



Mona Vale Mail

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**Welcome to
WEEK 9!**

Reminder:
Order text and
exercise books online.
See website for more
details.

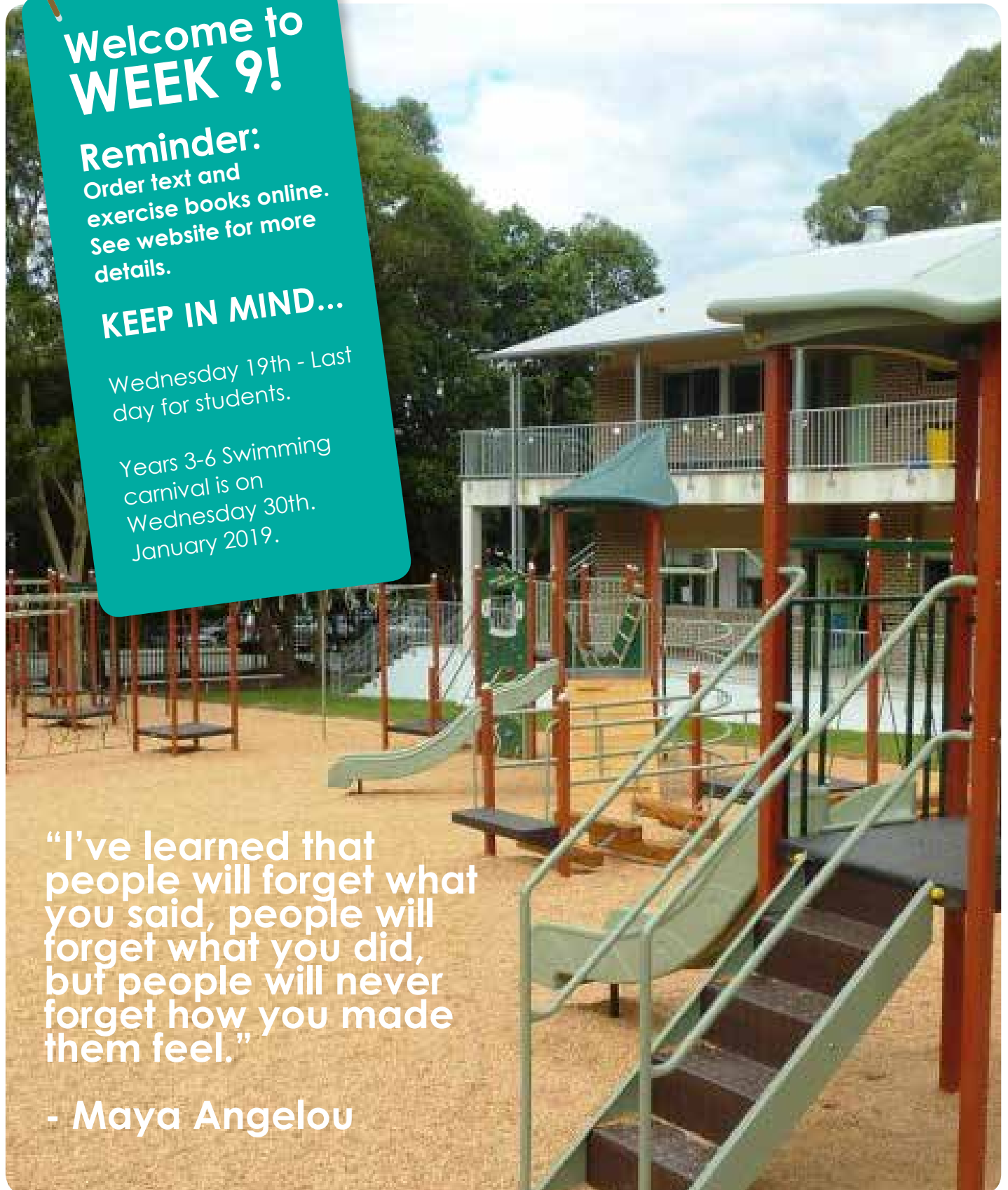
KEEP IN MIND...

