



# Mona Vale Mail

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**Welcome to  
WEEK 9!**

**Reminder:**  
K-6 Text and Exercise  
Books are now  
available to order  
online.

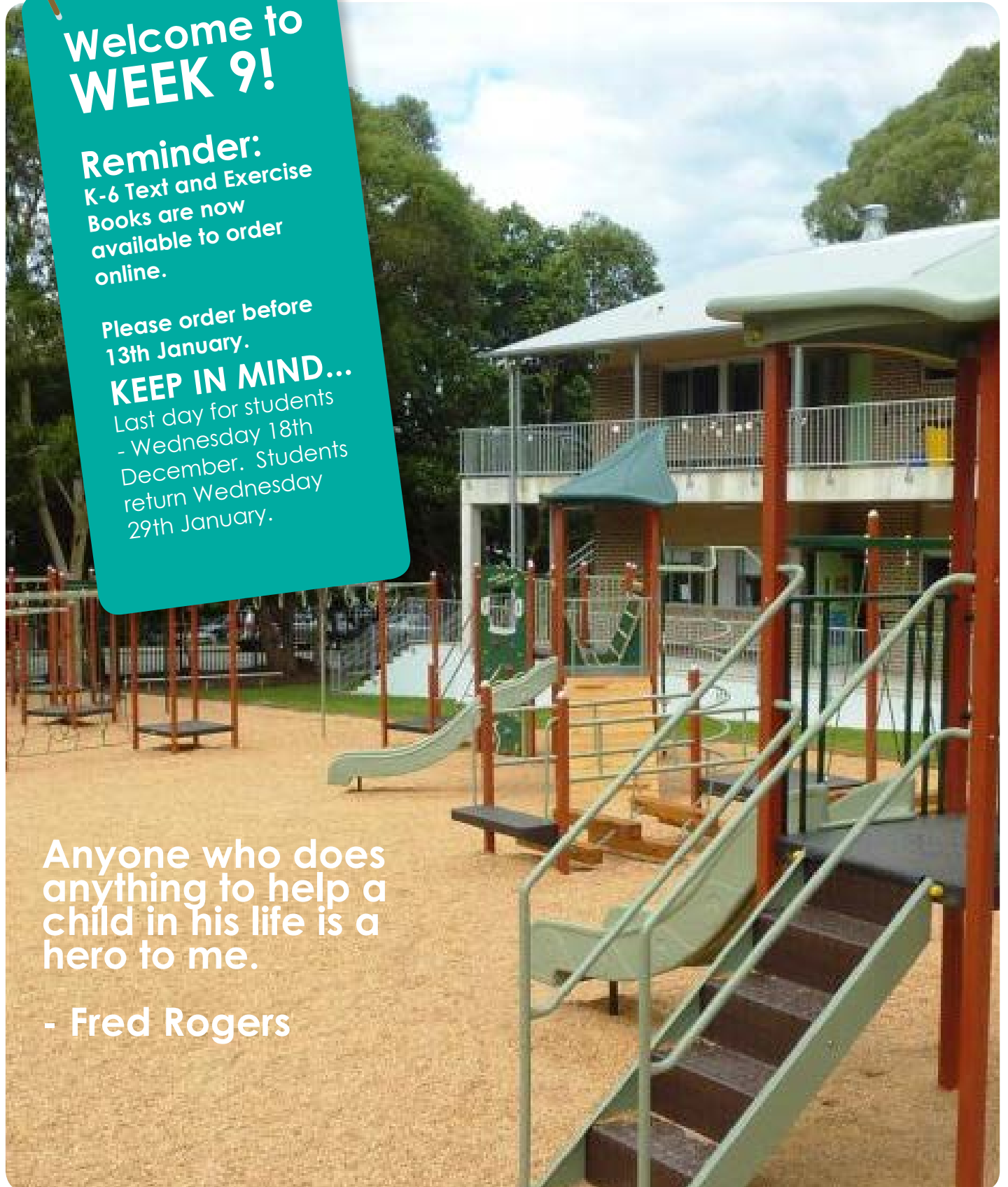
Please order before  
13th January.

**KEEP IN MIND...**

Last day for students  
- Wednesday 18th  
December. Students  
return Wednesday  
29th January.

