## Dates for your diary

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## From the Principal

**Thank you**

As the school year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful support you have given to the children and staff at Manly Village. We have many parents who support us in so many different ways. This includes but is certainly not limited to assistance: in the classroom, on excursions, on the sporting field, with special groups such as the dance and chess groups, as CPRs, on various committees and in the canteen. Many assist in valuable but less visible ways such as ensuring children have all that they need for school every day, assisting with homework or positively supporting the staff and the school. However you have supported our school, I thank you, on behalf of our staff and students. We have a highly effective school at Manly Village and your support strengthens our resolve to provide the best possible education, so that it continues to be, *onward and upward at Manly Village!* Wishing you all the best for a happy Christmas, an enjoyable holiday break and a happy new year.

**A Fond Farewell**

To our Year 6 students and others leaving our school tomorrow, we wish you all the best wherever you may go. If your circumstances change during the holiday period, and families that have indicated they are leaving decide not to leave, or families who were not leaving decide to leave, please let us know. If your child does not attend school on the first day due to illness or holiday, please let us know. This will allow us to finalise classes as soon as school resumes. The best method to make contact about this is by email to the school: manlyvill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**Class Placements**

As the year draws to a close, we understandably have parents who start to think about the next 12 months for their child/ren. Each year we receive a number of requests for class placements with specific teachers and children being requested or not requested, with the number of these requests increasing from year to year. In response to the requests received thus far, while we were able to accommodate requests when fewer were received, we are at the point we are not able to construct classes based on requests for particular teachers. There are many factors to consider when forming classes. The process involves teachers in the grade meeting to discuss the students needs’ and the best mix of students, and this forms the basis of the decisions made. It is important that our school makes class placement decisions in an equitable way, with consideration of all students.

Please be assured that the teachers at our school consider students’ abilities, personal traits, personal circumstances and friendships when they place students into classes. The teachers prepare the classes with their colleagues and supervisor on the same grade after much discussion and consideration, with the Principal giving approval to the final lists to ensure the needs of the whole school are addressed.
What a wonderful dance concert!
Despite the miserable weather last week, our dance concert went ahead in full force! It was a fabulous evening of entertainment from our students with a very British theme prevalent through music choice and costuming. Our students had a blast and it was so lovely to witness the excited giggles and enthusiasm displayed as they were getting organised and ready to perform as well as their sheer joy throughout their performances. An enormous thank you must go to the ever talented Nardia Green who, year after year, never ceases to amaze us with her incredible talent and ability to bring out the best in our students. Thank you also to Miss Sarah Baxter, supported by a wonderful team of helpers, for her exceptional coordination of our concert and the amazing flexibility she displayed when plans changed at late notice. Lastly, we thank our parent helpers for the time and energy invested into creating the sensational costumes and give a huge BRAVO to the stars of the show – our students! Well done everyone. We look forward to next year.

Anaphylaxis information
If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know – see Action steps for parents.

Swim and survive program
Lessons are for beginners through to confident swimmers keen to practise their technique (from infants to 12 years). See the map to find the pools where friendly swim teachers with AUSTSWIM accreditation teach across NSW.

Schoolkids Bonus
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Peta Hanson
Dear Teachers and Parents,

I just wanted to thank everyone for being so positive, flexible and supportive when we proceeded with the Dance Concert last week. The children soldiered on despite the weather and adapted beautifully to the smaller stage area. I think we can all agree that they put on a great show.

Thank you to parents for being so considerate of others and moving so everyone had a chance to view their own child’s performance in such a limited seating area. A special thank you to all the parents who offered to assist classroom teachers by preparing costumes and helping with hair and make-up on the night of the concert. The children looked fantastic all dressed up. I would like to mention Teresa Charchalis who did an amazing job filming the whole concert for us. Thank you for your time and expertise. I personally, can’t wait to watch it again.

I would also like to thank all the teachers who gave up their time to supervise the children on the night. Without their support and help, the concert could not happen. Thanks especially to Hannah Piper who helped with the music. Another big thanks needs to go to both Peta Hanson and Leonie Black for being runners to each of the classrooms to ensure each performance went on as scheduled. The night wouldn’t have run as smoothly if it wasn’t for them. Our General Assistant, Justin also needs to be mentioned for setting up and relocating all the seating and backdrops.

Finally, a huge thank you to Nardia Green, who as usual, put on a stunning performance for us all. Thank you for all the positive feedback. I am glad so many enjoyed the Dance Concert this year.

