Mona Vale Manners

Week 2 – Put your hand up when you would like to speak and wait until the teacher has finished speaking.
(begins Monday 12th October)

Mona Vale School App

School App

Have you downloaded our school app?
If not go to the app store and search Mona Vale Public School.
Our app is now our first line of communication to parents.

Please go to the App Store and download – allow push notifications.

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Under Mona Vale Public School
Leigh Kostiainen
Dear Parents

Our Commitment; Excellence, Innovation, Community

Welcome back to what will be a busy and exciting term at Mona Vale. After discussion with the P&C with the focus on involving a broader range of parents in the life of the school we are trialing a morning P&C meeting each term. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd November from 9am-10am in the school hall.

We hope that this will be an opportunity for parents at school at this time who are unable to make evening meetings to be involved and informed about activities with the school and the P&C. We will be inviting the “Class Parent” coordinator to these meetings in the future. We look forward to seeing a different group of parents being involved in P&C activities through this change of time. The second P&C meeting will remain as usual on Tuesday evening in week 8.

Introduction to Band Evening
Next Wednesday 14th October at 6:30pm in the hall, we will be holding a ‘taste of band evening’ for students and families considering entering our outstanding band program. As you would be aware Mona Vale has one of the strongest Primary Band programs in the country and we are very proud of their achievements. Mrs Shaw welcomes all interested students and parents to explore this wonderful opportunity. I hope to see you there.

School Organization 2016
We are starting school organization for next year and need to know if you won’t be with us in 2016. The school’s allocation of teachers is based on the number of students at the start of the year so it is vital to know ahead of time if possible if you are moving. Please let us know in writing to the office as soon as possible.

Class Organisation Policy

In the formulation of classes at Mona Vale Public School the following factors will guide the decision-making:

- Department of Education and Communities staffing formula
- A balanced distribution of students’ abilities and genders
- Professional skills and preferences of teacher
- Parental information
- Student relationships

In the allocation of students to particular classes the following factors will guide the decision making process:

- Needs of individual students
- These may be social, intellectual, emotional or physical

The identification of these needs will be achieved through:

- Professional deliberations of staff who are familiar with the student
- Academic and welfare data
- Student’s educational history (previous classes, special circumstances etc.)
- Parental presentation of significant information about their child (health, history, social or emotional factors)

If you would like to provide the school with any important information for consideration when placing your child, please complete the attached “Class Placement Form” and return to the Admin Office by November 6th.

It should be noted by parents that because of staffing constraints it is not possible to consider requests for specific teachers. Please note that previous years’ requests are disregarded. The information provided below, is for 2016 placement only.

Mr Greg Jones
Principal
Dear Grandparents and Friends

You are invited to Mona Vale Public School’s Grandparents’ Day

Thursday October 22nd

Grandparents/friends are welcome to visit the Library with their student/s for the Book Fair. The Library will be open from 8am.

Events:

9:15am Performances from some of our wonderful Performing Arts groups will be showcased on the K-2 COLA.

10:00am Visit classrooms to view student work and visit the Library.

10:45am Please enjoy morning tea provided outside the library with your student on the Waratah Playground. (Morning tea will be provided for all Grandparents and friends by the Social and Events Committee.)

Our morning will conclude at 11:15am when all students will return to normal classes.

Students are excited to showcase all their wonderful efforts this year to you. We hope you can attend our Grandparents’ Day.

Volunteers to serve refreshments for our Grandparents’ and our Grandfriends’ Day – Thursday October 22nd 2015

It is that wonderful time of year again where MVPS is a buzz with grandparents and special friends – and we all know they need a cup of tea or coffee after a busy morning visiting classrooms, watching performances and donating and dedicating new books to the library! Once again, the P&C Social and Events Committee is honoured to serve complimentary tea, coffee and refreshments to those visitors and so we need volunteers! It’s great fun so grab a friend and please use the link here to sign up http://vols.pt/2n7zvg. If you can help all morning, please sign up for 8:30-11:30 (there will be a chance to go and visit your children’s classrooms in that time), however if you can help for part of the morning we would be most grateful so please choose the hour that suits you between 8:30-11:30am.

If you have any issues with this link or any other questions, please email Tanya van der Wall on events@monavalepspca.com.au or call on 0411 044 490.

