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Welcome New Teachers

It gives me great pleasure to warmly welcome new staff to our school. Marianne Breen would be fondly known by parents who were fortunate enough to have had their children in her class two years ago. Marianne was the successful applicant in the merit selection process. She has an outstanding understanding of how children learn and is an excellent teacher. Her kind and gentle nature will be greatly appreciated by her kindy kids and parents.

We welcome back Katie Franko, who is also known to many kindy parents from a few years ago. We are delighted Katie has returned to us as she is a highly committed, professional, collaborative team member who provides an engaging education within a supportive learning environment. Thank you Katie for coming back to us so enthusiastically.

We welcome Chris Peachey onto the Year 2 team. Chris has been employed at our school on a casual basis and is already familiar with many of the school procedures and routines. We have been very impressed with Chris’ high level of professionalism, excellent classroom management and ability to design effective learning sequences for the children. I am sure he will make a valuable addition to our already fabulous teaching staff.

We welcome Lynne Corkindale, who has also been employed at our school on a casual basis. Lynne is a very enthusiastic and capable teacher, popular with all who come to know her. Her smile and cheerfulness are contagious and I am sure her Year 2 children and colleagues will greatly benefit by her dynamic presence. I am thrilled Lynne will be with us this year.

We welcome Annie Aitken, an amazing teacher who quickly came to our attention last year due to her ability to engage children, to develop and deliver meaningful and highly effective learning sequences and her classroom management and organisation. Her creativity, professionalism, enthusiasm and dedication will be a wonderful asset for our school, particularly the Year 1 team.

Sad Farewell to Sienna

Of course as we welcome some teachers to our school, we sadly farewell others. It is with great sadness we farewelled Sienna at the end of last year. Sienna was an excellent teacher who had a very strong work ethic and a kind and gentle nature. She was very popular with staff, students and parents. We are very excited for Sienna to have gained a very well deserved permanent position at Forestville, and wish her all the very best.

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School Structure for 2013

Today we were able to form our classes for the 2013 school year. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our new families to Manly Village as well. I am sure the staff, students and families will make you feel at home very quickly.

We now have over 670 students enrolled at the school in 27 classes. This is an increase of 1 class from this time last year. The classes formed and teachers are as follows:

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<td>Peta Hanson – Deputy Principal Team Leader</td>
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<td>1S – Terri Smith</td>
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Classes are formed following careful consideration by the staff of all the needs of the students. This is a very complex process and I thank the teachers for the thought and time they have put into placing the students, particularly since the structure of classes changed a few times throughout the week as some children left us and new children arrived.

Class Placements

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 made, we are not able to accommodate all of these requests.

However, 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 on the same grade after much discussion and consideration, with the senior executive giving approval to the final lists to ensure the needs of the whole school are addressed.

In some schools there is only one class per grade. However, at Manly Village, because we are a bigger school, we are able to provide children with opportunities to keep old friends but meet new friends each year, thus expanding their social circles. Parents should be reassured that their children are carefully placed and that their new class teachers will cater for their child.

Meet the Teacher

We will be holding our meet the teacher sessions at the following times. Please keep the relevant dates and times free as this is an opportunity for you to meet your child/ren’s teachers and to learn about what programs and procedures have been planned for the upcoming year. All parents are encouraged to attend the relevant sessions. It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible on the night.

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School Holiday Dates, including School Development Days
We ask that children take holidays within the scheduled holiday breaks if this is possible so that it does not impact on their learning. Holiday breaks for 2013 are as follows.
Term 1 Tuesday 29 Jan to Fri 12 April. Students return to school on 1 May for second term following 2 school development days. Please note an additional school development day has been provided to assist teachers become familiar with the new curriculum.
Term 2 Monday 29 April (for staff) and Wednesday 1 May (for students) to Friday 28 June.
Term 3 Monday 15 July (for staff) and Tuesday 16 July (for students) to Friday 20 September.
Term 4 Tuesday 8 October (for staff and students) to Wednesday 18 December (for students) and Friday 20 December (for staff).

Works Update
The school was buzzing with activity throughout the holiday period as the workmen raced to complete all the building works. These are almost complete and we are waiting for the finishing stages of the disabled toilet, lift and walkways. We are hoping the building works will be completed by the end of February followed by some asphalt resurfacing.

School Council Meeting
We will have a school council meeting next Friday 15 February from 8.15am in Mrs Docker’s room. We will look at the budget and school evaluations.