Wednesday 19th - Last
day for students.

Years 3-6 Swimming
carnival is on
Wednesday 30th.
January 2019.

**"I've learned that
people will forget what
you said, people will
forget what you did,
but people will never
forget how you made
them feel."**

- Maya Angelou





From the Principal

Dear Parents

On Tuesday we held a special assembly for two outstanding and much loved colleagues who will be retiring at the end of the year. Mrs Robyn Hardy, who has been at Mona for 20 years and Mrs Judy Webb who has been associated with the school in some way for 46 years.

Parents will remember Robyn as our office first aide officer and for many parents the first smiling face in the office that they would see. Judy started as the lolly pop lady on Waratah Street crossing progressing to teachers aide and eventually managing our Printery. Both Robyn and Judy's children attended Mona Vale and Judy has grandchildren with us.

As a community, I would like to acknowledge their outstanding service and professionalism to many thousands of young people and colleagues.

We wish them both all the best in what lies ahead, you will both be missed at Mona Vale and will always be part of our school community.

Regards

Mr Greg Jones
Principal





From the Office

Administration Hours:

8:30am - 3:15pm

Text and Exercise Books 2019 - Order Now

Text and Exercise Books are ready to order online. Please go to our website – Notes and Forms/Planning for 2019. Please read the information on the website carefully. Books will be delivered to school ready for the start of the new year. **Please order your books by Monday 14th January to ensure a smooth start for 2019. Any books ordered after this date will cause a delay in delivery and an additional delivery charge.**

Please note that orders are through 2 different suppliers ie Text Books are ordered with Dominie and Exercise Books are ordered through Five Senses.

Stationery lists have also been added to the website, a few have been updated this week since the original posting. Parents please keep your children's special novelty stationery at home. Large pencil cases, rulers that can be tied in knots and rubbers that create a puzzle are not practical and distracting in class.

Swimming Carnival 2019 – Wednesday 30th January

Our Swimming Carnival will be held on the very first day back at school next year!!!! We will be holding our carnival at Warringah Aquatic centre. The note has now also been added to the website in Term 1 as well as Term 4 for your convenience.

Students need to arrive at school at 8:10am and line up under the Primary cola in their old class lines. New students will sit on the seats at the back of the cola.

The 2019 new enrolments and Year 5 OC class will meet in the Hall.

All students who have entered in the 100m will need to be transported to the pool by parents and arrive by 8:30am.

Leonie Gallard
School Administration Manager





2019 - Routine Changes

Changes To Routines For 2019

From Term 1 there are a few changes to routines that you need to be aware of.

Start Of School

The school day will be starting 5 minutes earlier each day. This means that the first bell (the go and line up bell) will ring at 8:47am and the start of class bell will ring at 8:50am.

Break Times

Currently, the students have a 20 minute break at recess time and 40 minute break at lunch time. In Term 1, we will be trialling a change to our break times. Recess and lunch will now both be 30 minutes in duration. There will still be a 10 minute eating period for students to eat their lunch and then students will go out to play for 30 minutes.

This initiative has been introduced for a variety of reasons, including allowing more flexibility for training/rehearsal times and as a student wellbeing measure.

Class Formations

Teachers are currently very busy forming classes for next year. Your child will find out which class they are in for 2019, on the first day back for students in Years 1 and 2, and on day 2 for those students attending the swimming carnival.

Students will start the day in their 2018 classes and will be put into their new class during the day. This is a change to the organisation that has been in place for the last few years, where students were placed into their new classes at morning lines.



2019 First Days Back

First Days Back To School – Information For Parents

Wednesday 30th January

Swimming carnival for students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 plus the Year 2 students who are competing – please refer to the information that has previously been sent to you.

