### Parent Perceptions

Issues pertaining to teaching and learning, student welfare and school management were contained in surveys sent home to families in kindergarten, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 towards the end of last year. 169 families returned surveys, representing an overall return rate of 46% in the grades surveyed.

#### Findings and conclusions

- From the 169 families responding to the survey, 3 parents disagreed that overall they were satisfied with the school, 9 were unsure, 105 agreed and 52 strongly agreed.

- 97% of kindergarten respondents, 78% of year 2 respondents, 78% of Year 3 respondents and 71% of Year 6 respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they were pleased with the progress their child made during the year.

- 92% of Year 3 parents agreed or strongly agreed that their children had been engaged in the learning programs provided during the year.

- 85% of Year 6 parents agreed with the statement that their child had benefited from project based learning opportunities.

- 23 Year 6 parents agreed with the statement that their child had benefited from project based learning opportunities, no parent disagreed and 4 parents were unsure.

- 59 kindergarten respondents out of 63 returning surveys either agreed or strongly agreed that transition and the first weeks of school effectively orientated their child to the school, 3 were unsure and 1 disagreed.

- 87% of Year 3 parents agreed or strongly agreed that they were happy with the educational directions the school was taking in literacy, with one person disagreeing and 4 respondents being unsure. 84% of Year 3 respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they were happy with the educational directions the school is taking in numeracy, with one respondent disagreeing and 5 respondents being unsure. 84% were happy with the educational directions the school is taking in 21st century skills, with one respondent disagreeing and 5 respondents being unsure. 82% of Year 3 respondents were happy with the directions the school is taking with iPads, with one respondent disagreeing and 13 respondents being unsure.

### Dates for your diary

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**P & C meets at 7pm the 2nd Monday of each month during school terms.**

**mvpspandc@gmail.com**
**Future directions**

- Extending the use of project based learning in the younger grades eg the climate energy program in Years 3 and 4, and the Nosey Bandicoot Program in Year 1.
- Consistently tracking and recording student progress across the school using the literacy and numeracy continuums. This includes use of the Best Start online software for students in kindy and Year 1.
- Minor amendments have been made to the kindergarten orientation period including: utilising an online booking system for Best Start interviews, communicating clear and concise procedures about the first days of school and disseminating initial Best Start assessment reports by mid term.
- Purchasing additional iPads and extending the use of iPads in the classroom.
- Continuing to inform parents about our directions at P & C meetings, special events, school council meetings and in the school newsletter.

Leonie Black

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**From the Deputy**

**Selective High School Placement Test**

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2014 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from **9.00am to 1.15pm** on Thursday **14 March 2013**.

The test centre for students from our school is:

Northern Beaches Secondary College Balgowlah Boys Campus  
Maretimo Street  
BALGOWLAH NSW  2093

Parents were sent a letter advising them about the test centre their child is required to attend as well as a copy of a test information bulletin. Please contact Ms Hanson if you have any concerns regarding these tests. Good luck boys and girls.

**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.

**Summer Sport!**

Weather permitting, this Friday, our Stage 2 school sport students will enjoy a power walk to and from Shelly Beach! Have fun!

**Road safety**

It’s important to remind children, especially younger ones, of the need to be vigilant when out and about. Talk to your child about road safety and model good behaviour yourself. For lots of good safety reminders, Kidsafe NSW has an informative website with a number of free brochures and fact sheets on maintaining a safe environment for your child and teaching them about staying safe. They are also available in several community languages. [www.kidsafensw.org](http://www.kidsafensw.org)

Peta Hanson
School class and band photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 20 March**.

Please ensure that your child is dressed in **FULL SUMMER UNIFORM** including black shoes and white socks.

**Photo envelopes need to be brought in on the day as money is paid directly to the photo company on photo day.** The photo company will only process orders received and paid for on the day.

If you require a family photo, a special envelope for this can be collected from the school office upon request.

Thank you for your cooperation.
**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

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**Manly Village Public School Fundraiser**

**Winter Fashion Parade**
Presented by Mclean & Page and Mr & Mrs Smith

Fashion fundraising event on Wednesday 3 April at 12:15 in Rialto Square. Lunch and champagne provided by Bench Cafe. Tickets $25 on sale via Flexischools, in the school yard and in store. Ladies, Mens & Childrens wear on show and raffles for amazing prizes!

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**Student Services—Northern Sydney Region**
An invitation is extended to all parents of students accessing Northern Sydney Region Student Services Programs to attend an information meeting. On 5 April from 10am-12noon at Lindfield East Public School Hall, 90 Tryon Road, East Lindfield. Please reply by 2 April. Please reply to Leanne Mulligan on 9987 3900 or Leanne.mulligan@det.nsw.edu.au.

There is also an invitation for all parents of students to attend an information sharing meeting with other parents and regional representatives. They will be speaking about “Cyber Safety” and will provide strategies to support our children when they are accessing the internet at home. On 5 April from 10am to 12noon at Lindfield East Public School at 90 Tryon Road, East Lindfield. Please reply by 2 April to assist with catering. If there are any specific questions you would like addressed please include them at your time of reply. Please reply to Leanne.mulligan@det.nsw.edu.au for further information.

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