**From the Principal**

**NSSWE Spring Festival**

It was an absolute delight to attend the NSSWE Spring Music Festival on Sunday held at The Concourse, Chatswood, where an amazing array of musical talent was on display. Incorporating five concerts over two days, the 2014 NSSWE Spring Music Festival was overwhelmingly supported by more than 50 school bands (including approximately 1600 students) from the Northern Sydney region. This festival is unique as it is non-competitive and focuses purely on the love of performance for both participants and audience. Our combined senior and concert band’s performances of Roar by Katy Perry and Viva la Vida by Coldplay were sensational and most definitely a highlight of the concert. Our students are to be commended for the exemplary behaviour, enthusiasm and commitment they demonstrated at all times. A huge thank you must go to Anne Keogh and Liz Flynn for their incredible efforts preparing our bands for this event and fostering that love for music and performance, and to our wonderful parents and school community for always being so supportive of our events and our students.

**MVPS Star Students**

Congratulations to Bryn M of 4/3B who won her age group in the girls’ Junior Orange Ball Tennis competition held recently.

Congratulations also must go to Lachlan O’B of 4P who was awarded 2014 Sydney Harbour AFL Outstanding Achievement for the Manly Bombers Under 10’s at the annual award ceremony on Sunday.

Well done Bryn and Lochlan on your fabulous achievements!

**Focus on Literacy**

Manly Village Public School has a strong focus on literacy. Two highly effective literacy programs being implemented at our school this year are **Language, Learning and Literacy (L3)** and **Accelerated Literacy (AL)**.

**What is Language, Learning and Literacy (L3)?**

**Language, Learning and Literacy (L3)** is a program for Kindergarten students. All the Kindergarten teachers in our school have participated in professional learning opportunities this year to assist them to use this program in their classrooms. L3 focuses on providing rich literacy experiences to assist all children to become successful readers and writers. It occurs as part of the daily literacy lesson within the Kindergarten classroom. During the literacy session, children are taught in small groups of three to four students. While each group is being given short, explicit lessons in reading and writing, the rest of the class will complete carefully selected activities to extend their literacy learning. Children also listen to the reading of stories, poems and songs in small groups. This will build their knowledge of sentences, letters and words to help their reading and writing. Children are taught all parts of the **English K–6 Syllabus through L3 lessons**.

If you would like to read more about helping your child at home:  
**Accelerated Literacy**

Accelerated Literacy (AL) is being implemented across many stages in our school and holistically provides a way of learning that students can understand and enjoy. AL provides students with the ability to challenge the ways they think while providing the essential background knowledge that underpins the meaning of the text. This background knowledge is crucial in that it not only gives students the skills and confidence to decode text but they also experience success educationally through understanding. We have found at MVPS that AL has been able to awaken a sense of text purpose, of language choices in a text and continues to foster student engagement in the learning cycle. Many staff members participated in professional learning throughout the summer holidays to prepare them to implement the AL sequence. Further staff members have been trained in school this semester and more will be trained in 2015.

**Welcome Back to our Year 6 and Teachers!**

We welcomed home some weary Year 6 students and their teachers, Mrs Donaldson, Ms Marshall, Miss Piper and Mr Turner on Friday evening. Listening to our students and staff retell their stories and experiences, I have no doubt this camp has created many incredible memories for our students, strengthened established friendships and fostered new ones. Our students are to be commended for the sensible behaviour and high levels of enthusiasm demonstrated at all times during the 3-day experience. I’d sincerely like to thank our teachers for being so giving of their personal time away from their own families to enable our students such an amazing opportunity. I do get the impression that the teachers had just as much fun as the students!

**Facilitating Effective School Communication**

Communicating effectively with our families and school community is always of great importance to us and, I would consider, constantly evolving. We always value your feedback, evaluate our processes and explore methods to streamline and enhance communication at all levels. We have a number of methods to assist with regular communication at our school. Their effectiveness depends on everyone.

* **Sea Sider** - MVPS newsletter, the Sea Sider, is the primary communication we use to provide parents with information about upcoming school events or important school information. The newsletter is emailed each Tuesday to families. In addition, at times we email or send home specific notes about whole school events and excursions. Copies of these notes are available on our school website as well.

* **Email** - School email distribution lists are also used to distribute information and notices relevant to individual grades and groups. Our CPR networks also use email to circulate important information pertinent to your child’s class.

* **Website** - Our school website includes important school information, copies of permission notes and newsletters, as well as updates to our school calendar. It is accessible to all at [http://www.manlyville.p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.manlyville.p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

* **Primary Parent Planner App** - We have recently incorporated the use of the Primary Parent Planner App as an additional way to communicate with our community and assist families to organise and plan both classroom and community events. If you have an iPhone, iPad or touch you can download the app from [Apple App Store](https://itunes.apple.com/app/) or if you have an Android device visit the [Google Play Store](https://play.google.com/store) and follow the prompts. It is simple, easy to use and will help schools and parents develop a closer working relationship. To download the app and view the school and courses is free. Full access and use of the app is $2.49 (Aust).

