Update on Contaminated Material

Dear Parents,

I wrote to the community on Wednesday informing you of the actions the school was taking after building rubble was found in the K-2 Playground. As I indicated in my last correspondence, while the material has not been identified as asbestos I will be treating it as such.

Late yesterday I received the “Air Monitoring Report” for the identified area which in part indicated 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.”

While this is great news and a reassurance for our community, I requested another site investigation covering the surrounding K-2 play area. This investigation was completed today and we have found additional material over this wider area. While again being reassured by professional staff that the “Air Sampling Report” indicates no risk to students, staff or the community I have decided to take additional precautions.

Over the weekend I will be having a team re-examine the site and remove any contaminated material. I have closed the K-2 Playground, with the exception of the sand pit and new Play Equipment until further notice. I met today with DEC Officers to draw up a plan, once the extent of the contamination is known, to remediate the area. Access to the school via the gate at the top of Waratah Street will be restricted until further notice.

I will continue to keep the community informed as additional information is provided to me. I would like to thank the community for the responsible way in which this matter is being dealt with. It would be easy to generate hysteria, however this has not happened and has allowed the school to move swiftly and decisively to minimise any potential risk to students, staff and the community.

Regards

Greg Jones  BA Macq  MA Ed Macq
Principal

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

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

Another copy of the letter sent home is attached to this newsletter

Cross Country Carnivals

Congratulations to all students K-6 for their excellent participation and sportsmanship at yesterday’s Cross Country Carnivals. We were so lucky with the weather and we would like to thank Mrs Mel Stevenson, Miss Fiona Kelsall, Miss Jessica Snell and Mrs Jacqui Davies for their excellent coordination of each event. A list of place achievers for the 3-6 Carnival is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Term 2 Accounts & Excursions

Term 2 accounts have been sent home this week. Please make sure you have returned your orange permission note to your teacher. We have already had a few accounts paid. Thank you! Early settlement of accounts is much appreciated.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2014

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2014? If so, we are taking enrolments now for 2014. Enrolment forms can be collected from the office. Please bring in the completed enrolment form to the office, along with your original documents. Documents required for enrolment are: Child's Birth Certificate, Proof of address (eg Rates notice or Rental Agreement) and immunisation records. If you are out of the Mona Vale Public School catchment area you will also need a blue Out of Area form. Please note if you have a child already at Mona Vale Public School you are still required to complete the Out of Area form, however, places for siblings are automatically accepted.

If you have a friend or neighbour with a child starting Kindergarten in 2014, we have a couple of school tours coming up on Wednesday 29 May at 9:30am and Thursday 27 June at 9:30am. Please ask them to RSVP to the office if they would like to come on a tour.

Canteen News

Welcome back to school and Term 2 everyone. It's good to be back.

The price increases for Term 2 are in place on flexischools and in the Canteen. Please see the attached Canteen Price List.

Whilst the warmer weather stays with us, we will be keeping the slushi machine on! Once it gets cooler and winter comes, the slushi machine will be switched off until Term 4. Looking forward to a happy and healthy Term 2.
How to contact the Canteen
By phone 9997 2442 (8am - 2pm) or by email canteenmvps@gmail.com
Rebecca ODonnell

Chess Board News

We welcome all current chess players, as well as those new players joining our growing club, back for an exciting Term 2.

New enrolment forms

New enrolment forms have been emailed out to all registered players. They are also available at the office, from Robyn Best, via monavalechess@gmail.com and at lunchtime coaching (advanced and intermediate seniors are coached Mondays in three groups and locations, juniors are coached Thursday in the library connector room). Kindergarten children are now welcome to join the club.

There has been a slight fee increase and we are moving to twice-yearly invoices to reduce the workload for volunteer committee members.

‘Free play Tuesday’ moved to the library connector room

The school has kindly agreed we can use the library connector room for ‘free play Tuesday’ where all students, whether enrolled in the Chess Club or not, can just play relaxed chess in a comfortable environment at lunchtime every Tuesday. Please let your child know the location has changed.

Community

We will be working with Principal Greg Jones this term on a new community initiative so students and residents at a local aged-care facility can play chess together and our players can benefit from mentoring and coaching by older players.

Upcoming tournaments

The next big one-day tournament is at Curl Curl North Public School on Monday 27th May. The invite has been emailed to parents and RSVPS are due via email by Wednesday 8th May.

Next week the NSW Junior Chess League Friday afternoon tournament will commence.

Committee update

This term we welcome Year 5 mum Rita Scamarcia to the committee as vice treasurer. We would like to thank Jean Yuan for her support as vice treasurer during Term 1.

If you have any questions regarding Chess Club please don’t hesitate to ask myself or committee members Jackie Rees or Rita Scamarcia.

Lisa Ratcliff
MVPS Mothers' Day Stall
Thursday May 9th, 2013

One of the children's favourite events on the school calendar, the Mother's Day stall allows your child to go shopping and splurge on Mum!

To buy that special gift they will need to bring $5 in an envelope on the day with their name and class written on the front.

Please email severine.delerue@hotmail.com if you can assist with the running of the stall on the morning of Thursday May 9th.

MONA VALE SCOUTS

Mona Vale "Hiking with Drums" Cub Scouts needs learner drummers.
Thursdays at 7pm at Mona Vale Scout Hall.
Contact: Mark Boyle, Cub Scout Leader (Australian Finalist 'Active Factor' community awards)
Mobile: 0408166548; E-mail: boyle.mr@gmail.com

A fun 8 week netball program for 5 year olds - 8 year olds
Tuesday 7th May - Tuesday 25th June
Time 3.30pm - 4.30pm
At Boondah Reserve, Boondah Rd
Cost $80.00
Contact: Tracy O'Brien
0413 187 930
tob.1970@hotmail.com
## MVPS Cross Country Results - 2013

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