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Our app is now our first line of communication to parents.

**Mona Vale Manners**

**Week 6** – Say “Good morning” to people when you meet them each day in the classroom or playground.
(begins Monday 9th November)

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**Mona Vale School App**

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

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Use this app if you have an **APPLE**

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Under Mona Vale Public
Leigh Kostiainen
Administration hours are Monday to Friday 8:30am – 3:15pm

TERM ACCOUNTS
Term 4 accounts are now overdue. Please settle your account by Monday 9 November. If you did not receive a term account please contact the office for a reprint.

HOW DOES THE APP WORK?
The School App is simply a mirror of our school website. We can send short and sharp (128 character) messages on the app. This is great for quick reminders for events or cancellation of Athletics Carnivals! etc. Some messages that need more information can be “swiped”, if you swipe, watch and wait the app will take you to the website, where a note about the topic is uploaded.

The app is purely a message service for us to give you a quick reminder or to let you know something new has been added to our website.

Therefore, if you think you have missed a message you can click the message tab on the bottom of the app to see any messages that have been sent or if you are after some information, just head straight to our website www.monavale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Newsletters can be viewed anytime by clicking the “newsletter” tab, this allows you to read the newsletter when it is convenient to you. Whether that is in your office on a desktop, on your phone during swimming lessons, or by the pool in Bali!

Notes, Forms and Information can be found on the Notes and Forms tab. This is also where any additional information that has been sent out on the app will be found, filed under the current Term.

The Planning for 2016 tab is where you need to go to plan for next year. All of our Stationery Requirement lists are there, so if Santa wants to get some shopping done they make great stocking stuffers!

K-2 can be order Exercise Books through Five Senses online and Text Books can be ordered through Dominie online as of Monday 9th November. You will find all the notes with information on this tab. Please read the attachments on this page which have all the instructions on how to order your books, including our school code for Dominie - LAR. A message will be sent on the school app to let you know that orders can commence! We would appreciate it if you can order promptly as this will make sure all the books are delivered to the school ready for day 1, 2016!

Years 3-6 will be able to order Text and Exercise Books online later in the term. A message will be sent via the app and newsletter to inform you when ordering can commence.

BUS PASSES FOR 2016
If you are in K,1,3,4,5 & 6 and you hold a bus pass for 2015, you will automatically be issued with a Student Opal Card in 2016. Students in Year 2 and new students to Mona Vale Public School will need to apply for a Student Opal Card in 2016. See our website for details or follow the link https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howToApply

Thanking you

Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager
From the Deputy Principal

**CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS CLOSE TOMORROW**

All letters for class placement in 2016 are due tomorrow. Please note, no letters will be accepted after Friday 6th November. Please complete the Class Request Letter attached to this email and return to the office by tomorrow.

Please also take a moment to read the attached Extension Class formation letter attached, regarding the Year 2 Extension Class for 2016.

Regards

Leesa Martin
Deputy Principal

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**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 2016
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 2016
Students return – Wednesday 27th April
Last day of term – Friday 1st July

**Term 3:** Staff Development Day – Monday 18th July 2016
Students return – Tuesday 19th July
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**Term 4:** Students and Staff return – Monday 10th October 2016
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President’s Report - Week 5, Term 4

INAUGURAL MORNING P&C (WEEK 4) MEETING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

We had some 20+ new faces at our P&C meeting in the school hall on Tuesday from 9-10am. The morning meetings seem to be a success so we plan to do them regularly. It was great to see so many class parents attending and for the valuable discussions we had. Everyone had some excellent ideas for how the P&C and the class parents can work more closely in the future, making information sharing better, assisting with volunteering and events, and getting the parent’s voices heard.

LEARNING SUPPORT PRESENTATION

The wonderful Learning Support Team at school gave a comprehensive update on the school approach to and execution of their learning and support programs. Every teacher in the program was available and explained the various programs and how they work. The P&C has help fund some of the learning support programs this year, so it was great to hear how our support has reached many more children and made a real difference.

P&C NEWS

We, as a P&C, gave an update on the progress of the business directory function within the School App and new P&C and School signage planned. We are in the final stages of making sure that content from participating business looks good on the App before we launch. The concept is that for a $100 p.a. fee to the P&C any business (meeting standard School policy criteria) will be allocated an advertising spot in the business Directory section of the School App. This simple cost/effect effective mechanism enables business to support the School.

The new signage is all cost approved and with the supplier for production so this is very exciting and should be installed before the start of next year.

We also had a special preview of the new school uniform (sold via the Uniform shop) dress and sport shorts. The new girls summer uniform will be phased in over the next 2 years. All 2016 Kindergarten students will be required to wear the new uniform.

The Chess and Band areas are all going well and are much loved by all the students involved. Many thanks again to the invaluable assistance from all the parent’s involved.
Many hands make light work - and it’s more fun! The P&C are always welcome of any help and skills within the school community. There are lots of options to help from 1 hour a week or 1 hour a month. The P&C is made up of parents just like you, most with full or part time work who manage to fit tasks in via emails/phone calls out of hours. So don’t feel like you need loads of time or any particular experience to be part of it. Your intention, enthusiasm and ideas are all that is required! You would be surprised at how many of us had zero experience with P&C roles before volunteering for them - that’s part of the fun and challenge. You can create and contribute in your own way. What a wonderful example to the kids!

Does helping develop the school app interest you? You could assist us with progressing it, there are lots of functions it could perform, but we just need people to get involved and help. You don’t need to be a developer/computer programmer but just have the understanding of people’s requirements and talk to our developer about making it happen.

Next P&C meeting - Week 8, 24th November. Tuesday evening, from 7:30pm in the school library
Parent helpers morning tea - Monday 30th November, 10:30am-11:15am
Carols evening - Friday 4th December, from 5pm

This will be a wonderful evening and one of the last big events for the school community of the year.

Your opinions matter, and the P&C is the best way to get them heard. If you have questions, ideas or concerns, please don’t forget to send them through to the P&C. That way we can put them on the next meeting’s agenda so they can be adequately discussed. And don’t forget, everyone is welcome to attend the meetings! As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the P&C or would like more information about what volunteering opportunities are available.

Best regards
Mark Welch
President, MVPS Parents and Citizens Association
(m) 0400 326 119 (e) president@monavalepspca.com.au
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.

Sport News

The winning Sport House for Week 5 is: Barrenjoey
A recent major independent research study found that the results of students using Mathletics are up to 9% higher in external Government testing.

### Mathletics & Spellodrome

### WEEK 4 WINNERS

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"A person looked through a shiny telescope and saw a sparkling spaceship."

Emanuel C - KM

Kaboom! I heard a noise outside. I found my great-great Grandpa's telescope. I looked in it and saw a mysterious spaceship.

Merry S - 1C

A silver, metal spaceship was spotted by someone in the huge outer world. His telescope looked like a titanium mega-scope that could look right into space.

Sebastian T - 2E
It landed, a strange looking thing landed, right outside, in my backyard. I could see its flashing lights, and could hear beeping or maybe a siren. As I was staring out my window, admiring the mysterious what-ever-it-was, I had an urge to go towards it, so I leaped out of my window and stuttered towards it in fear. As I got closer I started to really see what it was, it was a SPACESHIP… in my backyard, how cool was that!? I slowly walked inside it, and saw a telescope and suddenly a loud screech sounding like breaking glass. Then the door closed and… LIFTOFF. I was going faster than a shooting star, we were OFF!!!

Georgia G - 4R

Yesterday night I was lying in bed when I decided to build a spaceship and go to space. So I got out my telescope and figured out how far away space was. The next morning I was breaking glass for windows, cutting metal and screwing a screw in place. By the end of the day there was flashing lights flashing at me and it turned out you're not allowed to build your own spaceship. Even though I was devastated I decided to build a submarine!

Alyssa T - 5L

As I looked through my telescope, I saw the space shuttle glass was breaking and the lights were flashing. It was going down. Boom! It went down. As it crashed, I thought of all the astronauts and all the time they spent training.

Jake B and Joel B - 6B
Milk is a good source of calcium, which gives children healthy bones and teeth. It is recommended that children have three serves of calcium rich foods a day. A glass of milk, a slice of cheese or a small tub of yoghurt, are each considered one serve. Due to the high energy needs of babies and toddlers, reduced-fat milk is not suitable for children aged less than two years.

Regards

Mrs Kristy Waterhouse
Classroom Teacher

Fruit Salad... Yummy Yummy!

Fruit salad is a great idea for Crunch&Stir*, full of colour, flavour and nutrients.

Why not chop up your child's favourite fruit and pop it into a sealable container. Don't forget a fork!
Uniform Shop Details

**REGULAR OPENING HOURS**

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

Email: uniformshop@monavalepspca.com.au

A reminder that all orders for the graduation bears and balls must be in by **Wednesday 11th November** at the latest through Flexischools.

We now have in stock boys grey socks sizes 8-11.

Volunteers are always needed so if you can spare a couple of hours once or twice a month, please email me your contact details to uniformshop@monavalepspca.com.au

**Term 4 Roster**

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Canteen News

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
Warringah Council presents

RAISING RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS

With Leonie Smith the Cyber Safety Lady

Leonie Smith is one of Australia’s leading cyber safety educators and a mother of four.
Learn how to keep your kids safe online.

- Screen time balance
- Safe social media
- Cyber bullying
- Smart phone safety
- Avoiding adult content

Tue 17 Nov
7 - 9pm
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Currie Rd, Forestville
FREE but bookings essential on youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au
For more information call 9942 2681.
Dear Parents,

After careful consideration of our differentiation needs and ability to cater to all students effectively, the school executive have made the decision not to offer an extension class for Year 2 in 2016.

The Year 2 extension class has been the topic of much discussion over a number of years and it is the opinion of the executive and school staff that extension classes are best formed in the primary grades, being Years 3-6. Students in the infants grades display more variation in their development levels and social maturity, which impacts on their school performance, sometimes giving a false representation of a child's ability level. By the end of Year 2 these variations have stabilised more comprehensively, making the creation of extension groups more valid and reliable.

This year, a great deal of professional development has been targeted at differentiation strategies and best practice around catering to the needs of high performing students in the classroom. As part of our strategic plan we have been incorporating a multitude of higher order thinking strategies into our class programming to ensure the needs of all students are met.

We are confident in the ability of our staff to cater to the learning needs of all students in K-2 without creating an extension class. We thank you in anticipation for your consideration and support of this adjustment to our class formation in 2016.

Kind regards,

Greg Jones, MEd Macq, BA Macq
Principal
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.