### Dates for your diary

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| 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                                              |
| Tuesday 2 April   | State Swimming                                             |
| Wednesday 3 April | *State Swimming  
*3-6 Assembly                                                |
| Thursday 4 April  | Year 5– Just Like You                                      |
| Friday 5 April    | *Summer Sport– Wet Weather back up week  
*Cross Country                                             |
| Monday 8 April    | P&C 7pm                                                    |
| Wednesday 10 April| K-2 Assembly (2H)                                          |
| *Project Penguin Zoo Visit at MVPS 2pm                      |
| Friday 12 April   | *PSSA Winter Trials  
*Last day for Term 1                                       |
| Saturday 20 April | Manly Markets                                              |
| Monday 29 April   | School Development Day                                     |
| Tuesday 30 April  | School Development Day                                     |
| Wednesday 1 May   | *Students return for Term 2  
*NO K-2 Assembly                                             |
| Thursday 2 May    | Earth Alive (Stage 3)                                      |
| Friday 3 May      | Cross Country Wet Weather Back Up.                         |
| Wednesday 8 May   | 3-6 Assembly                                               |

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### From the Principal

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in the last week of the school term, in the week beginning 8 April. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with the class teacher on an individual basis to discuss your child and their progress.

All parents will receive an invitation via email to sign up for an interview time with your child’s class teacher. If you do not receive this link via email over the next few days, please use the following link to access the interview booking system and use the code BT48W for the Manly Village interviews. This allows you to view remaining times and select the most convenient time for your interview and this information is directed back to the class teacher.


We will also be sending home a written report at the end of second and fourth terms and invite parents to make an appointment with the class teacher if there are any concerns or queries at other times throughout the year. I enthusiastically thank all of our fantastic class teachers for their commitment, professionalism and preparations for the upcoming interviews.

#### Building and Ground Work

It’s lovely to have our school operating without the fenced off areas and machinery once again. The builders have tried to complete much of the work throughout the holidays, weekends and before school each morning and have worked very hard on our site to meet our requests throughout the works period. They have done an excellent job in blending the look of the lift, railings and walkways in with its surroundings.

The final part of this work will involve reasphalting the area behind the canteen, tunnel, kindy classrooms and Year 2 classrooms, and reasphalting in front of the canteen area. This work is planned to take place during the next school vacation so that interruptions to school operations can be minimised. The students are to be commended for their flexibility and excellent behaviour throughout the works and the teachers are commended for their professionalism and parents for their positive support. It really has been a wonderful team effort.

Leonie Black
**School Leaders’ Events**

Our Student Leaders have had an exciting start to the year! Over the last few weeks, they have done a wonderful job leading their first 3-6 assembly for 2013 and taking on a number of additional leadership roles and responsibilities throughout the school. It has been lovely working closely with these students! As busy as they are, our captains and vice captains recently attended a very exciting leadership camp at the Collaroy Centre. During the camp, the students were involved in speech writing, public speaking, problem solving, team building and a challenge course. Our entire leadership team will be visiting the Sydney Entertainment Centre for National Young Leaders’ Day on Monday 25 March. The Young Leaders’ program involves speaking, question times and video presentations from a range of high profile speakers. I am certain our leaders will thoroughly enjoy this experience and I look forward to sharing the day with them!

On Monday 4 March and Tuesday 5 March, the school captains and vice captains went to the Collaroy Centre for Leadership Camp. We had the chance to meet new friends, learn about speech writing and develop our leadership and teamwork skills. Some of the activities we experienced involved an initiatives course and problem solving to cross a lava lake (leaving no one behind with only 3 tiles). The highlights for us were meeting new friends and building up our leadership skills. We learnt about leadership styles and as leaders we discovered that the most effective leader is one who is fair, responsible, collaborative, happy and honest.

**Harmony Day Celebrations**

Last Wednesday Manly Village celebrated Harmony Day and what a wonderful celebration it was! The morning began with a special assembly involving singing, a national costume parade, international greetings from each class and short speeches. Nyah S and Iris R presented poignant speeches, reflecting thoughtful messages of belonging and culture to our school and I thank them for taking the time to do so. Later in the day, the children sampled international cuisine from a number of different food stalls. It was a fabulous celebration of cultural diversity and the message of everyone belonging certainly permeated the playground. There are always many people to thank for coordinating events like this. Thank you to our hardworking Harmony Day committee including Miss Hutchison, Miss Courouzos, Miss Grant, Miss Renwick and Miss Green for all their hard work and enthusiasm to prepare the day. Thank you to Mr Bates for always being so helpful and flexible and setting up and packing away. A big thank you to our fabulous CPRs and the many parents who prepared the scrumptious food and assisted on the day. The stalls looked fabulous. Lastly, thank you to all the parents for supporting their children with national colours and to Annette Roper for always so generously giving her time to take photos of the day for the Sea Murmurs magazine.

**Writing notes**

If your child has missed school, you can write a note with the following information:

- include your child’s name and class
- include the date/s and number of days your child was away
- explain why your child was away and include other information as needed.

If your child is going to be away for more than three days please let the school office know. You will still need to write a note when your child returns.

Peta Hanson

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**Expression of interest for placement in Year 7 at a NSW Government school in 2014**

Parents/Caregivers of students in Year 6 have recently been issued with Expression of Interest for placement in Year 7 at a NSW Government school in 2014 documents. This form allows you to indicate which high school you would like your child to attend in 2014. It is not an application to enrol.

An information guide **Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school** in 2014 accompanies the expression of interest documents, giving more information regarding this process.

