26 February 2013

From the Principal

Works around our School
The works on the lift, disabled toilet and ramps have now been completed and look amazing. The planners and contractors have done a fabulous job at ensuring these facilities are functional and that they visually blend in with the rest of the school. The walkways connecting the classrooms with the hall and library are also complete and provide the children, staff and visitors with a convenient and dry thoroughfare.

The work to replace old clay sewer pipes and to resurface the playground has now commenced in earnest. We are trying to minimise the disruption as much as possible, but as the works are fairly extensive and we are located on a restricted site, this will have an impact on the location of line up and pick up areas, as well as play areas and thoroughfares. This may mean that these areas will change several times over the coming weeks. Of course, we will continue to ensure changes are communicated to the children, updates are provided to parents, and signage and additional staff are used where necessary, to facilitate our continued excellent organisation.

Current Line Up & Pick Up Areas – kindy will continue lining up under the hall COLA at drop off and pick up times, Years 1 and 2 will line up outside the library at drop off and pick up times and Years 3 to 6 will continue lining up on the sport court each morning.

Bikes - The area leading from the bus shelters has been blocked off, which means children catching buses will need to access the bus shelters via the bike racks, and those riding bikes to school will need to pick their bikes up from the western entrance (children will walk past the K–2 boys toilets and between A and B blocks) in the afternoon. This has been explained to the children today and a staff member will be available to assist the children and parents. This will enable children to continue riding their bikes to school.

We are hopeful that all the works will be completed before students return at the beginning of second term and know that once finished, the playground surface will be much more attractive and more conducive to children’s play.

In addition to works at our school, notification was given today that works on the pavement in front of the neighbouring development site will take place tomorrow. Pedestrian traffic along that strip will be redirected to the adjacent area, with a traffic controller assisting with directing the pedestrian traffic.

Interactive Whiteboards(IWBs)
We now have 32 IWBs in the school which were predominately funded by our generous P & C Association over several years. These resources are invaluable and allow teachers and children to access a range of interactive resources and programs which are designed to enrich the learning experience. The equipment is now ageing (the initial smart board equipment was purchased in 2007) and an increasing number of the projectors are breaking down. Ongoing maintenance includes: cleaning the filters and replacing globes. I understand there have been concerns raised about the repairs. There is a lengthy process involved in having them repaired and/or replaced including:

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**Dates for your diary**

| Wednesday 27 February | *K-2 Assembly  
| Balgowlah Boys’ Info Night |
| Thursday 28 February | *Mackellar Girls’ Info Night  
| Manly Selective Campus Open Day |
| Friday 1 March | P&C Welcome Back BBQ! |
| Monday 4 March | *Cromer Campus Open Day  
| *Student Leaders’ Camp |
| Tuesday 5 March | *Freshwater Senior Campus Open Day  
| *Student Leaders’ Camp |
| Wednesday 6 March | 3-6 Assembly |
| Friday 8 March | Zone swimming carnival |
| Monday 11 March | 7pm P & C Meeting in library |
| Wednesday 13 March | *MVPS HARMONY DAY  
| *NO K-2 Assembly |
| Thursday 14 March | Selective High School Placement Test |
| Saturday 16 March | Manly Markets |
| Monday 18 March | *Regional swimming carnival |
| Tuesday 19 March | Year 7 2014 academic placement test– Cromer HS/ Mackellar GHS |
| Wednesday 20 March | *School photos  
| *NO 3-6 assembly |
| Thursday 21 March | Year 7 2014 academic placement test– Balgowlah Boys’ |
| Friday 22 March | K-2 Beach Carnival |
| Monday 25 March | National Young Leaders’ Day |
| Wednesday 27 March | *Grandfriends’ Day/ Easter Hat Parade  
| *NO K-2 Assembly |
| Thursday 28 March | Year 5– Just Like You |
| Friday 29 March | Good Friday |
| Monday 1 April | Easter Monday |