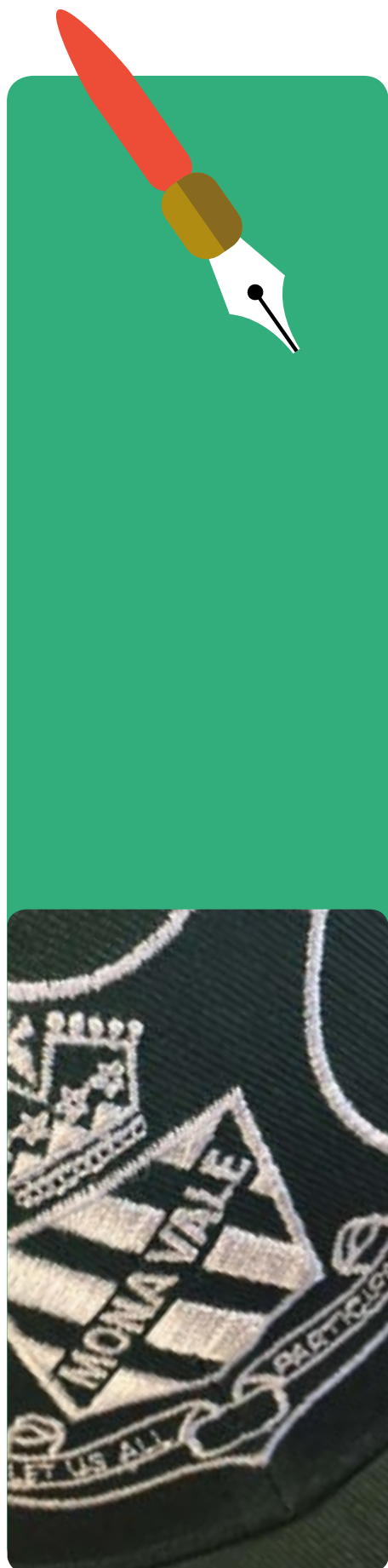
Anyone who does  
anything to help a  
child in his life is a  
hero to me.

- Fred Rogers





# From the Principal



Dear Mona Vale PS families and community members,

As this is our final newsletter for 2019 I would like to thank the entire school community for your commitment to our school and for your willingness to be so active within our school community. Although I have only been at the school for four weeks, it is very clear that our families are passionate about ensuring students have wonderful school experiences. I would like to acknowledge the incredible staff team who happily initiate, plan or support these experiences.

We have exciting times ahead. Next year will see us working on our communication strategy, putting our External Validation submission together, planning for the new school building project and developing our new school plan. At all times we must make sure that all of our decisions are based on what is best for our students. It will be a time for us all to determine what we want our school to look like in the future.

At the P&C meeting on Tuesday night (a very well attended meeting I might add!) we discussed many items of interest or concern to parents. I encourage all community members to add the P&C meetings to your calendar. This way you will hear directly from the senior executive about the leadership and management of the school. I would like to thank the P&C executive for their leadership of the community through communication, events and advocacy. One item that was brought up at P&C meeting was around the BYOD policy for Year 3 and I promised to look into this further. We have decided not to implement the BYOD program for Year 3 students. This decision will allow the Year 3 teachers to develop their understanding of how technology can be better incorporated to meet the outcomes of the curriculum. We need to make sure that the strategies we use in teaching allow for appropriate modelling of content, skills and understanding; provide appropriate guidance for students and allow for independent application of the learning. Mr O'Kane will be leading the Stage 2 team in this body of work in 2020. The school will be looking at purchasing additional devices for classes to access.

In this newsletter you will find the School Captain's report from Presentation Day as well as my report. The assemblies were an absolute credit to the team who put them together. Thank you to: Fiona Kelsall, Sienna Dusting and Maisie Buncombe.

We hope you all have a safe, relaxing and wonderful holiday break and that the time spent as a family or with friends is filled with fun.

**Warm regards,**

**Shannan Judge**





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# 2020 Information

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## First days back to school – Information for Parents

### Wednesday 29th January

#### Morning arrangements

- Playground supervision begins at 8:20am.
- First bell will ring at 8:47am
- Class begins at 8:50am

**Please note that we will not be forming classes in the morning and respectfully ask that you leave the school playgrounds at 8:50am.**

**Kindergarten 2020** – Best Start appointments (refer to your letter for the date and times).

**Year 1, 2020** – if you arrive before 8:47am, play in the playground as normal. When the first bell rings, students are to sit in their 2019 Kindergarten classes, in their usual assembly spot, under the K-2 COLA.

**Year 2, 2020** – if you arrive before 8:47am, play in the playground as normal. When the first bell rings, students are to sit in their 2019 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 there directly by their parents/carers.

**Year 3, 2020** – meet your 2019 class in the amphitheatre at 8:10am.

**Year 4, 5 and 6** – line up in your 2019 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, 2020 – students will be brought to the K-2 COLA at 2:45pm.
- Year 2, 2020 – students will be brought to the amphitheatre at 2:45pm.
- Please arrange a meeting point with your child/children if they are in Years 3 -6 at 2:45pm.

