflash

Congratulations to our senior debating team who were runners up in the State final. What a fantastic effort and result. Congratulations to Robyn Best and her team. More information in the next Mona Vale Mail. Well done everyone we are very proud of you!

The year is rapidly drawing to a close and we are well under way with our planning for 2014. Student numbers continue to increase and it appears that in 2014 we will have an additional two classes. The popularity of the school is reflected in this increase and is a strong indicator of the confidence the community has in Mona Vale to deliver high quality education to our students.

Cinema Evening Success – Community

Thank you to all the families who attended the outdoor Cinema evening last Friday. The evening was a great success with happy relaxed parents, well behaved happy students and a great movie. My thanks to Severine Delerue and the team for the organisation and management of the evening, I hope this will become an annual event.

I would also on behalf of the school community like to thank the following business operators for their generous support of our first Moonlight Cinema night. Their various contributions were invaluable in assisting the event organisers to make the night such a great success: Kennards Hire, Great Moscow Circus, Sky Personal Training, Brazilian Soccer School Northern Beaches, Aldi Food Store Mona Vale, Entertainment Publications of Australia, Elanora Squash & Fitness, Mermaids Beauty & Skin Clinic, Treetop Adventure Park, Noot Thai, Aces Charcoal Chicken, Mora's Gourmet Pizza, Laundry Workshop, Coles Warriewood, Roaming Café, Woolworths Mona Vale, ALTMAN Sales & Distributors, Let's Party with Balloons and Pittwater Pharmacy Compounding Chemist.
School Planning & Organisation 2014

School Targets

Staff have been busy analysing NAPLAN data to determine school targets for 2014 and resource allocation. Our targets relate directly to our School Plan and are funded by a mixture of School and P&C funds. In 2014, with the introduction of the Australian Curriculum one of our targets will focus on ‘Formative Assessment’ of student achievement.

The school’s targets will be discussed at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 26th November at 7.30pm in the library.

Leaving Mona Vale in 2014?

If your child will not be with us in 2014 other than our current year 6, would you please inform the Office in writing as soon as possible. All information is confidential.

Class Organisation

Thank you to those parents who provided information to the school to assist us in the formation of classes next year. As indicated the school will endeavour to support the request where possible but in some instances this may not be possible. This opportunity is now closed as we have started the complex process of forming classes for next year.

Annual School Survey - Summary Report

Thank you to the large number of parents who took the opportunity to respond to the Annual School Survey. This year of the total survey population 45% were K-2 parents 42% were 3-6 parents and 36% were both K-2 and 3-6 parents. This survey is an important part of our consultation and planning processes and seeks your views on a range of school programs, organisation and processes.

Highlights of this year’s survey are, 93% of parents indicated the school is well managed and projects a clear direction for the future, 79% indicated that through the P&C they are involved in school planning, 94% indicated that the Principal holds high expectations of students and staff, 89% indicated staff are approachable, professional and courteous, 93% indicated Mona Vale is an excellent school and projects a positive view of Public Education.

Areas highlighted for addressing after the 2013 Survey have shown significant improvement over last year’s results, 99.6 % indicated that they are kept informed of school issues, planning and events through the Mona Vale Mail, 100% indicated they read the Mona Vale Mail, 92% indicated they receive adequate notice of school events, 93% indicated the school provides a safe environment for their child and 78% indicated they were informed of P&C decisions.

Areas to be addressed in 2014 are, strengthening the process for parents to raise issues about their child’s learning and to receive adequate feedback, improve process to provide information to parents on student performance.

The survey also sort specific feedback about homework and physical education/sport with the following findings: 68% of parents support homework, 92% said feedback to students and 88% to parents on homework was important, 57% indicated incomplete homework should not be completed in school time, 54% indicated students were given appropriate amounts of homework,
96% indicated that students at home accessed the internet to complete homework tasks and 82% of parents indicated homework helps develop study habits.

In relation to PE/sport, 86% of parents indicated they are happy with the current User Pays sports options, 73% indicated the support of a continuation of the User Pays option at Mona Vale, 69% of parents indicated that they would like to see a specialist PE teacher at Mona Vale in 2014, and 98% indicated that PE is important to a student’s physical and emotional development.

As a result of strong staff and parental support Mona Vale will in 2014, provide Specialist PE lessons to all students as a component of the Relief from Face to Face (RFF) program.