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P & C meets at 7pm the 2nd Monday of each month during school terms. mvpspandc@gmail.com
1. Teacher reporting the issue
2. Preliminary trouble shooting- eg checking connections, globes, filters
3. Logging a service call with the ICT help desk
4. Waiting a response from ICT – usually they will suggest some other strategies for fixing the device
5. Following trouble shooting recommendations from ICT to try to fix the issue
6. Getting back to ICT with the results of the recommended trouble shooting
7. Steps 4, 5 and 6 may be repeated several times in an effort to isolate the problem
8. If trouble shooting suggestions from ICT do not resolve the problem, they log a call with the supplier
9. School waits to hear from the supplier
10. Supplier makes an appointment with the school to investigate (usually on site)
11. Equipment is repaired, taken away for repair or replaced.

We do not use other companies to fix the equipment as we do not want to void the warranty. However, we have had projectors repaired/replaced once they fall out of warranty. We will be asking the P & C to fund replacement projectors as well as mobile smartboards which can be used in classrooms as they await repairs and replacements. We do have 2 mobile smartboards from the staffroom and computer lab, and these are currently being used in two classrooms which are awaiting repairs.

Hall and Room Hire Before and After School
While the school’s prime function is to serve as a place of learning for young people, the school is a valuable resource which is accessed by various individuals and community groups out of school hours. This is a way of maximising the use of school facilities, facilitating extra curricula activities for students and community members, and also strengthening the partnership between the school and our local community.

The hall, green room, pottery room, grounds and/or car park are used extensively, five days a week from 3.15pm through to 9pm and also throughout the day on Saturdays and Sundays. This is fantastic because it caters for over 20 community groups and individuals. Community users often advertise their classes in the community news section of the newsletter, so that parents are aware of what is offered.

Hiring facilities involves a substantial amount of administration including: disseminating and checking agreements, checking insurances, timetabling and scheduling, collecting child protection checks, issuing keys, invoicing, meeting with hirers and writing to them to notify of changes which impact on their hire.

While we fully support the hiring of these facilities, we avoid hiring out teachers’ classrooms for a number of reasons:
- These are the teachers’ work spaces that they need to be able to access at their own convenience both in and out of school hours so they can prepare lessons, mark work and decorate their rooms.
- The nature of our building provides the additional consideration of security as all classrooms are contained within the two buildings as opposed to many schools which have separate classrooms that can be locked up and alarmed.
- Children’s work, photos, names, reports, assessments etc are typically kept in teacher’s classrooms.
- There is expensive equipment in all classrooms.

There are costs associated with hiring school facilities, which are passed on to the hirers. For ‘not for profit’ organisations and individuals, these costs are predominately designed to cover costs such as electricity, keys, maintenance and administration. For profit organisations, costs have been set to cover the costs mentioned above as well as to allow the school to make a very small income. The costs are minimal and are consistently applied to all hirers. For example, a room is $4 + GST per hour for ‘not for profit’ individuals and organisations and $7 + GST per hour for ‘for profit’ individuals and organisations. These costs were outlined by the department in 2009 to facilitate fair and reasonable reimbursement to schools and there has not been an increase in fees in the last 4 years.

P & C Positions
The annual general meeting is being held on Monday 11 March in the school library. At that meeting all positions will be declared vacant for new elections to take place. In particular the P & C are looking for parents to take on the following positions for the next 12 months:
- Secretary (to take and disseminate minutes at meetings, to collect mail etc)
- Vice President (the key role involves overseeing fundraising)
- Sponsorship Coordinator (this is a recently introduced role which involves liaising with local sponsors)
- Sea Murmurs (this involves the production of the wonderful magazine which is distributed to all our families)

If you are interested in filling any of the positions, please contact Paul our P & C executive at: mvpspandc@gmail.com

Leonie Black
Congratulations Winter!
Another big congratulations must go to a very talented surfer, Winter V of Year 3. Winter recently won the U9 section in the Wollongong Wahu Surf Contest in some very challenging big surf! Well done Winter, we are very proud of you! What a fabulous achievement!

Summer Sport!
We were very lucky with the weather last week with the commencement of 3-6 summer sport for term 1 and look forward to this week. This Friday, our stage 2 school sport students will enjoy a power walk to and from Shelly Beach!

