19 February 2013

**Dates for your diary**

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**TEXTBOOKS**

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

**STAGES**

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**From the Principal**

**Staggered Break Times**

The staggered break times have been working very well with the children visibly enjoying playing in the larger play spaces. The teachers have been extremely positive and adaptable in changing learning blocks and activities around the new times and ensuring they continue to provide best practice. Ms Hanson has spent hours planning a range of new timetables and has managed to juggle a myriad of timetabling issues. We thank Lori and her hardworking team in the canteen for their faultless commitment to providing the best service they possibly can. Our canteen has been extremely flexible and are now providing K – 2 children with hot lunches during their large break times. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and positive people at our school. I would also like to thank the parents who have passed on positive comments to various staff members during this transition period. It really has been a wonderful collaborative effort by all to support one another and to make our break times work optimally for the benefit of the students. A hearty thank you is extended to all who have assisted.

**invoices**

Invoices for first semester are being sent home this week. These invoices contain the costs of a number of programs being offered to students in the first semester such as excursions and incursions. The first semester invoices also contain either a library fund gift or a building fund gift. Parents occasionally ask what school fees are payable, and while our school does not ask parents to pay mandatory school fees, we do ask parents to make a voluntary donation into the library or building fund. This has been set for $90 for the 2012 school year and has not been increased for over 10 years. The library fund and building fund are explained in more detail below.

**Library Fund Expenditures for 2012 & 2013**

A Library Trust was established at our school over 10 years ago to ensure that the school library could remain well resourced and so that voluntary school donations paid by parents could be tax deductible. The Library Trust is administered by the trustees including school and parent representatives. All monies donated to the Trust are spent on the School Library and associated resources in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Tax Office.
Summer sport
Weather permitting, summer sport will commence this Friday for our 3-6 students! Students need to ensure they come to school with the necessary requirements to participate in the sport as outlined on the permission notes sent home last year.

*Students participating in sailing must bring old sandshoes, gym boots or neoprene type booties, sunscreen, a hat, suitable clothes for sailing (e.g. rash vest and board shorts) and a water bottle. The sailors will leave school with Mrs Martin at 1:15pm and be supervised by her at all times.

*Students participating in kayaking must bring old sandshoes, gym boots or neoprene type booties, suitable kayaking clothes (board shorts, t-shirt, shoes and hat), water bottle and sunscreen. Kayakers leave school with Mrs McCredie at 1:45pm and will be supervised by her at all times.

*Students participating in surfing must bring a swimming costume, towel, sunscreen, hat, shorts, plastic bag for wet clothes and a water bottle. Surfers leave school with Miss Hutchison and Mrs Smith at 1:45pm and will be supervised by them at all times.

*Students participating in tennis will leave school during lunchtime (1:40pm) with Mr Turner and Miss Baxter and be supervised by these teachers at all times. Students should bring with them a hat, sneakers, water bottle and sunscreen.

*Students participating in swimming will leave school by bus at 1:30pm with Mr Cogger who will supervise the students at all times. Swimmers need to wear their swimming costume under their sport uniform and bring a towel, water bottle and plastic bag for wet clothes.

*Students participating in beach volleyball will leave school at 1:45pm to walk to North Steyne. They will be supervised by Miss Renwick. Students need to bring a hat, sunscreen, sport uniform, sneakers and a water bottle.

*Students participating in school sport will participate in skill based activities at school. On rotating weeks, stage 2 and 3 school sport students will also walk to and back from Shelly Beach. Stage 3 students will walk to Shelly Beach this week. School sport students should bring their hat, water bottle and ensure they have applied sunscreen. Students will be supervised by Mrs Donaldson, Miss Piper, Miss Troy and Miss Campbell.

Swimming Carnival
We had another fabulous day last Friday at our annual swimming carnival held at Andrew Boy Charlton pool. The enthusiasm was infectious as many happy swimmers took to the pool to compete. It was a delight to listen to the chants from the house areas and watch the friendly motivation from the pool edge. We thank the wonderful parents who gave up their time and assisted on the day. Your assistance and support is so highly appreciated and your children just love seeing you there. A huge thank you to Mrs Martin, Mrs Archer and Mr Cogger for their faultless organisation of what was a sensational carnival and to all our staff members for their continued support. Good luck to our school representatives at the zone carnival on Friday 8 March.

Safety of our Students
The safety of our students is of the highest priority. From time to time, we remind our students of protective behaviours and stranger awareness strategies. I ask that parents please remind their children of the protective strategies necessary such as not talking to strangers, accepting treats etc whether it be en route to school, after school or on weekends. Additionally, if you become aware of behaviour that might be considered suspicious, please contact the police immediately.

