9 December 2014

Farewell to three very capable teachers
At the end of this year we farewell three of our highly regarded and dearly loved staff members. It is always sad to farewell dear colleagues and friends and we do this with heavy hearts. However, we wish them all the happiness in the world as they embark on their new adventures and know they will remember us fondly.

Farewell Miss Baxter
We have been extremely fortunate to have worked closely with Miss Baxter. A highly organised and talented classroom practitioner, she has a deep understanding of how children learn and carefully monitors the children’s performance on a daily basis to ensure they are progressing to the best of their ability. Her understanding and genuine care for every child in her classroom, careful consideration for how best to teach them coupled with her ability to differentiate her lessons to cater for all the learning needs in her classroom is most impressive. We thank Miss Baxter for her leadership, for being the exceptional teacher she is and for sharing, each and every day, her fabulous (*dry) sense of humour with us. Wishing you all the very best for your move down to Wollongong with Sam, Snarf and Lucifer!

Farewell Mrs Brooks
Farewell to our beautiful Mrs Brooks, as she moves to the Central Coast and into her newly built dream home with her husband, Grant and furbaby, Bailey. Mrs Brooks is an incredibly talented, dedicated and caring teacher. Each year, she develops the most beautiful rapport with the children in her class and works so hard to foster a learning environment that is secure, welcoming and nurturing where all students are supported and develop the confidence to achieve to the highest level of which they are capable. Any student who has been taught by Mrs Brooks is absolutely blessed. The children, teachers and parents will miss seeing your smiling face and warm, friendly personality. We look forward to hearing how you are going and know that you will keep in touch.

Dates for your Diary

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PRESENTATION DAY
Please ensure that students are in their full school uniform for the Presentation Day assembly.
Sports uniform is not be worn on the day.

From the Principal

What’s due?
Year 2 (Year 3 2015)
Sport notes

P & C meets at 7pm the 2nd Monday of each month during school terms.
mvpspandc@gmail.com
Farewell Mrs Lowe

Mrs Lowe has enthusiastically and so incredibly capably taught KM since the beginning of semester two. The children and parents of KM and the staff are so grateful for her fabulous work. Mrs Lowe works collaboratively with the kindy team of teachers, sharing ideas and experiences and has worked tirelessly to be the most professional teacher she can be. I thank Mrs Lowe for her dedication, for taking such beautiful care of our lovely kindy kids and for being such a kind, calm, warm, respected and professional member of staff. How sad it is you are leaving us, but we do wish you all the best as you move into your new home on the Central Coast with your husband, Clint and new puppy, Frankie.

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergy which can be life threatening. As we have students at our school with such allergies, we ask that children avoid bringing food containing nuts and eggs to school. Thank you for your understanding and support in this regard.

Beach Carnival

The weather was ‘beach carnival perfect’ and there were laughs and smiles all around last week when the K-2 children ventured down to the beach for the annual beach carnival. The children were involved in all kinds of activities including: sand castle competitions, running races and water bucket relays. It was wonderful to see so many parents having a wonderful time with the children and teachers as they offered invaluable assistance and enthusiastic encouragement. The events were extremely well organised thanks to this year’s coordinators, Annie Aitken and Andri Courouzos, as well as all the teachers and parents who helped out.

Reports home this week

All students’ semester two reports will be sent home tomorrow, Wednesday 10 December. For Mrs Young and myself, it has been an absolute pleasure to read through each child’s report, gaining a snapshot of the incredible efforts students have put into their learning over the semester. I thank our amazing teachers for the incredible thought, care and consideration that has gone into each highly individual report. Please be sure to check your child’s bag tomorrow! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s teacher.

Thank you to our creative mums!

Thank you to the incredibly creative group of mums who worked so hard behind the scenes to create the amazing costumes worn by our students at the Dance Concert last week! All of our students looked absolutely amazing! We are all so grateful for your assistance and sharing your incredible creative talents with us! Thank you also to the wonderful mums who have offered to assist tidying up and organising the costume cupboard with Miss Piper so that it is all ready to go for our Dance 2015 spectacular. We are most appreciative!

Playground Safety

Please be reminded that children should not be playing on the play equipment before or after school as the equipment requires direct teacher supervision. The staff would appreciate parents supporting us in reinforcing the playground rules with their children. After school supervision responsibility ends at 3:15pm and therefore there is no scheduled adult staff member on duty to ensure the safety of children or members of our school community after that time. It is therefore necessary for any students remaining in the school grounds to be supervised by their parents.

We thank you for your ongoing support in this regard.
MVPS’s Caine’s Arcade Day of Play  
Wednesday 10 December

The stage 2 classes have been having so much fun building their cardboard arcade games. The Day of Play is on Wednesday 10 December. Please remember to bring your silver or gold coin donations to play.

After much research, the stage 2 students have decided all money raised will go to the Smile Like Drake charity. It is a charity that provides water safety on Australian beaches and waterways.

