**From the Principal**

**Invoices**
Each semester we send home invoices which itemise the events and special activities children are involved in such as gymnastics and excursions. These will be going home in the next week. Prompt payment of accounts is greatly appreciated.

**Sea Murmurs**
This week children in Years 1 to 6 were given their 2012 copy of *Sea Murmurs*. This colourful magazine showcases special times shared throughout the school year. The children were thrilled to receive their personal copy. Thank you to Annette for her amazing commitment and for so generously sharing her talents and time for the pleasure of over 640 children, their families and the Manly Village staff. It is a beautiful magazine and was an absolute joy to look through. We thank Mr Cogger, for acting as the liaison between school and Annette, and also the P & C for funding the magazine. It really is an amazing edition!

**Staggered Play Times**
After looking at various options, we have now commenced our split break times as follows:

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K – 2 children are encouraged to eat a larger serve of food in the first ‘eat and play’ break, and then to eat a smaller serve in the second ‘eat and play’ break. Over the counter sales will be available for children during the first break. Lunch orders will be available for children in the second break, along with ice blocks.

3 – 6
There is little change for the students in Years 3 to 6. They will eat their recess slightly earlier and over the counter sales will continue to be available at the canteen. Lunch orders will continue to be available at lunch times.

**TEXTBOOKS**
Attached to this Newsletter are the instructions on how to order your child’s text books online. All orders need to be in no later than 27 February. Text books will be delivered to the school.

**Teacher Meetings**

In addition to formal meetings and interviews held during the year, there are times when parents would like to speak to teachers quickly. We ask that teachers are not approached during morning line up as they are supervising children at this time and we are trying to move the children into the buildings as quickly as we can. Teachers can meet with you at a convenient time for both of you. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**Royal Far West**

On Friday the school received the following documents:

- Manly Council submission to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure in response to the preferred project report, dated August 2012.
- Major Project Assessment: Royal Far West School for Excellence Plan.
- Drawings showing envelope overlay of the Royal Far West preferred concept plan viewed from Manly Village Public School and Rialto Square.

If you would like to view these, please contact the school office.

**Family Law Network Australia**

The website Family Law Network Australia has been launched recently. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on the website could be very useful. The Family Law Network Australia website can be accessed at [www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au](http://www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au)

**Anaphylaxis**

The Department of Education and Communities has provided schools with a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen). This can be used:

- in an event of a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- if student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered
- if an undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

**A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health**

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts. We appreciate your assistance in this regard. Information provided to the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

**K—2 Drop Off and Pick Up**

The works in the school playground are presenting us with some challenges as far as drop off and pick up times, so we have revised where the children are being picked up from of an afternoon as follows:

- **Kindy**—We ask kindy parents to pick children up from under the hall COLA in the afternoon after the bell goes.
- **Year One**—We ask Year 1 parents to pick their children up from the area near the flag pole of an afternoon.
- **Year 2**—Please collect your children from the grass area near the play equipment after school.

Labelled witches hats will be placed in the line up areas before drop off in the morning to assist the children.

Mrs Leonie Black
From the Deputy

Summer Sport
Summer sport commences on Friday 22 February for students in Years 3-6. Spaces are still available in tennis for those who are yet to select a summer sport.

Absence Notes
It is important that parents/carers let the school know when your child has been absent from school and the reason for your child’s absence within 7 days. Your child’s teacher will send home a reminder if they have not received an explanatory note within the first few days. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

K-2/3-6 Assemblies
We look forward to our assemblies commencing for this term on Wednesdays at 9:30am. Our K-2 Assemblies are scheduled for the odd weeks of the term. Our 3-6 assemblies are held in even weeks. Assemblies are wonderful opportunities to celebrate, nurture and sustain a sense of community. They enable us to share and acknowledge individual and group successes as well as be entertained by some of the many talented students, groups and classes we have at Manly Village. Parents are more than welcome to attend our assemblies. Please keep a regular eye on the dates for your diary for class performance dates. Our first 3-6 Assembly will be led by our school leaders on 20 February.