Tanya van der Wall
### Dates For Your Diary

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Year 6 Dancesport  
Intermediate Chess Club – lunch  | **October 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 6 Dancesport  
Year 5 Leadership Training Day  
5:00-6:30pm Kindy 2016 Information evening  
7:00pm-8:30pm Kindy 2016 Information evening  
7pm-9pm Band Committee Meeting  | **October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
State Athletics Carnival  
Year 5 Leadership Training Day  
Advanced Chess Club – lunch  
6pm-7pm Year 2 Band recruitment evening  | **October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
State Athletics Carnival  
Beginners Chess Club - lunch  | **October 16<sup>th</sup>**  |
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Year 6 Dancesport  
Intermediate Chess Club – lunch  | **October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 6 Dancesport  | **October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Kindy 2016 Orientation  
Advanced Chess Club – lunch  | **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Grandparents' Day celebration & book fair  
Beginners Chess Club - lunch  | **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**  |
| 4    | **October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Intermediate Chess Club – lunch  | **October 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Choral Festival @ Opera House – Senior Choir @ Australis Concert  
Kindy 2016 Orientation  
Advanced Chess Club – lunch  | **October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Music Count us In  
9:30am-11am 2016 OC Open Day  
Beginners Chess Club - lunch  | **October 29<sup>th</sup>**  | **October 30<sup>th</sup>**  |
A recent major independent research study found that the results of students using Mathletics are up to 9% higher in external Government testing.

**WEEK 1 WINNERS**

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Welcome back to Term 4… which promises to be another fun-filled music-making term for our students. Concluding with our big event to finish off the year: CAROLS 2015: please save the date **Friday 4th December** and come along to be entertained, sing and share a picnic rug of food with friends. More information will become available as we get a little closer.

Another night that is much closer is our Band Information Night for 2016: **Wednesday 14th October 6:30pm** in the school hall. I thought as this night was coming up I would reflect on a few questions that I get asked by parents regularly:

**Q:** *My child is in Year 4 now is it too late to join band?*

A: Never. It is never too late to join the band program while you are a student from Year 3 and above at Mona Vale Public School. If you are in older years and keen to play a trumpet, or wish you had started the flute then come along to the Information Evening on October 14th.

**Q:** *How many rehearsals does my child have to go to if they join the band?*

A: Our Concert Band ensembles all have a morning and afternoon rehearsal: so 2 a week. Come along to the information night to hear more about why we do this and why our program is so successful.

**Q:** *My child has played piano for several years. Can they play keyboard in the band?*

A: I get this question a lot: first of all please let me say it is great that children are playing piano! I personally believe every student should learn piano for a year for brain development and to give it a go… Unfortunately Concert Band music is not written for keyboard parts. Keyboard players can be brilliant instrumentalists and often find it fun to start another instrument so they can enjoy the social aspect of performing in a group. Keyboard players again can often develop xylophone and glockenspiel skills and be part of the percussion section. Again if you have any questions regarding instrument choice then come along to the band information night at 6:30pm in the school hall next Wednesday 14th October to have all your questions answered.

Kind Regards

Mrs Jacqui Shaw
Mona Vale Creative Arts Coordinator
Training Band 2016: Parent Information

Wednesday 14th October 6:30pm

Dear Parents

We would like to offer all children who will be in Years 3-6 in 2016 the opportunity to join the school’s successful band program. We invite all those interested students and parents to attend our information night on Wednesday 14th October in the School Hall. The evening will be fun and informative for students and parents. It provides a chance for any questions you may have regarding the program and will take approximately one hour.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mona Vale Band Committee
Mrs Jacqui Shaw Creative Arts Coordinator

Sport House Winners

The winning Sport House for Week 1 is:

**Barrenjoey & Warringah**
Enrolments for term 4 are now open. Advanced students are coached Wednesday during lunch in the library connector room and beginners/intermediate at lunch on Thursdays in the same room from the first bell (students eat their lunch in the connector room).

Students from K-6 interested in chess are able to trial one lesson free of charge before deciding whether to join the Chess Club and continue receiving weekly professional coaching and play in tournaments both at school and away.

If after the trial lesson your child wishes to join the Chess Club please email chess@monavalepspca.com.au for an enrolment form. Fees are: one child $120 for two terms /$65 per term, second child in the same family $100 for two terms/ $55 per term.

Based on our current membership we have had to reduce coaching sessions to two per week and combine intermediate students with the Thursday beginner group. Tim Priest knows the situation and has been asked to cater for those with more advanced skills within his lessons, or move the best of the group who are ready for the challenge up to advanced level.

We’ll continue to monitor class sizes and if we can encourage some new enrolments we will certainly look at reverting back to three sessions. The Wednesday session will continue unchanged for advanced players.

If anyone has ideas for promoting the Chess Club please do share or even better, get involved with the committee’s work.

