Senior Dance Ensemble auditions will be held next week for any students who are new to the school and are in year 5 or year 6. This year there are 2 dance groups, Senior Girls Dance Ensemble & Senior Boys Dance Ensemble. Please remind students to listen for announcements as to when the auditions will be held in week 2.
2014 School Term Dates

Term 1: Last Day for students Friday 11th April

Term 2: Staff Development Day Monday 28th April
Students return Tuesday 29th April
Last Day for Students 27th June

Term 3: Staff Development Day - Monday 14th July
Students Return - Tuesday 15th July
Last Day for Students Friday 19th September

Term 4: Students and Staff return Tuesday October 7, 2014
Last day for students - 17th December, 2014

From the Office

Term Accounts and Permission notes
Term accounts and Term 1 permission notes (lilac) have been distributed to all students. Please contact the office if you have not received your account. If you have not signed and returned your lilac permission note to your teacher, please do so immediately. Students are not able to participate in activities without it.

Community use hire of facilities
As you may be aware, the school hires out the hall and a classroom for after school activities. These activities are run independently to the school, and are not endorsed by the school. However, you may be interested in the activities that these companies provide. Below I have listed their contact details, if you are interested in the activities that these companies provide, please contact the company direct.

Tigers Tennis
Peter O'Malley
0421 990 670

Australia's Youth Outreach Program (Karate)
Matt Klein 9904 5667
Saturday morning in the hall

Rebekah Wright Drama Workshops
Rebekah Wright 9957 4140 / 0411 143 190
Tuesday afternoon in the hall
BOOK CLUB

Dear students and parents.

Welcome to another year in Mona Vale School and also welcome to the new students and parents.
The brochures of the first issue of the Book Club have been handed out to your teacher. There are five different brochures and they are all suited for different ages. Wombat and Lucky are for the younger ones. Arrow and Star are for the older students. There is also always a 'special Book Club' brochure that has a name that Scholastic changes from one issue to another. This one is called Extra.

All students get a week to ten days to hand in their orders to the library. The orders can be paid by either a cheque, cash or by credit card. If you chose to pay by credit card you need to call the number on the order form and follow the prompts. You will get a receipt number from Scholastic that you need to write on the payment slip that you hand in together with the student's order form. Your teacher has received a note with the last date to hand in the students Book Club orders. There is also a note in the front office and in the library. If you have any question regarding the Book Club do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks everyone - and welcome to a new Book Club year in Mona Vale School!
Remember to read, read, read!
Book Club organiser
Rita Ericsson (library assistant)
Due date for the orders is Friday 14 February.
Super Strings

There are many students after having a year of violin in the year 1 classroom in 2013, who have a high level of excitement about continuing along the strings path. I am strongly committed to growing the Strings program at Mona Vale Public school and am confident that we have great conductors lined up to teach and inspire young violinists and cellists.

The 'Starter Strings' group will now be rehearsing on Tuesday afternoon 3-4 in the Music classroom. The conductor will be Mrs Thiele.

The first rehearsal will be next Tuesday 11th February 3-4.

Your child will need to bring:

* Their instrument (if they have bought or hired one: if they have not done this yet they can borrow a class one for the hour only)

* A lead pencil

* A happy attitude

At this stage the plan will be to use a great book called Abracadabra for Strings. (Which will be able to be purchased at Mona Vale Music Shop) This is NOT required for the first rehearsal.

The expectations have stayed the same for students wanting to join the Starter Strings Ensemble:

Students need to

* Attend weekly rehearsals (If absent for any reason a note will need to be given to Mrs Thiele)

* Have a weekly string lesson from a tutor that is skilled in their instrument (i.e. violin or cello) The list Mr Warby published is still great to use.

Senior Strings is for students who have been learning a string instrument longer than a year. Mrs Kathryn Crossing is taking this ensemble and has extensive violin knowledge.

The first rehearsal will be next Wednesday 12th February 3-4.

If you have any questions about any of these ensembles come along to the first rehearsal and all questions can be answered. Look forward to watching this program flourish under 2 the amazing musical leadership of Mrs Thiele and Mrs Crossing.

Recorder Group

Mona Vale has a fantastic tradition of putting our recorder ensemble into the Opera House concert and this year we plan to continue this tradition. We have acquired some larger tenor recorders we would love keen students to learn.

