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.

Week 5 – Listen carefully without fiddling.
(begins Monday 2nd November)

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

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Morning P&C Meeting – All Welcome
We are trialing a morning P&C meeting from 9am -10am to support a wider range of parents having the opportunity to be involved in the life of the P&C. Our first meeting is on Tuesday 3rd November at 9am-10am in the Hall, tea/coffee will be provided. I have invited our class parents to this first meeting in addition to any parent who would like to attend. I will be discussing School Planning 2016, Learning Support initiatives and will provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

Please note – toddlers most welcome.

School Organisation 2016
We are starting school organisation 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 Placement Forms due Friday 6th November – last chance!
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. No forms will be accepted after this date.

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, is for 2016 placement only.

2015 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 4: Last day for students Wednesday 16th December

2016 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1: Staff Development Day - Wednesday 27th January
Students return - Thursday 28th January (Years 1-6)
Kindergarten Best Start Assessments – Thursday 28th,
Friday 29th January & Monday 1st February
Kindergarten starts - Tuesday 2nd February
Easter Break – Friday 25th – Monday 28th March
Students return - Tuesday 29th March
Last day of term - Friday 8th April

Term 2: Staff Development Day – Tuesday 26th April
Students return – Wednesday 27th April
Last day of term – Friday 1st July

Term 3: Staff Development Day - Monday 18th July
Students return – Tuesday 19th July
Last day of term – Friday 23rd September

Term 4: Students and Staff return – Monday 10th October
Last day for students – Friday 16th December
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Last night I had the great pleasure of accompanying our fabulous **Senior Choir** and **Miss Hester Wright** to the Sydney Opera House and performing with the mass choir as part of the Festival of Choral Music.

Mona Vale were definitely the stars of the evening as we were joined on stage by **Mrs Jacqui Shaw** as a guest conductor and then our Principal **Mr Greg Jones** was selected to be the guest Principal Compere for the evening! What a proud moment to see Mrs Shaw walk onto the stage, resplendent in a beautiful sequined gown, to gasps from the audience and choir, and then to be introduced to the audience by our very own Mr Jones who delivered an excellent speech about the importance of performing arts in a well rounded education.

Just another shining example of the outstanding calibre of programs available to our students in public education.

**Mrs Leesa Martin**  
Deputy Principal
Mrs Stevenson will be holding lunchtime Selective High School Club (in 5S classroom) during Wednesday lunchtime in Weeks 5 to 8 this term and again next year in Term 1 from Weeks 2 to 5. If your child wishes to sit the exam next year and would like some extra guidance please remind them to come along. A “Year 7 2017 Intention to Apply” note has gone out to all Year 5 students. Please return your “Intention to Apply” slip to your class teacher by Thursday 29th October.

**Sport News**

CONGRATULATIONS to our Boys Touch Footy Team and their coach Mr Johnston who competed in the State KO Finals on Monday. Our boys were representing the whole of Sydney at the tournament and really did Mona Vale proud. They were beaten 1-3 by a strong Wagga Wagga in the semis so are now placed 3rd in the state.

An amazing achievement boys! We are so proud of you.

The winning Sport House for Week 4 is: **Warringah**
Senior Chess Monitors

Four senior players have kindly offered to support the junior/intermediate group on a Thursday working in pairs week about. Giving time and skills to others can be a rewarding experience & we thank those students very much.

Enrolments close this week!

New enrolments for Term 4 close this week. 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).

If 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.

November tournament Wednesday November 18th

Our second major all-day tournament for the year is booked in for November 18 in the MVPS school hall. Permission notes and requests for parent helpers have been sent out. Only paid up members are able to represent MVPS.

Free play Tuesday

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.

New Chess Club Committee for 2016

Both the current chair and vice treasurer are standing down at the end of this year after three and two year terms respectively. If you are interested in either role please get in touch.

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

Regards

Lisa Ratcliff
Chess Coordinator
A recent major independent research study found that the results of students using Mathletics are up to 9% higher in external Government testing.

