Dear Parents

Our Commitment; Excellence, Innovation, Community

Illegal dumping continues to occur at the southern end of Emma Street. I have contacted Council and we have initiated a program of monitoring of the area. Council have indicated that substantial fines will be imposed on anyone dumping; household waste, green waste and technology waste. Should you see anyone dumping material please try to get car details and inform me. I will follow up with the Council on your behalf.

Car Raffle

Our Car Raffle was a huge success with in excess of thirty thousand dollars being raised and one of our families, the Babers, winning the prize - a Nissan Micra. The funds raised will go towards updating our Year 3-6 play equipment on Emma Street.

We will be holding a Car Raffle assembly on Tuesday 21st at 2pm where we will hand out the student prizes and display the car. Parents are most welcome to attend, should your child be winning a prize as a top seller in their grade we will notify you before-hand.

Community Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) Support Katherine Schools

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of attending the PCS’s hand over of sporting equipment raised as part of the Coles Sport in School’s program to the Katherine Group of Schools in the Northern Territory. School Captains Ben Trbojevic and Sophie Martin represented our students and Ruth Chapman represented staff. Cathy Freeman and Preston Campbell were on hand to receive the sporting goods. The 13 PCS Schools collectively amassed 250 thousand Coles tokens and converted these into a range of sporting goods. Ms Freeman praised our students as “exemplary young Australians who are making a significant contribution to ‘Closing the Gap’”. Mr Campbell said, “I can’t speak highly enough of the students, they could have kept the equipment for themselves but have chosen to give it to children in remote schools in the Katherine area.”

The PCS, at the invitation of the Katherine Group of Schools, will be sending a delegation to the Northern Territory for four days later this month to further strengthen ties between the two communities of schools.
The delegation will consist of PCS teaching staff who have made a significant contribution to Aboriginal Education within our schools and I am proud to announce that Mrs Ruth Chapman from Mona Vale was one of the teachers selected. I have been asked to lead the delegation and Mrs Chapman and I will leave on Tuesday 28th May. I am hopeful of arranging a return visit for the Katherine Schools next year as a component of our ongoing relationship.

Innovation Kids Matter Initiative

‘Kids Matter’ is a whole-school approach to improving children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Through ‘Kids Matter,’ schools undertake a two-to-three year cyclic process in which they plan and take action to be a positive community; one that is founded on respectful relationships and a sense of belonging and inclusion, and that promotes:

• social and emotional learning

• working authentically with parents, carers and families

• support for students who may be experiencing mental health difficulties.

Mona Vale Public School conducted a gap analysis to determine our strengths and weakness in these areas. Mrs Lauren Brincat and Ms Sarah Morgan then met to prioritise these and have developed a plan to implement the following initiatives in 2013:

- A suggestion box will be placed in the school office for parents.

- We will be trialling a social and emotional learning program which aims to develop resilience and relationship skills whilst also addressing bullying.

- Visuals and posters will be created for K-2 classrooms to help students develop language around emotions and feelings.

- Parent workshops will be run by our Learning Support Team to help parents assist their children with home and reading etc.

- We are looking into how our primary students can work better with our infants students to assist social skills and develop friendships.
Each issue of our Mona Vale Mail, usually in weeks 3, 6 and 9, will feature ‘Kids Matter’ information for parents/caregivers. Please take the time to read these and reinforce the skills at home.

Schools, working closely with families and the community, are key environments for comprehensively supporting children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Excellence   The Australian Curriculum

Staff, as a component of their professional learning, are currently ‘unpacking’ the Australian Curriculum which will be rolled out from 2014 with English being the first curriculum subject implemented. The Australian Curriculum will align all States and Territories with common learning outcomes. Staff at Mona Vale will continue to devote a significant amount of time to ensure that Mona Vale is at the fore front of delivering a 21st Century Curriculum. We hope to see many of you at next week’s Parent Forum regarding the new curriculum – see the deputy’s message below for details.

Greg Jones  BA Macq   M. Ed Macq  
Principal

From the Relieving Deputy Principal

NAPLAN

This week our students in Year 3 and 5 have been very busy writing the NAPLAN tests. They all approached the tests in a mature way and did the best they could. Well done, Year 3 and 5 students!

Year 5 Opportunity Class (OC) Placement in 2014 –Closes today

The online applications for the Opportunity Class (OC) placement test closes on Friday 17 May today at 5:00 pm. Please make sure that your application is in on time.

Parent Forum

Just a reminder, before our P and C meeting on Tuesday 21 May we will be repeating our first Parent Forum about the new English Curriculum at 6:30 – 7:30 in the Library. We look forward to seeing you there.

