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 request.

Update on Contaminated Material

As previously informed contaminated material was found in our K-2 Playground and while the material has not been confirmed as asbestos I am treating it as if it was asbestos. I requested a second “Sparrow Pick”, of the site and additional material was found. This second survey also monitored air quality and I am again pleased to say that “All air monitoring results were below the lowest detectable limit of 0.01 fibres/mL of air as is required and in accordance with Safe Work Australia.”. This is the second independent test to confirm that students, staff and community members are not at risk.

I have spoken with Work Cover again to ensure that we are taking all required steps to manage the material and have been advised that the school’s response is of the highest standard and exceeds what is required. Work Cover complemented the schools management of the issue.

On Wednesday I met with staff from our Asset Management Unit to draw up a long term solution to the management of this material. I am pleased to say that after discussion a draft plan has been developed and will be submitted to the department of funding. This plan involves the laying of synthetic grass over exposed areas, additional work to stabilise our “River Creek” a rebuilding of our drainage system near Saw Mill Lane and additional works around the playground. I have also had our newly purchased block of land at 21 Bungan Street included in the scope of works.

While this is great news and will rectify the problem the cost will be substantial and Government funding will need to be allocated, I am confident that this will occur. In the meantime our K-2 Playground will remain fenced, please do not enter the area.

Again, I wish to thank the community for your support as was manage this matter hysteria helps no one and in fact can slow the process of resolving the issue swiftly.

As always, my responsibility is to the safety and welfare of our students, staff and community and I will ensure that we have a satisfactory resolution to this issue.

Greg Jones  BA Macq  MA Ed Macq
Principal
**Dates for your Diary**

13th May Year 6 Interrelate  
14th May Year 6 Interrelate  
NAPLAN  
15th May NAPLAN  
Jnr and Senior Dance group auditions  
16th May NAPLAN  
17th May NAPLAN catch up  
Zone Cross Country Carnival

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Well done to: Ella Worland and Sarah Nelson for gaining a spot in the Pittwater Zone Netball squad to trial at Regional.  
Cameron Kruger and Adam Englezs for gaining a spot in the Pittwater Zone Rugby Union squad to trial at Regional.  
Allie Broun for trialling at the Regional Hockey trials.

**Online applications for Opportunity Class (OC) Placements for Year 5 2014 Now Open**

All Year 4 students should have received a letter regarding OC applications for 2014. Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held Wednesday 24th July 2013. Online applications close on 17th May 2013

**WINTER UNIFORM FROM WEEK 3**

It is expected that all students will be in full winter uniform from the beginning of next week. Winter uniform involves the wearing of the school tie and tab tie for both boys and girls. Please ensure all school jumpers/jackets are clearly labelled with your child’s name and current class.

**PARENT FORUM**

We will be repeating our first parent forum about the new English Curriculum before our next P and C meeting from 6:30pm - 7:30pm on Tuesday 21 May in the Library. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

**NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit their NAPLAN tests next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child receives a good night’s sleep the night before and comes to school after a nourishing breakfast to enable them to do their best. Any children absent from school will have the opportunity to do a catch up test either on the afternoons of the testing or on Friday. We would like to wish all our children the very best – we know you will all do well.

**MOTHERS’ DAY STALL**

We would like to wish all our Mona Vale Mothers a very Happy Mothers’ Day on Sunday.  
A special thank you to Mrs Severine Delerue and her team of wonderful mothers who helped with the mothers’ day stall this week to ensure that every child had a special gift for mum.
Nutrition and Children’s Behaviour
PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME TO THIS PRESENTATION

Dr Alison Knight is a nutritional medicine practitioner working mainly in the area of child and adolescent behavioural disorders. Her talk will cover why we need to eat nutritious food and what happens in our bodies when we don't, and how colourings, preservatives and additives affect behaviour. She will also discuss ‘pyrroluria’, a common genetic condition (yet not widely understood by mainstream medicine) affecting about 10% of the population that can cause nutrient deficiency even in spite of a good diet. The nutrient deficiency, ‘pyrroluria’, can increase the likelihood of temper tantrums, rages, excessive sensitivity and anxiety in some children and can be effectively treated using nutrient supplements.

