Parking around the school at drop off and pick up time remains a problem. We **STILL** have parents entering staff car parks to drop off and pick up students. This includes PSSA, Dance, Band and any school activity. Please keep all our children safe by observing this rule.

**Staff Car parks are NOT to be used for ANY reason by parents.**

Thank you to the parents who are observing this vital regulation.

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**From the Deputy Principal**

**Premier’s Debating Challenge**

The Mona Vale Oracles took part in the Premier’s Debating Challenge against the Cromer Coaxers. The topic they debated was: ‘That kids in Year 5 & 6 should have a job one afternoon a week.’ The 1st speaker was Olivia Bennett, 2nd speaker was Jamie Bell, 3rd speaker was Amelia Warde and the team adviser was Katherine Tran. Congratulations to our great debating team who won the debate.

**Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion**

Year 6 students recently undertook an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their national Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this programme.

**Shirlee-Ann Curtis**

**Relieving Deputy Principal**
Term 2 Accounts & Excursions
All accounts should now be paid. Please settle your accounts as soon as possible. Reminders were sent home yesterday. Should you be experiencing financial difficulty please contact myself or Mr Greg Jones to discuss a payment plan.

Paying by Direct Credit
We often receive mysterious deposits into our bank account. When our crystal ball is out of action, Westpac can sometimes provide a clue to help us track them down. However this is not always the case.

I have copied the instructions from the note which accompanies the Term Account on how to make a direct credit into our account as a reminder below.

If you would like to use the direct credit option, we would prefer you to pay the account in FULL, as it is very time consuming to attempt to work out what items you wish to pay for if you are only paying part of the account. If you direct credit an amount that is not the full amount of the account we will deduct the payments from excursions and activities FIRST, followed by school and P&C contributions.

Please use your child’s FULL name as the reference for the deposit. If you have a common surname also use the REF number on your term account as the reference on your deposit. The REF number is located under the date on the top right hand side of your term account. This reference number is your family code at the school.

Once you have deposited the funds, complete the slip on the bottom of the term account and return the account to the school office immediately.

Your assistance in regards to this issue is greatly appreciated.

Underpants!
Quite often children have little accidents, and a fresh pair of underpants is required. When required we provide children with a new pair of underpants and sometimes socks! It would be a great idea to pack a pair of undies in your child’s school bag should the need arise. However, should your child come home with a lovely new pair of undies or socks, it would be appreciated if you could purchase a new pair and donate them back to the school.

No hat, no play
An increasing number of students are forgetting or losing their hats. Please remind your children to wear their hat to school.

Lost Property
Please label hats, jumpers, lunchboxes etc with your child’s FULL name. Lost items with a name generally find their way back to the owner.
If your child has any lost items, don’t forget to check the lost property room. The lost property room next door to 2G’s classroom.

**REMEMBER: Taronga Zoo Excursion**
Tuesday 4th June (KC, KJ, KS, KW)
Wednesday 5th June (KD, KH, KR, KV)

Please ensure students are at school by **8.50am at the latest** so we can board buses promptly. We will return to MVPS in time for dismissal at 2.45pm.

Students are to wear **full school uniform**, including their school hat. Please send them to school with a small bag (e.g. library bag) containing a raincoat and their morning tea, lunch and drinks in disposable containers.

Parent helpers are asked to meet at 8.20am to discuss how the day will be organised, risk assessments, etc, in:

- KS/KW on Tuesday
- KR/KV on Wednesday

**Thanking you**
Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager
From Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} to Thursday 23\textsuperscript{rd} May, Year 6 went on a camp to Canberra. It was a lot of fun, but we also had to pay attention, because the listening part was counted towards our understanding of the State and Federal Government and Democracy HSIE unit we were studying at school.

We had to be at school by 5:30am on Monday. The trip took 4 and a half hours to Canberra, so we watched movies to pass the time. Our first stop was Parliament House. It was amazing. We visited the Senate and the House of Representatives which were very impressive rooms. We also attended a lesson on how parliament works. Later we looked back at Parliament House from the lookout at Mt Ainslie. It looked quite small compared to its real size.

After visiting the interesting and beautiful artworks in the National Gallery we left Canberra for Cooba Sport and Education Centre. We arrived at about 6pm and we were to spend the next 2 nights there. We had dinner and then an Onsie disco followed.

Over the next day and a half, we encountered some fun but challenging activities which included Dirt Buggies, a Giant Swing, a Low Ropes Course, the Assault Course, Team Manoeuvrers and Team Initiatives. The Assault Course obstacles were challenging, but its last challenge was the worst, a mud creek of -8 degree muddy water which had needed to have the ice on top of it cracked before anyone could complete the course. The Giant Swing was 9 metres high, and you had to drive the Dirt Buggies over rocks and round hairpin bends on the course. They were the best sport activities ever!!!!!
We were sad to leave on the 3rd day but we couldn't stay forever. Soon we had to leave to find the place we were staying overnight in Canberra. We arrived there 1 hour and 40min later and gratefully tucked into our tucker. The next morning we woke up quickly and had breakfast. We were excited because we knew we were going to Questacon.