Playground Update
Our K-2 playground will be handed over to the school on Monday and I anticipate students being able to use it on Tuesday. The Year 1 play equipment has been refurbished in bright new colours and the synthetic grass has been secured to prevent lifting.

We are all looking forward to getting back into this area

Greg Jones BA Macq MA Ed Macq
Principal

Mona Vale Planner

Term 4 2013 Last day for students Wednesday 18th December 2014

Term 1: Staff Development Day Tuesday 28th January
Students Return Wednesday 29th January
Last Day for students Friday 11th April

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| Tuesday 19th November | Year 2 Swimming Scheme  
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| Wednesday 20th November | Year 2 Swimming Scheme  
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| Thursday 21st November | Year 2 Swimming Scheme  
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From the Office

**Administration hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am – 3.15pm**

**Term 4 Accounts**

Reminders for Term 4 accounts have been sent home.

_There are a number of large excursions/events coming up, please settle your account, so we can confirm the number of students attending at venues and bus bookings._

Should anyone be experiencing financial difficulty please contact me. We don't want students missing out on events due to financial stress.

All orange permission notes should now have been signed and returned to your teacher. Students are not able to attend activities without it.

Thanking you
Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager
MONA VALE’S GOT TALENT

Mona Vale will be holding its annual talent quest on Wednesday 18th December. If you would like to enter individually or as a group, now is the time to start rehearsing. Notes will be available in Week 7 from class teachers for students wanting to enter and auditions will be held in Weeks 8 and 9. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 8.

Dear students and parents. This is the last issue of the Book Club for this year. All the different brochures (Lucky, Wombat, Arrow, Star and Special) have been handed out to the classes. If your child missed out on one of the brochures, there are extra ones in the library. The Book Club orders are due back to the library on Tuesday 19 November. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card.

If you chose to pay by credit card, you then need to call Scholastic on the number provided on the payment slip. Please, write the receipt number you get over the phone in the space provided. You can pay with one amount and you will then receive only ONE RECEIPT NUMBER for all your orders! All orders, plus the payment, can be put into the one envelope.

Any questions, please come and see me in the library.

Thanks everyone.
Rita Ericsson (in the library).
Book Club organiser.

LIBRARY HELPERS NEEDED FOR STOCKTAKing!!

We need help with sorting, shelving and scanning resources in the library for stocktaking. Many of our past helpers have moved into full time work or their children are now at High School. If you are interested in helping, please give the school a ring on 9999 3481 or just pop in to the library.

Thank you.
Charmayne Hodgman.
Assistant Principal,
Teacher-Librarian.
REGULAR OPENING HOURS

Mondays 2.30-3.00pm & Tuesdays & Thursdays 8.30-10.30am

(When making purchases by cash please keep notes in small denominations).

CHRISTMAS GIFTS IDEAS

Do you have a kindergarten student starting next year? Why not place a backpack or hat under the tree, adds to the excitement when starting school!

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 text 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.

Tracey Cranston -Uniform Shop Supervisor.

Creative Arts

Remainder of 2013

1. **Warringah Mall Band Concert**
   When: Monday 18th November: Concert is 1-1:45
   Who: The Training Band will be performing; if you are in the area come down to the Mall and hear them play

2. **Mona Vale House Visit**
   When: Friday 22nd November: Concert is 10:45-11:30
   Who: The Stage Band, Senior & Junior Choir, Recorder Group and Senior String Group

3. **Strings & Choral Evening**
   When: Tuesday 26th November, Concert 5:30-6:30 then a light party supper
   Who: All of Year 1 classes, Senior String Group, Choirs

4. **Xmas Carols**
   When: Wednesday 4th December 5:30-7pm
   Who: Every-one: All Students, All Staff, All community

What a fantastic way to finish a great year of Creative Arts at Mona Vale. Please make sure dates are in your diary.

Mrs J. Shaw
A Note from Mr Hill for this weekend:

Hello Everyone.

I hear it's going to be raining all weekend.......So that means that sport will be called off!

Too Bad.....But I have a great alternative to sitting around the house.

My Big Band is performing a concert with Australia’s Best, James Morrison at Pittwater Uniting Church this Saturday.

If you have not heard James play yet then you need to. There are still approx. 40 Tickets available for the Matinee concert (3:30) and about 10 for the Evening Show (7:30)

You might want to send an email to brassbatonbigband@hotmail to make sure you get a ticket or you can turn up at the door.