* **Social Media** - We are also exploring ways that we can safely utilise social media such as Twitter to facilitate other methods for communication with our community. We continue to research this path but will keep you posted when we are perhaps officially “tweeting”.

Additionally, we hold information evenings and *Meet the Teacher* sessions for families, as well as parent/teacher interviews at the end of term one. Student reports always include valuable information about your child’s progress. Of course, our staff members are always happy to meet with families at any stage throughout the year should you have any concerns at all. Please contact our office to make an appointment.

**Annual School Report Parent Surveys**

Surveys were sent home to randomly selected families last week. Please return completed surveys to the school office as soon as possible.

**Wishing everyone a happy spring holiday!**

I’d like to take this opportunity to wish our entire school community a safe and happy spring holiday. I thank everyone for their incredible efforts this term and for the continued support they have given me as relieving Principal. I
Chess Club - Parent helpers needed!

Chess Club has finished for this term and the Chess Competition will start again in Week 2 of Term 4. The Chess Club needs some parent helpers who are willing to come next term and continue helping out next year. Bill and Francine Prentice have done a wonderful job of helping to run the club for a number of years but will not be here next year as their children will have left the school.

Chess Club is held each Thursday at 8:15am in the library. If you are able to help out then please see Mr Peachey, your support in helping the club to keep going next year will be very much appreciated!

Mr Peachey

Manly OOSH Inc

Manly OOSH is offering Vacation Care again during the September school holidays. Our places are limited and we want Manly Village families to get the first opportunity to book any of the days they may want or need for the school break before we open our doors to the local community. If you are interested in Vacation Care for your children and love the idea of it being on site and with their regular school friends sharing in the fun, then please drop us an email at info@manlyoosh.com.au and we can send out a program and enrolment forms. The program has some amazing activities.

We are registered with Family Assistance Office and 50% of the out of pocket cost can be claimed back with your tax along with any CCB rebates you may be entitled to. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or come over and see us at the Centre, before or after school on any day. We have some fantastic excursions planned but places will fill up fast.

info@manlyOOSH.com.au
10 Wentworth Street, Manly NSW 2095
(t) 9976 2147

hope everyone can enjoy some much needed rest and recuperation and quality time with family and friends after a busy term 3! I look forward to seeing everyone bright eyed and bushy tailed ready for term 4 on Tuesday 7 October. Please note: Monday 6 October is a public holiday and we have no designated School Development Day at the beginning of term 4.

Peta Hanson

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CANTEEN ROSTER

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2) Please be sure to change your class on Flexi schools orders to ensure speedy delivery.

LYME DISEASE MUFTI FUNDRAISER
THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER K-6

Please help to raise awareness about Lyme Disease by WEARING GREEN and donating a gold coin on Thursday.

Hopefully you read about the Hall family and their experience with Lyme Disease in the Seasider last week. They have been doing a lot of work to raise money for Lyme Disease sufferers and also their own family.

To read more go to www.helpmykids.me

Thank you,
Miss Aitken, Miss Campbell and Miss Green.
YEAR 6 CAMP

Year 6 camp was a great 3 days for the teachers and the students and it was the best experience at school in 7 years at Manly Village – definitely worth waiting for. It all started on a long and tiring, 4 hour bus trip. Our first stop was Questacon – the Australian Science Museum. We went through different galleries and some of the best parts were the free fall and trying to beat a robot at air hockey! After Questacon, we made our way through Parliament House. We learnt about the different houses of Parliament and Australia has a copy of the Magna Carta signed by King Charles! After our busy day in Canberra, we made our way to Cooba Motel where we got organised into our cabins.

On the second day of year six camp we went to the snow. We first had to get our ski gear; the shoes that we tried on were really big and the clothes were really hot. When we arrived at the snow we had our morning tea and got the rest of our clothes on, it was really cold. We took the ski tube up to Blue Cow and started to play. We threw snowballs at Mr Turner and pretended to be penguins. We had a snowman building competition. After a little while we were all soaking and cold but that didn’t stop us..... from getting even wetter! We had snow down our boots and tops and snow all through our hair. It was a fantastic and fun day!

On the last day my grade and I went to Old Parliament House. There we learnt about democracy and sat in the old Senate Chambers. Since our class was so well behaved, our tour guide took us into the old Prime Minister’s office. We then went to the Australian War Memorial where we watched two movies about pilots fighting in the war. We also looked at the wall with the names of the men and women who died serving our country in the war, as well as acknowledging the unidentified soldier whose body is buried there.

