Next Week’s Mona Vale Manners

Week 7B – Knock on the door and wait when visiting another class or office. Say, “Excuse me….” when you enter the room.
(begins Monday 17th November)

From the Office

Administration hours are Monday to Friday 8:30am - 3:15pm

Term 4 Accounts
Reminders for Term 4 accounts have been sent home.

There are a number of large excursions/events coming up, please settle your account, so we can confirm the number of students attending at venues and bus bookings.

Should anyone be experiencing financial difficulty please contact me. We don't want students missing out on events due to financial stress.

Planning for 2015
We are currently planning for 2015, if you are leaving Mona Vale Public School next year please email the school on monavale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to confirm.

If you will be returning late in 2015 from holidays we also need written confirmation to continue your enrolment. Please email the school and let us know when you are returning.

Thanking you

Mrs Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager
Dear Parents

**Our Commitment: Excellence, Innovation, Community**

In the last Mona Vale Mail I indicated that due to the large number of parents who had not returned “permission to publish” the school would no longer be able to include photos and publish names in our newsletter. I’m pleased to say that of the 200 outstanding forms all but 20 have been returned, so we are back to a manageable number to cross reference before we publish.

*In 2015 all students who are “Not to Publish” will be excluded from all photography and publishing including but not limited to; photos including class, sport, band, dance, choir, leadership, awards and all forms of publishing.*

These requirements, should you choose not to give permission, are a Department of Education and Communities Policy that I am required to implement as Principal of Mona Vale.

**State Champion Excellence**

Congratulations Will Stamp, NSW Spelling Champion. Will is a member of our Year 6 Opportunity Class coming to Mona Vale from Avalon Primary School and beat 125 thousand other students in NSW to win the title of the champion speller in NSW.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Will's teacher Ms Justine Curtis, who not only encouraged and nurtured his talent but also attended the final at the ABC Studios to support him. Just another example of Mona Vale’s great teachers supporting students to achieve excellence.

**21 Bungan Street Community**

I am pleased to announce that 21 Bungan St will be cleared, remediated and an additional entry and exit point will be created as a component of our traffic management solution. This is a great result for the school community and will ease some of our current traffic issues.

**A Performance Venue Innovation**

I have started discussion around the building of a Creative Arts Performance venue for Pittwater to be situated on our school grounds. The discussions are in the early stages but I have support from the Department to form a working party to explore this concept. I would like to thank both our local Members Rob Stokes and Bronwyn Bishop for their in principle support and Mayor Townsend for her willingness to explore this opportunity for the Pittwater Community. I have asked the P&C to nominate their representation on the working party and will keep you informed of progress of this exciting project.
School Planning 2015 - 2017 Feedback

I indicated in our last newsletter that we would be working with our community to review and refresh our school’s strategic plan for the 2015 – 2017 years. I would like to thank those parents who attended our last P&C meeting and provided comments on our current plan and suggestions for the future plan.

At this meeting parents indicated that they value highly the school’s focus on academic excellence, creative and performing arts and sporting opportunities. Parents commented that the school offers a wide variety of opportunities for students to achieve their personal best and this should remain a focus within the school. The school’s strong leadership team was acknowledged as having made a significant contribution to the school’s high reputation, particularly in the areas of delivering excellence, innovation and deepening community links.

Parents commented that challenges for the school are the provision of a language program, increasing student enrolments, engaging more parents in supporting the P&C, improved communication around student progress, minimizing disruption to classes due to staffing issues and keeping a balance between academic achievement and cultural and extra curricula activities.

The consensus from the meeting and discussion with staff is that we will move from the current 5 focus areas to three in 2015. The three areas will be aligned to our current global focus areas, Excellence, Innovation and Community. These three areas will form the basis of our targets:

**Target 1 Excellence** - Students demonstrate growth academically, socially and emotionally each year

**Target 2 Innovation** – A culture of continuous improvement, reflection and progressive thinking and

**Target 3 Community** – to engage with our school and wider community to provide opportunities to enhance student learning and teaching.

We will continue to consult with our community over the next 6 months as our plan takes shape. A school survey will arrive shortly for all parents to comment on the strengths and areas for improvement of the school. I encourage all parents to take the time to complete it.

Regards

Greg Jones BA Macq MA Ed Macq
Principal
## End of Term’s Events

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Macquarie University Schools Chess Challenge

Mona Vale’s youthful and talented Chess Team spent a sunny Sunday early this month battling with 123 other teams at the Macquarie School Chess Challenge. MVPS’ Team of Sebastian Brown, Gabe Kuypers and Jonathan Li did well finishing with a score of 13/21 and placing 18th out of the 123 teams that took part. Congratulations to our players for representing their school on a weekend and to the parents for driving and staying with the team.

Northern Beaches Primary Schools One Day Tournament

MVPS is hosing this tournament next Wednesday November 19th. The list of teams will be coming out via email shortly.