Parents and Teachers welcome.

Cromer PS Hall
Tuesday 21st May
4:00pm - 5:15pm

To register please log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter this school event code – LGW2W
Select this workshop from the drop down menu. Then enter your details. You will see your booking. When you click Finish you will be sent a confirmation email.

We look forward to seeing you at the workshops.

Registration due by
Tuesday 14th May (4pm)
Sam Bloom – An Introduction

Cameron and Sam Bloom, a fit and active couple from Newport on the Northern Beaches, decided to take their three boys (Newport School students) to Thailand for a few weeks holiday over Christmas. Their idyllic holiday ended on the 7th January when an unsecured rooftop railing gave way and Sam had a tragic fall.

Unfortunately, Sam was critically injured fracturing her skull and back (T7) resulting in extensive damage to her spinal cord. She was operated on and treated at three separate hospitals in Thailand before returning on a Medivac flight to Sydney at the end of January. Sam went on to spend 3 months in Royal North Shore Hospital’s Spinal Unit, her rehabilitation program stalled due to a serious bedsore that has been operated on three times. This has almost healed now and Sam is currently at the rehab centre in Ryde, where she will spend at least 6-8 weeks.

Sadly, for Sam and her family, she is completely paralysed from the chest down and has also lost her sense of smell and taste as a result of her head injury.

If you would like to help assist with Sam’s ongoing medical expenses, Rita Ericsson and one of our parents, Sara Castle, are selling raffle tickets. Please see us in the library (the raffle will be drawn on the 23rd May). Thanks everyone!
Songfish
Northern Beaches
Children’s Choir

Free Singing Session
4.30pm Thursday 16th May
Avalon Recreation Centre
book at www.songfishchoir.com

Meet our new Vocal Coach!
Jade Ambroze is an accomplished singer/songwriter who has won national and international awards. Jade trained to Grade 8 in AMEB Classical Singing and Grade 6 in AMEB Music Theory and she is fun to work with. Prior to this posting she ran a children’s choir, school music program and singing school. Jade loves to see children find joy through music and grow in confidence.

5 Week Singing Program: $50 (or less) Songfish Choir is not for profit
Please visit: www.songfishchoir.com for more details.

The Beach Kid’s Community Choir
www.songfishchoir.com
sing . dance . drum . create . play
**ARTWORK COMPETITION**

This year’s state-wide Bicycle Helmet Artwork Competition is now open for entries –

The Bicycle Artwork competition is Bicycle NSW's campaign to increase awareness about overall bike safety among young people in NSW and ACT. The program is presented in partnership with NRMA and encourages thousands of students all over the state to enjoy riding their bike.

Students in primary school and high school are eligible to enter, and do so by creating a helmet design using the bicyclensw.org template. The most original, eye-catching and universally appealing design is then made into a limited edition helmet and sold Australia-wide to the general public.

The competition runs from 29th April until 29th June 2013.

Email programs@bicyclensw.org.au or Visit mynrma.com.au/bikecomp for more information and entry forms.

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**Interschool Snowsports Championships**

The Interschool snowsports championships will be held again this year in Perisher during the first week of the July School holidays. The championships are open to all skiers and snowboarders who can independently ski or board safely down a course. There are 3 different races on offer: Alpine, Skier Cross and Moguls. A participant can choose to enter just one race, or all three. The interschool championships give the students an ideal introduction to racing. No prior racing experience is necessary.

The races will be held from Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th July. Skiers and snowboarders choosing to participate need to make their own way to Perisher under their parent’s care. There is a small cost to enter the races. Families who are planning a trip to the snow over the coming holidays may like to incorporate a half day of racing into the trip.

Further details are available at www.nsw.interschools.org.au. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the MVPS team please contact Louise Crowther (parent of participant) on lcrowther@iprimus.com.au. Entries for the races need to be entered online before 14th June.

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**MARKET DAY**

Saturday 11th May 2013

9am-1pm

Fundraising for Camp Quality

Bayview Gardens Village

36-42 Cabbage Tree Road

Bayview