Sarah Baxter

From Miss Smith & The Stay Safe Ranger Team

Term 4 2012

Throughout the year the Stay Safe Ranger team has shown fantastic motivation within a role that involves great responsibility and dedication. Our Term Four focus was to decrease the number of unattended cars and vehicles overstaying the two minute time limit, educating and reinforcing the importance of wearing helmets to both parents and students and stopping double parking offences (particularly near our school bus stop area). The Stay Safe Rangers have actually recorded a small increase in the number of unattended vehicles this term. We hope that we can look towards decreasing this number in 2013. They have noted a pleasing decrease in the amount of vehicles double parking, which is fantastic! Unfortunately there has been a noticeable increase in the amount of cars overstaying the two minute time limit. Parents, guardians and children are reminded to be prompt to prevent overstaying the time limit and that if their child is not waiting for them within this timeframe to drive around the block and try again. We will aim at decreasing this number in 2013. Overstaying this time limit may lead to heavy fines:

- Disobeying no stopping sign (school zone) - $265
- Disobeying no parking sign (school zone) - $147
- Stop on/ across driveway/ other access to/from land (school zone) - $147
- Double Park (school zone) - $265

If you wish to find any further information about School zone offences you can go to the RTA website: www.rta.nsw.gov.au

At the Stay Safe Ranger Meeting, after looking through the collected data, our goals for 2013 include:

- Decreasing the amount on unattended vehicles.
- Decreasing the amount of vehicles overstaying the two minute time limit.
- Remind students and parents regularly of the importance of wearing bike helmets and decrease the amount of people who do not wear helmets.
- Remind children to wait inside the gate for their parents to help decrease the amount of unattended children.

The Stay Safe Rangers have had a superb year working together. They are a group of extremely dedicated and hardworking children and should be very proud of all their fabulous efforts. If your child would like to be involved with Stay Safe Rangers next year they will be given a time early in Term One 2013 to express their interest.

Have a Safe and Merry Christmas!

Miss Smith & The Stay Safe Ranger Team
Thank You from the Year 6 Graduating Class
A big thankyou to the following businesses and parents;
Armed from Light Up - Balgowlah, Danny Angelo from Manly Limo, Julie Toke, Vicki Glykas, Dave Blacker, Sam Hindmarsh, Michelle Stekelenburg, Joop Gerlach, Belinda Murrell, Margaret Lavers, Amanda Delaforce, Petra Orrenius, Peta Howe, Melissa Burgess, Sue Hume, Jim and Amalia Lambropoulos, Ross Williamson, Barbara Ghabrial, Skip Schiphof and all the other amazing Year 5 and 6 parents that made the Year 6 graduation events possible.

Manly OOSH is open on Thursday and Friday
Manly OOSH has great activities planned for the upcoming Pupil Free Days!
On 20th Dec: At The Movies @ Manly Cinemas—“The Rise of the Guardians”10am session
Afternoon activities @ MOOSH include Wheels Galore (BYO bikes/scooters/skateboard) plus safety gear
On 21st Dec: Beach Games @ Manly Wharf 10am-2pm
Afternoon crafts/games at MOOSH/Christmas Carols competition
Please provide morning tea and lunch for your children. They will need to bring along a water bottle/raincoat or umbrella and a change of clothes in an emergency. Children need to wear sunsafe clothes, hat and enclosed shoes.
For bookings, please call Celine on 99762147. Cost $55 per day

P&C NEWS

Call for interested parents: Help MVPS continue to be the great place it is.

We are calling for interested parents who potentially may wish to serve on the P&C to join us and find out some information. There are a number of positions vacant for next year ranging from Secretary through to Social Committee Chair, Canteen Duty Roster Coordinator and Band Treasurer.

Please express your interest to mvpspandc@gmail.com, drop a note in the P&C box in the office or talk to Paul, Radim, Nancie or Vicki.

Community News

Summer Debating Workshops for Year 5 & 6 Students. Course 2 days. 9am – 3pm Classes strictly limited to 12. Cost $290 Morning tea & lunch provided.

What your child will learn:
☐ How to prioritize information for effective and compelling communication.
☐ How to work under time pressure.
☐ How to work effectively in a team.
☐ How to construct thoughtful arguments.
☐ Self-editing: Why one word works better than another, expanding the palette of language.
☐ How to make brain storms work well as a visual tool for accessing ideas readily.
January 14th and 15th Venue Kurrajong Library, Gordon. Ph: 0425 216 615 Email: james@mygifted.com

Manly Village Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events that may be of interest. Manly Village Public School does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events.