Coaches

Your chess fees pay for weekly professional instruction by Sydney Academy of Chess coaches. I thought you might like to know a bit about who is teaching your budding player….

Advanced coach: German Castillo - 49 years old, Computer Science Engineer, married and has 3 children.

“I started playing chess at the age of 11. I have been a first class player with a Venezuelan local ELO rating of 2200 and have played in many Venezuelan national championships as well as university national teams tournaments. I am an ICCF International master since 2003. Chess has been my passion since I can remember and currently I am a chess coach on behalf of the Sydney Academy of Chess”. - German

Intermediate coach: Dr. Hossam Elgindy - a retired Computer Science Associate Professor who taught his children to play chess in order to sharpen their life long skills of critical thinking, planning and concentration on goals.

Junior coach: Tim Priest – bio to come

Christmas Party

The Chess Club’s sensational end of year Christmas pizza party will be held in the school hall at lunchtime on Thursday December 11th. Invitations coming out very soon via email.

Term 4 Fees Now Overdue

Term 4 fees are now overdue. If you are yet to settle please email Richard our Vice Treasurer via randholdham@gmail.com
2015 Committee

Unless others would like to nominate for committee positions for the Chess Club in 2015, I’m happy to do one more year as Chair and Richard the same as Vice Treasurer. If there are parents of younger chess players interested in learning about these roles it would be good to spend time with you during 2014 – this will make the handovers so much easier. The workload changes term to term but so far I’ve managed to coordinate the Chairperson’s role plus work and look after three kids.

Please email mvpschess@gmail.com if you’d like to chat about anything relating to chess at MVPS.

Regards

Mrs Lisa Ratcliff
Chess Club Convenor/Chair
0418 428 511
We asked you to save the date for a fantastic string afternoon. A note was sent home this week and it is on Wednesday November 26th from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in the school hall.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Don’t forget the Year 4, 5 & 6 disco is on Friday 21st November 7pm – 9pm. This term the theme is “Christmas”. Prizes for best dancer, best dressed etc. Tickets available at the door from 6:50pm. See flyer attached.

Book it in!!!! The annual Big Band Bash is on again this year starting at 5:30pm Thursday 11th December at Pittwater High School. Don’t miss it.

Kind Regards

Mrs Jacqui Shaw
Music Coordinator
Uniform Shop

REGULAR OPENING HOURS

Mondays 2:30pm – 3:00pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30am – 10:30am
(When making purchases by cash please keep notes in small denominations)

CLOTHING POOL

The Uniform Shop requires helpers for stocktake on Thursday November 27th. Only 2 hours commitment from 10am – 1:30pm. Yummy brunch supplied by the canteen.

Please email or text Tracey if you can volunteer your time.

HATS

Hats are always available to purchase from the school canteen.

Orders for uniforms can be placed at any time by completing an order form which is available on the website. Enclose your order in an envelope (with payment or credit card authority) and leave it in the grey box at the school office. Uniform purchases can also be processed via Flexischools. Orders will be forwarded to your child in his/her class as soon as possible.

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

Regards

Mrs Tracey Cranston
Uniform Shop Supervisor
tracey.cranston@det.nsw.edu.au

Volunteers are always needed so if you can spare a couple of hours once or twice a month please text Tracey on Mobile 0427 224 893 or contact her via email.
The canteen desperately needs help on Thursdays until the end of Term. If you have time to volunteer please contact me on the number below.

2015 VOLUNTEERS

The school canteen needs more volunteers from the school community to commit to volunteering in the canteen next year. It is getting increasingly difficult to replace volunteers who can no longer volunteer due to increased work commitments.

This week the canteen did not open before school on Wednesday due to a shortage of volunteers.

If you are not sure how to volunteer in the canteen but would like to, please phone me or pop into the canteen for a chat.

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Regards

Mrs Rebecca O’Donnell
9997 2442
2014 School Term Dates

Term 4: Last day for students Wednesday 17th December

2015 School Term Dates

Term 1: Staff Development Day Tuesday 27th January
        Students return Wednesday 28th January (Years 1-6)
        Wednesday 28th-Friday 30th January (Kindy Best Start)
        Monday 2nd February (Kindergarten starts)
        Last day for students Thursday 2nd April

Term 2: Staff Development Day – Monday 20th April
        Students return – Tuesday 21st April
        Last day for students Friday 26th June

Term 3: Staff Development Day – Monday 13th July
        Students return Tuesday 14th July
        Last day for students Friday 18th September

Term 4: Students and Staff return Tuesday 6th October
        Last day for students Wednesday 16th December
November 12th 2014

Dear Parents

Year one cordially invites you to an afternoon of string music at Mona Vale Public School Hall.

As you already know, year one have been working very hard in our music classes all year, learning to play the violin and they are very excited to perform for you.

Our special music afternoon will take place on Wednesday November 26th and it commences at 5:00pm in the school hall. It will conclude by 6:00pm.

Performances will include our two string ensembles: The Year 2 Junior String Group and the Senior Strings.