The first rehearsal for Recorder group will be Monday 10th February at lunchtime in the Music classroom. If your child is keen please pack their recorder. The recorder group will be taken by Mrs Thiele and Mrs Shaw.

Bands

Students beginning on an instrument are coming to a Band beginning workshop this Saturday 8th Feb 2-4:30 in the school hall. If your child would still like to join our successful band program
come along to this workshop and talk to Mrs Shaw: it’s not too late to join our 2014 Training Band.
All other concert bands are up and running and making great music already.

**Choirs**
First rehearsals for choir start after the weekend. Rehearsal will be led by the very talented singing-teacher Miss Wright, in the music portable next to the hall.
Monday 10th February Senior Choir 8-8:45

Monday 10th February Junior Choir at lunchtime

All welcome to come and sing; lots of exciting performance opportunities planned for this group as we would love to see singing at Mona Vale grow in 2014.

**Dance Groups**
Auditions have been held for Junior Dance and both Senior Boys & Senior Girls Ensemble. Students will be told by either Ms. Rizzuto (Junior) or Ms. Melotic if they were successful and rehearsals schedules will be given to those dancers.

**Art, Art, Art**
There has been lots of interest in students joining art clubs and we are very busy organizing the best way to run these art clubs. At this stage they will not begin until **Week 5** and we will communicate with students and parents the best way to get involved in these in the next Mona Vale Mail.

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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)

**CAPS**
**HOLD ON TO YOUR CAPS.**
The Uniform Shop has sold a high quantity of caps over the last few weeks of school starting. WE WILL RUN OUT before the next delivery . Wide brim will be the only option!!

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION JACKETS**
Order forms have been sent home this week and must be received by Monday 17th February, The Uniform shop requires any year 6 mum’s who are available Tuesday and Thursday (8:30-10:30) to help the Year 6’s with sizing, class paperwork, proof reading names and spreadsheets.

**MONDAY HELPERS**
Helpers required Monday afternoon in Uniform Shop 2:30-3:00pm. Please contact me you are if available to help.
Volunteers are always needed so if you can spare a couple of hours once or twice a month please text Tracey on 0427 224 893 or contact via email tracey.cranston@det.nsw.edu.au

Tracey Cranston - Uniform Shop Supervisor.
Replies to enquiries will be returned in shop opening hours.

Welcome to MVPS Band for 2014, and a huge welcome to our new band families!
If you have not received any emails this year from MVPS Band, please register your email address at monavaleband@gmail.com as email is our primary form of communication with band families.

Training Band workshop
Our 2014 Training Band Workshop will be held this Saturday from 2.00pm till 4.30pm. The first part of the workshop will involve: confirming fee payment/paying fees; collecting instruments, music books, folders and bags; purchasing cleaning kits (if required); registering for the school tutoring program (if applicable); and an introduction to the band program by Mrs Shaw. This will be followed by small group tutoring sessions for all students.

Please note that all fees must be paid prior to collection of instruments on Saturday. Our preference is for eft payments prior to Saturday. If you are paying on the day, please bring the correct cash or a cheque in an envelope with your child’s name.

Welcome to our new conductors
On behalf of all MVPS band families, we would like to welcome our three new conductors for 2014.
Michael Jobson, Performance Band
Josh Hughes, Stage Band
Tim Collins, Percussion ensemble
All three conductors come to Mona Vale with a wealth of experience and we are confident that our students will enjoy working with them.

2014 Band Rehearsals
Training Band
Monday afternoons: 2:45pm - 4pm
Thursday mornings: 7:20am – 8:30am
Commencing next Monday 10/02/14
Concert Band
Monday mornings: 7:20am – 8:30am
Wednesday afternoons: 2:45pm - 4pm
Performance Band
Wednesday mornings: 7:20am – 8:30am,
Thursday afternoons: 2:45pm - 4pm
Stage Band
Thursday afternoon: 4:00pm – 5:00pm (starting next week 13/02/14)

Missed rehearsals reminder
A letter of explanation is required should a student arrive late or miss rehearsals. This letter is to be addressed to The Conductor. Continued unexplained absence will jeopardise the students
place in the band program. On days where students are on excursions, they are still expected to attend rehearsals.