NAPLAN
In May 2013, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will once again be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.
The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14-16 May 2013.

Tuesday 14 May - Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Writing
Wednesday 15 May - Reading
Thursday 16 May - Numeracy (Number; Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space).

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. Additionally, we have had a number of students arrive at school prior to the 8:45am bell. Students who arrive prior to the school bell should wait in the tunnel until the bell goes when before school supervision commences. We thank you for your ongoing support in this regard.

Mosman High School Special Programs
Mosman High School is running special programs for talented students in Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Academic Extension. Applications are now being offered to Year 6 students for entry to the listed programs in 2014. Expressions of Interest are available from Ms Hanson. Closing date is 14 March 2013. Please see Ms Hanson if you require further information.

School Leaders’ Camp
Our captains and vice captains are very excited about heading off to Leadership Camp next Monday and Tuesday at the Collaroy Centre. We wish them a fun filled camp and look forward to hearing about their experiences.

Peta Hanson

STAGE 2 CHOIR - YEARS 3 & 4
Choir will start next Thursday morning 7
March at 8.30am in
Miss Hutchison’s room.
Looking forward to seeing you there.
Miss Hutchison

LIBRARY NEWS
Library lessons have now commenced for the year. All students will be participating in the Premier’s Reading challenge. Reading record sheets should be attached at the back of homework books and all books entered as they are read. Please ensure that your child has a waterproof library bag.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Our annual Scholastic Book Fair arrives next Tuesday
5 March for 1 week.
Books will be on sale before and after school and at lunch time. I am in need of parent helpers before and after school.

Please let me know if you would be available to help.

Christine Neill
Teacher librarian

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
All about apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.


When older kids struggle with reading
Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.


Multiplication times tables

Sorting fact from fiction
Help your child develop their "dodgy website" antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.


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CHICKEN POX
A parent has recently reported a case of chicken pox to the school.

Please be advised of the following information:
Time for exposure to illness -2 to 3 weeks.
Symptoms - Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. Can be more severe in pregnant women and newborns.
Do I need to keep my child home? - Yes, for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.
How can I help prevent spread? - Immunisation is available for children over 12 months old. It is recommended for people over 12 years who are not immune.

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CHESS
Manly Village Chess Club is starting next Thursday 28 February, 2013. It will be in 6D room which is on the top floor of the main building. Chess starts at 8.15am. Children are asked to wait near the flagpole for it to start. I will be down to collect them and take the children who are there on time to the room.

This year we are having a $2.00 joining fee for each student to cover incidental costs associated with our club.

For your child to be able to play with our club they must know the basics of the game.

Please fill in the form below and bring it and the joining fee to our club meeting.

CHES …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

CHESS PERMISSION FORM
I give permission for my child ………………………………………………..(name) of class ……………………
to attend Manly Village Chess Club at 8.15am on Thursdays.

Emergency contact numbers ……………………………………………………………………………………………

*$2.00 joining fee is enclosed  Yes  No

Parent/carer’s name ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Signature ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Cherie Johnson-Read
Chess Coordinator

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District Tennis Trials
Manly PSSA district tennis trials for boys were held on Tuesday 19 February where James E, Cuan T and Ben T represented Manly Village P.S. All three boys played fabulously. Congratulations to Cuan T of year 5 who has gained selection to represent Manly PSSA at the Sydney North Tennis trials in March.

Mrs Spillane

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**MARKET VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Parent volunteers needed for Manly Village School Market for 2 hours per month (ie 3rd Saturday of the month) from 4-6pm, helping to pack up.

Call Simon on 0413 610 675

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**LOST PROPERTY**

Please name your child’s items

- First name, last name, class
- If the lid comes off the lunch box, name both lid and box
- Please name towels, rashies, mufti clothes etc.
- If you buy something from the second hand shop, please cross out the old name and replace with your child’s name and class.

There are numerous un-named items in lost property - please check from time to time.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Good quality affordable 2nd hand uniforms available **Wednesdays 8.30-9.30am.** We are now back behind the canteen.

