Thank you to our wonderful St Matthew’s community

Wow! Words cannot express our gratitude to the wonderful St Matthew’s community who led their annual ‘Serve Manly’ working bee at our school on Saturday. It was a very busy morning of cleaning, painting, gardening and redesigning. As a result, our corridors are sparkling, our garden area in front of the office and girls’ toilets has had a fabulous makeover and our office area has had the most wonderful refurbishment!

On behalf of our school, I sincerely thank our amazing St Matthew’s community for their incredible generosity and kindness. Our school has been left sparkling and shining in so many ways! Many thanks to Viliam Mako for his incredible dedication and organisation, Bruce for his amazing generosity, Henke for her insight, organisation, amazing design ideas and contributions to our refurbished office area, Matt Eringa from medcfurniture.com for so generously sharing his amazing cabinet making skills and Justin B for once again assisting with planning for the morning. Special thanks must go to Theo and Bunnings Balgowlah who not only donated many materials for the morning, but also came down to lend a hand in the garden as well. We are so incredibly grateful.

World Teachers’ Day

This Friday 31 October we will celebrate World Teachers’ Day. Held annually, World Teachers’ Day commemorates teachers’ organisations worldwide. Its aim is to mobilise support for teachers and to ensure that the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers. This is a special day in our school calendar as it provides us with an opportunity to show our appreciation for the work and dedication of our fantastic teachers.
The role of teachers is becoming increasingly complex and challenging as they meet increasing expectations and as they support you, the parents, in preparing our children for their futures within an ever changing world. Our teachers at Manly Village are among the most committed, professional and talented team with whom I have ever had the pleasure of working. I ask that you and your children join with me in acknowledging the fantastic contributions of our teaching staff this Friday. This appreciation may take many forms, including a kind word in the playground or a home-made card containing a special message from your child. A small token of appreciation goes such a long way in making teachers feel appreciated for their efforts. I personally thank all of our teachers – what a privilege it is to work beside you! What a marvellous difference you make to the lives of the children!

**Welcome Back Year 5**

We welcomed back our Year 5 happy campers yesterday after a fun-filled, jam packed 3 day recreational adventure at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation camp last week. I would like to commend our students for the wonderful behaviour, enthusiasm and high levels of participation demonstrated during their camp experience. I would also sincerely like to thank Mrs McCredie, Ms Martin, Miss Piper and Mr Peachey for attending the camp, supervising our students 24/7 for three days and being so giving of their personal time away from their own families to ensure our students had the most amazing experience possible. I look forward to hearing many more camp tales over the coming days!

**Star Students**

It is always a joy to share the successes of our students (past and present) as we think our Manly Village students are pretty spectacular! This week is no exception. We congratulate our former school captain, Andie T, on her recent achievement of the NSW Young Carer of the Year award. This award is an important way of celebrating and acknowledging the significant contribution that carers make to the Australian community. Andie cares for her mum Fred who has rheumatoid arthritis and also assists with cooking, cleaning and looking after her younger siblings. Selfless, giving and always smiling, Andie encapsulates all the qualities of a young carer. I can’t think of someone more deserving of this award. Well done Andie. We are very proud of you!


**Student Safety**

Student safety at MVPS is always the highest priority. I have been incredibly alarmed over the last few weeks by a number of reports from members of our school community who have been shaken by events involving unsafe behaviour of some of our students when travelling to or home from school. I urge our parents/carers to take some time this week to discuss safe travel to and from school with your children and ensure they understand the importance of travelling safely, especially in regards to the following.

**Walking to and from school** - Walking to and from school is a great way to increase and promote physical activity, decrease traffic congestion and pollution and provides opportunities to parents and carers to help teach their children about safe pedestrian behaviour and reinforce concepts taught at school.

**The main messages for K-2 students are:**

*Hold a grown up’s hand when you’re on the footpath.*
*Hold a grown up’s hand when you cross the road.*
*Hold a grown up’s hand when you’re in the carpark.*

**The main messages for 3-6 students are:**

*Use a SAFE place to cross the road.*
*Hold an adult’s hand when you cross the road.*
*Stop! Look! Listen! every time you cross the road.*

**Riding a scooter or skateboard to and from school** - Parents and carers are responsible for how their child travels to and from school. However, schools have the right to ban a student from bringing a scooter or skateboard onto school premises if the school deems that the student is displaying unsafe behaviours when travelling to and from school. Unsafe riding behaviours are those that break the law and could include:

*threatening pedestrians and other road users*
*not keeping to the left and giving way to other pedestrians on footpaths, unless sign posted otherwise*
*riding on a road with a dividing line or medium strip, or a speed limit greater than 50km/h, or on a one way road with more than one marked line.*
Riding a bicycle to and from school - Parents/carers are responsible for children riding bicycles to and from school. Generally speaking, children under the age of twelve do not have the neuro-physiological and psychological development to cope with complex traffic situations on their own. Road safety authorities recommend that before the age of nine or ten years children should not ride a bicycle in traffic without adult supervision. Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision. Children under the age of twelve may ride on footpaths as may a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children’s crossings. Children aged twelve years or older are required by law to ride on the road. **ALL cyclists are required by law to wear a helmet.** Schools are obliged to notify parents and carers (via a notification letter) when a student is seen to be not wearing or incorrectly wearing a bicycle helmet when riding to or from school.

