Welcome back to Term 4
It was so lovely to welcome everyone back this morning to Term 4. Refreshed and revitalized, everyone looked superb in their full summer uniform and incredibly eager to get back into the swing of things. Although they so quickly become a memory, I hope everyone treasured the special times spent with loved ones that holiday periods provide. Term 4 is always a busy, but exciting term with many highly anticipated activities. We extend a warm welcome to our new MVPS families who have joined us this term. We also welcome back Mrs Hillier who has enjoyed a wonderful overseas adventure and thank Mrs Luci McDonnell for her wonderful work with 1H during Mrs Hillier’s absence. It gives me great pleasure to inform our community that I will be continuing in the role of Principal this term and Mrs Susan Young will continue the wonderful work she is doing as Deputy Principal.

A special visit to MVPS
MVPS was delighted to welcome some special past students in the last week of term. The lovely ladies in the photo (Crystal, Jill, Dianne, Beth, Helen and Ann) were all students of Manly Village in the late 1950s when we were the Manly Home Science School. The ladies enjoyed a tour of our school, shared many wonderful stories of their time here and were amazed at how different our school is now. It is always lovely to hear from past students, to share their special memories and hear their own personal journeys. We love that our past students regard our school so highly that they love to come back and visit! Importantly, these special visitors really represent the significance and meaning of long lasting friendship. I am certain that we have many current Manly Village friendships that will sustain over many years as well.
Marshmallow Challenge
MVPS staff Professional Learning involved a team building session on the last Tuesday of term 3. The Marshmallow Challenge is a fun, yet instructive design exercise that encourages teams to experience simple but profound lessons in collaboration, innovation and creativity. We had lots of fun and enhanced our own 21st century learning skills!

MVPS Star Students!
Congratulations to the following stage 3 students recently selected as finalists in the Sydney Youth Writing competition.

- Emily B (short story 5 & 6) - **Convict Girl**
- Sarah M (short story 5 & 6) - **First Time Last**
- Anika S (poetry 5 & 6) - **On delicate scales**
- Amy R (poetry 5 & 6) - **My life is one**
- Tom W (poetry 5 & 6) - **I spy, I hear**

This is a wonderful competition that encourages and inspires young people to enjoy their writing. What a fabulous achievement by some very talented writers!

Congratulations to Samuel H of 5J who will be performing in the Australian Ballet’s production of **The Nutcracker** later this year. What a wonderful achievement!

Congratulations also to Ella R and Annabelle M of 6/5P who were selected to be members of the Interstate Training Program for the Australian Ballet. Well done girls! Laura V of 6D is also a member of this program and spent a week of her holidays participating in classes with the Australian Ballet in Melbourne. Well done Laura!

We also congratulate the wonderful Winter V who, as a result of his amazing fundraising efforts, will be travelling to the Mentawai islands next week to provide water filters to villages and schools in need. What a wonderfully humble global citizen you are! Making changes in our world – one wave at a time!

School Council Meeting
Our last School Council meeting was held on Wednesday 17 September. At this meeting we briefly reviewed the School Council Constitution, ratified the school enrolment policy and looked at budget and expenditure of our Library/Building fund. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 October. This meeting will be the School Council AGM.

Peta Hanson
Relieving Principal

Hall Family Fundraiser
Our Manly Village PS community is so generous and giving and it was just fantastic to observe the whole school get on board to help out a Manly Village family really in need of our support with our green mufti day! Our entire school was awash with many different shades of green and many vibrant green outfits including full fluoro green bodysuits!. The final fundraising result exceeded all expectations! An unbelievable $3000 was raised to assist the Hall family on their journey to better health! Congratulations and thank you MVPS community!

Below is a special message to our community from Nick.

**A Big Thank You!**

Dear Manly Village Staff, Parents and especially pupils.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of Staff, Parents and Children at Manly Village and have been amazed at the genuine warmth we feel from those at the school. It has been a wonderful experience for us to see the community gathering around us and helping us out in our time of need. People we don’t know have made a real difference in our lives and that helps us to remember the world is good. You have all helped to make us feel incredibly special, and have helped us on the path to better health.

Many thanks to you all, we hope to see you back in Manly soon.

Nick, Fiona, Max and Jessica

Should you be interested in finding out further information about Lyme disease and the current medical research, the following links may be of interest to you:

* Lyme Disease Association of Australia- [www.lymedisease.org.au](http://www.lymedisease.org.au)
Winter Blasts Off!