By Bella, Lilli and Andreas.

Manly Village Snowsports team excel!

On the 12 and 13 September the Manly Village Snowsports team competed at the Australian national snowsports championships at Perisher. The team had previously qualified at the Sydney championships and the state championships for both the Alpine Giant slalom event and the Skier Cross events.

Our Division 5 Manly Village Public school boys’ team made up of Duncan C, Winter V and Owen T are the 2014 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS in Skier Cross and have each brought back to Manly a gold medal from Nationals for their amazing efforts. The boys combined magnificently at State and National level against the best racers in the country to win the National race by a margin of half a second over the Geelong Grammar school and Melbourne Grammar school from Victoria. Duncan C received the individual bronze medal for finishing third in the skier cross race which was an outstanding result competing against older boys up to year 4. On Saturday, Duncan C also represented Manly in the National Giant Slalom event finishing 15th in a field of 70 racers. Another great effort from him against the older boys in his division. It has been fantastic to see the Manly Village ski team progress through each stage of the series again this year and then to finish it off and perform so well for the school at the national level. We are all very proud of the kids efforts and their great sportsmanship. The Manly ski team is certainly getting a bit of a name for itself up in the snowy mountains.

I’d also like to thank the teams parents, Mel and Cory Vincent, Melissa and Andrew Thomas, Lisa and Tony Simkins and Katrina Cowan for their great support of the team all season.

Go Manly ;)

Kemble Cowan
MERIT AWARDS
These will be awarded to the students at the assembly on Wednesday 8 October

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BAND NEWS

Congratulations to the Combined Senior Band and Concert Band for performing at the Spring Festival on Sunday at the Concourse. Thank you parents and friends for supporting the bands and the many musicians that performed over the two day Spring Festival.

It was a fabulous experience for the band children to be part of the NSSWE festival. We look forward to performing at the Festival in 2015.

The Arts Unit are holding auditions for the 2015 Instrumental music ensembles. Go to www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au
For more information or contact Scott Ryan (02) 8512 1188.

All bands resume rehearsals week 1 term 4. Have a relaxing break.

Elizabeth Flynn
How Cyber Smart Are You?

Do You Really Know Enough About Digital Technology To Protect Your Child?

Recent studies show that 70% of students are hiding their online behaviour from parents. This is why most parents feel their children are safe online. But are they?

Many Manly Village students have social media accounts, yet the terms and conditions state that an account holder should be 13 years of age and in some cases, such as 'Kick', 17 years of age.

Manly Village PS, in conjunction with Manly Police, is conducting Cyber Safety sessions for our 3 – 6 students on Wednesday October 8 and hosting a Cyber Safety Evening with Leonie Smith for ALL parents on Wednesday 5 November 2014.

Please register your expression of interest and return it to your child’s class teacher by Friday 19 September.

Jennifer McCredie, Assistant Principal, Stage 3 (Organising Teacher)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR ONE???

This week Year 1 have been studying persuasive texts and in particular, advertisements. The students have been analysing the techniques used by advertisers to persuade the audience into buying their products, so hopefully they will be mindful when shopping with you!

In maths, we have been studying chance and division. The students have been sharing equally and explaining their work using drawings and mathematical language. Thank goodness, we have discovered that the chance of it being HOLIDAYS next week is DEFINITE!

Well done, Year 1!
Year 1 Teachers.
**Manly Village School Christmas Ornaments are here!** Available at Year 2 Fundraising Stall & ‘School Ornament’ Stall next Market.

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**Community News**

**Bush Art Kids Club** - K-2 students. Make and create foods, natural and indigenous artwork and explore our natural bushland at the Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen from 22 September - 26 September. $267.50 for the 5 day program. For bookings call 131302.

**Studio Make** - "We are a newly opened plaster painting and art studio with a range of school holiday art and craft workshops for kids as well as in term classes. We are located at 1/40 East Esplanade, Manly. [www.studiomake.com.au](http://www.studiomake.com.au)"

**Science and Technology After-School Program - TechScience** is a unique program that aims to prepare today's children for tomorrow's world by teaching about the latest technological and scientific breakthroughs - Robots, Genetics, Virtual Reality, exploring the universe, 3D printing and much more. Next term starts October, early bird specials until September 15. Program is suitable for children in primary school. For more details: [www.TechScience.com.au](http://www.TechScience.com.au) or email info@TechScience.com.au

**Mandarin Classes Before-School** - Mondays & Wednesdays 8:00am - 9:00am. Interactive teaching style. $15 per session per person plus $5 copy fees per term. Contact Bin Lin: 0403 598 635 and Mary: 0412 062 198.