I would also encourage our parents/carers to take the time to reinforce the *Safe People, Safe Places* messages with children, including:

* Avoid walking on your own and instead walk with other family members, friends or an adult you know;
* Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people;
* Make sure your parents or another adult knows where you are at all times;
* Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to;
* Know where safe places are, such as a shop, service station, police station, library or school.
* If you are frightened, go to one of these places and ask them to call police.

Peta Hanson
Relieving Principal

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**Merit Awards**

These will be awarded to the students at the assembly on **Wednesday 5 November**

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BEACH BITES CANTEEN ROSTER

1) All volunteers, please wear closed shoes.
2) Please be sure to change your class on Flexi schools orders to ensure speedy delivery.

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SUPER HERO DAY

On Thursday 6 November, Week 5, we will be holding our annual Super Hero Day for Bear Cottage. Bear Cottage is a hospice that provides palliative and end of life care for children with life limiting illnesses.

Students are invited to dress up as their favourite super hero and bring along a donation. We are encouraging students to earn some money at home over the next few weeks by helping out with household chores, thereby being more personally involved in helping others.

Please support this very worthy cause.
Christine Neill
Teacher librarian

BAND NEWS

The final assembly concerts for all bands are coming up this term.

The bands are performing on the following dates from 9.15am in the school hall.

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Can all students and parents that are attending the Sydney Youth Orchestra’s concert at the Concourse, please meet at 2.40 pm to collect your tickets. The concert starts at 3.00 pm on Sunday 2 November. We are meeting on the steps outside the Concourse (same meeting spot as Spring Festival).

The SYO will perform from 3.00pm - 4.30pm. This weekend concert has been arranged for Band students.

Kind Regards
Elizabeth Flynn

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Open every Wednesday 8.30am - 9.30am, behind the canteen.

We sell good quality 2nd hand uniforms and new hats.
All donations are gratefully accepted.
All proceeds go to our P&C.

BEACH BITES

Friday, Oct 31st
Grades 3 - 6
(11:00 - 11:30pm)
Grades K - 2
(11:45 - 12:15pm)
All spooky treats $1 each
We are looking for parent volunteers to help with service
Year 5 Camp – Sydney Academy of Sport

Our Year 5 students (and teachers!) returned tired, but happy from camp last Friday. Our three days of action included some challenging experiences to develop leadership and team building skills in an outdoor learning environment. Congratulations to our students who mastered the high ropes, kayaked kilometres up river and survived ‘finger sword fights’ on the multi-purpose court!

This year our camp included Indigenous perspectives and we were fortunate enough to visit the carving site within the Sydney Academy, which is home to the Gai-Marigal people. From this site, we looked out over Narrabeen Lakes and across to the ocean. The carvings included many marine animals and my favourite, “The pearls of wisdom”!

The Sydney Academy congratulated our students on their behaviour and participation in the camp program – well done Year 5! Special thanks to Miss Piper, Mrs Martin and Mr Peachey for giving so generously of their time to provide such a wonderful experience for our students and to Ms Hanson for taking time out of her busy schedule to visit us on location!

Jennifer McCredie
(Organising Teacher)
How Cyber Smart Are You?

If you would like to attend next Wednesday night it is not too late. Simply let your child’s class teacher know via a note or email.

Manly Village PS, in conjunction with Manly Police, is hosting a Cyber Safety Evening with Leonie Smith for ALL parents on Wednesday 5 November 2014.

6:45 for a 7:00pm start in our school library!

Approximately 50 Manly Village families have responded to the Expression of Interest for our Cyber Safety evening next week with Leonie Smith, which is just wonderful!

Our 3 – 6 students learned a great deal about being safe online in the sessions they had with Manly Police officers last week, especially with regard to the legal age for social media accounts and the perils lying beneath seemingly safe sites.

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?

Leonie Smith, “The Cyber Safety Lady” helps parents navigate through the digital minefield with up to date information on the latest online trends and apps. Leonie gives parents practical tips on how to parent in the digital age.

Jennifer McCredie
(Organising Teacher)

Community News

Lifeline Book Fair - 21-23 November at Balgowlah Boys Campus, Cnr Sydney Road and Maretimo Street, Balgowlah. Friday 21 November, 4pm-9pm, Saturday 22 November, 9am-5pm and Sunday 23 November, 9am-2pm.

Mad Hatters Spring Fair - at Manly Vale Public School on Sunday 9 November from 11am-4pm. Cake decorating, food stalls, crazy hair and face painting. Buskers and fabulous prizes to be won.!
Key points to remember around schools

4 Hold your child’s hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath.
- in the car park.
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

5 Helmet and safety on wheels

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.

Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au