But first, we went to the War Memorial, an amazing experience where we saw so many amazing pictures, recreations and read stories of bravery and despair. We saw the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was a very solemn place, The room where he was laid to rest, looked like a temple and it echoed as we spoke. The Eternal Flame was burning away in its dish.

We arrived back home at around 7:30pm, extremely tired but happy.

We thank all the teachers and aides who left their families for 4 days to give us this wonderful experience.

We especially thank Miss Dellosta, 6O’s student teacher, who came with us of her own free will!

Maddy and Eloise

BEST! CAMP! EVER!!!!!
MVPS P&C Chess Club sent a large contingent of 23 students to the Sydney Academy of Chess Interschool Chess Challenge heat on Monday at Curl Curl North Public School.

Our school came away with an impressive second place from the 13 schools that attended. A second trophy went to one of our grade 6 players, Tyler Ratcliff, who took out first in the individual placings from close to 170 players.

The school now has the opportunity to send five players to the Regional Semi-Finals in Term 3. Every MVPS student is congratulated for representing their school with pride in terms of sportsmanship, uniform and behaviour.

Thank you to those parents who drove the group to Curl Curl and a huge thanks to Alison Brown for staying onsite all day to assist our players.

The full list of final placings is available on the Sydney Academy of Chess website under Interschool Challenge.

Online programs for beginners

With a huge re-enrolment this term and some new recruits now that kindergarten students are welcome to join the club, it's timely to let families know about some extra resources should your child wish to practice chess online at home or do some reading.

Here's some links for beginners:

1. Dinosaur Chess
2. Chess Magnet School

And for all levels ….

1. Grandmaster Chessmaster which is available online at the Scholastic store

And for the more advanced ….


Recommended reading: 'Everyone's 2nd Chess Book'.

If you are having trouble finding these sites please email [monavalechess@gmail.com](mailto:monavalechess@gmail.com) & links will be forwarded.

**New vice treasurer**

We have filled the role of vice treasurer thanks to Jackie Rees who generously has stepped up and is quickly getting on top of the bookkeeping.
Chess fees

Term 2 fees are now overdue. If you haven’t received an enrolment form, printed copies are available at the office, at coaching sessions or by emailing monavalechess@gmail.com If you are yet to settle fees please contact the committee asap via email or 0418 428 511 to discuss.

Lisa Ratcliff
Volunteer Chess Club Chair/Convenor

Sport

CONGRATULATIONS to Ella Worland who represented Pittwater Zone at the Netball trials on Tuesday and was sucessful in gaining a position in the Regional team.
An amazing achievement Ella. We are so proud of you. The decision to miss the first day of camp was worth it.
Thank you to Grandpa for driving her all the way to Cooba!

Woolworths Earn and Learn is due to finish on Sunday 9th June, so we have less than 2 weeks to collect Earn and Learn Stickers! Please keep bringing in your completed sticker sheets and don’t forget to ask for stickers when shopping at Woolworths. The more stickers we get the more fantastic resources we will get for our school.
Thanks for your assistance Tara Sheppard
Dear Parents of Year 6

It is that time again when we start thinking about the end of year celebrations for our Year 6 students.

This year, I would like to begin work on the compilation of the yearbook a little earlier than previous years.

If you are interested in being on this committee, could you please come to an initial meeting on Thursday 13th June at 3pm in the 6O classroom.

If you are unable to attend but would love to be involved, please send me an email or leave a message for me with the office.

cherie.obryan@det.nsw.edu.au

Regards

Cherie O’Bryan 6O
Rotary Car Raffle Winners

Congratulations to all the winners.

Funds raised will go to upgrade our Emma Street and Year 1 playground equipment.

Thank you to everyone for selling so many tickets and making our major fundraiser for the year such a success.
How children can learn to resolve conflict

Conflict is normal
Conflict is a normal part of children’s lives. Having different needs or wants, or wanting the same thing when only one is available, can easily lead children into conflict with one another. “She won’t let me play,” “He took my ...”; “Tom’s being mean!” are complaints that parents, carers and teaching staff often hear when children get into conflict and are unable to resolve it. Common ways that children respond to conflict include arguing and physical aggression, as well as more passive responses such as backing off and avoiding one another.

When conflict is poorly managed it has a negative impact on children’s relationships, on their self-esteem and on their learning. However, teaching children the skills for resolving conflict can help significantly. By learning to manage conflict effectively children’s skills for getting along with others can be improved. Children are much happier, have better friendships and learn better at school when they know how to manage conflict well.

Different ways of responding to conflict
Since children have different needs and preferences, experiencing conflict with others is unavoidable. Many children (and adults) think of conflict as a competition that can only be decided by having a winner and a loser. The problem with thinking about conflict in this way is that it promotes win-lose behaviour: children who want to win try to dominate the other person; children who think they can’t win try to avoid the conflict. This does not result in effective conflict resolution.
# Relationship Education Program

## Term 3, 2013

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These courses can be tailored to meet specific community needs. For further information, please contact us on 9418 8800 or send an email enquiry to northrep@ransw.org.au

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