**Percussion ensemble**
This year our band program is introducing a percussion ensemble to broaden the instrument experience of our percussionists, allowing them to learn a range of new instruments and to read music accordingly.
Initially this ensemble will be offered to Performance and Concert band percussionists. The ensemble will rehearse on Tuesday mornings before school with Tim Collins. The start date will be confirmed shortly.

**2014 MVPS Band Camp**
This year band camp will be from April 4th – 6th at the Sydney Academy of Sport in Narrabeen. Details will be provided later in February.

**2014 MVPS Band Committee**
President: David Wilkinson  
Vice President: Mark Thornton  
Communications Coordinator: Kylie Backer  
School Liaison: Jacqui Shaw  
Treasurer: Nicole Graham  
Assistant Treasurer: Kath Loudon  
Events Coordinator: Sharon Hagley  
Instrument Coordinator: Nicole Gouda  
Band Parent reps: Jo Marshall (PB)  
Kylie Pinwill (CB)  
Ali Gordon (TB)  
Tutor Liaison: Claire Hammond  
Acquisition Officer: Clare Wilson  
Minutes: Yudit Buitrago  
Disco Coordinators: Jillian Jackson  
Disco Canteen: Vacant  
Conductors:  
- Training and concert: Jacqui Shaw  
- Performance band: Michael Jobson  
- Stage Band: Josh Hughes  
- Percussion ensemble: Tim Collins  

Thank you to all committee members for volunteering your time to assist in running the band committee.

**Position vacant** – we are still to fill the role of Disco Canteen co-ordinator. This role involves ordering the food and drinks for each disco and operating the canteen for each of the four discos. If you think you can help out with this position, please email the band committee.

If you need to contact anyone on the committee or the band conductors, please email monavaleband@gmail.com and your email will be passed on to the appropriate person.

**Chess**

**Free play Tuesday**

We are lucky to have some wonderful volunteers from St Johns Anglican Church at Mona Vale who run free social chess every Tuesday at lunchtime in the library connector room.
All MVPS students regardless of whether they are Chess Club members are invited to enjoy ‘free play Tuesday’ starting next week, Tuesday 11th February, and each Tuesday after that. Please let your children know this is available to them.

**Enrolment forms and fees**

It's great to see so many new enrolments, particularly from our new OC students whose parents are also really enthusiastic about supporting the club. Please email monavalechess@gmail.com for an enrolment form.

Term fees, either single or two terms payments, are due by the end of week 3 to pay our specialist coaches.

The two week free trial is available up to week 5, after that it becomes too disruptive to the group to take on new students. We accept new enrolments at the beginning of each school term.

**Committee**

We have a nomination for vice treasurer to take over from Jackie Rees. This appointment will be ratified at the week 4 P&C meeting.

The club still needs a junior coordinator (out of work hours) and some parents to volunteer to supervise one or two Thursday lunchtime coaching sessions for the juniors each term. No experience of chess is required for either.

**Coaches**

Next week I’ll introduce our three coaches and include a little background information on each.

**Lunch bells**

There has been a change to the timing of the lunch bells. The first lunch bell now sounds at 12.25pm and this is when Chess Club members make their way to coaching. They may eat their lunch at the lesson as long as the room is kept rubbish-free. Please remind your child to go to chess when the first bell sounds.

**Seniors coaching next Monday**

Mrs Best’s classroom at the bottom of Q block is where the intermediate seniors and advanced juniors will be coached each Monday. Anyone who was in Miro’s class last year should head to Mrs Best’s room next Monday, 10th February to meet your new coach, Rick Keuning from the Sydney Academy of Chess.

If your child is newly enrolled and is an advanced player they should go to Max Illingworth in the library connector room and he will trial them.

If you have any questions about the Chess Club please don’t hesitate to contact me. We aim to have open communication with parents and carers and create a friendly and challenging environment for children of all ages and skill levels.

**Lisa Ratcliff**
Volunteer MVPS Chess Club Convenor/Chair

e. monavalechess@gmail.com
m. 0418 428 511/ 9979 7989 (chess calls before 8.30pm OK)
CONGRATULATIONS to Matty Macarthur who has been selected in the Manly United U/10 SAP team for 2014. He also represented Sydney North U/10 in the Nationals Futsal Championships at Penrith over the holidays, where his team made the quarter-finals. Well done Matty!