From the Deputy

Last week the Library Fund Committee met to discuss income and expenditure for the year. During 2012, the funds collected from parents’ voluntary school contributions enabled us to reading material, creative arts resources, science books, HSIE books, maths resources, student welfare material and library books and resources. Anticipated expenditures for 2013 include: children’s books and other library resources, reading material, resources for special programs such as ESL, writing resources, science resources, maths books, student welfare books, assessment material and creative arts books. Library Fund income is generated via voluntary contributions paid by parents, is listed on the first semester invoice and is greatly appreciated by our school.

Building Fund Expenditures for 2012 & 2013
The Building Fund was established in 2010. This fund provides funding for building related maintenance and improvements and enabled parents to make donations for cabling and the installation of the smartboards. Last year the building fund contributed towards maintenance projects such as cabling, painting and carpeting. This year building fund expenditures will include: painting, flooring, outdoor lighting, peel and stick noticeboards, and cabling and electrical work associated with ICT resources.

Leonie Black
Congratulations to our newly elected House Captain and Vice-Captains

Our House Captains and Vice-Captains were elected recently. We would like to congratulate them and hope they enjoy their leadership role this year. They did a wonderful job leading their houses and encouraging participation at our swimming carnival last Friday. **Congratulations to:**

- **Bennelong**
  - Captain: Tate Maslen
  - Captain: Edie Monks
  - Vice-Captain: Ben Tallack
  - Vice-Captain: Claudia Hayman

- **Euroa**
  - Boy Captain: Ryder Atkins
  - Girl Captain: Elvi Dibbens
  - Boy Vice-Captain: Mikey Kambersky
  - Girl Vice-Captain: Justyce Popata

- **Kabbarli**
  - Captain: Max McGrath
  - Captain: Claudia Checketts
  - Vice-Captain: Leonardo Zuppardi
  - Vice-Captain: Molly Stening

- **Woomera**
  - Captain: Henry Thompson
  - Captain: Chloe Tooker
  - Vice-Captain: Pedro Guzzo
  - Vice-Captain: Zomkyi Tenzin

Jennifer McCredie
Assistant Principal

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**Friendships to boost your child’s learning**

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


**Assignment starters for the arts**

Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research.


**Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school**

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.


**Speech problems**

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?


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**Textbooks**

Last week a letter was sent home with the newsletter providing instructions on how to order student packs. The student packs contain the textbook/s and resources that the teachers on each grade have selected.

Chris Smith
Assistant Principal

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**BAND NEWS**

Senior and Concert Bands got off to a fabulous start this week. A reminder that Training Band will begin next Tuesday 26 February. Please arrive on time with your instrument, book and a lead pencil.

Looking forward to a fabulous year!

**Band Camp**

Thank you to all the parents that have volunteered to help for band camp. I will be in contact soon in regards to this organisation.

Miss Terri Smith

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**Play Equipment and After School Supervision**

Staff would appreciate parents supporting us in reinforcing the playground rules with their children. After school supervision responsibility ends at 3.15pm and therefore there is no scheduled adult staff member on duty to ensure the safety of children after that time. It is therefore necessary for any students remaining in the school grounds to be supervised by their parents. Any child waiting for or with parents should not be playing in the grounds unsupervised. This includes bull rush, playing ball games and playing on the equipment. Any student waiting for parents to collect them, should wait with the executive member on bus duty. We thank you for your ongoing support in this regard.

Peta Hanson

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Jennifer McCredie
Assistant Principal
Welcome Back BBQ!
Friday 1st of March
3.15 – 4.30pm

...in the playground...

Sausage sizzle, jacket potatoes, drinks and iceblocks
Purchase on the day or avoid the crowds & pre-order on flexischools.

Come and catch up with old friends and make some new!
Lori Szambowski – Canteen.
9977 2478

Designer/layout artist wanted:
The Manly Village Public School P&C is looking for a volunteer to put together the Manly Village Public School yearbook, *Sea Murmurs.*

*Sea Murmurs* is a fantastic keepsake that is treasured by both students and their families as a record of their experiences at our wonderful school.

We're looking to continue the tradition of 80 plus years of recording Manly Village school-life and if you have skills in layout programs such as Adobe Indesign or Quark XPress then we'd love your help in producing *Sea Murmurs* in 2013.

Contact Annette Roper on 0418 663 532 or annettemroper@gmail.com

Community News

**Manly Warringah Basketball** — Potter League to start in March for Years 1 & 2 at NBISC. For more information and to register visit www.manlybasketball.com.au

**Volunteer Host Families** - If you would like to become a volunteer host family for an international Student, contact WEP to receive a full information pack.http://www.wep.org.au

**Do you want to play soccer this year? It’s not too late!** If you are an experienced player, why not join the Brookvale Marlins? We’re looking for a couple of new players for our U/10 team this season. Contact our Manager Kim on 0402 066 904 or email kim_mackechnie@yahoo.com.au

**St Paul’s College Open Evening** - Thursday 28 February, 4-7pm. Tel: 9977 5111 . www.stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au

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.