Playground
At the beginning of last year we trialled staggered break times so that less children were outside at the one time and the children had more space to run around. A number of difficulties were experienced when this was trialled. We have tried very hard to avoid staggering the break times, but as we have now over 670 children at our school, the move to staggered break times has become unavoidable. Parents have also voiced a preference for children to have separate break times at P & C meetings as well as in the parent feedback survey disseminated last year.
This will be a challenging time for all of us as we rearrange timetables and learning blocks, and the canteen works to cater for the different break times. We therefore appreciate positive parental support at this time.

Royal Far West
Toward the end of last year a petition was organised by the Manly Village Public School P&C Association due to concerns about the proposed development of the Royal Far West site. This was presented to Mike Baird, our local State Government MP.
NSW Planning has made a recommendation on the Royal Far West concept plan. If you would like to view the full report go to NSW Planning & Infrastructure, choose the Development Tab and select Major Project Register, go to Search Projects and in Project Title type in Royal Far West, click on the project and then go to the last item list which is “Recommendation to Planning Assessment Commission”.
There will be a P & C Extraordinary meeting re the Royal Far West Development on Monday 11 February in the school library.
The school has also received an email from the local member Mr Baird as follows:

Notice of Time Change
Planning Assessment Commission Meeting
Determination of a Concept Plan Application (MP10_0159) for a mixed use development at 14-22 Wentworth Street and 16 and 19-21 South Steyne, Manly
I am pleased to confirm the Planning Assessment Commission's meeting time for Royal Far West has now been changed - the new start time is 4pm to allow parents to attend after school pick-up.
There will be a short break at around 5.30pm and the meeting will start again at 6pm to allow people to attend after work. The venue and date remain unchanged - Mon 18 Feb at Manly Bowling Club.

Accommodation at Manly Village
Last week a number of concerns were raised by a member of our parent community regarding the impact increasing enrolments have had and will have on the school. These questions are addressed below so that all parents are informed:

Where will additional classes be placed?
We are very proud of our school at Manly Village, and while the increasing number of families choosing to educate their children at Manly Village provides us with a very positive indication of the high regard in which our school is held, the increasing enrolment numbers do provide us with a number of challenges.

We have managed increasing enrolments extremely well by converting double classrooms and other work spaces. The vast majority of this work has been conducted in the January holidays with classrooms being ready for use on the first day of each school year. In 2010, the BER hall and library conversion freed up 3 classroom spaces. Most recently, in 2012, the Department has funded amendments to a tiered learning space and has also funded a wireless network across the school. This has freed up one computer lab for additional classroom use, and allows us to free up a second computer lab.
We have two rooms on the top floor which can be converted to classrooms in 2014 and 2015, a classroom on the bottom floor of B block and if necessary to use in the interim as a classroom, we also have the green room next to the library. This should provide accommodation using the main blocks until the beginning of 2016 or 2017. The Department is well aware of the impact increasing enrolments have on our school. Their planning team have visited the site and are in the process of investigating future accommodation requirements and solutions.

Playground Congestion

Increasing enrolments have placed some additional pressure on our school playground. We have taken steps to address this as numbers have increased. We have opened up an increasing number of areas around the school for students to play and engage in extra curricular activities - games’ rooms, library, computers and hall. This has taken over 200 children off the playground at any one time. As mentioned above, we will be moving to staggered break times this year.

Additional K – 2 Toilets

We have not experienced any congestion at the toilets and have asked the cleaner to keep the toilets clean through the day. Given the size of the site and our efforts to maximise the use of the playground, there are currently no plans to install further toilets.

Opening Wentworth St gates to alleviate congestion on the corner of Darley and Wentworth after 3.15pm

Gates around the school are closed to facilitate safety. We are concerned that opening up further gates would involve a safety risk for children because of the absence of pedestrian lights or crossings at the other gate location along Wentworth St. Our preference is for children to use the pedestrian lights on the corner of Darley and Wentworth St and for children to walk toward the beachfront on the northern side of Wentworth St. That said, I would be happy to trial the opening of the Wentworth St gate and observe practices if the community feel that this is preferable. This could be discussed at a P & C meeting. The opening of a gate on Wentworth St is a possibility given there is now a pedestrian crossing at the beachfront on corner of Wentworth St and The Steyne.

Staggered school start and finish times

The school start and finish times are based on bus timetables. Many families and staff members have organised their working hours, child minding and other commitments around the school timetable. The congestion was addressed at the beginning of 2012 when we introduced separate line up areas around the school. We may also look at maximising the use of space by spreading the K – 2 line up area a little more as this is the area that has some congestion in the morning. Current works in the school are creating further pressures on the school playground in the morning when parents are in attendance. Hopefully, this work will be completed soon and will provide more space once again.