Debating Team
Our students, Ally Birrell, Sophie Martin, Lara Hather and Zoe Bakker, who are the Mona Vale Convincers, took part in the Premiers Debating Challenge against the Cromer Convincers. The topic they debated was: That all Year 5 and 6 students should learn an Asian language. Congratulations to our great debating team who won the debate.

Shirlee-Ann Curtis
Relieving Deputy Principal

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| **Monday 27th May** |
| **Tuesday 28th May** |
| **Wednesday 29th May** | Kindergarten 2014 Tour 9:30am |
| **Thursday 30st May** | PCS Choir rehearsal at Wheeler Heights PS |
| **Friday 31st May** | Year 6 Camp  |
Administration hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am – 3.15pm

Term 2 Accounts & Excursions
All accounts should now be paid. Please settle your accounts as soon as possible. Should you be experiencing financial difficulty please contact myself or Mr Greg Jones to discuss a payment plan.

School Website
The school website has been updated with some frequently requested forms. In addition to the Child Protection form for Volunteers, we have added the Extended Holiday Exemption form, Enrolment form and Out of Area forms. Just a reminder to Year 6 Parents that copies of the Camp note are on the website.

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.

School photos are coming up. They will be taking place in Week 8 of this term, on the 19th and 20th of June. Envelopes will be sent home closer to the day.

Thanking you
Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager

P & C

The Little Big School & What are you doing next Tue night?
Canteen has a new fridge. Olivia Munro, a kindy Mum who stepped up and into the Canteen Committee Chair last term, did a great job in working through this issue with the regular canteen staff to a successful conclusion. Thanks Olivia! Olivia is building a new Canteen committee and
would like to hear from you if you are interested. The Canteen is one of those visible areas that we as Parents (aka P&C) help the School. Send a note to Olivia at canteenmyps@gmail.com

Speaking of visibility: I have a theory about our “big school” …. It’s the opposite of the one about a “small school”, in that everyone gets involved in a small school because everyone feels needed. In a big school there is a perception (inaccurate) that one’s contribution isn’t (as) needed because there are so many others.

Let me tell you straight up. You can make a difference to your School and your contribution is needed!

Look at it this way, we are a big school and that means we do a lot of things. Our strength is our large parent numbers and the depth of experience that brings; this allows us to share the load and go further than a smaller school. Let’s play to our strengths.

Chess Club is another great initiative benefiting many of our kids. They need someone in the Treasury role. For this role (and others) training is provided and time spent by you is flexible (largely determined by you). If you can balance a cheque book then you have the experience, so don’t be put off, if you have the desire that’s all you need. Send a note to Lisa at monavalechess@gmail.com

Our next P&C meeting is next Tue 21st at 7:30pm in the Library. Check the updated School P&C tab for agenda http://www.monavale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c-myps

We would love to have you come along to the meeting to listen and contribute if you want to. Maybe you can stay on after the Parent Forum on the New English Curriculum.

NB. To kick off our meeting this week we have a special guest, David Hepburn, a MVPS parent, who will demonstrate his software called OLIEN. A wonderful tool to help control our kids’ computer access by giving additional computer play time when they complete something educational.

Best Regards
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MVPS P&C President
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(e) P&C Group Distribution List (moderated): monavalepspandc@yahoogroups.com.au

Band News

Welcome back to band for Term 2. This term is all about eisteddfods and festivals so it is very important that all students attend every rehearsal. Please note the following dates:
Northern Beaches Eisteddfod: this Monday 20th May at St Augustines College Brookvale
Concert band section starts at 9:30am and the MVPS concert band will play 4th in this section. Concert band will have rehearsal on Monday morning and will go straight on the bus at 8:30am with Mrs Shaw. The Training band section starts at midday with MVPS playing first in this section. Training band students will leave school at the start of recess on the bus with Mrs
Stevenson. All students will return to school by bus by lunch time. Best of luck to both Training and Concert Band. Unfortunately the Performance band will not be attending this eistedfod as Year 6 students will be away at camp.

Yamaha Festival:
- Concert Band: Saturday 15th June at 10am
- Performance Band: Saturday 15th June at 7:35pm
- Training Band: Sunday 16th June at 4:20pm

Please note that this year we will be performing at a different venue to previous years: The Concourse Theatre, 409 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood. Additional information including arrival times, uniform and tickets will be provided next week.

Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival
This is a relatively new festival in the local area. All MVPS bands will be performing. The festival is held at Pittwater High school on Friday June 21st and Sunday June 23rd. We have requested Sunday afternoon performances for all MVPS bands however this is still to be confirmed.

Honour Assembly
Wednesday June 26th - Performance band.
Kindy Orientation performances
May 29th - Performance band, June 27th - Stage band
MVPS Band Committee
monavaleband@gmail.com

Creative Arts News

Here we go: Term 2 is jam-packed with fun, rehearsals, eisteddfods, and concerts. Our dance groups went in auditions on Wednesday, our bands, choirs and recorders group are all practising hard.