Swimming Carnival
Just a reminder that our school swimming carnival is this Friday, 15 February at Manly Pool. We are all very excited. Please remember that children must be able to swim 50 metres competently. The children should wear sports uniform on the day and bring recess, lunch, plenty to drink, sun protection and a hat. Please make sure permission notes have been received by Wednesday 13 February. Invoices will be sent out the following week and payment of the swimming carnival can be received with the invoice. It is important to note that there will be no unstructured swimming activities on the day. If children are leaving the carnival with their parents, they need to ensure they let their class teacher know before being signed out at the recording table or the pool exit if leaving as buses leave. If your child is leaving the carnival with another parent, a note must be provided to the class teacher prior to the day. We are looking forward to a fabulous carnival. Hope to see you there!

Secondary School Open Days and Information
The process for year 6-7 enrolment commences early in term 1 each year. Early in the year we receive information regarding open days and information evenings for you to visit our local secondary high schools. This will assist you in making an informed decision as to appropriate high school placement for your children. Information regarding these sessions has been included in the Seasider. Year 6-7 enrolment packages are distributed early in March.

Bounce Back
Last week, whilst in our holding pattern, the students were actively engaged in a series of Bounce Back lessons concerning the core values of honesty, integrity, support, cooperation, acceptance, respect and friendliness. Bounce Back is a fabulous program we share with our children with the aim to help them develop a stronger sense of wellbeing and engagement in learning, and to be more resilient, confident and successful. I would encourage you to ask your children what they have learnt throughout the program so far and to revise the acronym below with them too. When things go wrong for you, or you get ‘knocked down’ by what happens in your life, you can decide to BOUNCE BACK and be yourself again.

Bad times don’t last. Things always get better.
Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.
Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset.
Nobody is perfect—not you and not others.
Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.

Everybody experiences sadness, changes, hurt, failure, rejection, and setbacks sometimes. It’s a normal part of life. Try not to personalise it.
Blame fairly—how much of what happened was because of you, because of others and because of bad luck or circumstances?
Accept the things you can’t change (but try to change what you can first).
Catastrophising exaggerates uncomfortable feelings. Don’t believe the worst possible picture.
Keep things in perspective. It’s only one part of your life.
SCRIPTURE CLASS OPTIONS

Definitions
General religious education (GRE) is education about the world’s major religions, what people believe and how that belief affects their lives. It is taught mainly through the school curriculum. Special religious education (SRE) is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion by authorised representatives of that persuasion. SRE is typically referred to as scripture.

In all government schools, time is set aside for the religious education of children. At Manly Village Public School, students from Kindergarten to Year 2 attend scripture classes between 11.50am and 12.25pm each Wednesday and the students from Years 3 to 6 attend the classes from 12.25pm to 1.05pm each Wednesday. Religious persuasions provide Special Religious Education (SRE), dependent on parents/carers nominating that persuasion for the purpose of SRE, commonly known as scripture classes. Children of any religion can attend any of the options listed below. Your choice of class can be changed at any stage throughout your child’s schooling by providing the school with a written request. Listed below are the options currently available at Manly Village Public School.

General
We welcome all children interested in learning about the Christian faith. Kids will learn in a fun and engaging program, using drama, music and games. We explore what the Bible has to say and how it applies to us. Learning from the bible teaches children who Jesus is and how much He loves them. As well as the important values He teaches and how they relate to our own ethical laws.

Kids of all ages are encouraged to ask loads of questions, debate and think through the wide range of topics we discuss. Kids work through an Activity Book that we provide for them. We celebrate Easter and Christmas with special assemblies that they participate in. We have a great team of teachers (including many school mums) from St Matthews Anglican Church. All denominations are very welcome. If you would like to know more about the program please contact Nerida Patton, Children and Families Minister, St Matthews Anglican Church on 9979 6249 or nerida@stmattsmanly.org.au

Catholic
The Catholic Church in Manly, the parish of Mary Immaculate and St Athanasius at 6 Raglan St Manly, provides volunteer teachers at Manly Village Public School to support the parish who wish their children to attend Catholic Special Religious education classes at the school. The teachers are approved, trained and commissioned in this ministry by the Diocese of Broken Bay. The Catholic community in Manly wishes to share our Catholic faith with children and their parents and families. We aim to teach a child centred programme suitable to each age group. The parents, family and children are invited to participate in the Liturgy, sacramental Programmes and enrichment opportunities at St Mary’s Church.

Baha’i
The Baha’i teachings emphasise the unity of religion and acknowledge the diversity of the human family. Classes include such topics as the religions of the world, peace studies and the great cultures and festivals celebrated around the world. Classroom activities will encourage the practice of such virtues as respect, responsibility and courtesy. All children are welcome to attend these classes. For further information ring: Shahram 0419 436 400.