### Thursday 30th January

#### Morning arrangements

- Playground supervision begins at 8:20am.
- First bell will ring at 8:47am.
- Class begins at 8:50am.

**Please note that we will not be forming classes in the morning and respectfully ask that you leave the school playgrounds at 8:50am.**

**Kindergarten 2020** – Best Start appointments continue.

**Year 1 and Year 2, 2020** – students will have been shown where to line up in their new class lines.

**Year 2, 2020** – students who attended the swimming carnival, go to the office.

**Year 3, 2020** – play in the K-2 COLA from 8:20am. When the first bell rings, students are to line up in their Year 2, 2019 class lines under the K-2 COLA.

**Year 4, 5, and 6 2020** – play in the 3-6 COLA from 8:20am. When the first bell rings students are to line up with their 2019 class, in their assembly spot under the 3-6 COLA.

#### End of day arrangements

**Year 1 and Year 2, 2020** – students will have been told where their pick up point is on the Wednesday.

**Years 3 – 6** – please arrange a meeting point with your child/children.



# From the Office

## Administration Hours:

**8:30am - 3:15pm**

## Text And Exercise Books

Text and Exercise books are ready to order online!

In previous years we have used two suppliers for text and exercise books. This year it is a "one stop shop" so you only need to purchase one pack per child which will include text and exercise books.

Please go to our website to the "Notes and Forms" tab, "Planning for 2020". All the instructions are there for you to order your books online.

Please make sure you order **BEFORE MONDAY 13TH JANUARY**, so that your books are ready for a smooth transition into 2020. Late orders will incur an administration fee.

Stationery lists are also on the website. Stationery can be purchased from the supplier of your choice.

## Planning For 2020

We are currently planning classes for 2020. If you are leaving Mona Vale Public School in 2020 please notify the office by email [monavale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:monavale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

## Student Illness

We have had a few more students being diagnosed with whooping cough and chicken pox. Please look for signs and symptoms and if in doubt see your doctor for testing.

## Year 5 – 2020 PCS High School Extension Test

Please see our website for information regarding applications for 2020 PCS High School Extension tests. Applications close in February, 2020.

Regards

**Leonie Gallard**  
**School Administration Manager**





# Calendar

## Mona Vale Manners

### Week 10

Wait for adults  
to finish their  
conversation  
before speaking  
to them and  
remember  
to say,  
"Excuse me,"  
when you do!

*(begins Monday 16th  
December)*

#### WEEK 10

MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup>

**Year 6** Farewell @ Pittwater RSL

**Year 5** Surf School

TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup>

**Year 6** Fun Day

**Year 5** Surf School

WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup>

Sockey Match

**Year 6** Graduation

Last Day For Students

THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup>

Staff Development Day

FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup>

**Students return Wednesday  
29th January (School Swimming  
Carnival)**

#### WEEK 1

MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup>

**Public Holiday Day**

TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup>

Staff Development Day

WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup>

Students return

**3-6** School Swimming Carnival

**Kindy 2020** Best Start Assessments

THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup>

**Kindy 2020** Best Start Assessments

FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup>

**Kindy 2020** Best Start Assessments

Meet Your Buddy Afternoon Tea





# Sport News



**Congratulations** to our amazing Senior boys and girls Eagle Tag teams who were successful in their finals after school last Thursday at Forestville.

The Senior girls team won 4-2 v Mimosa and the boys won 3-2 Allambie Heights. We are so proud of you all.

Thank you

**Mel Stevenson**  
Assistant Principal, Stage 3  
Sport Coordinator





# School Hats

From Day 1, Term 1, 2020 all Mona Vale PS students will be required to wear the new school hat. In line with Department policy, there has been a two year roll-over period and from the beginning of next year, students who continue to wear the old style caps will no longer be able to play outdoors and will be asked to sit in the shade, in line with our 'no hat no play' policy.

The new hat was brought in after consultation with the school community, including the Student Representative Council (SRC) and based on the most up to date advice provided by the Cancer Council.

As we move in to the warmer months of summer and the increased risk of UV damage we would encourage those of you whose children are still in the caps to consider purchasing a school hat in the near future, and certainly before the end of term.

Hats can be purchased through the school uniform shop.







# Canteen

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## Reminders:

**Wednesday 18th December** the canteen will be closed for cleaning; no recess and no ice blocks at lunch.

## IOU Payments

Please can all parents who owe money on FlexiSchools for sandwiches provided to children for lunch when the child has not had lunch ensure IOU payments at up to date before the end of Term.