Please note that we will not be forming classes in the morning and respectfully ask that you leave the school playgrounds at 8:50am. Year 1 & 2 classes 2019, will be formed later in the day.

Kindergarten 2019 – Best Start appointments (refer to your letter for date and times).

Year 1, 2019 – if you arrive before 8:47am, play in the playground as normal. When the first bell rings, students are to sit in their 2018 Kindergarten classes, in their usual assembly spot under the K-2 COLA.

Year 2, 2019 – if you arrive before 8:47am, play in the playground as normal. When the first bell rings, students are to sit in their 2018 Year 1 classes, in their usual assembly spot under the K-2 COLA.

Year 2 students who are going to the swimming carnival are to be taken to and from the venue by their parents/carers.

Year 3, 2019 – meet your 2018 Year 2 class in the amphitheatre at 8:10am.

Year 4, 5 and 6, 2019 – line up in your 2018 class lines under the 3-6 COLA at 8:10am.

New enrolments who are attending the swimming carnival are to meet in the hall at 8:10am.

End of day arrangements

- Year 1, 2019 – students will be brought to the amphitheatre at 2:45pm.
- Year 2, 2019 – students will be brought to the K-2 COLA at 2:45pm.
- Year 3-6, 2019 - Please arrange a meeting point with your child/children.



2019 First Day Back

Thursday 31st January

Please note that we will not be forming classes in the morning for students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and respectfully ask that parents/carers leave the school playgrounds at 8:50am. Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 classes 2019, will be formed later in the day.

Kindergarten 2019 – Best Start appointments continue.

Year 1, 2019 - play in the K-2 COLA area, as normal. When the bell rings, students line up with their new 2019 class. Students will have been shown where to line up.

Year 2, 2019 - play in the K-2 COLA area, as normal. When the bell rings, students line up with their new 2019 class. Students will have been shown where to line up.

Year 2, 2019 – students who attended the swimming carnival, go to the office.

Year 3, 2019 – if you arrive before 8:47am, play in the K-2 COLA area. When the first bell rings, students are to line up in their Year 2, 2018 class lines under the K-2 COLA.

Year 4, 5, and 6, 2019 – if you arrive before 8:47am, play in the 3-6 COLA area. When the first bell rings students are to line up with their 2018 class, in their assembly spot under the 3-6 COLA.

Afternoon arrangements

- Year 1, 2019 – students will be brought to the amphitheatre at 2:45pm.
- Year 2, 2019 – meet students under the K-2 COLA, or to meeting point directed by class teacher.
- Years 3-6, 2019 – parents/carers please arrange a suitable meeting point with your child/children.



Calendar

Mona Vale Manners

Week 9

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

(begins Monday 17th December)

WEEK 10

MONDAY 17th

Year 5 Surf School

Kindergarten incursion

TUESDAY 18th

Year 5 Surf School

Year 6 Fun Day

WEDNESDAY 19th

Year 6 Graduation

Last Day for 2018

Students return Wednesday 30th January - Swimming Carnival Day

THURSDAY 20th

Staff Development Day

FRIDAY 21st

Staff Development Day

WEEK 1

MONDAY 29th

Staff Development Day

TUESDAY 30th

Swimming Carnival

Best Start Kindergarten Assessments

WEDNESDAY 31st

Best Start Kindergarten Assessments

THURSDAY 1st

Best Start Kindergarten Assessments

2pm Meet your Buddy Afternoon Tea

FRIDAY 2nd



Sport News

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Milo Cup Cricket team who placed 4th in the State tournament yesterday.

What an amazing achievement!

The boys were also named the best and fairest team of the day and were presented with a bat signed by the Australian women's cricket team.

What an amazing day! A fantastic achievement boys and Mr Johnson.