The **Expression of Interest must be returned (whether you are seeking government placement or not) on or before Friday 22 March 2013** to the office. Please see Mrs McCredie if you have any concerns regarding this process.

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**Calling All Environmentalists**

At Manly Village this year, we will be celebrating our first official Waste Free Wednesday for 2013 on **Wednesday, 3 April**. Come to school with NO rubbish in your lunch box. Pull out those reusable containers and say good bye to plastic in our school!

To help celebrate this fun filled day, we also want students to come to school wearing something green with your uniform. It could be a hair tie, shoe laces, ribbon pinned to your uniform or green arm band! Be creative. There will be prizes for great rubbish free lunch boxes.

We can't wait to see all those waste free lunches and your creative green attire!

Yours environmentally,

Miss Franko, Miss Courouzos, Mrs Johnson-Read,
Miss Baxter and Miss Piper

Your Environment Team

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Fair** - Many thanks to all the families who supported our Scholastic Book Fair. We sold just under $6,000 worth of books which earned our library over $1,000 in commission. This money will be spent on new books for our Library.

**Book Donations** - There will be an opportunity for families to donate a book to the Library during Grandfriends’ Day next Wednesday. Look out for us under the COLA or the tree depending on the weather.

Students who donate a book will have a sticker placed in the book with their name on it and they will then be the first to borrow the book. Hope to see you!

Christine Neill
Teacher Librarian
GRANDFRIENDS’ DAY
WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH, 2013
PARENT INFORMATION FOR 3-6 CLASSES

Primary students will be performing bush dances on Grandfriends’ Day. The children will wear the following clothes to school and stay in these outfits all day, but must remember to bring their school hats.

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| YEAR 3 | Jeans – blue, black or grey  
White T-shirt (boys to wear their white school shirt and girls to wear a T-shirt or any white top that has no pattern on it)  
Sneakers |
| YEAR 4 | Jeans – blue, black or grey, Red T-shirt (plain - no coloured patterns)  
Sneakers |
| YEAR 5 | Jeans – blue, black or grey, Black T-shirt (plain - no coloured patterns)  
Sneakers |
| YEAR 6 | Jeans – blue, black or grey, Checked shirts, Sneakers |

PSSA Sport Term 2 and 3

Try outs for PSSA winter sport will be in the last week of this term.

As we will have to get names and numbers for each sport, please discuss with your child what sport they would like to participate in for term 2 and 3.

The options are soccer, netball and rugby. The non PSSA options this year are tennis and school sport.

Please also note that the price for taking part in a PSSA sport this year will be approximately $140. The final numbers and amounts have not yet been finalised. We will be asking students to write their names for one sport to try out for (by the end of this week) as we will need to know final numbers to organise teams and buses.

Please also note that, due to numbers, not all children will be able to take part in a PSSA sport and children may not get their first preference.

Thank you for your understanding,
Your PSSA team,
Ms Spillane, Miss Piper and Miss Renwick

Regional Swimming News


It was a wonderful day and all the children did extremely well in their events. Eliza C will be competing in 4 events at the State Carnival. Best of luck, Eliza!

Kylie Renwick

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

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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.
The 2013 P&C

Last Monday the P&C formally kicked off the school year with the election of positions and the beginning of funding approvals. The people in attendance (fewer than 25) were responsible for approving the fundraising activities planned for this year and deciding how to allocate the monies raised by the various events and activities sponsored by the P&C.

We work hard to raise money to fund the school in areas the government does not, such as smartboards, year-end presentation awards, art supplies and reading assistance programs. We also run a non-profit Canteen providing health food as a service to families. Without these efforts our children’s educational experience would be different.

While we have some fabulous activities planned and ideas for improving the school, greater involvement and participation from parents at the school would enable us to accomplish more and feel confident that we are accurately reflecting the opinions and priorities of the whole school community.

P&C Class Representatives
To improve the transparency of the P&C and make sure that we are reflecting the majority of the school community, we are requesting that each class nominate at least one P&C representative. This role would involve attending meetings whenever possible, tabling any issues that come out of the class and reporting back regarding discussions and decisions that affect the class. Please express your interest back via your CPR.

The people who make the P&C happen
The following positions were voted in at the 11 March Annual General Meeting:

Executive Committee
President: Paul O’Brien
VP Communications: Nancie Pageau
Treasurer: Radim Zajicek
Secretary: Vacant
VP Fundraising: Vacant

Committee Chairs
Canteen: Adam Formica
Markets: Simon Dodshon
Uniform: Amanda Leahy
Grounds: Colleen Woulfe
Social: Rachel Defina and Sam Hindmarsh
Student Banking: Sarah Durham

Parent Representatives
School Council: Paul O’Brien
Library & Building Trusts: Jenny Sammut
District P&C: Vacant

Parent Committee Coordinators
CPR Coordinator: Jenny Clarkson
Sea Murmurs Coordinator: Annette Roper

Funding
We received funding requests from a variety of individuals and groups. We only had time to discuss and vote on a very few as follows:
- 2 Mobile Smartboards ($16K)
- Presentation Awards and Perpetual Trophy Updates ($1.3K)
- Teacher discretionary spending ($400/teacher) (total $12K)
- Creative arts resources ($3K)
- Year 2 fundraising investment ($0.7K)

To be considered at the April meeting:
- iPads for Kindy ($7.2K)
- Apple TV apps for classrooms ($3.3K)
- Smartboard repairs (up to $10k)
- Grounds Master Plan (options up to $30K)
- Playground Chess Board and Club Funding ($1.5K)

Facts about fractions
If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets. Find our more: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf

Amazing art
Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar. Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/

Sounding out aloud