All proceeds to the P & C. Also, help is needed, if you can spare some time to assist the uniform shop.

See Amanda or Justine

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Volunteer Roster**

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**Message to all parents from canteen:**

In order to accommodate for the changes in the recess and lunch schedule, the new cut-off time for Flexischools on-line orders is now 9am and any over-the-counter orders at the canteen should also be made before 9am. This new cut-off time makes it possible for us to prepare recess and lunch within the new schedule. We appreciate you understanding and support.

Some of the K-2 children seem a bit confused as to what they can buy and when. Please note the explanation below and if you OR your child have any questions, please feel free to contact us or stop by the canteen for clarification. It is VERY important to us that all children understand the system and feel comfortable coming to us if they are confused—WE ARE HERE TO HELP!!

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**Children with frozen items on their bag should keep bag until 2pm for frozen treat break**

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P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will include the Annual General Meeting, at which all positions will be up for nomination. Please come join us and get involved in supporting the education and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school. Minutes of the March 2012 AGM can be found at http://mvpspandc.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/130311-PC-AGM-AGENDA-March1.pdf. The full agenda for this meeting can be found at http://www.mvpspandc.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/130311-PC-AGM-AGENDA-March1.pdf.

Positions to be filled are as follows:

**Officers:**
- President
- VP Fundraising
- VP Communications
- Treasurer
- Secretary

**Committee Chairs**
- Canteen
- Grounds
- Markets
- Uniform
- Social
- Year 2 Fundraising

The Agenda for the regular March meeting will include:
1. Royal Far West Development Update – (post Planning Assessment Commission Meeting)
2. Search for Government Funding Update

Full agenda for the upcoming meeting can be found at http://www.mvpspandc.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/130311-PC-AGENDA-March.pdf.


Royal Far West (RFW) Development Update

On Monday of last week (18 Feb) the NSW Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) held their public meeting to hear submissions from stakeholders on their views about the Royal Far West Part 3a development application for a mixed use commercial and child educational/health facility on their site directly adjacent to MVPS. There were nearly 40 speakers at the five and a half hour meeting with all but two speaking against the proposal. MVPS P&C was represented by Paul O’Brien (speech available here: http://www.mvpspandc.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/RFW-PAC-Meeting-Statement-18-February-2013.pdf), a number of current and former parents and the School itself by officers from the DEC. Other speakers included representatives for Manly Council, The Corso Precinct, Owners Corporations, Save Manly Village group, Manly Community Reference Group and Manly Community Centre as well as many individuals. NSW state member for Manly and Treasurer Mike Baird gave the final address. The PAC will now consider all submissions before coming to a decision on the application and this is expected to take a minimum of one month but could be much longer. The decision will be advised in due course. If you have any questions please attend the March P&C meeting or contact the P&C directly for further details.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day will be held on **Wednesday 13 March**. This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to join together to celebrate our diverse backgrounds and celebrate our multicultural nation. The day involves a whole school assembly at 9:20am, Harmony Day related activities in classrooms and food stalls for the children to sample different foods from a range of countries at lunch time. Please read the attached note for split lunch time details.

A list of countries assigned to each class is attached to this newsletter as well as information for parents. Students may wear orange (the official colour of Harmony Day), or the colours of their class country on this day. They may also wear their own traditional dress if they wish.

If you are able to assist with setting up food stalls or providing food on the day, please fill in the slip attached to this newsletter and return to your class CPR as soon as possible.

**Community News**

**TRIPLE P seminar series** - 90 minutes each, these three seminars will aim to leave carers feeling more confident, competent and ready to deal with common child behavioural and emotional issues. Topics include ‘The Power of Positive Parenting’, ‘Raising Competent, Confident Children’ and ‘Raising Resilient Children’. These seminars are for parents and carers with children 3-10 years old.

When: Saturdays March 16th and 30th and April 6th 10-12pm Where: Relationships Australia 5 Sera Street Lane Cove (Sorry, no childcare available)

Counselling for couples, families and individuals is also available at our Neutral Bay, Lane Cove, Dee Why and North Ryde offices

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.