Dear Parents

Our Commitment; Excellence, Innovation, Community

Student reports will be sent home next Thursday 27th. I encourage all parents to discuss the Report with your child both the successes and areas for development. Parents who want to make an appointment to discuss aspects of the report are asked to contact the class teacher the first week of Term 3 to arrange a convenient time for both staff and parent.

Emma Street Parking

I have closed the bottom of Emma Street to parent access, entry is no longer available via Mona Vale Road. This area is a staff car park and is always full. Recently parents have been entering via Mona Vale road and using this as a picking up or drop off point, and in the process doing a U turn and exiting back onto Mona Vale Road. Clearly this situation is dangerous and can't continue. While I understand that parking around the school in the morning and afternoon can become congested, I ask that you consider student safety over convenience and refrain from entering staff car parks.

Staffing Changes

I mentioned in a previous Mona Vale Mail that the school will be receiving five new teaching staff at the beginning of Term 3. The new staff are a mixture of direct appointments by the Department of Education; in this case two Targeted Graduates, an Assistant Principal appointed after interview and two classroom teacher positions appointed after interview. These new staff will be allocated to classes next week after discussion with the Senior Executive who will match the skill set and experience of the incoming staff with the most appropriate grade. This may result in your child’s current teacher being replaced. This in no way reflects on your current teacher’s professionalism, dedication or quality as a teacher.

These appointments meet the school’s requirement to convert temporary teaching positions into permanent teaching positions. Next week, I will be writing to those classes who will have a change of teacher in term 3 to let you know the new teacher’s name. While change can be unsettling, students adapt quickly if parents are positive and supportive. I look forward to introducing the new staff to the school community early next term. I would like to thank our outgoing colleagues for their commitment to our students and their collegiality as staff members.
Community - Year 5BC links with Mona Vale House

Class 5BC, taught by Mrs Sarah Bryce and Ms Justine Curtis, will be trialing innovative video conferencing technology with Mona Vale House, an aged care facility. Students at Mona Vale will ask Mona Vale House residents about life in the 1940’s and 50’s, as a component of their class research on Life in Australia, via real time video conferencing. For our students this will be “Primary Source” research and a wonderful opportunity to discuss inter-generational issues. Residents at Mona Vale House will have an opportunity to share their collective wisdom and interact with our young people. I would like to thank Mrs Bryce, Ms Curtis and 5BC for their willingness to be involved and Mona Vale House for agreeing to share their stories with our students.

We are expanding opportunities with Mona Vale House and we are planning to have our Chess Club, Band, Dance Troupe and Choir visit later in the year.

I look forward to seeing both students and residents learning from and with each other as our partnership grows.

K-2 Playground Update

A scope of works has been finalized to complete the remediation of our K-2 playground. The remediation will involve water runoff management, additional landscaping and in some areas the laying of synthetic grass. I have been informed that approval and in-principle funding has been given for the works to commence as soon as the scope of works has been priced. I would like to thank the community for their understanding and patience while I was negotiating a permanent solution to this issue.

Kids Matter

Childhood diabetes can be challenging for children and their families and is the subject of intense research to find ways to manage and support families who have to deal with this condition. The University of Queensland is conducting research into “Parent management of childhood diabetes” and I have included an invitation from their School of Psychology to participate in a research project. If your child has Type 1 diabetes and you would like to participate, that would be great.

Straighten Up Australia

Straighten Up Australia is a community service initiative of the Chiropractors’ Association of Australia. It is a program that incorporates fun and simple exercises, aiming to improve health and body function.

Looking after our spines is a vital part of staying healthy. On Tuesday 11th June Kindergarten students were visited by two chiropractors to partake in the Straighten Up Australia Kindergarten spinal health program in which a series of exercises were simultaneously performed in kindergartens across NSW and SA. Our students performed simple stretches and exercises which are designed to be used daily to promote a healthy spine, helping children feel and look their best.
Greg Jones BA Macq MA. Ed Macq
Principal
Mona Vale Public School

From the Deputy Principal

Honours Assembly
We will be celebrating the wonderful efforts and achievements of our students at the Honours Assembly on Wednesday 26th June at 9:30am.

Kindergarten 2014 Open day and School tour
Next week, on Thursday 27th June at 9:30am to 11:00am, we are having our Kindergarten Open Day and School Tour. Everyone who has a child starting school next year is very welcome. Hope to see you there. Please let the office know if you are attending to assist with organisation.