Thank you

Mel Stevenson
Assistant Principal, Stage 3
Sport Coordinator





Year 6 Farewell



Monday night saw the Year 6 students celebrate their Farewell to primary school in the magical style of "The Greatest Showman". I would like to thank the amazing mums who gave hours of their time putting this event together to make it a milestone these fantastic kids will always remember.

We had such a positive and creative committee including the treasurers, decorations team, yearbook team, and the fundraising team (with the help of 4G). I would also like to thank the class parents for being an invaluable source of communication in order to coordinate so much in a short space of time with such a large number of kids and families.

Lastly, thanks to the eternally optimistic and sunny Bron Glen and the wonderful Year 6 teachers for all their help in marking the end of their primary school journey with them in this unforgettable celebration. In the words of PT Barnum, "The noblest art is that of making others happy".

Best of luck Year 6 2018, you make us so proud and happy.

We'll certainly miss you!

Tash Patch
Year 6 Farewell Coordinator





Support Unit News

Support Unit Visit To The Basin

Support Unit students, parents and staff were invited by the lovely Steve and Dee at the Quay's Marina on an outing to The Basin.

We all met at the Quays Marina and boarded a large rubber ducky enjoying an exhilarating boat trip to The Basin, taking in the beautiful sites of Pittwater.

At The Basin everyone participated in games, relaxed in the beautiful surroundings and explored the local flora and fauna. It was a wonderful opportunity for families and staff to come together.

Steve and Dee provided us with a wonderful BBQ lunch and refreshments before heading back to the Marina on, again another exciting boat trip that may have involved several passengers being splashed courtesy of our Captain for the day!!

All the staff would like to thank the ongoing support of the Quays Marina for the generosity shown to our Support Unit students, families and the school.





Chess

Congratulations to our team of Ben, Gabe and Griff who came fifth in state at the NSW Junior Chess League championships!

What a great way to finish an awesome year of chess!



Chess 2019

If you would like to be part of our fantastic chess club in 2019, you can find the information and application form on the school website under Chess Club in the Notes and Forms section.

Please note that you still need to fill out a new application form if you played chess in 2018 and you would like to continue.

Mrs Bryce





Canteen News

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I can hardly believe I'm writing the last Canteen News for 2018.

The year has flown by.

The canteen has had its most successful year ever which is fantastic news for all of us. I am very proud of the choices we have made available on Flexischools and of the profit the canteen has made for the school.

It's been a great result all round and thank you to everyone who uses Flexischools.

Next week the canteen will be open on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th. Sushi will be the only item available on Flexischools. For those families who have ordered other items, your orders will be cancelled and money refunded.

In 2019, the canteen will be moving further forward towards being more sustainable and eco friendly. We hope to provide new home made items and hope to reduce the wastage that packaging creates as much as possible.

Thank you to all the volunteers this year who have given up their time to help out in the canteen. You are such a lovely group of people and I do appreciate your time and friendship.

Thank you to all those lovely families who have sent Seasonal Greetings to the canteen. We love receiving your Xmas cards and it's so nice to feel appreciated.

Finally, I would like to join the school community in saying goodbye to Judy and Robyn. Both lovely ladies have been part of Monavale for such a long period of time. Both have a "can do" attitude and such a pleasant manner and welcome smile that it's hard to imagine school life without them.

Good bye to all the Year 6 students and families moving onto High School.

Thank you to **Conor** and the P&C, Helen, Danielle and Christina for all your hard work and support this year.

Merry Christmas and Happy a peaceful New Year to all.

