Next Week’s Mona Vale Manners

Week 8A – Look at people when they are speaking to you. Have ‘eye contact’.
(begins Monday 24th November)

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
## End of Term’s Events

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From the Office

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

Don’t forget to order your Text Book and Exercise Books for 2015

Please note orders are to be placed online with 2 different suppliers.

**TEXT BOOKS** - are to be ordered through **Dominie** from now until 16\(^{th}\) January 2015.

**EXERCISE BOOKS** - are to be ordered through **Five Senses** from now until 15\(^{th}\) December 2014.

Orders for 2015 Kindergarten to Year 4 students can be made online now. Please order for your grade in 2015. If your child is placed in an extension class, Dominie will arrange an alternative text book for your child when classes are finalised at the start of next year.

*Please note students in Year 5 (including OC) and Year 6, 2015 - you will receive instructions on how to order later in the year. Students in Support Classes will be notified individually of their requirements.*

Notes have been emailed and sent home as hard copies to students. Kindergarten 2015 students were given notes at Orientation.

Stationery lists will be sent home via email soon.

All notes and stationery lists (when available) will also be posted on our website go to [www.monavale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.monavale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and click on the notes tab, then Planning for 2015.

We look forward to all students having text and exercise books delivered to school for their first day in 2015.

**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.

**Medical Conditions**

*If your child has Asthma, Allergies or any other serious medical condition, we are required to keep an updated Action Plan at school.* These plans need to be updated by your doctor each year. Please take the time in the school holidays to ask your doctor to provide you with a new Action Plan. This Action Plan must have a current photograph and be signed by a doctor. Please bring in your updated Action Plan and any medication required (eg Ventolin, Epipen etc). When medication expires it must be replaced at school. Please note your expiry dates and provide the school with medication when required. We thank you for your assistance in helping us provide the best possible care for your child.
Nits

We have a few cases of nits at the moment. If you child has nits please inform the office. When the office is informed we send a note home to the class so other parents can check their children. You are welcome to report a nit issue anonymously; all we need to know is what class has the issue. Please regularly check your child’s hair for the pesky little critters.

Label Everything Including BYOD Devices

Just a reminder to please label your child’s clothing, lunch boxes and BYOD Devices. One of our generous parents – Ms Lauren Korolala comes in regularly and sorts through the mountain of lost property. Thank you Lauren! If it has a name on it, it gets returned to the child, if it has no name on it, it sits in lost property until claimed. If it is not claimed it is donated to the uniform shop. Recently the office has been handed a couple of Ipads – without names! Owners have been found promptly however, please make sure these expensive items are labelled.

Thanking you

Mrs Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager

Book Club

Dear Students, Parents and Grandparents

The last issue of the Scholastic Book Club have been handed out to all students. The return date of all orders is Friday 21st November. Orders are to be handed in to the library. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card (over the internet).

Thanks everyone.

Rita Ericsson
Scholastic Book Club Organiser
Library

Sport News

Congratulations to our Super Star Eagle Tag Teams who played in the Manly Warringah Gala Day yesterday at Rat Park. The Junior Girls and Senior Girls progressed to the Semi Finals and the Senior Boys progressed to the Grand Final winning 8-2 and now proceed to the Manly Eagle Tag Championships next Thursday at Brookvale Oval at 4:00pm. Good luck Boys!

Mrs Mel Stevenson
Year 6 had an amazing time at camp last week!

We went to Canberra first, stopping at Parliament House where we completed a role play of parliament, then Old Parliament House, where we explored Australia’s Prime Ministers.

Next we headed to Cooba, a sport and rec camp near Cooma, where we stayed for 3 nights. We participated in 6 fantastic activities, focusing on building team work and cooperation skills. We had fun on the flying fox, big swing, assault course, low ropes and archery. We also participated in a team initiatives program. The weather was beautiful and we learnt so much!

On our final day we drove home through Canberra. This time we stopped at the War Memorial, where we had a guided tour of some special exhibits. After lunch we went to Questacon where we finished our trip with some hands-on scientific investigations.

