Week 11B – Offer help to someone who has many things to carry.
(begins Monday 15th December)

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

From the Principal

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR

Once again on behalf of the Staff I would like to thank the community for your support and encouragement during 2014. Schools are most effective when staff and parents work together for the benefit of students and Mona Vale is characterised by this partnership.

We will start the New Year with a number of new teaching staff, new programs and a renewed commitment to keeping Mona Vale as the school of first choice on the Northern Beaches. **Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Parent Survey
As the year draws to a close I ask that you complete the Parent Survey link provided. The Survey seeks your opinions on a range of planning and operational issues and will form part of the data used to formulate the school’s 2015-2017 School Plan. The survey is also an opportunity to comment on the strengths and areas for development of our school.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3XJYNSK](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3XJYNSK)

Thank you for taking the time to contribute to Mona Vale’s future direction.

Traffic Management 2015
I have included a notice from Pittwater Council on the new traffic management guidelines that will be in place for the start of the 2015 school year. These changes have been made in consultation with the P&C and will make dropping off and picking up students easier for everyone. Please take the time to acquaint yourself of the changes, particularly Parking Zone changes.

Regards

Mr Greg Jones
Principal
Administration hours are Monday to Friday 8:30am – 3:15pm

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

Only 20% of parents have ordered so far…….please order by the dates below.

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

**TEXT BOOKS** - are to be ordered through **Dominie** from now until 16th January 2015.
**EXERCISE BOOKS** - are to be ordered through **Five Senses** from now until 31st December 2014.

Orders for 2015 Kindergarten to Year 6 students can be made online now. Please order for your grade in 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.

**Whooping Cough**
We have a diagnosed case of Whooping Cough in Year 3. Please look out for any symptoms. If your child shows any signs of Whooping Cough please go to the doctor for advice.

Thanking you

Mrs Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager
In the MVPS Art and Craft Club (Year 1 and Year 2), we have been focusing on creating beautiful Christmas decorations. We have used many techniques and a variety of mediums to make Christmas tree paintings and decorations.

The students have enjoyed the opportunity to extend their visual arts skills and to express themselves creatively. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all the students who attended and we look forward to continuing in 2015.

Take a look at some of our students’ gorgeous artworks!

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Mrs Jacqui Davies and Mrs Pamela Wyatt
CONGRATULATIONS to Ethan Davies, Will Collinson, Luke Farrugia and Thomas Stephens competing in the Northern Beaches Hot Shots Masters for the top 8 players in each age group 8’s, 10’s & 12’s.

Ethan Davies - Runner up in the 10 years
Will Collinson and Ethan Davies – Semi finalists in the doubles
Well done boys.


2015 Sport News

2015 will see a change to K-2 Sport.
Tennis and Gymnastics will no longer be a User-pay option (3-6 User Pay will still remain in Terms 2 and 4).

Pete and Dan, our Tiger’s Tennis professionals, are offering tennis classes at lunchtimes and before school.

Please see all the information on the flyer attached.

Regards

Mrs Melissa Stevenson
Teacher
VOLUNTEER in 2015!

Have you ever thought of becoming a volunteer? We are looking for interested parents, carers or grandparents to assist with the Read To Me Program in 2015. This program is currently run every Monday to Wednesday (we hope to extend to Thursdays next year) from 9-11am in the Reading Room.

The Read To Me Program targets students from Years 2 to 6 who need additional support with reading. If you were to volunteer you would be helping individual students to work through a series of tasks involving phonics, spelling, reading sight words and reading levelled books. We would train you in MultiLit (Word Attack, Sight Word and Spelling Program) and in Pause Prompt Praise (knowing what to do and say when you listen to a child reading). The level of commitment is up to you. Our current volunteers come one day a week from 9:00am-11am.

If you can spare a minimum of 30 minutes next year, on one or more days, please email erin.comino@det.nsw.edu.au or phone on 9999 3481.

Thank you!!

The Learning and Support Team
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)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

A big “thank you” to all the wonderful volunteers who have donated their free time and to all the parents who support the uniform shop with donations and purchases. Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and relaxing and fun new year.

Opening hours in January:

Tuesday, 20\textsuperscript{st} January 2015
8:30am-12:00pm
Thursday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} January 2015
8:30am-12:00pm
Tuesday, 27\textsuperscript{th} January 2015
8:30am-12:00pm

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

\textbf{Mrs Tracey Cranston}
\textbf{Uniform Shop Supervisor}
\texttt{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.
Canteen News

Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered this year in the canteen.

Thank you to Michelle and Lana for all their support and to Mark, Olivia and Rachel from the P&C for their support throughout the year.

2015 Menu

Look out for the new 2015 lunch order menu on Flexischools next year. There will also be some slight price increases due to increases from suppliers.

2015 Roster

The volunteer roster for 2015 will be sent out mid January. If you would like to be a canteen volunteer next year and haven't already let me know, please call me on 9997 2442.

NO LUNCHES WILL BE MADE IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM.

Regards

Mrs Rebecca O'Donnell
9997 2442