Use of DET land in Royal Far West development for learning space

The community has made a request for use of DET land at Royal Far West and the department has also been involved in discussions and submissions. There are many stakeholders in that matter, including the broad community including the school community, the Council, Royal Far West and its users and the Department, and I am confident the Department is addressing this.

Additional bike racks

There have been a number of bike racks purchased by the P & C over recent years to accommodate the increasing number of students riding to school. While there are no current plans to purchase additional bike racks, if further bike racks are required, they could be placed close to the school exit near the bike track, to maximise play space. Teachers on morning duty have been alerted to the advantages of monitoring the placement of bikes so that all racks are used.

Occupational Health & Safety Reports

General workplace safety checks have been conducted on an annual basis, to identify and manage dangers. More specific risk assessments are carried out when specific hazards are identified. Please be assured we have been addressing the challenges that increasing numbers of enrolments have presented over the last 5 or more years, and will continue to do so.

Placement of Rubbish Bins

The rubbish bins have been placed on the edge of the asphalt playground adjacent to the artificial grass so that the garbage trucks can back straight into the grounds, without needing to turn. The bins are kept closed to promote hygiene.

Leonie Black
From the Deputy

Gymnastics lessons
Sportspro gymnastics lessons will commence for all students K-6 next week. An email will be sent home to families outlining class gym days later this week. These days, however, may change in week 4 when timetables are finalised. Please ensure your children wear their sport uniform on their gym day.

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.

Attention ALL Band Parents

We are still in need of 2 parents to organise Band Camp this year. Please let one of us know ASAP if you can do this job. There are going to be a lot of disappointed children (and even teachers!) if the camp does not go ahead. A grateful thank you to Jason Letchford who has agreed to take on the job of Band Treasurer this year.

Tiffany Marshall & Terri Smith

Congratulations to a special Year 4 student

During our recent vacation, Raffael Gordon travelled with his family to Cambodia to work in an orphanage just outside the capital, Phnom Penh. Amongst other things, he spent quite some time teaching young children in the orphanage. I really enjoyed meeting Raffael last week, as he headed home on his first day at school, and sharing stories about helping others in Cambodia.

Jennifer McCredie
Assistant principal
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SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome to 2013 School Bankers. We will be operating School Banking just like last year on Fridays from 8.45-9.15am weekly. Remember, every time you make a deposit, regardless of the size, you receive a token. With 10 tokens, you can redeem it for a prize. This year’s prizes include a projector torch, calculator, knuckle bones, ball, wallet and earphones.

You will find us located outside the canteen under the trees or in the school office if the weather is inclement. If you wish to start banking, come along and we will give you a Starter Pack. See you Friday 8 February.

Kelly and Sarah

2013 homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2012 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

Doing well in class

Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.
Never has the Manly Daily looked this good!

Three students then dressed their models in the latest designs that showcased everything from a "mankini" to an elaborate tutu! Comperes described their group's concept, design features and uses for their garment as each model paraded down the "catwalk" in our school hall.

The highlight of this exercise was the teamwork: collaboration, co-operation, respect for one another's ideas and seeing the satisfaction as each group completed their task. Congratulations Year 6 on such a positive start to your year as leaders of our school and many thanks to Mrs Donaldson for her organisation and photography.

Jennifer McCredie
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Notice of Extraordinary P&C Meeting : Royal Far West (RFW) Development
Monday, 11th February, 7pm in the library

The NSW Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) is holding a Public Meeting on Monday, 18 February which will determine the outcome of the RFW development. This is the FINAL opportunity for the school community to have any say, so we need to be certain that our views will be heard.

Opportunity: MVPS to secure more land to expand
Concerns: MVPS will be over shadowed by this bulk development. Another hotel to be built – directly adjacent to our school.

For Information
Publicity Stunt
Tuesday 5 February at 8am
For your information there will be a “mock funeral” publicity stunt to be staged on the beachfront by the Save Manly Village Group and Manly Council to mark the loss of sunlight. They are asking for people to turn up if they support. For details as well as photo montages of the RFW Development please see http://www.facebook.com/SaveManlyVillage.

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Academic Placement Test - For 2014 Year 7 academic extension classes at Balgowlah Boys Campus, Cromer Campus and Mackellar Girls Campus.
Cromer Campus & Mackellar Girls Campus: Tuesday, 19 March 2013 at 9am,
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