Hope to see you there.

Mr Hill
Performance Band & Stage Band Conductor

Training Band – Warringah Mall performance

On Monday 18th November, from 1pm-1:45pm, Training Band will be performing on the Warringah Mall stage. There will be no Training Band rehearsals that afternoon so any parents at the Mall watching may take their child home after the performance. Please ensure you sign your child out with Mrs Shaw before leaving the Mall.

AMEB exam results

Congratulations to the following band students who have successfully completed AMEB exams recently:

- Sharon Nobs: Grade 4, A Honours
- Lucija Glavan: Grade 2 Flute, A+ Honours
- Zoe Creed: Preliminary Flute, A Honours
- Tom Wingham: Grade 2 Trumpet, B+
- David Wingham: Grade 2 Euphonium, B+ ; Grade 3 Piano, B
- Lorenzo Grillo Grade 3 Alto Saxophone, A Honours
- Imogen Wilson Grade 2 Tenor Saxophone, A; Preliminary Piano, A

Instrument maintenance check – 25th November
To ensure our instruments are in the best state possible, we would like to check the condition of our hired instruments in preparation for 2014 and organise repairs if need be. Could students from all four bands who hire instruments from the school please come to the school hall with their instruments on Monday 25th November at 8:30 am. Our instrument repairer Douglas will be present to take a look at them and see which ones require repairs or maintenance over the summer break. We will collect the instruments that need attention in the last week of term. Proper instrument maintenance is of utmost importance and we thank you in advance for bringing your children to school early.

2014 Band Committee election meeting – 3rd December.

Our 2014 committee election meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm in the school library. There are many positions on the committee so that we spread the workload. We would love to see many new faces at the meeting. All band parents are warmly invited. A list of committee positions and descriptions will be published with the next band newsletter.

Big Band Bash – 17th December

Our Big Band Bash (end of year band performance and party) performance this year will be held in the Pittwater High School hall. BBB will be on the evening of the second last day of school, Tuesday 17th December. Please keep this date free.

Other important dates for Term 4

- Friday 22nd November: Mona Vale House (Stage Band)
- Tuesday 26th November / Wednesday 27th November: Performance Band assessments.
- Wednesday 4th December: School Christmas Carols evening (All bands)
- Thursday 5th December: Honour Assembly (Concert Band)
- Friday 6th December: Term 4 Christmas Disco
- Thursday 12th December: Presentation Day (Performance and Stage bands)

MVPS Band Committee

A huge congratulations to Gabi Van Dyk who has been selected in the U13 Australian Futsal team. This team will be travelling to Spain next year to compete. A fantastic achievement Gabi. We are so proud of you.

Congratulations to Zac Newbold who has been selected to represent Manly Warringah in the Rookies Cup Baseball tournament. A great achievement Zac. Good Luck!
The Bladen Cup

Tennis Tournament Finals 2013

Mr Bladen was the principal of Mona Vale PS from 2003-2006 and loved the game of tennis.

The Bladen Cup has been in full swing at lunchtimes over the past 3 weeks and we are now down to the final 4 competitors in each division.

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The Bladen Cup Tennis tournament finals will be held on Sunday afternoon 17\textsuperscript{th} November 2013. A 1pm start for Junior (Yr 3 and 4) boys and girls and 2pm for Senior (Yr 5 and 6) boys and girls.

Spectators are most welcome.

Looking forward to seeing some amazing tennis! Good luck everyone!

Mrs Stevenson 😊
On the 1st of November the whole of Year 6 participated in the Mini Fete. There were heaps of stalls from Wii games to cupcakes to even slime buckets. Our stall even had 2 chocolate fountains! One stall was a mask making stall, with a prize for the most wonderful mask. Another one was a maze in the dark, where you had to find a balloon to receive your prize.

All students and teachers from Kinder to Year 6 came to the fete and had a great time eating, playing and laughing. It was awesome.

Year 6 spent many weeks leading up to the mini fete designing posters and creating things that were going to be sold. So far, the approximate total of the money raised is $4000.

Year 6 couldn’t have done it without the help of the wonderful Year 6 teachers, who gave many hours of their time to help with the smooth-running of each stall. A special thank you also to all the fabulous parents who helped us organise our stalls.

The Mini Fete money will go towards a BBQ shelter near the canteen.