Rebecca O'Donnell
Canteen Supervisor



Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Mondays 2:30pm - 3pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30am - 10:30am

Thank you to all of our lovely volunteers who have helped in the shop this year, it is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank Judy Webb for always lending a hand to sort through the pile of hats and jackets that come through lost property – always trying to find their owner, and always with a smile. Thank you Judy and best wishes for your retirement. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 5: Graduation Jackets for Year 6 2019. Please place orders as soon as possible, we have less than half of the year's orders in. The quicker we have the order finalised, the sooner the jackets can be delivered. **Please note, no spares are ordered. Even if you are not planning on ordering, please complete a form and return to ensure we can account for everyone.**

Summer Dress: Please remember that we are nearing the end of the transition period for the changeover of the school summer dresses. It is the expectation of the school for those wearing the dresses to be in the new style from Term 1, 2019. **We are also collecting the old style dress to arrange to pass through to charity. If you would like to bring to the shop we will organise to send them all off. A big thank you to Angela and Qantas who are going to help us.**

2019 Volunteer Portal is now active for Term 1.

Volunteers are always needed, even if you can spare a couple of hours once or twice a month. We are also looking for volunteers on January 17th, 29th and 30th to assist with back to school open days.

If you are able to volunteer in the shop, please go to website www.carebookings.com.au

Enter event code: **B7MJN** in the green box



Flexischools Orders: Last day for orders for 2018 (deliveries to classrooms) will be Tuesday 18th December.

We will be again offering Flexischools service for the January holiday period. Beat the queues during January by ordering and paying online, then coming to collect during the opening times listed below.

On January 7th, Flexischools will be online and taking orders. You will not need to update classes just yet, as it is a pickup service from the uniform shop (note: classroom delivery recommences first week of term).

On the open days of the 17th and 29th January, you will be able to come and collect your package.

Thursday 17th 8:30am -12:00pm. Online pickup day.

Tuesday 29th 8:30am-12:00pm. Online pickup day.

Tuesday 29th 8:30am - 12:00pm (Pupil Free Day).

Wednesday 30th January 8:30am -10:30am (Day One).

Thursday 31st January 8:30am -10:30am (Back to normal shop opening hours).

Lost Property: Please note that both lost property areas will be cleaned out at the end of the year. Please come and collect hats/jackets etc. before the end of term. Any drink bottles/lunch containers and non-school items will be thrown away.

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

Hanna Jones

Uniform Shop Supervisor

uniformshop@monavalepsca.com.au



2019 Term Dates



TERM DATES



2018 - Last day for students is Wednesday 19th December

Staff Development Day - Tuesday 29th January - 2019

Students return - Wednesday 30th January (Years 1-6) (Year 3-6 School Swimming Carnival)

Kindergarten Best Start Assessments – Wednesday 30th January, Thursday 31st January & Friday 1st February

Kindergarten starts - Monday 4th February 2019

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Staff Development Day – Monday 29th April 2019

Students return – Tuesday 30th April 2019

Last day for students – Friday 5th July 2019

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Staff Development Day – Monday 22nd July 2019

Students return – Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Last day for students – Friday 27th September 2019

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Students and Staff return – Monday 14th October 2019

Last day for students – Wednesday 18th December 2019

Please note: last day of Term 4 2018 for students is Wednesday 19th December

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MONA VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C
ASSOCIATION

WELCOME PICNIC 2019

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2019

**ALL MONA VALE
PUBLIC SCHOOL
FAMILIES ARE
INVITED**

**MORE DETAILS TO COME
CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL APP
AND NEWSLETTER IN EARLY 2019**





YOU'RE INVITED TO THE DANCE SHOWCASE 2018

The Narrabeen Sports High School Academy Dance Ensemble will perform winning routines from 2018 along with student choreographed works developed with Sydney Dance Company and the accelerated HSC Dance class.

When: Wednesday 12th December 2018

Where: Narrabeen Sports High School Hall

Tickets: Free

Time: 7pm





CHRISTMAS **CAROLS** in the **PARK**



Saturday
15 December

6.30 – 9.00 pm

Village Park

Mona Vale

Featuring great local singers and musicians

- ☆ Fun for the whole family
- ☆ Top line entertainment
- ☆ Food and refreshments
- ☆ Free lollies for the kids
- ☆ Visit from Santa

Free entry

Enquiries 0417 236 982 or www.rotaryuppernorthernbeaches.org

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