Non Scripture
Under the provisions of Section 26 of the Education Act 1990, students may be exempt from attending religious education classes, on the basis of conscientious objection on religious grounds.

Ethics
Philosophical Ethics classes are offered to children in Years 3-6 as an alternative to non-scripture. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, through dialogue and discussion with their peers. For more information, please see: http://www.primaryethics.com.au/
BAND NEWS

Concert Band students who are interested in an exciting broadcast opportunity on FM102.5 Fine Music, please see me for an entry form. You will need to prepare a few contrasting pieces for performance.

Miss Terri Smith

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. MATTHEW’S CHURCH

Thanks again to all who participated in last year’s Community partnership with St Matt’s Church purchasing personal hygiene items for their Soup Kitchen.

The response from the school community was overwhelming. The Charity Prefects worked all morning packing 40 hampers.

THANK YOU MVPS

Jargon buster

Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA's? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.


Avoiding injuries

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?


Maths questions

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest

Helping your child with homework

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.


BAND 2013 REHEARSAL TIMES

Concert Band

Monday lunchtime from 1.15 to 1.55pm
Wednesday before school from 8:15am to 9:15am

Senior Band

Monday before school from 8:15am to 9:15am
Wednesday lunchtime from 1.15 to 1.55pm

Training Band

Tuesday before school from 8:15am to 9:15am

Senior Dance Auditions

Auditions for the Manly Village P.S. Senior Dance Group will be held on Wednesday 13 February (tomorrow) in the hall at lunch time. Any student from year 5 or 6, with dance experience, who is interested in auditioning should bring their lunch with them to the hall straight after the bell. The Senior Dance Group will perform at the Sydney North Regional Festival in the last two weeks of term 2. Any student successful in gaining a place in our group will need to be available for performances during those two weeks. There are costs passed on to parents of children in the dance group. This is to cover expenses such as costumes and transport.

Mrs Spillane
Dance Co-ordinator

FIRST REHEARIALS

**I’m still looking for two band camp coordinators please see me if you can help.

Concert Band

Monday 18th February

Senior Band

Monday 18th February

Training Band

Tuesday 26th February

For all morning rehearsals, band members must be at school by 8:05am so that practice can start at 8:15am sharp.

Terri Smith
Band Coordinator
CALL FOR CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES (CPRs) FOR 2013

Now that classes have all been formed, it's time to organise CPRs for the year ahead. Being a CPR is a fun role and is a great way to meet other parents/caregivers. CPRs also provide an invaluable communication link between the school and parents/caregivers. Two CPRs are needed for each class.

Below are the key responsibilities of a CPR:

• Prepare and distribute a class contact list.
• Be a point of contact for your teacher and provide a point of contact for parents.
• Meet regularly with the teacher to understand class needs.
• Organise parent volunteers when needed.
• Welcome new families and add them to the class contact list.
• Organise special events for your class.
• Attend a CPR meeting once a semester (the meetings are short and social).
• Organise social events for your class.
• Forward email correspondence to your class parents.

If you would like more information or want to be a CPR for your class please contact me (ph 99391450 or 0409077030 or email jlclarkson@bigpond.com) or let your teacher know you are interested.

Kind regards,
Jenny Clarkson
CPR Coordinator 2013

Royal Far West Development Application: Final review on Monday, 18th February at 4pm
On Monday, 18th February, the Planning Action Committee created by the Department of Planning to determine the fate of the Royal Far West development application will be meeting to hear community input. This is our last chance to influence the government’s decision to allow an enormous, commercial development to be built directly adjacent to Manly Village Public School. Our plans to show our concern will be agreed at the Extraordinary P&C meeting on Monday 11th March.

Next P&C Meeting – Error in last week’s Seasider
Please note that the next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday, 11 March at 7pm in the library. Agenda will be available in the coming weeks.

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| **Mackellar Girls Campus** | **Manly Selective Campus** |
| Tuesday 26th February 9.30 – 11.30 am | Thursday 28th February 9.30 – 11.00 am |
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<td>Fun and creative Art and Craft classes for preschoolers at The Craft Cottage in Manly. Every fortnight on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 10.00am to 11.30am. (Also after school classes available for 5 to 12 year olds). For more information contact Annetta on 0424 581 354 or email <a href="mailto:acverduyn@hotmail.com">acverduyn@hotmail.com</a>.</td>
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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.