Our Commitment; Excellence, Innovation, Community

Our car parks still remain a concern because of parents dropping off or picking up students. Please do not enter Staff Car Parks unless you have authorization from the Office. Your support regarding this would be greatly appreciated.

Community - PCS Support Katherine Schools

I indicated in an earlier Mona Vale Mail that Ruth Chapman and myself would be travelling to Katherine in the Northern territory with four other PCS staff to deliver your Coles for Sport donation to the remote indigenous schools.

Ruth and I were amazed at the isolation and challenge these schools face and the wonderful job being done by often beginning teachers. Our donation of sporting equipment is greatly appreciated and put to use every day in every one of the thirteen Katherine Schools. I would like to thank the community for their continued support of this partnership and willingness to support students who do not have the advantages we have at Mona Vale.

Reporting on Student Progress

Teaching staff have been working on the Semester 1 reports and they will be sent home Monday 24th June. These reports reflect progress towards learning outcomes and an indication of student strengths and areas for development. I encourage parents to read the report carefully and discuss it with your child. Teachers have put an enormous amount of professional judgment into preparing these reports and are happy to discuss any aspect of them should you need clarification.

School Staffing

After discussion with the Departments Staffing Unit, I have authorised 6 teaching positions to be filled by permanent teaching staff. Of the 6 I requested 3 targeted graduate teachers and a transfer will be appointed. The remaining two positions will be open advertisement with interviews to be conducted prior to the end of the term.

Mona Vale for some time has had a significant number of its teaching positions being filled by casual teachers, and while this allowed the school some flexibility to select staff, it did not support tenure for these staff.
I am pleased to announce that Sarah Morgan has been appointed to Mona Vale as a transfer. Sarah is an outstanding teacher and has been working with us as a transfer of duty from Cromer for the past 15 months. We also have Karina Singh, a targeted graduate teacher, who has been appointed to our Support Unit. We wish her the very best with her new appointment. Today I conducted an interview panel for the vacant Assistant Principal position at the school. My thanks to Katy Wiseman who represented parents, Jane Blinkhorne representing staff and Leesa Martin represented the School Education Director. I will inform the community of the successful applicant in the next Mona Vale Mail.

Finally, the vacant Deputy Principal position created by the retirement of Mrs Elizabeth Crick will go to open advertisement later this term. Mrs Louise Anderson 2012 P&C President will be the parent representative on the panel, Mrs Rosemary West will be the teacher representative and Mrs Suzanne Trisic, Principal, Collaroy Plateau Public School will be the School Education Directors representative.

Greg Jones BA Macq MA Ed Macq

From the Office

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 19th June and Thursday 20th June. Notes and envelopes were sent home this week. A copy of the note is attached to this newsletter. MONEY AND ENVELOPES ARE TO BE HANDED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON THE DAY OF YOUR PHOTO.

Little creatures

We have noticed an increase in the number of students with Nits and Ticks. Please watch out for these little creatures and treat appropriately.

Thanking you

Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager

Woolworths Earn and Learn is finishing this Sunday! 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. We will have an update on how many stickers we have collected very soon.

Thanks for your assistance
Term 2, Week 5
Friday 7 June, 2013

Tara Sheppard

Monday 10th June  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 11th June  
Multicultural Speaking Competition Yrs 3-6

Wednesday 12th June  
Aboriginal Performance K-6

Thursday 13th June  
Sydney Northern Regional Cross Country Carnival

Friday 14th June  
PSSA Gala Day

### Week 7

| Monday 10th June | PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Tuesday 11th June | Multicultural Speaking Competition Yrs 3-6 |
| Wednesday 12th June | Aboriginal Performance K-6 |
| Thursday 13th June | Sydney Northern Regional Cross Country Carnival |
| Friday 14th June | PSSA Gala Day |

### Week 8

| Monday 17th June | ICAS Writing Test  
Year 1 Aquarium excursion |
| Tuesday 18th June | ICAS Spelling Test  
P&C Meeting 7.30pm |
Family Photos at 8.30am |
Staff Photos are at 8.30am therefore, the office will be closed until 9am |
| Friday 21st June | Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival – Pittwater High |

### Debating News

Both of our Premier's Debating Challenge teams travelled to Beacon Hill P.S. on Monday. The Mona Vale Oracles: 1st Speaker- Katherine Tran, 2nd speaker-Jaime Bell, 3rd speaker-Amelia Warde and Team Advisor-Flynn Rogley won their debate and our Mona Vale Convincers: 1st speaker- Ally Birrell, 2nd speaker, Zoe Bakker, 3rd speaker-Lara Hather and Team Adviser-Dawei Yuan were narrowly defeated. An excellent effort from all our debaters.

Robyn Best
You are invited to attend the Peninsula Community of Schools Art Exhibition in celebration of the Guringai Festival

“Live Life Loudly”

Please come along and enjoy the “UNITY in our CommUNITY Art Exhibition” showcasing student work from Kindergarten to Year 12 of the Peninsula Community of Schools. The collection of artworks reflect the Guringai Festival’s theme: “Live Life Loudly”, the Reconciliation theme “Say Something” and the 2013 NAIDOC theme “Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963”

Where: Wheeler Heights Public School
Veterans Parade Wheeler Heights

When: Wednesday 26th June

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm (Official Welcome at 5:30pm)

Admission: Gold coin donation
(Funds raised support Literacy Backpacks)

Light refreshments will be available

Enquiries: Sharon.smithies@det.nsw.edu.au
SINGLE PARENT FUNDED PROGRAM!

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS FOR THE HOME & OFFICE

A COURSE AND PRACTICAL DISCUSSION OF THE INTERNET, MONEY AND ME....................

Are you a Single Parent currently in receipt of a parenting payment and will be affected by the current Centrelink changes?

We have a short course (3 weeks in school time) specially planned for you to look at your opportunities for a small business in your home or office!

The course will also look at
- Parenting – issues for single parents returning to the workforce
- Juggling work and home successfully
- Finding childcare support
- Managing stress
- Support available

When: 9.30am – 1.00pm Tuesday 11th, 18th and 25th June 2013
Where: Manly Warringah Pittwater Community Aid, 3 Gondola Road, North Narrabeen
How: RSVP’s essential: Sue Johansson on 0435 835 963 or email: suej@ransw.org.au
Please note: No childcare is available. Course is free.
Warringah Softball Club is running a ‘Try Softball’ clinic in the first week of the school holidays. This clinic is aimed at all school girls in Yr 1 to Yr 6 that have never played softball before and would like to experience the enjoyment of this wonderful summer sport.

This clinic is also open to girls who have played and would like some practice prior to the commencement of the new season. Experienced coaches will be there to teach the girls all aspects of the game and to work on basic skills.

WHERE: Cromer Primary School, Carcoola Rd, Cromer
WHEN: 9am – 1pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2013
COST: FREE

Register online at www.warringahsoftball.com.au

BRING: * Snacks for the day
* Water bottle
* Hat
* Softball Glove (if you have one, otherwise we will provide)

For further information, please go to our website or phone or SMS Kerryl on 0431 878 920