We will have the chance to hear all seven of our Year 1 classes perform a short piece they have been working on.

We would love you all to come along, especially the parents who are interested in their child continuing with strings next year. You can hear all about their fantastic experience playing violin.

Many thanks

Greg Jones      Kathryn Crossing      Carolyn Thiele      Jacqui Shaw      Leesa Martin
This year we will be having our Talent Quest on Wednesday 17th December. If you would like to participate, please come to the correct audition lunchtime. Please come at eating time bringing your lunch, hat and music.

Please note students are only allowed to participate in **ONE AUDITION**.

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YEARS 4, 5 & 6

Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} NOVEMBER 7-9pm

LOTS OF PRIZES –BEST DANCER –BEST DRESSED

Mona Vale Public School Hall
$12 Wristband– please bring correct change
(Ticket includes; drink, ice blocks and chips)

Tickets available on the night only from 6:50pm at the door.

WANT TO REQUEST A SONG JUST EMAIL- mvpsdisco@gmail.com

Children must be escorted to the hall no earlier than 6:50pm and collect at 9:00pm prompt
(Please stay with you child until ticket is purchased)
Children will not be allowed to leave the school unescorted.
Only open to MVPS students.
ACCESS VIAWARATAH ST CAR PARK ONLY
Dear Parent/Guardian

The National Rugby League would like to invite your son/daughter to our ‘NRL Come & Try Clinic’ in conjunction with your local Junior Rugby League Club.

The NRL Come & Try Clinic provides a great introduction to Rugby League. The session will consist of fun games and challenging activities that will provide an opportunity for your child to improve their coordination, spatial awareness, social skills and fitness. It is also a great way to make new friends!

These sessions are conducted by professional NRL Game Development officers together with Manly Sea Eagles players, and the best thing about the NRL Come & Try Clinic is that it is completely FREE!!

NRL COME & TRY CLINIC
MONA VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2014 3:30PM-4:30PM

Please be aware that our NRL Come & Try Clinics are an introduction to Rugby League and therefore aimed at children that are not currently registered to a Junior Rugby League Club.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL ORGANISED ACTIVITY AND THEREFORE, YOU WILL NEED TO ORGANISE YOUR OWN SUPERVISION BETWEEN 2.45PM AND 3.30PM.

To register your son/daughter, please return the attached permission slip to the labelled box in the office by Friday 28th November 2014. If you have any questions please contact Tim Gee tgee@nrl.com.au or Mel Vayro mvayro@nrl.com.au

We look forward to hearing from you!

Tim Gee – Sydney North Secondary Mobile: 0423 027 970
Mel Vayro – Manly Mobile: 0411 159 423
Surname: ___________________________ First Name: ____________________________
Date of Birth: __________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
Suburb: ____________________________________ State: __________ Postcode: _____________
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Emergency Contact: ___________________________ Tel: __________________
Parent/Guardian: ___________________________ Tel: __________________
Email: __________________________________________

Have you ever played Junior Rugby League? (please circle) Yes No
Any medical conditions: ___________________________ Allergies: ___________________________
Medical Notes: ____________________________________________________________

NRL Team Supported: _________________________
State Team Supported: _______________________
How many NRL games do you attend per season? __________

I give permission for my child to participate in this program.
I acknowledge that there are some risks in body contact sport programs such as these, and I accept the National Rugby League (‘NRL’) and its employees and agents will not be liable for any injuries sustained by my child during the program.

Privacy Statement
The personal information provided on this registration form will be used by NRL for general administration and communication within Rugby League and other matters of welfare relating to your child’s participation in this program. The information will be stored securely and will not be provided to any third parties or used for any purpose other than those outlined.

Publicity Statement
Photographs may be taken of the activities involved with this program. I consent to NRL using the photographs for publicity and promotion of Rugby League.

Refunds and Cancellations
Refunds will not be provided unless NRL received written notice of cancellation from you at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the program.
In the event that the program is cancelled by the NRL for bad weather or any other reason, a refund of the cost of the program will be made, minus the processing fee charged at the time of payment.
Refunds will be made via Bank Transfer and it will be the responsibility of the person completing the registration process to advise NRL of their banking information.

I have read and agree with the terms and conditions

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

- Help your kids learn how to “bounce back” when faced with life’s daily challenges
- Help them to recognise, accept and express their feelings
- Teach them problem solving and coping skills
- Find out how to encourage optimism, curiosity and contentment

VENUE: Community Health Centre, 57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATE: Monday 17th November 2014
TIME: 7:00pm – 9:30pm
COST: $45

For all enquiries and bookings, please phone: 9887 5830

All our course leaders are parents and trained educators.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

- Learn communication skills for building positive relationships
- Problem ownership
- Listening and assertiveness skills
- Problem solving skills

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CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING

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

Thu 20 Nov
6.30 - 8.30pm
Killarney Heights Public School, Tralee Ave, Killarney Heights
FREE but bookings essential on youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au
For more information call 9942 2681.