We have started our string group! We rehearse Friday mornings 7:30-8:30am in the music room. If you can play violin, viola, cello or double bass and still want to join please see Mrs Shaw.

Thanks goes to all the Creative Arts teachers who gave up their mornings, lunch times and afternoons to provide such fantastic opportunities for Mona Vale students

Mrs Shaw

Uniform shop

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)
VOLUNTEERS

The Uniform shop is in need of volunteers to help out with a stocktake on Thursday 30th May at 9:30am when the shop closes. Please pop in or contact tracey.cranston@det.nsw.edu.au if you can spare a few hours.

GRADUATION JACKETS

A big thank you to all the Mums involved in providing Year 6 with their Graduation Jackets. Thank you to Jane Kercher, Lyndal Szann, Trudi Davanzo and Kylie Webb for helping in the Uniform Shop with the HUGE job of processing orders, proof reading and documenting sizes and quantities required. Efforts are greatly appreciated by the BIG SMILES and pride taken when Jackets are worn by Year 6 around the school.

FOR SALE

- Boys grey one size socks (3 Pack) $5.00
- Girls Long Winter Pants $20
- Sport skort sizes 8, 10 AND 12 $15.00
- Netball Skirts $15

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Stock take- shop closing 9:30am.

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 0427 224 893 or contact via email tracey.cranston@det.nsw.edu.au

Replies to enquiries will be returned in shop opening hours.
Curl Curl tournament

The P&C Chess Club is sending 23 students to Curl Curl North Public School on Monday 27th of May to play at an individual rather than a team based tournament. Thanks to all the parents who have offered to drive, transport arrangements will be coming via email shortly.

Welcome to new players

It’s wonderful to see some new enrolments this term, particularly the Kindergarten children who are getting a great head start on their chess careers! We also welcome back all our regular players to what will be another fantastic term.

Lisa Ratcliff
Volunteer Chess Club Chair/Convenor

Woolworths Earn and Learn has started! It’s great to see lots of students bringing in their sheets of Earn and Learn stickers to our school office. Please don’t forget to collect your stickers when shopping at Woolworths. If you aren’t offered any stickers, please ask! The more stickers we get the more fantastic resources we will get for our school.
Thanks for your assistance
Tara Sheppard

Interschool Snowsports Championships
If your son or daughter loves to ski, then this is the activity that you have been waiting for! 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. Any child from K – 6 can enter.
The races will be held from Wednesday 3 – Friday 5 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.nswinterschools.com.au If you have any questions or are interested in joining the MVPS team please contact Louise Crowther (parent of Yr 2 participant) on lcrowther@iprimus.com.au. Entries for the races need to be entered online before June 14 so please contact Louise by email asap.
The Social & Event Committee would like to thank Mona Vale Public School staff as well as all those wonderful mums who helped organise the *Mother’s Day Stall* over 2 days last week. Fantastic job ladies! The event has been a tremendous success with a record participation of 798 out of 952 students. We still have amazing jewellery left ($5.00 only). Please note that they will remain available for purchase at the office next week.

We would like to inform you that a *survey* will also be conducted to prepare next year’s stall. Thank you again for your participation & involvement in our school. We are hoping to improve the event by tailoring it to children’s expectations as much as possible...

The next event planned next term is our iconic *Father’s Day breakfast* scheduled on Friday 30.08.2013. Please volunteer for this fantastic event by contacting myself severine.delerue@hotmail.com

See you soon!
Mona Vale Grandfriends Group
An intergenerational group for Seniors, Parents and Tots

Are you a parent who either has children aged 0-5 years or children at school and who wants to:
- meet for a weekly Playgroup session?
- connect with seniors and possibly find a 'grandfriend'?
- take part in some fun craft activities with seniors
- learn more about local parenting services

Are you a senior who:
- would like to share skills and do some fun activities with parents and their children?
- is missing out on having contact with a family and who might over time be interested in being a 'grandfriend'?
- is looking after grandchildren and would like to meet other grandparents to share experiences?

Drop in for a cuppa, have a chat, have a play, help run the group...
Contribution: Gold coin/ piece of fruit/ bring some home made nut-free goodies

When: Every Thursday during term: 9.30am - 11.30am
Where: Mona Vale Memorial Hall, 1606 Pittwater Road, Mona Vale (next to Mona Vale Library)

For more information call Sue Johansson, Community Builders Pittwater Relationships Australia on 1300 734 120 or 0435 835 963
Email: cbpittwater@rasw.org.au
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, Sarah Castle, are selling raffle tickets before and after school. Please see us in the library (the raffle will be drawn on the 23rd May).

1 ticket for $5 or 3 tickets for $10. Thanks everyone!

Sam – 2 hours before her accident.
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