Dear Parents,

MEDICAL FORMS

At the beginning of the term we sent home Medical forms to be completed and returned to the school by 26 July. A small percentage of parents have not returned these forms. Reminders will be coming home over the next week.

Please note if you indicate on the form that your child has an action plan for either Asthma or Anaphylaxis the school is required to have a copy. We are currently in the process of entering all the information onto our system. Should we require further information from you, we will return your form with a letter. Please return this form and additional requirements as soon as possible.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

CAR PARKS AND ROAD SAFETY

The school car parks are to be used by staff and disabled students only. Unfortunately, we are still receiving reports of parents entering the car parks, dropping students in the car parks and reversing out of the car parks. The safety of our students is paramount. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE STAFF CAR PARKS.

Quality Assurance "Homework Review"

As a component of our continuous improvement program we are conducting a review of parents, staff and students thoughts about Homework. The Review Team is being led by Ms Cherie O'Bryan Assistant Principal and over the coming weeks our Mona Vale Mail will contain articles and links to aspects of Homework. Please take the time to look at these and complete the Homework Survey when it is sent home later this term. Mrs O'Bryan is looking for two interested parents to be part of the Review Team. If you are interested please email me and I will pass on your details.

Greg Jones
Principal
BA Macq, MA Ed Macq
Year 6 Email Distribution List

Thank you to our Year 6 Parents who have already registered their email address to be on the Year 6 distribution list. Please note this is separate to our Mona Vale Mail distribution list which works on the basis of the youngest child in each family. Information will be sent via the usual newsletter and also to the Year 6 distribution list. 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.

Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager

Mona Vale Planner

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Thank you very much to the group of enthusiastic parents who came to the Year 6 Farewell meeting on Tuesday night and to those who could not attend but phoned the school prior to the night.

There was a fabulous turn out, with lots of great thoughts, ideas and themes floated.

A special thanks to those who took on a leading role in catering, year book compilation, DVD production, being a helper on the night and decorations. However, we are still looking for more help and any extra hands would be much appreciated on these committees.

Trudi Davanzo and Lisa Bridge have taken on the coordinators role again…. WOW and are hoping to receive the names of any other parents who would like to be involved.

Please forward an email to cherie.obryan@det.nsw.edu.au if you would like to join one of our committees and I will pass on this information.

Once again, a huge thanks to all those parents involved in the organisation of the farewell. It is always such a fun and memorable night.

Kind regards

Cherie O’Bryan

$2 MUFTI DAY - TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST
THEME: FAVOURITE SPORTING TEAM
COLOURS

The SRC (Student Representative Council) are holding a mufti day on Tuesday 13th August.

The SRC have elected to have the proceeds of the day donated to Stewart House, Hope for Africa (building a Primary School in central Africa, and a local charity that will support children.

Please bring in a $2 donation. Appropriate closed in shoes are to be worn.
Mona Vale Musicale
Reminder

Where: Pittwater High School Hall

When: Thursday 15th August 2013

- 10am Morning Performance for MVPS students only.
- 6:30pm Evening performance for family, friends and community.

Thursday 15th August 2013.

Things to remember -

Drop Off & Pick Up Information: Day time Performance

- Band/Dance & String Ensemble children must be dropped off at Pittwater High School at 8:30am and have their name marked off the roll upon arrival.
- The rest of the school will be walking to and from the venue with their class and teacher for the 10am show.
- Students will need to bring with them their ‘crunch and sip’ or a small snack in a disposable bag as they will be eating upon arrival at the venue.
- All students will go home at the end of the school day as per normal.

Drop Off & Pick Up Information: Evening Performance

- All performers must be at Pittwater High School at 6pm and have their names marked off a roll.
- Students may be collected at the conclusion of the showcase after having their name marked off the roll.

This year there will be an opportunity to donate a gold coin for the Mona Vale Creative and performing Arts Program. We would appreciate any support towards this goal.
**Attention PCS Choir**

Next Thursday the PCS Choir will be performing both in the morning at the students' MUSICALE performance and in the evening at the parents' MUSICALE.

ALL CHOIR CHILDREN NEED TO WEAR THEIR BRIGHT PCS T-SHIRTS AND BLACK PANTS/SKIRTS AS WORN AT THE PCS FESTIVAL FOR BOTH PERFORMANCES. IT IS FINE FOR THE CHILDREN TO REMAIN IN THESE CLOTHES FOR THEIR RECORDER PIECE.

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**Uniform shop**

**REGULAR OPENING HOURS**

Mondays 2:30-3:00pm  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30-10:30am

(When making purchases by cash please keep notes in small denominations)

**DONATIONS**

Donations for the clothing pool are always greatly appreciated, however, if you are unable to drop donations into the shop on days open, please leave them at the office as we have had a number of bags water damaged by rain when left at the door while the shop is not open.

**FLEXI SCHOOLS**

Uniform shop purchases can now also be processed through Flexi School, allow up to 5 days for delivery to classrooms. The uniform shop will gladly provide an exchange/refund on unworn/unnamed garments which have tags and packaging intact.

Profits made during the year in the uniform shop are given back to the P&C to support initiatives within the school.

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.

**Tracey Cranston - Uniform Shop Supervisor.**
BOOK WEEK 2013

Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia. Dates for Book Week 2013 are Saturday 17 – Friday 23 August.

Each year at MVPS we celebrate books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians develop activities, offer competitions and read stories relating to the theme to highlight the importance of reading.

The theme in 2013 is: Read across the Universe.