Shirlee-Ann Curtis
Relieving Deputy Principal
### Term 2, Week 8

**Monday 24th June**
- Junior and Senior dance, Glen Street Dress Rehearsal 12:30-2:30pm
- Glen Street Performance - Senior Dance 5pm-7pm

**Tuesday 25th June**
- Multicultural Public Speaking Competition Regional Finals
- Glen Street Performance - Junior Dance (5pm-7pm)

**Wednesday 26th June**
- Honour Assembly 9:30am

**Thursday 27th June**
- Kindy 2014 Open day and tours (9:30am-11am)
- Student Reports sent home

**Friday 28th June**
- Glen Street Matinee Performance - Junior and Senior Dance (09:45-11:30am)
- Rock Star disco Years 3-6, 7pm-9pm
- **Last Day of Term 2**

### Term 3 2013

**Monday 15th July**
- **Staff Development Day**

**Tuesday 16th July**
- **Students return**
- Athletics Carnival 3-6 students **to be at school by 7:45am**
- Band Committee Meeting (7pm-8pm)

**Wednesday 17th July**
- 2C, 2G and some of 2B West Head excursion

**Thursday 18th July**
- PCS choir rehearsal at Wheeler Heights PS (half day)

**Friday 19th July**
- 2K, 2BT and some of 2B West head excursion
Term 3: **Staff Development Day** – Monday July 15, 2013
**Students Return** – Tuesday July 16, 2013 **Athletics Carnival**
**Last day for students** – Friday September 20, 2013

Term 4: **Students and Staff return** Tuesday October 8, 2013
**Last day for students** – Wednesday December 18, 2013
**Staff Development Days** – Thursday Dec 19 & Friday Dec 20, 2013

From the Office

Administration hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am – 3.15pm

**Year 6 Emails**
Our Mona Vale Mail distribution list works on the basis of the youngest child in each family. We are therefore, unable to target a particular year group by email. We will need to send lots of information to Year 6 families over the next two terms regarding the Year 6 Farewell / End of Year activities. If you would like to be on the Year 6 distribution list please email the school on monavale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your child’s name and class. Please write Year 6 Distribution list in the subject line. This distribution list will be used by the school, Year 6 Teachers, and Parents who are organising end of year activities.

**K-6 Athletics Carnival**
The whole school Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 16th July – This is the first day back for students in Term 3!
Notes were sent home with the students yesterday. Copies of the notes are also posted on the school website under Notes/Term 3 Notes for your convenience.

**All Year 3-6 students need to be at school by 7.45am on Tuesday 16th July as buses are departing at 8am. It is easy to forget over the holidays. Please put this note on your fridge and a reminder in your iphone!**

**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/Passport, 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 our last school tour coming up on Thursday 27 June at 9:30am. Please ask them to RSVP to the office if they would like to come on a tour.

Thanking you
Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager

PBEL
(Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners)
Any new students to Mona Vale, please feel free to hand in any certificates from your previous school to your class teacher or give them directly to Ms Morgan (3M).

The PBEL Team will look at the certificates and decide where these fit into the Mona Vale P.S award system structure. This will ensure that all students at Mona Vale have an equal opportunity to achieve and aim towards the Mona Vale Medallion.

Thank you
Kindergarten Zoo Excursion

On Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 6, 155 Kindergarten students, 8 teachers and 24 parents visited Taronga Zoo.

We saw so many interesting animals, cared for by the dedicated zoo keepers. Natasha and Liz (our educators) let us touch a python, ring-tailed possum and a turtle. We loved listening to the Aboriginal Dreamtime stories about a greedy frog and a brave turtle.

Learning about animals was the best part. After a delicious picnic lunch together, we travelled by bus back to school. We are still talking and writing about our adventure.

Thank you Kindergarten students and parents for a successful excursion.

Kindergarten Teachers
Rugby League PSSA All Schools Gala Day – Friday 14th June 2013

The Junior and Senior Rugby League teams went to Nolans Reserve last Friday for a gala day against schools across the Peninsula. They were up against some tough competition, but that didn’t faze them!

The Seniors won two out of their three pool games and were unfortunate to miss out on the semi finals by 1 try. They played some great football and should be extremely proud of their efforts. Player of the Day was Angus O’Donnell; an unreal captain, who led the team, lifted his players’ spirits and games. He played like an NRL star in the making!

The Juniors made it to the grand final and beat Newport PS in extra time. Player of the Day was Daniel O’Donnell; he tackled his heart out, made loads of meters in attack and led his team to victory, a true professional! They now go on to State All Schools Gala Day on July 29th out at Penrith. We wish them all the very best of luck 😊

It was a great effort by all the boys; perfect manners, amazing sportsmanship and a great day full of the thing they love doing – playing rugby league.

