Dear Parents and Carers

Tomorrow we are hosting a thank you breakfast on the deck for all the wonderful helpers we have at our school. Please come along and enjoy the breakfast which will be supplied by our teachers. The breakfast is an opportunity for us to say a big thank you for all you do to support our amazing school.

We also welcome the Bally Boys Band tomorrow morning who will perform for us in the school hall at 9.30am. It will be great to see some of our ex Manly Village Public school students!

Yesterday a whole school rehearsal for the next week’s big dance concert was held. The students are certainly very excited about this event which will be held next Monday 7 December at 6pm. We ask all students to be delivered to the classrooms by 5pm. Thank you to Mr Turner for his organisation of this event.

Presentation Day will be held on Thursday 10 December, 2015 over two sessions.

The 3-6 presentation ceremony will be held in the school hall from 9.20am –11.00am. The 2016 school leaders will receive their badges during this presentation ceremony.

The K-2 presentation assembly will be held in the school hall from 12.15pm -1.30pm. Please join us to celebrate the achievements of our students in 2015.

All teachers are busy finalising end of school reports for each child. The reports will be sent home on Monday 14 December 2015.

Our Year 6 students are getting very close to the end of their primary school days and I must congratulate them on their settled behaviour and maturity over the past few weeks.

Cecily Bailey
Sport Coordinator

2016 Summer Sport

Could parents who haven’t paid for primary sport, please do so as soon as possible, so we can finalise the numbers and notify the providers.

Thank you

Cecily Bailey
Sport Coordinator
I am very much looking forward to sharing the next few weeks celebrating the end of primary school with them. Please check the calendar for all the upcoming year 6 events.

Last Wednesday 25 November was **White Ribbon Day** and a big thank you to all the students, teachers and parents who supported this campaign by buying a white ribbon. Mr Peachey and Mr Hosegood visited every class and discussed the promotion of respectful relationships in our school.

Many thanks also to Annetta Verduyn and Mel Koeman who helped design and create the amazing White Ribbon mural. They were assisted by the wonderfully talented Alfie, Andrew and Jonah from year 6. The mural will stand as a reminder to the children to treat one another with respect! Thank you to all for the tremendous support and purchasing of white ribbons.

This **Thursday 3 December**, K-2 students will head to the beach at 9.30am to participate in the annual **Beach Carnival** which will commence at **10.00am**. Parents are most welcome to join us at the beach.

Please ensure you apply sunscreen and send students to school wearing swimmers and a rash vest under their sports uniform. All students must wear a wide brimmed hat.

The students will not be entering the water at any time.

**Philippa Becker**  
Principal

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**A message from St Matthew’s Church**

As the year is drawing to a close, it is time to get ready for Christmas. We are so fortunate to live in this lovely place, with shelter and food. However, there is a growing number of people out the front of our school who don’t even have these basics.

In past years Manly Village have partnered with St Matthews Church, collecting items to gift these people with a Christmas hamper. It has been your giving which has significantly helped over 60 people.

This year at MVPS, we are collecting the following items;

- Kindy - Toothbrushes (Medium or soft) and toothpaste
- Year 1 - Shampoo (around 500ml)
- Year 2 - Conditioner (around 500ml)
- Year 3 - Bars of Soap
- Year 4 - Body wash (around 500ml)
- Year 5 - Small candy canes
- Year 6 - Small decorative chocolates e.g. Santas/stars etc.

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**Attention Year 5 Parents**

Year 6 students will be having a graduation ceremony and morning tea on Monday 14 December from 10am – 12pm. It is the tradition that Year 5 parents and students help organise their morning tea and celebrations.

We are asking for parents to please send in **ON THE MORNING OF THE 14 DECEMBER** any cakes, muffins, fruit, sweet/savoury items. Your help will be greatly appreciated by the Year 6 kids!

Could you please reply to Mari Notaras at mari.notaras@optusnet.com.au if you are able to help bake/purchase some items so we know what we can expect.
**2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

Open every Wednesday
8.30am - 9.30am
behind the canteen

We sell good quality 2nd hand uniforms
and new hats.

**Massive Clearance Sale**
All Uniforms
$5

**Wednesday 9 December**
8.30am - 9.30am

Pickles –
Don’t leave purchasing uniforms from Pickles till
the end of January. Get in early and avoid the
holiday rush.

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**BEACH BITES**
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**Stage 2 Choir**

Stage Two choir students have been invited to
sing Christmas Carols at the Meals on Wheels
Service at St Matthew’s Church, Manly.

**When**: Tuesday 15 December.
**Time**: 11:30am-12:00 noon.

**How we’re getting there**: Students will walk
across the road at 11:25am, accompanied by
Miss Courouzos and Miss Franko.

**What is Meals on Wheels?** The service delivers
meals to people who live in the Manly Local Gov-
ernment Area and North Balgowlah. Meals on
Wheels is about the frail, aged and people with
disabilities and their carers, being able to continue
to live comfortably in their own home.

This event is a local excursion and does not re-
quire a permission slip. It has approval from the
Principal. Both teachers have current First Aid and
CPR training.

Yours merrily,
Miss Courouzos and Miss Franko

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**Library News**

Please ensure that all library books are re-
turned as we prepare for stocktake.

Thank you

Christine Neill
Teacher Librarian

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**REMINDER**

‘BREKKY ON THE DECK’
TOMORROW MORNING FROM 8.15AM

If you haven’t replied and wish to attend
please call the school office on 9977 3066.
Stationery lists for 2016

MVPS P & C have coordinated with the teachers and Humphreys to provide a stationery list for Back To School in 2016. These lists are included in a separate email and also on flexischools (http://www.flexischools.com.au) to buy as a complete pack from Humphreys that will be delivered to your child at school in the first full week of term next year. Humphreys gift a percentage of the profit from these purchases to the school P & C fundraising account.

We have split the lists into two parts, a 'consumables only' list, so you can re-use your scissors, rulers, clipboards etc from previous years, and the full list. Both lists can be purchased from Humphreys through the Flexischools system, but can be sourced from elsewhere if you want to.

If ordering through Flexischools, please remember to select the list for the year that your child will be in, in 2016. We will find them in their new classroom at the start of next term, so keep the order as their current 2015 class name.

Thank you, MVPS P & C

CHANGES TO BUS APPLICATIONS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SCHOOL OPAL CARD

From term 2016, Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal Cards to students eligible for travel under the School Transport Scheme via a new online application process.

Most parents and students won’t need to apply for a School Opal card if they have already been given a school student travel pass and will automatically receive a School Opal card in 2016.

Parents will need to apply if the student:

- is just starting school and has not had a pass before
- is in a transition year (ie. year 2 to 3, or 6 to 7
- is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school
- or, if the student’s personal details have changed (eg. address).

Existing pass holders will have their school opal cards automatically sent to schools. Any new applications will be sent directly to the student's nominated address.

Schools will no longer keep the application forms as parents can go online from 2 November 2015 to complete their application form, print it out and return to the school. For lost, stolen or damaged passes, parents simply need to visit www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131500 to order a new opal card.

How to apply - * Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students
  * Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement
  * The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application..

The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required.

Community News

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE - in support of Fairlight, Manly Cubs and Scouts, Saturday and Sunday 5-6 December from 6.30am till sold out. Hinkler Park, Pittwater Road, Manly near Manly lagoon.

Does your child need a little reading/spelling boost before the 2016 school year starts? We can help sort out some of those little niggles from last year as well as build confidence. Your child will learn some great spelling tips and techniques through our teaching and fun games. Free spelling assessment provided. Come along to our summer camp! Tuesday 19 - Thursday 21 January (9.30-11.30), St. Matthews Church, Manly. Contact My Education Station, Laura McManus - 0451 271 873. Visit www.myeducationstation.com.au for more information.