Thank you to all Year 6 students for their enthusiastic attitude and outstanding behaviour for the duration of our excursion. We had a wonderful time and created special memories of our final primary school camp.

Regards

Year 6 Teachers
In a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, the **Rolling Stones** invited the Sydney Philharmonia Choirs to perform their iconic ballad "**You Can't Always Get What You Want**" at their Sydney and Hunter Valley gigs. Last week a choir of 24 singers and 2 conductors, Music Director Brett Weymark and conductor Elizabeth Scott, travelled to Homebush and Hope Estate in the Hunter Valley. Both events were amazing, with the choirs performing their sound check at Homebush by themselves in the 18,000-seat venue and then with the band - they even had a wave from **Mick Jagger** and applause from the band when they finished singing. Singing in front of 18,000 people at both events was both mind-blowing and nerve-wracking, not to mention being only metres away from one of the world's most famous rock 'n' roll bands. Although the Stones have been going for over 50 years (this was their 20\(^{th}\) visit to Australia), they've still got what it takes to play some great tunes and rock the crowd.

Regards

**Miss Hester Wright**  
Music Teacher/Choir Coordinator
NSW JCL Primary Schools One Day Tournament

What a pleasure it was to work on Wednesday with all the young players plus our wonderful parent chess volunteers and school staff to host another successful NSW Junior Chess League Tournament for seven Peninsula schools and 38 teams of three players each.

We did have the most teams entered, but this doesn’t take away from the terrific top 10 results MVPS achieved including second overall, which means finals qualification for MVPS’ A team of **Seb Brown**, **David Tulk** and **Seb Wellings** and 5th – 8th places.

Go to this link for the full results
http://www.nswjcl.org.au/Schools/2014/PrimaryOneDay/pod14nb.htm

Huge congratulations to our first-time kindy players – not one tear or issue over the course of a very long day with seven consecutive games played.

Thanks to **Alexandra Lawrence** and **Gloria Thomas** for stepping in when we needed them, and **Kai Hampson** who handled an error on the team list so maturely as he waited patiently until we found him a place. Special mention also to **James Wainwright** for persisting until the microphone finally worked.

Our next big tournament will be hosted by MVPS in March 2015.

Regards

**Mrs Lisa Ratcliff**
Chess Club Convenor/Chair
0418 428 511
Band Assessments
Congratulations to all Performance Band students on completing their band assessments with Mr Jobson over the past two days.

Positions Vacant - Band Committee
The MVPS Band Committee AGM was held on Tuesday night. Whilst most positions were filled, we still have two key positions vacant for 2015. Please read the job descriptions below and if you feel you may be able to help out with either position please email monavaleband@gmail.com.au

Band Treasurer
This role has reduced in scope from previous years. We are lucky enough to have a new committee member come on in the role of Bookkeeper with responsibility for all invoicing, payments and banking. The role of Treasurer will involve establishing the yearly budget, providing financial reports to the P&C and overall responsibility for band finances.

Communications Coordinator
This person is responsible keeping band families informed. This includes monitoring the band email address, responding to emails or forwarding on to the appropriate committee member, sending email communications to band families and writing fortnightly band newsletters.

Term 4 Disco: Years 4, 5 & 6
The last Disco of the year is on this Friday from 7-9pm. We are still in need of additional parent helpers so please email Jill at mvpsdisco@gmail.com if you can help.

Hire Instrument Check
Monday 1st December: For all band students who currently HIRE a school instrument: Please come to the hall WITH YOUR INSTRUMENT at 8:30am. This is for all students with hired instruments regardless of whether you are returning your instrument at the end of the year. Our school repairer will be present to check the instruments and determine which ones require repairs over the summer break to ensure instruments are in good condition for the start of 2015.

More Diary Dates
Honour Assembly – Concert Band Thursday 4th December
Presentation Day – Performance Band Thursday 11th December
Big Band Bash Thursday December 11th 5.30pm. Pittwater High School
Band Camp 2015 Friday 13th – Sunday 15th March 2015

Regards

MVPS Band Committee
monavaleband@gmail.com.au
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)

STOCKTAKE

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
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