Our second major tournament for the year is booked in for November 18 in the MVPS school hall. Permission notes and requests for parent helpers will be coming out shortly. Only paid up members will be able to represent MVPS.

A reminder that the Chess Club offers ‘free play Tuesday’ each Tuesday in the library connector room supervised by an adult volunteer. This is a relaxed place for students, whether members of the Chess Club or not, to take a break from the playground and enjoy social chess. ALL WELCOME! 😊

If you have any questions about chess at MVPS please email Lisa Ratcliff via the email address above.
Uniform Shop Details

**Regular Opening Hours**

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

Email: uniformshop@monavalepspca.com.au

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**Live Life Well**

This week’s topic from the Live Life Well Team is:

How much water do children need?

The amount of fluid that children need varies between individual children. The older the child, the more fluid they need. Children should drink approximately 1–1½ litres of fluid a day. Children will need more when they are physically active and on hot and humid days. Water is the best drink – for both children and adults – in all situations.

Regards

**Mrs Kristy Waterhouse**  
Classroom Teacher
Welcome back to Term 4.

Last term the canteen ran a successful campaign called EAT FRESH AND WIN. Lots of children have participated and enjoyed collecting pencils by ordering either fresh fruit or vegetables from the canteen through Flexischools.

All entry forms have been returned to SYDNEY MARKETS and the major draw will take place on October 14th. Winners will be announced on the Fresh For Kids website.

**SLUSHI**

The slushi machine is ON and ready to go for Term 4. Slushi’s are sold at lunchtimes for $1.50 each.

**NACHOS**

Nachos is fast becoming a favourite at school this term. Sold on Wednesdays, it’s homemade every week in the canteen. Onions, mince, tomatoes and kidney beans make up the nachos and it’s served in an aluminium container with corn chips, salsa and grated cheese on top – delicious!!

**VOLUNTEERS**

We are always on the lookout for extra volunteers in the canteen. Here are some bonuses to coming along and “having a go!” Your child or children will be happy to see you in their favourite place – school! You get to spoil them by spending a little extra money (all for a good cause) and you get to meet new people and make good friends within the school community.

### Term 4 Roster

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Rebecca O’Donnell
Canteen Coordinator
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ALL WELCOME
Mona Vale Public School LIBRARY
Grandparents’ Day
Thursday 22nd October, 2015

The Scholastic Book Fair is heading our way. Visit the library for all the fun. Books are for sale or donation and there are books for all tastes.

We cannot wait to see you there!!

VIP MUSIC
Music Keyboard Lesson at Mona Vale Public School
- Fun 45min group lesson
- Music theory and instrument playing
- No instrument required initially
- Competitive rate

Call 9411 3122 to start NOW or to enrol for 2016

ART CLUB
Same great creativity just a different artist teaching the MVPS artists
Classes are held Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 3pm-4:15pm in the Art Club room
Sculpt, print, paint, draw, experience, create and express yourself in these fun afternoon classes
What a great way to end the school day!

NOW taught by Warringah Art Exhibition 2014 winner Michelle Reed!
More details please contact Michelle on 0410 156 165 or visit www.kinderart.com.au
Respect, Responsibility, Personal Best

CLASS PLACEMENT FORM FOR 2016

When allocating children to classes, every effort is made to ensure that the classes we form are well balanced and that the special needs of all children are taken into account. This is a very lengthy process for our staff.

If you would like to make us aware of particular issues or special needs that you feel we should consider when placing your child, please complete this form and return it by the due date to the administration office.

It should be noted by parents that because of staffing constraints it is not possible to consider requests for specific teachers. Please note that previous years’ requests are disregarded. The information provided below, is for 2016 placement only.

Parent/Carer’s Name ____________________________  Contact No. ________________

Child’s Name ____________________________  2015 Class ________

Please list your child’s previous classes

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Please outline the information that needs to be considered when placing your child.

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It is strongly recommended that you discuss this information with your child’s teacher, if appropriate.
Have you discussed this information with your child’s teacher?  YES  NO

Please return completed forms to the Front Office by Friday, 6th November 2015 addressed to the attention of Mr Jones.

NOTE THIS IS THE CLOSING DATE ....
NO CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.
PCO is a new string orchestra for young people on the Northern Beaches, providing musical fun and inspiration in a non-competitive, supportive environment designed to encourage a love of music in our children.

Join us!
* violin, viola, cello or double bass
* beginner - grade 3+ level
* Monday afternoon rehearsals 3.45 - 5.00 pm (arrival from 3.30) at Mona Vale Memorial Hall, next to the library
* afternoon tea and music games included