During the holidays Winter V competed in the BL BlastOff - the largest junior surf competition in the country.

Held over 4 days, Winter progressed strongly in each of his heats, winning the highly competitive Under 10s final in a mature display of strength and style.

He is also just about to embark on his first trip as a Waves 4 Water ambassador to the Mentawai islands. He and his family will be travelling to the islands of Pulau Karangmajat and Siberut to implement water filters to villages and schools who access their water from streams and rivers. Winters’ fundraising efforts will provide 60 water filters to the Mentawai region, providing clean water to a potential 6000 people. He and his family will be trained in all aspects of the W4W clean water solution program for future trips.
These will be awarded to the students at the assembly on Wednesday 15 October.

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Tricks for encouraging kids to read
Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they’ve enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at http://bit.ly/HLPmB9

How much water does your child really need?
Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don’t feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child’s school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child’s age at http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo

Private tutoring
Are you thinking about a private tutor to complement your child’s education? School A to Z explores questions about what to look for in a tutor, what you would want your child to achieve and tips on what to ask a potential tutor. http://bit.ly/K5aczo

Leaving your child at home alone
At some point it will be necessary to leave your child home alone for a short period of time. There is no actual law in Australia that states what age a child can be left alone, but parents are legally responsible for their child’s safety and wellbeing. You may be nervous the first few times (although most kids are excited about the independence) so making some clear ‘home alone’ rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and how to stay safe. Read more here: http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9

Team sports – more than health benefits
As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don’t go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits discussed here: http://bit.ly/HlgxVO
Summer Sports
Welcome back to a great term of sport. Our fabulous summer sports program begins this Friday. Please ensure your child is aware of the things they need for their chosen sport and when and where they are meeting their supervising teacher.

Sailing: Must have appropriate footwear - crocs, sailing shoes, old sneakers that can get wet are ok. Thongs are not permitted. Sunscreen, hat, drink and appropriate swimwear, shorts, rash vest for sailing. Mrs Brooks will be supervising sailing.

Kayaking and SUP: Sunscreen, hat, drink and appropriate swimwear, shorts, rash vest etc. Mrs McCredie will generally supervise kayaking but Miss Piper will go this week. Mrs Martin will be supervising SUP boarding.

Surf Skills: Sunscreen, hat, drink and appropriate swimwear, shorts etc. Rash vests are provided. Wet suits can be worn if needed to keep warm. Mrs Donaldson and Miss Baxter will supervise surf skills.

Beach Volleyball: Sunscreen, hat, drink. Miss Campbell will be supervising beach volleyball.

Swimming: Swimwear, drink. Please no lunch orders as the bus leaves at 1.05. A quick snack will be eaten before the lesson and lunch on return to school at 2.45pm. Miss Troy will supervise swimming.

Tennis: Sunscreen, hat and drink. Children are welcome to bring their own racquet, however tennis racquets will be provided if required. Ms Bailey and Miss Hutchison will supervise tennis.

School Sport: Sunscreen, hat and drink. As the available space at school is limited, one group of children and a supervising teacher will use the local community facilities (Manly Beach, Shelley Beach, or grass areas) to participate in their sports program. Children will leave at 2pm and return to school by 3.10pm. Mrs Hennessy, Mrs Spillane and Mr Peachey will be taking school sport. Children involved in water sports should bring a plastic bag for their wet gear. Children are not permitted to walk back to school in swimwear or in bare feet. It is expected that children will return to school wearing their school uniform or a top and shorts and a pair of shoes (thongs permitted). Please also ensure all Waivers for Sailing, Kayaking, SUP and Surf Skills have been returned to the school office by Thursday.

Sherelle Spillane
Sports Co-ordinator

BOOK SWAP
Many thanks to all the families who supported our book swap. We raised $1,020 for Indigenous Literacy Project supporting Aboriginal students in remote areas of Australia.

Great effort!

Christine Neill
Teacher librarian

K-2 CHOIR
K-2 Choir will start on Thursday morning in Week 2.

Miss Green and Mrs Docker look forward to seeing you at the flagpole at 8.30am.

Mrs Docker and Miss Green
**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 mid October, Program is suitable for children in primary school. For more details: www.TechScience.com.au or email info@TechScience.com.au

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**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.**

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

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**Community News**

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.