2014 Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to everyone who entered a race. It was great to see so many students diving in the pool and giving it a go!

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to cheer for the students in the pool. Many thanks to Isabelle and Georgie Dowsett and Jessica Kelliher for their help with the timekeeping.

A huge congratulations to our record breakers:

Max Oldham broke 4 records (WOW) and Beau Morrison and Metysse Rogley broke 1 each.

An amazing effort. Well done!

Congratulations to Barrenjoey our carnival winners.

Well done to our placegetters:

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| **50M FREESTYLE** | |
| **8YR** | |
| 1. Ciara Cooper | 1. Luke Chaffer |
| 2. Matea Glavin | 2. Tom Cuttle |
| 3. Jasmine Kibble | 3. Logan Bartlem |

| **9YR** | |
| 1. Abby Laing | 1. Beau Morrison (new record 41.58) |
| 2. Eliza Holland | 2. Luke Thornton |
3. Clara Kenny 3. James Euers

10YR
1. Metysse Rogley 1. Max Oldham (new record 36.30)
2. Johanna Hagley 2. Ethan Cooper

11YR
1. Jodie Louw 1. Brandon Bartlem
2. April Cozens 2. Tom Morrison

12YR
1. Madison Louw 1. Justin Cho
2. Emily Thornton 2. Adam Eglesz

JUN BREASTSTROKE
1. Metysse Rogley (new record 50.29) 1. Max Oldham (new record 49.89)
2. Alex Jackson 2. Beau Morrison
3. Abby Laing 3. Oskar Warner

11YR BREASTSTROKE
1. Kelly Xu 1. Brandon Bartlem
2. Laura Duan 2. Daniel O’Donnell
3. Abi Worland 3. Joshus Powell

SENIOR BREASTSTROKE
1. Sasha Rous 1. Adam Eglesz
3. Elaina Turner 3. Conor Carroll

JUN BACKSTROKE
1. Metysse Rogley 1. Max Oldham (new record 46.53)
2. Georgia Bonadio    2. Matty Macarthur

11YR BACKSTROKE
1. April Cozens    1. Brandon Bartlem

SENIOR BACKSTROKE
1. Madison Louw    1. Justin Cho
2. Kelly Turner    2. Adam Eglesz
3. Alex Hagley     3. Carl Watson

JUN BUTTERFLY
1. Metysse Rogley 1. Max Oldham (new record 40.75)
2. Abby Laing     2. Beau Morrison
3. Laura Clarke   3. Matty Macarthur

11YR BUTTERFLY
1. Kelly Xu       1. Brandon Bartlem
2. Tamara Gurney  2. Joshua Powell

SENIOR BUTTERFLY
1. Madison Louw   1. Justin Cho
2. Emily Thornton 2. Adam Eglezs

Our first 3 placegetters in 50 m Freestyle and first 2 in all other strokes will progress to the Pittwater Zone carnival held at Warringah Aquatic Centre on Monday 10th March.

Good luck to all our Mona Vale competitors!
Mona Vale Primary School students and Cousins Logan Walters (Year 6) and Fletcher Walters (Year 5) competed in the Optimist Dinghy Sailing class 2014 Australian Championships at Mornington Yacht Club, Victoria, 4th – 11th January. The Optimist is a single handed kids dinghy.

The regatta broke the record as the largest ever One Design regatta ever held in Australia with 342 entries. There were three fleets; the Open, Intermediate and Green Fleet. The boys raced in the Intermediate fleet which consisted of 111 kids in Optimist dinghy’s, the fleet was split into gold and silver flights towards the end of the regatta. The conditions ranged from 19 °C and heavy winds to 39 °C and light breeze. Day one racing was cancelled due to strong wind and big seas, meaning the boys raced five days straight, a total of twelve races. Logan came 40th out of 56 in the Intermediate Gold fleet, Fletcher came 6th out of 55 in the Intermediate Silver Fleet. The Walters Racing Team (WRT) learnt a lot, had a great time and met other Opti sailors from around Australia.
ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN AFTERNOON
WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 2014
4 – 7 PM
THE SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN ON THIS AFTERNOON FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE INVITED.
YEAR 5 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND.