Mona Vale Manners

Week 4 – Use “Sharing and taking turns.
(begins Monday 15th February)

Mona Vale 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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Dear Parents

On Wednesday afternoon a parent and staff meeting was held to keep the community informed about the disruption to the school over the past two weeks. The Local Area Commander, Mr Dave Darcy, addressed over 200 parents and staff and answered questions. The clear message from the meeting is that the school and police are working together to ensure all students, staff and community members are safe at the school. I have included detailed minutes taken by Conor Weule (KDW class parent 2015) for your information also.

In consultation with the police, we have implemented a number of strategies to further strengthen our school security. All bags/backpacks must be labelled with your child’s name; we suggest first name initial and full surname, we hope to have a generic label available shortly for parents. Our school cleaning staff, who arrive early in the morning, are being briefed on what to do should they see something out of the ordinary and school staff will ensure all bags are taken to classrooms.

In relation to a lockdown/out, please be aware that in this situation we are keeping the threat from entering the school grounds. Your presence at the school is a distraction and makes my management potentially more complex not to mention putting yourself in potential danger. I will not open the gates in a lockdown/out for any reason as it has the potential to create a breach in our secure perimeter. I will keep the community informed through the School App when it is safe to attend.

While we cannot guarantee that we won't be subjected to another incident, our ability to respond and keep everyone calm and safe is excellent. I again ask that you keep calm and in discussion with your child, remember, if you’re calm they will get reassurance from that. I provide the following information for parents who need additional support. ParentLine (1300 1300 52) is a free call service (funded by NSW Health). Qualified parenting counsellors can assist parents with questions about managing post-incident anxiety, school refusal and sleep issues (nightmares etc.) They are available 9am to 9pm (Mon to Fri) and 4pm to 9pm (sat & sun).

Please see the meeting minutes attached to this newsletter.

Class Parent Representatives
Each year we ask for parent volunteers to nominate themselves to be a “Class Parent”. A full explanation of the role and an expression of interest form is attached to this newsletter. If you are interested please return the expression of interest to your child’s teacher on or before the “Meet the Teacher” evening next Tuesday.

Term Accounts and Term Permission Notes
Term 1 accounts and Term permission notes will be coming home early next week. Your prompt payment is appreciated; this helps us to confirm buses and venues.

Newsletter Attachments
We pride ourselves on keeping our parents informed; this is a big newsletter with lots of important information attached at the end. Please bear with us and keep reading to the very end of this newsletter!

Regards

Greg Jones BA Macq, MA Ed Macq
Principal, Mona Vale Public School
Excellence, Innovation, Community
Member, Macquarie University Council
Board Member, Macquarie University Hospital
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### 2016 SCHOOL TERM DATES

**Term 1:**  
Staff Development Day - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January  
Students return - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January (Years 1-6)  
Kindergarten Best Start Assessments - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January & Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Kindergarten starts - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Last day for students - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 2:**  
Staff Development Day - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Students return - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Last day for students - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

**Term 3:**  
Staff Development Day - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
Students return - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Last day for students - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**Term 4:**  
Students and Staff return - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Last day for students - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December
CONGRATULATIONS to Imogen B, Isabella E, and Pavle P who were successful in gaining entry to the Regional trials for Tennis. They will now represent Mona Vale as well as Pittwater Zone at the next trials.

Good luck! We are really proud of you all.

CONGRATULATIONS to Matty M who represented NSW City North in the National Futsal Championships in Sydney in January. He played in the age group above his year (U12’s) and the team amazingly won the tournament after losing their goalie to a nasty injury in the Quarter Finals.

If that wasn’t exciting enough, Matty has been selected for the Australian U12’s boys team to tour Malaysia in early December 2016.

We are so proud of you Matty. Well done!

CONGRATULATIONS to James Van D and Corin M-S who were successful in their trial for the Zone basketball squad. They will now trial at Sydney north level. Good luck boys!!

Year 5 News

As part of our ‘Getting to Know You’ activities for Year 5, on Monday Year 5 ran County Fair where they ran stalls selling ice-cream, biscuit decorating, face-painting, sports, fairy bread and bouncy castle turns! They had a great time and then finished off the morning with movie and pizza time!

Well done Year Five - it was great to watch you having so much fun and we have never seen a grade tidy up so well either!

Looking forward to a great 2016 with you!

The Year 5 teachers
We welcome teacher Ms Amy Bull as the Chess Club’s new on-staff liaison, replacing the hardworking Mrs Robyn Best.

Professional coaching recommenced last week on Wednesday for the advanced group and Thursday for the beginner/intermediate group. Thursday attracted a HUGE attendance, including many new faces. Unfortunately Wednesday’s lesson was disrupted by the evacuation.

If your child is interested in trialling chess coaching that caters to all skill levels they are welcome to attend 2 lessons FOC up until the end of Week 4. Then we ask those students who wish to continue to enroll with the club. We suggest Term 2 for Kindergarten to start chess, though if you have a son or daughter who can’t wait that long they can be accommodated.

Classes are held in the library connected classroom from the first bell & students eat their lunch at the start of the lesson.

For those members who are rejoining the club, fees are unchanged and due by the end of Week 3 please. We only need an enrolment form filled out for new members.

- One child $120 for two terms or $65 per term
- Second child in same family $100 for two terms or $55 per term
- Third child in same family $80 for two terms or $45 per term

The enrolment form is at http://www.monavale-pschools.nsw.edu.au/documents/10370253/10380226/Term%201%202%20Enrolment%20Form%202016%20FINAL.pdf or email chess@monavalepspca.com.au and I’ll email you one.

Traditionally MVPS hosts a heat of the Northern Beaches Primary Schools Chess Challenge on behalf of the NSW Junior Chess League. I’ve tentatively booked March 16th with the school office, however I need a couple of tournament coordinators to show their hands by the end of this week otherwise we won’t have the resources to host the comp this time around.

Information has been emailed to the current database, entries close March 21st & again we need a parent coordinator plus drivers prepared to drive a team (4 players) to other local schools after school on a Friday, and host visiting teams.

Both Chair and Vice Treasurer roles are waiting to be filled so a new committee can form. At the MVPS P&C meeting in Week 5 those moving into the roles will be officially nominated and voted in by the P&C, however they can start work anytime.

It’s been a very rewarding three years as chair & I hope there are those willing to get involved in order for the club to continue & strengthen. If you have any questions about the time it takes to fulfil both roles please get in touch with me for chair & Richard for the treasurer position via vicetreasurerchess@monavalepspca.com.au

If I can help with anything chess related please feel free to get in touch & all the best for settling into a new school year!

Lisa Ratcliff
Chess Club Chair
e. chess@monavalepspca.com.au m. 0418 428 511
The canteen is back into full swing with Flexischools up and running. Thank you to all my lovely volunteers for your time and company in the Canteen. It’s so nice to see familiar friends and make new ones. Thanks for the great feedback about our home cooked lunches.

**FORGOTTEN LUNCHES**

As there were so many unpaid forgotten lunches last year, as in previous years, the canteen will now provide the same thing to every child who arrives at school without their recess or lunch. If your child arrives at school without their recess or lunch they will be given boiled rice and fruit.

**RECESS**

Recess will now include cheese toasted sandwiches, homemade baby quiches and assorted muffins.

### Week 4, 5 & 6 Roster

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Here's to a happy and healthy 2016.

Rebecca O'Donnell
Canteen Coordinator
9997 2442
Year 6 students are given the opportunity to purchase a Graduation Jacket. The cost of the 2016 Graduation Jacket is **$50.00**. It will be bottle green with the school emblem on the front and the names of all Year 6 students printed in alphabetical order on the back of the jacket.

Please note that this is the only opportunity to purchase the Graduation Jacket. The jackets are “made to order” and there will be no spares.

The uniform shop has sample jackets, which your child can try on to ensure correct fit. The shop is open from 8:30am–10:30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 2:30pm–3:00pm on Mondays. (Please note there will be no refund or exchange if the jacket is the wrong size).

Once you have entered your child’s name, please double check the spelling as it can’t be changed once the jackets have been ordered. You can shorten their names for e.g. Timothy to Tim if you wish.

This year please order your jackets on Flexischools. All orders must be received by **Friday, 26th February 2016**. Expected delivery date is the end of April.

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**Week 4 Roster**

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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.

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

Regards

**Kylie Webb**  
Uniform Shop Supervisor
Free Chess Tuesday

Free Tuesday Chess resumes on Tuesday 16th Feb at lunchtimes in the Connected Classroom (next to Library). All children welcome to come along and play. Please note this is independent of the formal Chess Club sessions which include tutoring and incur a cost.

Community News

Lifeline Northern Beaches Giant Book Fair 19th to 21st February 2016

Venue: Ted Blackwood Hall
        Cnr Jacksons & Boondah Rds
        Warriewood

Dates/Times:  
Friday  19th February  1pm -- 8pm
Saturday  20th February  9am -- 5pm
Sunday  21st February  9am -- 2pm

Please note we accept Visa & Mastercard and also have EFTPOS facility available

(Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated)

At the Book Fair there will be thousands of good quality books, at bargain prices, in many categories, including a wide range of children's books suited to all ages.

For the enthusiast/collector we have a large number of award winning and collectible books.

In addition to the above we will also have a wide selection of puzzles, games, CD, vinyls etc so there's something for everyone!

All funds raised support the activities of Lifeline Northern Beaches which, in addition to the crisis line (13 11 14), provides a lot of services to our community, including 24 hour counselling, bereavement support, anger management and problem gambling to name but a few.

Your support for our Book Fairs goes a long way in generating the funds required to continue providing these services to our community

See you there!
**JUNIOR AFL AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB**

To all budding AFL stars, please note that online registration for the Pittwater Tigers Junior AFL Club is now open. There will also be a face-to-face registration day this Saturday February 13 at the Tigers AFL Club at Walsh Street Narrabeen (behind Rat Park). Please note that in 2016 the Tigers will be again fielding a team in the U14 Youth Girls competition so any young girls wanting to have a go at AFL will be very welcome.

Please contact Mike Lay on 0407 699 811 should you have any questions.

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**Do you play a woodwind or brass instrument?**

**Would you like to join an adult community band?**

The Northern Beaches Concert Band would like to welcome players of average ability who can read music.

Our band was started by parents of Mona Vale Public School in 1993 and now meets on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm at Pittwater High School.

People come for the sheer enjoyment of shared music making for our own pleasure. We also have a few gigs during the year, such as at Pittwater RSL, Narrabeen Markets in December and we participate in the Northern Beaches Instrumental Music Festival.

For more information, please contact Tony Tenney on 0400 635 607.

*Time to dust off that old instrument and start a new musical life!!*
MONA VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL
MEET THE TEACHER AFTERNOON

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

3:00PM – 4:00PM
KINDERGARTEN, YEAR 1, YEAR 4, YEAR 5
and
*Support Classes K-6C & K-6S

4:00PM – 5.00PM
YEAR 2, YEAR 3 & YEAR 6

Please meet at your child's classroom at the above times.

If you are unable to attend these sessions or your sessions clash, please send a note in to your class teacher after the meeting date so an information sheet can be sent home with your child.

These information evenings are an opportunity to meet your class teacher and to learn about your child’s class routines etc. There will not be an opportunity to discuss individual student needs.

Individual parent/teacher interviews will be held at the end of Term 1.

* Please note K-6S is our support class for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and K-6C is our support class for students with a moderate intellectual disability.
CALLING FOR NEW CLASS PARENTS!

CLASS PARENT ROLE INFORMATION AND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Class parents play an important and valued role in the school. They facilitate communication between students, parents, admin, the P&C, and class teachers, and assist in the co-ordination of helpers for school and P&C events. And, they help organise social events for the class and parents, helping to bond the class and even make new friends.

We are looking for new Class Parents for all our 2016 classes.

What is Involved...

The role of Class Parent varies according to the individual needs of each class, however it usually includes:

• Co-ordinating a voluntary class contact list of parent names & details

• Co-ordinating parent support to the class teacher. Working with the teacher to organise classroom volunteer help when required (eg: assisting to find classroom reading helpers), and to communicate information from the class teacher to the parents in a timely manner.

• Willingness to organise class social activities as desired, (eg. picnics, playdate in the park, parent dinners, meeting at school events, end-of-year activities etc). How many and what style of function is completely up to you and the other parents to decide.

• Attend any Class Parent Meetings with the teachers, the school or the P&C (ie, in relation to coordinating and assisting at school wide events).

• Attend at least one P&C meeting per year. Ideally a class parent from each year group will be at every P&C meeting (8 per year). This can be shared amongst all class parents of each year group. A great opportunity to hear what is going on at the school, be part of the planning, and have any concerns heard.

• Willingness to work with other Class Parents to coordinate volunteers for P&C/School events. Liaise with P&C for school events or initiatives, and communicate P&C information when required. You will supported by the P&C Class Parent Co-ordinator.

• Willingness to have fun!
Overall - Being a Class Parent shouldn’t take up too much time, and is a great way to meet parents not only from your child’s class, but from many year groups. The role may be shared between two parents if desired. And, it’s not just for Mums, we welcome all Dad’s to consider taking on this role.

Please note: When communicating with parents, blind copy, or BCC, should be used in all emails used for class distribution. If you are unsure of how to use this function, our school office staff can assist.

If you are interested in being a Class Parent, please complete the slip below and return to your child’s teacher asap. If multiple slips are returned in a class, the name/s will be drawn out of a hat.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you require any further clarification.

And, to every parent… please support your Class Parent!! Reply to their emails and try to attend events when possible. Makes it more fun and rewarding for everyone.

Thank you for considering this valuable position in our school.

Mr Greg Jones BA Macq  MA Ed Macq
Principal

Expression of Interest for Class Parent 2016

I am interested in being the 2016 Class parent for class _______.

Name: ________________________________   Phone: _____________________

Email address: __________________________________

I have been a Class Parent before:  Yes / No

I am willing to share this role: Yes / No

I would like to share this role with ________________________________

Return this slip to your class teacher on or before the “Meet the Teacher evening” on Tuesday 16th Feb.
Mona Vale Manners

Week 2 - Put your hand up when you would like to speak and wait until the teacher has finished speaking.

Week 3 - Use “Please” and “Thank you.”

Week 4 - Sharing and taking turns.

Week 5 - Listen carefully without fiddling.

Week 6 - Say “Good morning” to people when you meet them each day in the classroom or playground.

Week 7 - Knock on the door and wait when visiting another class or office. Say, “Excuse me……” when you enter the room.

Week 8 - Look at people when they are speaking to you. Have ‘eye contact’.

Week 9 - Show respect to adults when going through doorways or walking along paths by moving out of the way.

Week 10 - Wait for adults to finish their conversation before speaking to them and remember to say, “Excuse me,” when you do!

Week 11 - Offer help to someone who has many things to carry.

Manners Matter!
Most important thing is safe, calm students and in control parents
- 9am – 2:30pm each day all but two gates closed and locked. (Waratah and Emma Street gates will be closed but not locked)
- Children’s names should be clearly displayed on their backpacks.
- Holding meetings with the Directors of the company that does the cleaning of the school. Cleaners onsite from 4:30am every day and very familiar with the school so would be aware of things out of place. Request that the cleaners increase their awareness and report anything unusual.

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Intro -
- MVPS and the Police are working very closely together
- Trying to ensure minimal disruption to our students while ensuring their absolute safety
- Minimising cues to children as much as possible
- Our response does not have to be the same every time – we will modify our response depending on what information we receive
- Full lockdown – blinds down, under the desks
- Soft lockdown – might be able to relax some of the restrictions, continue working in classroom due to factors such as school perimeter and police presence
- Safety of the children is paramount

Details of incidents -
- Series of threats last week across the world.
- Most important thing to remember not one threat was followed through
- Automated threat – masks making a quick ID of the source. First threat traced to a tyre service business in Mona Vale who were very shocked.
- We’re the only school that has received three threats but others have received two.
- Believe it to be an attempt to disrupt infrastructure (so not just schools likely to be targeted but other infrastructure such as police – Parramatta Police station received a threat which led them to evacuate a railway station last week)
- Large effort going into the investigation
- Believe it’s coming from Russia but too early to say for certain
- AFP / Government Agencies / Police are all putting their effort into investigation
- Don’t know if it’s over, may have to put up with for a bit longer
- Positives:
  o Our children are well versed in lock downs, so all calm
  o Students are becoming familiar with police, having friendly interactions. Police arrive with no sirens, and have happy, friendly faces.
- Commander attended as they are taking this matter very seriously and will continue to do so