The game times are listed below:

9:30am-9:55 am - Setting up
9:55am-10:25am - Game time 1
10:25am-10:55am - Game time 2
10:55am-11:20am - RECESS
11:20am-12:10pm - Break for Scripture/Ethics and re-set up
12:10pm-12:40pm - Game time 3
12:40pm-1:05pm - Game time 4
1:05pm-1:55pm - LUNCH
1:55pm-2:35pm - Game time 5
2:35pm-3:15pm - Pack up/Wrap up

We look forward to a fun filled game day.

For more information on Caine’s Arcade please watch the video on how Caine’s Arcade Global Cardboard Challenge came about: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=falFNkdq96U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=falFNkdq96U)

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**Sports Report**

Children in Year 2 have received their sport choice notes for term 1, 2015. Please ensure they are returned by Friday this week.

Our 3-6 Summer Sport Program concluded last Friday with another fabulous day of swimming, surfing, sailing, paddle boarding and kayaking in the muggy weather. This week Years 3-5 sport will be in class/grades. Some teachers may take their children out of school into the local area for school sport, utilising the beach and local parks. Year 6 are at the Waterworks!

The school sport group that is going to Flip Out for their excursion will meet Mrs Spillane and Mr Peachey under the bus shelter cola at 1.30pm. They will receive a waiver for Flip Out tomorrow and will need to have it returned prior to boarding the bus on Friday.

Sherelle Spillane
Sports Co-ordinator
TRAINING BAND NEWS

The interest to join Training Band in 2015 has been overwhelming. However, we must ask all our keen parents and students to be patient. Elizabeth Flynn, our administrator, is now on leave, and any announcements regarding instrument allocation and hire cannot be done before her return. In the meantime, as mentioned at the Band Information Evening, it is really important to consider the level of commitment needed to participate in the Band program. It is a big, but extremely worthwhile commitment by all involved, both parents and students.

The commitment includes the following;

* You must arrange and pay for weekly lessons with a private tutor.
* You must pay for the cost of hiring or buying an instrument.
* You need to devote time encouraging your child to practise at home at least five times a week.
* You need to get your child to all rehearsals and concerts throughout the year. (Remember some concerts are after school hours and on weekends).
* We may need you to volunteer some of your time for morning rehearsals and events like Band Camp.

If you can answer in the positive to all of the above, band will be an enjoyable experience for you and your children. It is hard work, but very rewarding. Please ensure you read the 2015 Band Information Booklet and return signed commitment forms to the box in the office.

Band Information booklets are also available on the school’s website.

We thank our wonderful Vicki Busse for her terrific work as MVPS Band Secretary over the last few years. Vicki will be leaving us at the end of this year. We welcome Greg Heesom to the Band Committee as our new Band Secretary! Greg can be contacted at the following email address, mvpsbandsecretary@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to 2015, and discovering all of Manly Village’s hidden talents.

Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Anne Keogh
(Senior and Concert Band Coordinator)

BEACH BITES

CANTINEEN ROSTER

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1. Inviting all canteen helpers to a short but sweet afternoon tea on Wednesday, 17 December in the canteen from 2pm
2. A reminder that there will be no Flexischool lunch orders on the last day of term, Wednesday, 17 December. Canteen will be open for morning tea and over the counter lunch orders only... no frozen items for sale that day...

Cheers and thank you all Sooooo much for your help and support this year - couldn't have done it without you.

Lori xxx
JUNIOR FIRST AID

Year 6 participated in a Junior 1st Aid course conducted by the Australian Surf Life Saving Club.

The following pictures show how proficient year 6 were in applying 1st aid techniques.
2015 STATIONERY PACKS

The P&C have worked with the teachers and staff at Humphreys to organise the stationery lists for next year. The lists will be sent out via the school soon.

The stationery packs are also available to purchase on Flexischools directly from Humphreys. To do this: Log on to Flexischools.com.au, enter your user name or password, or if it's your first time on the site, register and enter each child into the system, including their current year and class (or new starter). Select stationery orders and choose the stationery pack for the year the child will be in for 2015. Pay by credit card or a bank transfer.

If ordered before the start of term, the packs will be delivered to your child in their classroom in the first week of school. They will come home with your child to check and label.

Orders placed before Tuesday in weeks two and three will be delivered to school at the end of these weeks. By ordering through Humphreys, you will be supporting the P&C. Humphreys donated over $1110 to the school P&C last year from school stationery packs.

Become an Ethics Teacher in 2015 at Manly Village Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

If you or any parent, carer, grandparent or school community member would like to become a Volunteer Ethics Teacher, then please register your interest now.

For more information and the full role description of an Ethics Teacher please go to: www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Jill Rowse, Manly Village PS Volunteer Ethics Co-ordinator, at: manlyvillageethics@hotmail.com

Community News

My Learning Lab Summer Camp - Does your child need a little reading, writing and spelling boost before school goes back? Join our fun filled program where children also learn how to use technology to enhance their language skills in class. Visit mylearninglab.com.au. Call Laura McManus on 0451 271 873. 20, 21 and 22 January at St. Matthew’s church function suite, Manly. 9.30am-11.30 a.m. Free spelling assessment with 3 day booking.