By Georgia R. and Maddy A.
AUSSIE BUSH CHRISTMAS DISCO

LOTS OF PRIZES – LUCKY DOOR – BEST DRESSED

Year 3-6 Students
6 December 7-9PM
MVPS HALL
$12 Wristband – please bring correct change
(Ticket includes: drink, ice blocks and chips)

Wristbands will be on sale Thursday 5 November from 8:30am till 9am
outside the library or from 7pm at the door. Children must be escorted
to the hall no earlier than 7pm
(please stay with you child until ticket is purchased)
and collect at 9pm prompt. Children will not be allowed to leave the
school unescorted. Only open to MVPS students.
ACCESS VIA WARATAH ST CAR PARK ONLY

Please email your song request to macinj@warringah.nsw.gov.au
(Song title, artist, your name and class) or fill out the slip below and post in Band Box in school office no later than 4 December 2013.

Name………………………………………………………………….      Class…………………………………………

1. Title……………………………………………..                  Artist………………………………………………………

2. Title……………………………………………..                  Artist………………………………………………………
The First Moonlight Cinema Event ever organised at MVPS has been a tremendous success. We were lucky enough to benefit from fantastic weather conditions (hot & sunny 28° during the day & then a perfect summer night). There was a little refreshing shower at the end of the night, but it stopped no one from having fun & enjoying the best gelato in the area! Really what a marvellous night! Again the S&E team has been overwhelmed by so many positive feedbacks from the whole school community regarding the organization of the event as well as the quality of the entertainment provided. Steve Kiddle, our MC for the night, was absolutely brilliant!

We served roughly 300 scoops of gelato, 250 fairy floss sticks, 250 popcorn bags, 250 drinks & 100 lollies cups! Over 700 persons attended the event. So we can say another great success for our school and a fantastic participation level.
88 parents, students, ex-MVPS students volunteers worked frantically to make that event a success & we cannot praise them enough for their dedication & hard work on such an atypical event.

Of course nothing would have ever been possible without the ongoing support of our school Principal, Mr Jones & Mrs Leesa Martin. We would like to sincerely acknowledge various school staff members who helped wonderfully both pre event and on the day, especially Mrs Leonie Gallard and Kylie Laing (who so kindly babysat while volunteers were setting up). Charmayne Hodgman & Rita Ericsson have been extremely generous with their time & resources. It was a delight to feel their optimism & support. Thanks also to Tony Cosentino who assisted us with the logistics.

A special thank to those teachers who helped as well Jacqui Shaw, Justine Curtis and Peta Gorman. Together with Sue Johansson & other mums volunteers, they made wonderful things and tailored the best craft activities for the kids to enjoy pre-screening.
Miro Nowak & Robyn Keavy have been terrific coaching our young chess aficionados!

Thanks to all those dads who also organised sports activities with our little ones and especially Simon Stuma, you have been fabulous throughout the whole event.

All the stalls & activities have been extremely popular. The nail art & face painting/tattoos making was fantastically run by Tracy Hillier, Jen Dael and many year 6 students as well as ex-students from MVPS always happy to come & give a hand!

We need to thank as well Warriewood SLSC for their support & for providing the First Aid tent for the night.
Congratulations to those 21 school families who won fantastic prizes gathered by the S&E team. The whole community has been extremely generous and we received amazing donations. We would like to sincerely thank the following business operators for their generous support of our first Moonlight Cinema night. Their various contributions were invaluable in assisting us make the night such a great success.

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If you have attended that event, please feel free to complete our event feedback survey below. Thanks for your time.

Please tick your answer.

1. Overall, how would you rate your time spent at the Moonlight Cinema 2013 event?
   - Excellent
   - Very good
   - Fairly good
   - Mildly good
   - Not good at all

2. Would you attend a Moonlight Cinema Event at the school again?  YES  NO

3. How would you rate the organization of this event?
   - Extremely well organized
   - Very well organized
   - Somewhat organized
   - Slightly well organized
   - Not well organized

4. How safe did you feel at the entertainment event?
   - Extremely safe
   - Very safe
   - Somewhat safe
   - Slightly safe
   - Not at all safe

5. Would you pay $10.00 per ticket if fireworks were also included at the end of the night?  YES  NO
Please look for information on the next coming school event:

MVPS XMAS CAROLS
4.12.2013

Quotes of the week:

“The secret to success is consistency of purpose.” —Benjamin Disraeli

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is.” —Albert Einstein

Séverine, S&E Team, Severine.delereue@hotmail.com