Answering questions -
- No, this is not a copycat
- Don’t know why Mona Vale is the only school affected on the Northern Beaches
- Don’t know why there has been three incidents
- Yes, our children are safe – there are a lot of things in place to ensure this – large perimeter fence, proactive staff policies, parents, lots of practice – Mona Vale has more experience dealing with threats than any other school
Safety / Security of the App – Police not concerned with this.
- Details of the threats made – one was an electronically altered voice, two were recorded messages. There has been a number of instances of the electronically altered voice. At this stage no suggestion that they’re from Australia.
- Not giving any information on the contents of the messages – we don’t want copycats.
- There has been arrests in Brisbane and Melbourne – unrelated to us – they were copycats.
- Lockdown vs Evacuation – this decision is made based on information they receive. Mr Jones makes decision for safest and most effective way to ensure kids safety, immediately contacts police who have completely supported his decisions.
- Evacuation is more disruptive than lockdown so only done when necessary.
- Mr Jones / School response will be shared to continue education across other school principals and staff.
- Communication – the school App should be the primary source, Northern Beaches LAC Facebook page a secondary source. (https://www.facebook.com/NorthernBeachesLAC/)
- Best thing for parents – listen and respond – decisions are always in the best interest of the safety of our kids.
- Why limited info on the updates – we’re provided the info we need to know. Mr Jones updates us himself as he can. It is up to date information. It’s most important that we know that they are safe and that Mr Jones, the Police and staff are concentrating on what is most important at the time. Once it is over, we can discuss.
- Since our last incident (Friday 5/2) there hasn’t been any more threats in Australia.
- Will absolutely continue to respond to each threat made seriously, and are committed to taking very seriously.
- Don’t know if the global threats have been the same, but are of a similar theme.
- Yes – believe the threat makers are evaluating our response, and the police have been thinking this way.
- School communications
  - are appropriate and what to expect
  - Police response has been swift and amazing
  - Mr Jones’ responsibility is safety and to let parents know this
  - If there is a need for them to get us to respond in some way – they will do this via the app
- Regarding evacuation to RSL and not notified on App. Children were out in the sun, no hats or water.
  - Appropriate decision made to take them to the RSL where there is airconditioning and facilities and it is a safe venue that can also be locked down / secured if necessary. The evacuation was not taken lightly and getting the children across the road safely was paramount. There were highway patrol cars blocking each side of Mona Vale Rd. Unfortunately there was no way to update the app offsite. Lesson learnt they now have an Ipad set up to allow updates on the app offsite should it happen in the future. (Many thanks to the RSL)
- CCTV weekends etc when school empty – CCTV in Commander’s experience is less effective than checking around the environment and being aware of changes. Discussions with cleaners in progress. Bags clearly labelled so can identify any not belonging in school.
- Possibly reduce access points if there are further threats.

What can we (parents) do to help?
- Most importantly be conscious of who’s listening when we discuss this – not in front of the kids.
- Playing down the activities – school business. Telling our kids we’re keeping them safe. We want to minimise the stress for our kids.
- Keep our kids safe and focussed.
- Community is so important – if you see something you think is not right, or someone acting suspiciously, call 000 (not your local police station). It’s about active intelligence.
- As a community we are resilient, we are not going to be put out, we can overcome together.

GJ

Debrief to children
- K-2 and 3-6 were provided different age appropriate information
- Each newsletter that has come out (3 so far this term) has had information attached in relation to talking to our children and where to get help.

JB
- Reiterate that we have a very valuable relationship with the Police.
- From the Department of Education – praise for an exceptional leadership team, fantastic principal and full support for making the correct decisions.
- Commander Darcy will be talking to all Northern Beaches principals this week to share learnings.
Key take home messages:

- everyone is working very hard to keep our kids safe; our school is well protected by a perimeter fence and well-practiced in effective safety procedures; there is no evidence that any of these threats have resulted in actual attacks & the current information points to a disruption of infrastructure being the goal, rather than direct harm.
- Keep calm, seek support if you need to (out of earshot of your kids)
- Clearly tag your child’s bag!
- The school is a safe place, calm, calm, in control and has an exceptional leadership team in place.
2016 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. Special mention to Mr Scullion and Mr Fry who were our lifeguards all day. Thank you😊

A huge congratulations to our record breakers:
James E 11yr Backstroke
Milla L 8yr 50 m Freestyle and Junior Butterfly
Jessica E 9yr 50m Freestyle
Alex L 11yr Butterfly
An amazing effort. Well done!

Congratulations to Hawkesbury our carnival winners.

Well done to our placegetters:

**GIRLS**

- ALL AGE 100m
  1. Bianca R
  2. Imogen B
  3. Abby L

- 50M FREESTYLE
  1. Milla L
  2. Tia K
  3. Emily S

**BOYS**

- ALL AGE 100m
  1. Beau M
  2. Ethan C
  3. Josh W

- 50M FREESTYLE
  1. Sam C
  2. Joan D
  3. Archer T

**8YR**

- 1. Prince K
  2. Josh H
  3. Charlie S

**9YR**

- 1. Lily W
  2. Ciara C
  3. Sofia B

- 1. Logan B
  2. Luke C
  3. Theo F
11YR
1. Alex L
2. Abby L
3. Eliza H

12YR
1. Imogen B
2. Bianca R
3. Olivia T

=3. Eddie R and Matty M

JUNIOR BREASTSTROKE
1. Matea G
2. Jessica E
3. Milla L

1. Theo F
2. Logan B
3. Luke C

11 YEAR BREASTSTROKE
1. Abby L
2. Alexandra L
3. Alex J

1. James E
2. Beau M
3. Oscar O

SENIOR BREASTSTROKE
1. Imogen B
2. Emma R
3. Rebecca H

1. Matty M
2. Ethan C
3. Joshua R C

JUNIOR BACKSTROKE
1. Milla L
2. Ciara C
3. Lilly W

1. Logan B
2. Luke C
3. Josh B

11 YEAR BACKSTROKE
1. Alex L
2. Abby L
3. Alex J

1. James E
2. Luke T
3. Beau M

SENIOR BACKSTROKE
1. Bianca R
2. Imogen B
3. Emma R

1. Matty M
2. Joshua R C
3. Josh W

JUNIOR BUTTERFLY
1. Milla L
2. Matea G
3. Sofia B

1. Logan B
2. Zac W
3. Theo F
### 11 YEAR BUTTERFLY
1. Alex L  
2. Abby L  
3. Ruby H  

### SENIOR BUTTERFLY
1. Imogen B  
2. Lydia W  
3. Bianca R  

### AWD EVENTS
1. Elsa J - Backstroke  
1. Whitney R - Freestyle  
1. Kayla G - Freestyle  
1. Zane Z - Freestyle  
1. Sam C - Freestyle  

Our first 2 placegetters in all strokes will progress to the Pittwater Zone carnival held at Warringah Aquatic Centre on Monday 7th March.  
Good luck to all our Mona Vale competitors!
Welcome, and welcome back, to all students and their families for another great year at Mona Vale Public School.

Parents say thanks to the School
In light of the recent stressful and worrying events at the beginning of Term 1, my sincere thanks goes to all the school staff for their caring, thorough and well managed response to the threats made to the school. I know I speak for many parents when I say this: A HUGE Thank You! The coordination between the school and police has been excellent, and I feel all incidents were managed in the best possible way that managed to limit the impact on the children. If anyone’s child is still feeling particularly concerned, please contact your teacher or the school counsellor.

In keeping with this “thank you” theme - espoused by LAC David at Wednesday night’s meeting - of injecting some positives (lifting the mood)... I will honour the call made that the "P&C shout the staff" ... Greg Jones, it’s in writing now, so please enjoy and I trust this is a less stressful event to manage.

Volunteering and some great events
2016 will see a change in the way parents can be volunteers at school. We will now be allocating a designated year group as volunteers to assists with the planning and running of each of the special events at school (eg Kindy Orientation, Grandparents Day etc). This is designed to benefit everyone, by better sharing the workload, clearer expectations on what/when/how to volunteer, and injecting new ideas. This new system will help to deepen the sense of school community, and make our already fantastic events, even more fantastic. The attached flyers have further details.

Class Parents for 2016
Class parents are a key role between each class teacher and the class parents. The P&C has recently created a new position of parent coordinator, to assist those who take on this volunteer role. We thank Louise Conn for taking on this leadership position.

Look out for further details about the Class Parent role and how to volunteer. These forms will also be available at the Class meetings, next Tuesday 16th February, in the afternoon sessions and will also be handed to the students to bring home.
**P&C AGM and First Meeting for 2016**

Our AGM and first meeting of the year is in Week 5, Tuesday 23 February, at 7.30pm in the School Library.

Everyone is welcome to attend to hear what the P&C has achieved and has planned for 2016. All areas of the P&C business, from Band, Chess, Canteen, Uniforms and Events will be discussed, as well as an update from the Principal. If you have something you particularly want discussed, please send me an email so it can potentially be put onto the meeting’s agenda. There are also some great roles within the P&C becoming available this year which you may be interested in – please see the attached role descriptions for more details.

**Being on the P&C**

A personal thought on this. If you want to help out then you already have all the requirements covered – seriously! Having the interest and enthusiasm to do something for your child’s school is the main criteria. The treasurer is not an accountant, the secretary doesn't do that for a living, heck, and I think of Obama, not me, when someone says “President”. Most parents on the P&C, including myself, work either part or full-time, plus juggle the needs of their own families. What I do know is that being part of the P&C is a very rewarding experience and I am really glad that some years back I challenged myself to give it go. I had no right too really as new kindy Dad. I didn’t even knowing where the library was for the first meeting! The P&C is important, as it is your voice back to the school. You can help shape the school, so it can provide the right environment for your children’s most important years.

**The School App**

Developed by the P&C, the school App has proved itself invaluable of late as an immediate and accurate information source for everyone – especially when the school phones are in lock-down. Regular notices are sent out and stored, date reminders, and updates on events are just some of the things you will find it does, helping you stay connected to the school. It also files all the school notes, which otherwise may get lost in the bottom of school bags. The App mirrors what is available on the school website. We encourage everyone to make sure they have the App handy on their phones.

If you are IT inclined, and would like to help improve the App, we’d love to have you on the volunteer to help steer its further development. Please get in touch if this is something you could help with.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Tuesday 23 February. As always, please free to contact me if you wish to discuss anything P&C.

**Mark Welch**

MVPS P&C President

[president@monavalepspca.com.au](mailto:president@monavalepspca.com.au)
A new approach to volunteering for P&C events in 2016

Mona Vale Public School P&C have a history of putting on fantastic events for the school that are enjoyed by all. From 2016, in conjunction with the school, the P&C will be implementing a new approach to organising volunteers for events.

In line with many other schools and community groups, we will be adopting a more targeted approach aimed at sharing the volunteer workload and leveraging the entire parent school community throughout the year. This approach will also help parents be involved with other parents in the same grades as their children and take up opportunities to volunteer that match their child’s school journey.

For specific annual events, each year group will be asked to provide volunteer assistance for the event. The Class Parent network will be utilised to arrange the volunteer roster and allocate tasks under the direction of a Class Parent Coordinator (member of P&C).

The P&C will continue to provide funding, organisational support and overall governance. A summary of annual events is set out below. P&C will also be working on some other exciting fundraising and networking events throughout the year. We are always looking for great new ideas and energetic people to be part of our Social & Events Committee, so if you were interested, we’d love to hear from you. Don’t forget to come along to the first P&C meeting this year on the 23rd February to be part of the action.

We really look forward to working with all of you this year.

The Social & Events Committee

2016 Events Calendar...

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<td>Buddy Afternoon Tea</td>
<td>Year 4 (buddies)</td>
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<td>2 February 2016</td>
<td>Tea and Tissues</td>
<td>Year 1 (last year’s kindergarten)</td>
<td>P&amp;C supported morning tea for the new Kindergarten parents and grandparents on their children’s first day of school. Volunteers required: 8-10</td>
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<td>Term 2 week 1</td>
<td>Mothers Day Stall – gift wrapping day</td>
<td>Years 2 and 4</td>
<td>Parents wrap over 1000 gifts ready for the stall in week 2. Volunteers required: 10-15</td>
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<td>Thursday 5 May 2016</td>
<td>Mothers Day Stall</td>
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<td>Coordinate promotion and pre-sale of vouchers with Flexischools online, set up gifts at stall, assist children with gift choices. Volunteers required: 10-15</td>
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<td>Friday 2 September</td>
<td>Fathers’ Day Breakfast</td>
<td>Years 3 and 6 (coordinate) All years participate</td>
<td>Organise all supplies and set up and make 1000 bacon and egg rolls, serve fruit and drinks to fathers and their children before school. Volunteers required: 40-50</td>
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<td>TBA (term 3)</td>
<td>Grandparents Day</td>
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<td>Purchase supplies, set up and serve morning tea to visitors to school on Grandparents Day (500 pax). Volunteers required: 15-20</td>
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<td>TBA (term 4)</td>
<td>Orientation Days</td>
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<td>Purchase supplies, set up and serve morning tea and provide advice to Kindergarten 2017 families attending orientation sessions (x 3). Volunteers required: 8-10</td>
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Positions vacant for 2016:
Social & Events Committee

If you love to organise events, this is the best opportunity to do something fun and rewarding with your group of school friends, while helping your children’s school!