Last Friday we had over 10 children come to the canteen at lunch time without a lunch order or lunch.

The IOU payment is \$2 which isn't a lot but it all adds up if it's not repaid.

All the profit the canteen makes during the year goes directly to the P&C and to the school.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday.

See you in 2020.

Regards

**Rebecca O'Donnell**  
**Canteen Supervisor**  
**9997 2442**



# 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.**

**Hats:** Reminder that as of the beginning of 2020, ALL students will be required to wear wide brim hats, caps will no longer be a part of our uniform.

**2020 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 23rd, 28th and 29th 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](http://www.carebookings.com.au).

Enter event code: B7MJN in the green box

**Flexischools Orders:** Last day for orders for 2019 (deliveries to classrooms) will be Tuesday 17th 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 6th, 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).

The shop will be open on Thursday 23rd January, you will be able to come and collect your package.

Thursday 23rd 8:30am -12:00pm. Online pickup day.

Tuesday 28th 8:30am -12:00pm. Pupil Free Day.

Wednesday 29th January 8:30am -11:30am. Day One.

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

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

Regards

**Hanna Jones**  
**Uniform Shop Supervisor**  
[uniformshop@monavalepspca.com.au](mailto:uniformshop@monavalepspca.com.au)





# 2020 Term Dates

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## TERM DATES



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**Students return** - Wednesday 29th January (Years 1-6) (Year 3-6 School Swimming Carnival)

**Kindergarten Best Start Assessments** – Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th & Friday 31st January

**Kindergarten starts** - Monday 3rd February 2020

**Last day for students** - Thursday 9th April 2020

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**Staff Development Day – Monday 27th April 2020**

**Students return** – Tuesday 28th April 2020

**Last day for students** – Friday 3rd July 2020

3

**Staff Development Day – Monday 20th July 2020**

**Students return** – Tuesday 21st July 2020

**Last day for students** – Friday 25th September 2020

4

**Students and Staff return** – Monday 12th October 2020

**Last day for students** – Friday 18th December 2020

# TEACHERS VS STUDENTS

## Sockey Match



WHERE? WARATAH OVAL

WHEN? 18TH OF DECEMBER (WEDNESDAY)

TIME: 9:30AM KICK OFF

WHO'S SIDE ARE YOU ON???

WHO'S SIDE ARE YOU ON???

WHO'S SIDE ARE YOU ON???



## **School Captains' Report**

### **Eliza**

Archie and I can hardly believe that it has been a whole year since we were waiting with the other 2019 prefects to find out who would be the school captains.

As we stood in a line I was so nervous but then I heard my name being called out and I was so excited.

This year has provide us with so many brilliant opportunities and these are some of our favourites.

### **Archie**

Early in the year the captains and vice captains, along with other leaders from Sydney schools, were lucky enough to go to a leadership conference called Halogen, which was a blast. We were privileged to meet famous authors and sport stars such as Holly Ferling who is an Australian International cricketer. This was the highlight of the year for me.

### **Eliza**

We also went to the ANZAC Day march with other leaders from schools across the peninsula; where we all walked on Mona Vale Road to a ceremony on Village Park. We attended the ANZAC Day dawn service at Pittwater RSL, where we laid a wreath and remembered all the service men and women who have fought for our country.

### **Archie**

We have had lots of opportunity to present at whole school events, such as the Kindergarten Open mornings. This was a great opportunity for us to talk about all the things we love about Mona Vale. We have particularly loved all the sporting opportunities that are offered here and how easy it has been to make great friends.

### **Eliza**

One of our big jobs is to run the honour assemblies. We were really nervous about presenting at the first one in the year and I was sure that I was going to stuff up in front of all the parents. But we didn't and it got easier the more times we did it.

### **Archie**

My thoughts on being a leader is that you need to be confident in raising issues and making changes and you have to be resilient in what you do. Lots of our jobs felt quite challenging but once I achieved them I felt really confident. I believe it is really important to uphold all the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best and think that all the leadership team have done a great job and we should all be proud of our achievements.

### **Eliza**

I have loved being your school captain this year. My highlight was our recent trip to state parliament. We went with Ms Judge, our parents and school leaders from other schools. We were presented with a certificate by the Honourable Rob Stokes.

I think that to be a good leader you need to be confident, encouraging, supportive, you have to respect self and other.

### **Archie**

Thank you to everyone for making our year so memorable. We will miss Mona Vale.