Thanks to all the parents who came down to support our teams and an extra special thanks to Steve Wilson, Ben Trbojevic and Jake Trbojevic for helping to coach the teams on the day, we couldn’t have done it without you.

Miss F Kelsall
On Monday 22nd July 2013 there will be three performances of HERMAN AND ROSIE by the Children’s Theatre group Tony Bones Entertainment in the School Hall to celebrate Book Week and Literacy Week.

We are especially delighted about hosting Herman and Rosie because Gus Gordon, author and illustrator of this gorgeous picture book; a story about friendship, life in the big city, and following your dreams, is the father of two children at MVPS.

HERMAN AND ROSIE will come to life on stage in a 40 minute theatrical performance with original music, song and dance and thrilling drama. Different dramatic genre covered throughout the show include: puppetry, comedy, narrative, music theatre, pantomime, a slow motion scene and more. The audience is encouraged to interact and participate and the performance is curriculum linked with lesson plans.

We hope all the children are able to attend, the cost of $8.50 is a fraction of what it would be at the theatre. This cost will be included on your Term 3 account.

Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?

Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.
If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or phone Amy Mitchell (07 3365 7305) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre

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**SOFTBALL PITTWATER**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FREE INTRO’ CLINIC FOR GIRLS AGES 6 - 12!**

**TUESDAY JULY 9 & WEDNESDAY JULY 10. 9AM TO NOON**

**PITTWATER SOFTBALL CLUB IS THE LARGEST SOFTBALL CLUB ON THE PENINSULA. T-BALL IS A FUN GAME USED AS AN INTRODUCTION TO SOFTBALL. FEEL FREE TO ATTEND ONE OR BOTH DAYS. T-BALL OR SOFTBALL EXPERIENCE IS NOT NECESSARY**

**WHO:** Girls aged between 6 - 12 years old. Come along for a fantastic morning and learn some great new skills

**WHERE:** Softball Diamonds behind RAIPARK, North Narrabeen

**What to bring:** A drink, a hat, a softball mit (If you don’t have one, don’t worry) and a smile

**Please register in advance:** Contact Christine Andria on 0414 867 111 or pittwatersoftball@optus.com

**Clinic run by new PSSA coach & Junior Registrar Pittwater softball: Sue Brandenburg**
Come and make your own pizza! Followed by a night at the movies! Movie to be announced nearer the date!

Senior Siblings Activity

Northern Beaches Interchange is organizing an evening of fun for any sibling aged between 13-18 years. Northern Beaches Interchange welcomes siblings who are 13-18 years of age who have a brother or sister with a disability and live in the Manly, Warringah, and Pittwater area.

When: Wednesday 10th July 2013
Cost: Free
Meet: 4.30pm Jbe Nelson Heather Centre, Warriedwood.
Pick Up: 10.00pm Jbe Nelson Heather Centre, Warriedwood.

RSVP Liz on 9970 0500 or email liz@nbi.org.au by June 21st 2013
drama workshop and creative art day

Tuesday 2nd July 2013

7-12 year olds

Are you aged between 7-12 years?
Do you like having fun and meeting new people?
Do you have a brother or sister with a disability?
Well today is a day just for you......

Northern Beaches Interchange welcomes siblings who are 7-12 years of age who have a brother or sister with a disability and live in the Manly, Warringah, Pittwater area.

Come along and take centre stage, performing, dressing up, and finding your voice!

Cost: Free
Meet: 9.30am The Ted Blackwood Hall, Warriewood.
Pick Up: 3.30pm The Ted Blackwood Hall, Warriewood.
Wear: Comfortable clothes
Bring: BYO Lunch, hat & sunscreen

RSVP Liz on 9970 0500 or email liz@nbi.org.au by June 21st 2013
Grandparents as Carers
Seminar

Proudly brought to you by Community Builders Pittwater,
Relationships Australia
and the Mona Vale Grandfriends Group

- Are you a grandparent who has a caring role in your grandchildren’s lives?

- This seminar will cover a range of topics, including:
  - the joys and challenges of grandparenting,
  - the complexities of communication,
  - understanding how your grandchildren may be thinking and feeling, and
  - the various approaches to discipline.

- Generate strategies to improve the challenging aspects of grand parenting.

- Learn more out about the Mona Vale Grandfriends Group, an intergenerational group for seniors, parents, carers and tots

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Date: Thursday 18 July 2013
Time: 9.30am - 12.00pm
Cost: Free
Location: Mona Vale Memorial Hall, 1606 Pittwater Road,
Mona Vale (next to Mona Vale Library)
Bookings: Are essential. Please call Sue Johansson on
1300 734 120 or 0435 835 963 or email
suej@ransw.org.au
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.

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