All roles in the S&E committee will be vacant in 2016 - Chair, Secretary, and Sub-Treasurer, and we are looking for new Nominees.

The Social & Events (S&E) sub-committee works to put on successful and fun events, providing opportunities for the School’s families to get together socially, form bonds, and support our community as agreed between the school and the P&C. Longstanding annual events organised by the P&C Social & Events committee include school morning teas for families and visitors (eg. Grandparent’s Day), Mothers’ Day Stall, Fathers’ Day Breakfast and orientation activities. There may be additional events involving the S&E Committee in conjunction with the school during the year, for example, Moonlight Cinema, support for Christmas Carols, parent trivia nights, etc.

In general, most events are not conducted for fundraising purposes. In some cases fundraising will be part of the event and is necessary to subsidise some other functions that are provided complimentary to the community (ie, Orientation, Tea and Tissues, Grandparents Day). The sub-committee ideally consists of the S&E Chair a Secretary, a sub-Treasurer and 3 to 4 other volunteers to assist on a regular basis with the planning, organization and running of events.

Chairperson of Social & Events Sub-Committee
• Reports to P&C executive.
• Coordinates all events with the School Executive and in conjunction with other members of the Social & Events Committee (including Secretary and Sub-Treasurer)
• Recommends the Calendar of Events to the P&C for approval
• Designs, plans and delivers all events including budgeting, liaising with all suppliers, organising the set-up, coordinating volunteer lists, running and clean-up for events as necessary, risk management, overall governance, financial management and reporting.

The time commitment averages 1-2 hours per week (plus events). With a great committee and a wonderful bank of parent volunteers across the school, this role is designed to be rewarding and fun, with excellent support from the P&C executive and school. (Please note that in addition to their S&E commitments, all S&E Committee members in the past two years have worked part-time or full-time.)

From 2016, the Class Parent network will be more involved in helping find volunteers for events, as year groups take “ownership” of various allocated events.

Mona Vale Public School P&C have a history of putting on fantastic events for the school that are enjoyed by all, and we welcome new faces with great ideas and energy to be part of the team to make our school’s events even better. You don’t need a background in event planning to do these roles by the way.

All roles in the S&E committee will be vacant in 2016 (chair, secretary, sub-treasurer) so if you are interested in nominating yourself for any of these roles, please contact P&C president Mark Welch at president@monavalepspca.com.au and/or attend the P&C Annual General Meeting and elections on Tuesday 23 February 2016 at 7.30pm.
# The Mona Vale Music Program

### “The Musical Dream” - 2016

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<td><strong>Jazz Ensemble</strong> Conductor: Josh Hughes</td>
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Pittwater High School

Open Night

Tuesday
1 March 2016
5.45 - 8pm

A range of academic and vocational displays of student work, practical demonstrations and agriculture displays.

Performances by award winning bands, food preparation by hospitality and food technology students, debating and art displays.

Modern computer facilities, including students displays of silver and jewellery and woodwork projects, and Science laboratories in action. See our farmyard animals and much, much more!!

Cuisine by Hospitality students, plus a BBQ provided by our P&C at 6pm near the canteen.

Principal & Captains welcome at 6.00pm in the School Hall.

All Welcome!!
Come and join the fun!
At Narrabeen, we look at your child’s future like you do and know the importance of a well rounded education. We invite you to experience the vibrancy and essence of our school community.

Open Night highlights:

- Experience guided tours of the schools facilities
- Watch Music and Drama performances
- Participate in Academy Sports Program
- Meet our School Leaders and Prefects
- View our Faculty teaching and learning displays
- Receive enrolment information
- Enjoy light refreshments provided by our senior hospitality students

Please RSVP at: narrabeen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPEN DAY OR ENROLMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR VISIT THE WEBSITE.

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