Presentation Day is an opportunity to reflect on the year that is ending and to celebrate the achievements and contributions of students, staff and the community. Any event this size requires a team approach. Please, can you join with me in thanking the committee who have coordinated the presentation day assemblies. I would also like to formally welcome and thank our special guests for attending our annual awards ceremony. Our special guests all have strong ties with Mona Vale PS which I am learning runs true across our school community.

I would especially like to acknowledge Greg Jones, a much loved and well-respected long-standing principal of the school. I know Greg was passionate and invested in the entire school community and the many successes of Mona Vale PS are a legacy of his leadership.

I would also like to thank Shirlee-Ann Curtis for her stewardship of the school this year. Since arriving at the school, it is clear that the senior executives, Mrs Curtis and Mrs Rizzuto have been instrumental in the leadership and management of the school. Of course, it takes a bigger team to translate vision into practice. On behalf of Greg, Shirlee-Ann and myself we would like to thank the entire executive team, the teaching, administrative and support staff for your dedication to ensuring our students - your children are afforded an excellent education.

We are so fortunate to work in strong partnership with our families and the local community. This partnership means that students can experience a multitude of curricular and co-curricular activities. Over the past few weeks it has become clear that our volunteers and members of parent committees have made significant contributions towards these partnerships. Without this many of the programs and experiences for students would not be possible. If you are one of these amazing people - thank you. Please join with me in thanking our many volunteers and the P&C, Band, Canteen, Uniform, Social and Events, TLC, committees. Working in partnership is about connecting with purpose. It is about aligning our focus on what we want to achieve for students. We know that when there is a close connection between school and home, everyone benefits.

Finally, Mona Vale PS students. We are all proud of you for the young people you are growing to be. Your teachers appreciate you for your commitment to learning, your sportsmanship, your creativity, your social awareness and kindness to others, your confidence when performing. They also appreciate the moments where you tried to overcome a fear or challenged yourself to do better. They appreciate you when you try to reach a goal and don't quite make it. We want you to remember that without failure there is no learning. To our graduating Year 6 class, we trust that you will take your memories of primary school with you as you enter the next exciting part of your school journey. Students, today, some of your classmates will be formally recognised for significant achievement or improvement in education, recognition of citizenship, or for contributions in sport, creative and performing arts. Congratulations to all of the students receiving awards today and well done to all of you for the role you play in making this school a great place to learn.

A culture of high expectations to ensure continued improvement will remain a focus as we look to the future. In 2020 our school will actively plan for a major school building project which will be an opportunity for the school community to define what the future for learning and growing at Mona Vale PS could be. We are excited about this future and look forward to growing this as a team.

I would now like to formally acknowledge the following teachers who are receiving certificated today.

3-6 Accreditation certificates: Rachel Lam

3- 6 School service certificates: Erin Comino, Charmayne Hodgman, Ruth Chapman and Shirlee-Ann Curtis)

K-2 Accreditation certificates: Sam Hobbs and Abbie Hughes

K-2 School service certificates: Cherie O'Bryan

Staff leaving – Annette Palmer (to Fisher Road School) and Danielle Ashworth (Lumen Christi Catholic College Pambula Beach)

Staff leaving – Annette Palmer (to Fisher Road School) Maisie Buncombe (teacher librarian at Allambie PS) and Gabriel Edmunds (St Ives North PS).

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**Classes are every Saturday for 10 Weeks (Every School Term)**  
**New and Returning Registration: Sat., 1 February, 2020**  
**New Students can also join on: Saturdays, 8 Feb., 15 Feb.**

**Tiny Tigers  
Ages 3-4**

*Class Time 8:30 to 9:00AM*

**New and Returning  
Students**

**Ages 5-8**

*Class Time 9:00 to 9:40AM*

**New Students  
Ages 9-16**

**and Returning Students**

*Class Time 9:45 to 10:25AM*

**Returning Students please see website at [www.karate-kids.com.au](http://www.karate-kids.com.au) for class times.**

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY,  
JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH.  
FOR **FURTHER INFORMATION**, SEE WEBSITE AT [www.karate-kids.com.au](http://www.karate-kids.com.au).



## **Thank you and we hope to see you back next year!**

Before 2019 ends, we want to take the opportunity to say Thank You for letting us become part of the fun and memorable moments with your family. Our success is based on the positive relationships we built with your family and the school community – that is why we would not be able to celebrate an amazing year without you.

It has been a busy year, but we are excited for what's ahead in 2020. If you have any questions at all about registering for 2020 please do not hesitate to contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 who available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except National Public Holidays. Or visit our website at [www.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au)

**Did you know it is FREE to register! Join the fun in 2020 and register now.**

Best wishes and happiness to your family over the festive season. See you soon!

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