**WEEK 3 WINNERS**

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

**Kids love rewards!**

Praise healthy habits. This may be snacking on fruit, drinking water and being active. Use treats like stickers, special games and outings, hugs and praise. Avoid using food as a reward.

**Enjoy cooking and preparing meals with your children!**

Make vegetarian pizza using Lebanese bread, tomato paste, cheese and let the kids pick the vegetables to go on top. Set up bowls of sliced vegetables and let them decorate their own pizza.

Regards

Mrs Kristy Waterhouse
Classroom Teacher
Uniform Shop Details

Regular Opening Hours

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

Email: uniformshop@monavalepspca.com.au

This year will see the introduction of Mona Vale Public School’s new girl’s summer dress as pictured.

There will be no change to the existing skort uniform.

We will be starting to introduce the dresses with the 2016 Kindergarten girls, but if you have a girl in another year and would like to purchase one of the new uniforms, we have up to size 10 in stock at the moment.

There will be a 2 year transition period for the old dresses as we understand many families have more than 1 girl and would normally pass the old uniforms down to the youngest.

Currently we do have all sizes in the old style which we will be selling for $10 less than the new dress.

Year 6 Graduation Bears and Balls

Year 6 students are given the opportunity to purchase a Graduation Bear or Ball as a keepsake to remember their Mona Vale Public School friends. Each item comes with its own pen that can be used to sign. Please note, you can order multiple bears and balls. Each item is $25 and can be purchased online through its own direct link on flexischools.

The Uniform Shop has a sample bear on display if you would like to have a look. All balls and bears must be pre-ordered and all orders must be received by Wednesday 11th November 2015. Expected delivery date is Tuesday 15th December.

Term 4 Roster

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Any queries please contact Kylie Webb by email uniformshop@monavalepspca.com.au
**FRIDAY LUNCHES**

Early PSSA lunch orders are no longer available from the canteen on FRIDAYS. Unfortunately the canteen is no longer able to provide this due to the lack of regular volunteers on a Friday.

*If your child is leaving early for PSSA DO NOT order a lunch from Flexischools.*

**VEGETABLE GARDEN**

This week vegetables grown in school organic vegetable garden were used for the first time in the canteen. Lettuces were harvested and used. Cucumbers, corn and tomatoes will be used when ripe and ready to eat. Thank you so much to the students and staff who are growing organic vegetables at school.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you so much to all the canteen volunteers who help out. I know that your lives are busy with work and family and you give up your spare time to help in the canteen.

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Rebecca O'Donnell
Canteen Coordinator
9997 2442
Free Chinese lessons
Age 5-9 years

Fridays 3:30pm to 5:00pm
5th February – 1st April 2016 Location: Mona Vale Library
Beginners and above beginner level are all welcome
Please come in person to register the lesson on 29th January 2016 at the library
between 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Maximum 8 students will be taken

Teacher: Jing Gandy, a local mum & trained teacher
Contact: Jing on 0425203353 or jing@ding.id.au if you have any query
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.
Dear Parents,

The Mona Vale Primary School P&C would love for you to join us at a special daytime P&C meeting, to hear what is happening for the school from the Principal, the P&C President, and the P&C business and activity groups for this and next year.

We understand not everyone can make the meetings at night, so this is a great way to learn how the P&C works for you and your children.

The P&C also hope to develop a much closer working relationship with all parents for the rest of this term, into 2016 and beyond.

HELP us develop more activities and events for both parents and children at MVPS, LEARN more about the P&C role within the school, and DISCOVER the easy opportunities for everyone to get involved.

Together, we can make our P&C events and businesses more successful, and most importantly more fun, building an even better and stronger MVPS community.

The P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd November from 9am - 10am in the school hall.

There will be time for questions and discussion, and coffee & tea will be provided.

Children not yet at school are welcome and colouring in activities will be provided to keep them busy!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mark Welch, P&C President
email: president@monavalepspca.com.au