At MVPS this year as part of our Book Week celebrations we were thrilled to have Tony Bones Children's Theatre Group perform a play based on HERMAN and ROSIE, the delightful, short-listed picture book written and illustrated by Gus Gordon (a parent of students at MVPS.) The play was a big hit! The children loved seeing Herman and Rosie come to life on stage.

In library and class lessons we are sharing, enjoying and studying the books listed by the Children's Book Council for the Book of the Year Awards. Our lessons are based on listening, reading and writing skills from the new Australian English Syllabus. Herman and Rosie was an introductory focus.

On Open Day in Education Week many families came to the library to visit and donate a book for the collection. These books will be loved and read by the children for years to come.

THANK YOU! Over $2 000 worth of new books was donated.

A BIG thank you to our lovely parent-helpers in the library, who have spent many hours assisting with the processing of the donated books.

Charmayne Hodgman Assistant-Principal, Teacher-Librarian
M.V.P.S FATHER’S DAY
BBQ BREAKFAST

The annual Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast for Mona Vale Public School will be held on:

Friday 30th August 2013 from 7:15am
under the primary cola (near the hall).

We invite you to come along and enjoy a fresh breakfast of a bacon and egg roll, fruit and juice. Tea & coffee will be available to purchase from coffee vans onsite.

Please complete the RSVP slip below and return it, along with your payment, to the school no later than Friday 23rd August 2013.

**IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS FORM BE RETURNED FOR CATERING PURPOSES.**

**We look forward to seeing you at the BBQ!!**

M.V.P.S. Social & Events Sub-Committee

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**RSVP**

Family/Surname: ........................................

Name of M.V.P.S child’s name: ......................................

Child: .........................................................

TOTAL number of bacon & egg rolls required: ................

$3.50 each = total enclosed: $................

H.B. THIS SLIP WILL BE RETURNED TO YOUR ELDEST CHILD AND IS YOUR TOKEN FOR COLLECTING YOUR BREAKFAST ON THE DAY. PLEASE DO NOT LOSE THIS TOKEN.
Dear Book Gourmet,
It's time once again to allow us to whet your reading appetite with our extensive menu of book titles which will be on offer at our August Book Fair.
Due to popular demand, we are extending our Sunday trading to 4pm so that more supporters can feast their eyes on the 20,000+ books up for grabs.

VENUE: Ted Blackwood Hall, Jacksons & Boondah Roads, Warriewood
DATES: Fri 23 August: 2 - 9pm
Sat 24 August: 9am - 5pm
Sun 25 August: 9am - 4pm

* Whip up a gastronomic delight from our huge selection of cookbooks
* Lose yourself in "The Hunger Games" collection
* Renovating your Kitchen? Make a beeline to the DIY & Home Improvement section
* Kilos of Yummy titles to savour throughout our fiction paperbacks
* Make sure you sample our smorgasbord of literary delights for Father's Day gift buyers

And remember - your book purchase directly helps Lifeline prevent suicide and save lives in your community.
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Reading at Twilight

Join us for a family friendly night out to celebrate the works of Roald Dahl

Venue: Mona Vale Library
1 Park Street
Mona Vale

Time: 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Date: Wednesday 21 August 2013

Age: 8 - 80

Selected readings with a glass of wine and light refreshments for Mum and Dad

Readings, popcorn and other fun stuff for children

Bookings essential at the front desk or by phone on 9973 1600

A FREE event for Children’s Book Week


Invite a little bit of Italy into your home!

Become second parents to an exchange student as they adapt themselves to the Aussie way of life and share their cuisine, history and culture with you. Volunteer host families come from all walks of life and communities: rural, suburban and urban.

Contact WEP for more information: 1300 884 733 or wep.org.au

Costanza participated in a semester-long student exchange program with World Education Program (WEP) Australia.

At the end of her program, Costi shared the following:

Thank You! Two words that I probably didn’t have the chance to say properly so far. Thank you to the coolest host mum, to the nicest host dad and to the funniest host sisters ever! Thank you for making every day of my stay so wonderful and keeping away that homesickness that could have shown up without you. Thank you for all the little moments we shared together: Riley’s birthday, the pizza night and all our ‘Australian’s Next Top Model’ nights. Thank you for having been there for me even in the worst moments. Of course it hasn’t been always smooth and soft, no one is perfect, and you got to know me and eventually accept me even when I make mistakes.

This is what I thank you for; for letting me into your family and say one more time: Thank you! You’ve been the most wonderful host family that I could possibly have!

HOSTING IS FUN!

Join the WEP community and become a volunteer host family to an Italian exchange student.

www.wep.org.au

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A non-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Department.
FREE GUEST SPEAKERS NIGHT

Warringah Council presents

SURVIVING YEAR 12
with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Tuesday 10 September
6:30 - 9:00pm
Glen Street Theatre, cnr Glen St and Blackbutts Rd, Belfrage.
FREE but bookings essential on youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au
Phone enquiries: 9942 2681

A guide for those facing the pressures of the final year at high school.

Dr Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s leading authorities on teenage behaviour. He is the author of five books (including “Surviving Year 12: A sanity kit for students and their parents”) and appears regularly on TV and radio.

Topics include:
- Studying smarter
- Dealing with stress and anxiety
- Setting and achieving goals
- Emotional health and social life
- Managing the family
- Exercise, diet and sleep
- Coping with exams
- Keeping things in perspective
- Enjoying the final year

For parents, high school students, carers and people working with teenagers.