Dear Parents and Carers

While we hit the second last week of the year, there is still a lot to get through before the holidays are here.

Please make sure you take the time to read the calendar of events to make sure that you don’t miss anything!

Wow, what a wonderful event last night at the annual dance concert.

It was a true celebration of this semester’s dance tuition with wonderfully colourful acts from every class. It was so good to see every child giving it ‘their all’ on stage and most of all having fun while performing.

I thought the Year 6 finale was fantastic with everyone participating for a great ending to the evening.

Thank you to our two dance instructors Nardia Green and Jen Bels for the fantastic choreography and work with the students to create such entertaining items for every class.

A huge thank you must also go to the parents who assisted in making the costumes and helping each class teacher before the concert with makeup and hair.

A very special thank you to Mr Turner for his smooth organisation of the event and to Enrico, Sophie, Bridget, Mr Stuart, Mr Eris and Mr Gus for their valued assistance with the setup, general organisation and clean-up of and after the event.

The end of year reports will be sent home next Monday 14 December 2015.
The report reflects your child’s learning journey and achievements during the second semester of this school year.

It should be noted, that the achievement codes are described on the front of the reports to ensure you understand your child’s achievement level across all subjects and that if a ‘sound’ grade is awarded using these codes, it represents significant achievement.

Last week we hosted a wonderful concert from the Balgowlah Boy’s Concert Band.

The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and showcased what was possible as a band member as individual music talents grow and develop. It was wonderful to see some of our ex students and to enjoy their enthusiasm for dancing and music! You can see by the photos that everyone had a great time!

Congratulations to Celia P who recently participated in the NSW Girls Soccer squad at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. The team was successful in gaining a silver medal. What an absolutely impressive sporting achievement for Celia. Well done!

Congratulations also to Tia and Sophie M in winning the Primary Girls team event and Year 6 tennis doubles at Pennant Hills recently. Fantastic effort!

We look forward to this week’s Presentation Day ceremony which will be held on Thursday 10 December beginning at 9.20am for the 3-6 assembly and at 12.15pm for the K-2 assembly.

The Presentation Day awards ceremony is a celebration of academic, sport, music and leadership achievements.

This year we welcome special guests Mr Sebastian Szambowski, an ex-pupil of Manly Village Public School to the 3-6 ceremony and Mr Mike Baird, Premier NSW to the K-2 ceremony.

On Friday 11 December, the Honours Assembly will be held to present students from Years 3-6 with certificates and awards which were not able to be handed out at Presentation Day due to time restraints. This assembly will be held at 9.30am in the school hall.

Next week we join together to highlight the achievements and bid farewell to our Year 6 students. I know many of the families will be leaving the Manly Village school community and are feeling rather sad in doing so.

We are very much looking forward to the special assembly and graduation speeches, the dinner and disco on Monday 14 December and all the other activities planned to give Year 6 a memorable farewell from the school next week. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers for your wonderful planning of this event.

I wish you well as families keeping up with all that is going on both at our amazing school and beyond at this busy time of the year.

Philippa Becker
Principal
As many of you know, Manly’s wonderful Noah’s Ark childcare centre ceased to operate at the end of 2014. Countless MVPS families, past and present, were fortunate enough to send their children to Noah’s Ark over the years, and the school maintained an important relationship with the staff and Director of Noah’s Ark, in order to ensure a smooth transition to big school.

When the centre closed it’s doors, Director Margaret Thwaites wanted to distribute the remaining funds raised over the years between the schools that the Noah’s Ark children went on to attend.

Manly Village Public School and the Noah’s Ark families would like to thank Margaret and Noah’s Ark for such a generous gesture, and wish her well for her future endeavours.

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**SPORTS REPORT**

As the year is winding down we have a few HUGE congratulations to share with our school community.

Celia participated in the Pacific School Games in Adelaide as part of the NSW Girls Football Team. The Pacific School Games has participants from countries including India, Fiji, China, Macau, New Zealand and Pakistan. The Girls Football team played games each day, sometimes two games in a day. Throughout the tournament Celia scored 4 goals for her team and helped secure their place in the final, where they came 2nd overall. She had a fantastic time in Adelaide and gained an experience of a lifetime. Thank you to everyone in our community that supported her through our mufti day and good wishes.

Tia and Sophie participated in the Schools Tennis Tournament run by the Pennant Hills Tennis Association. They participated in the Year 6 singles, Primary Doubles, and Primary Teams events.

Tia and Sophie were opponents in the quarter finals of the girls singles with Tia winning in a close match. She went on to play in the semi finals, being defeated. A great effort to get to that level of a challenging tournament.

Tia and Sophie were partners in the doubles and teams tournaments. After being successful in the rounds they were the winners of the Year 6 Girls Doubles event and winners of the Primary Teams event.

Congratulations to both girls on a very busy, and very hot few days of tennis.

All notes for Term 1, 2016 sport should be returned to the office with payment for your chosen sport. If you have yet to return your notes, please do so as soon as possible. If you require a new note, please ask the office for a copy of the sport you would like your child to enrol in. Places in several sports are full and a limited option of sport is now available.

Kind regards,
Sherelle Spillane

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**Scholastic Book Club Reminder**

Parents who ordered from Book Club Issue 8, the Christmas orders have arrived for collection UNTIL WEDNESDAY 16 December from the school office. All are bundled and labelled with your family name in alphabetical order.

Any queries contact Karina Hankinson 0419 910 420.
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

Manly Village School Uniform Review

At the P&C meeting this Tuesday 8 December at 7pm, you have the opportunity to vote on the changes to the Manly Village School Uniform Policy.

Just to clarify........

* The survey conducted by the P&C Uniform Committee earlier in the year was to gather parent’s, student's and staff's ideas, however it is only at the meeting on Tuesday that the final vote will occur.

* To be eligible to vote you must be a P&C member of one month or more. Anyone can come along and observe the proceedings.

* A 75 percent majority is needed for a change to occur.

We thank you for your participation in this process and welcome you all.

P&C Uniform Committee

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.

Community News

**St Augustines Basketball Camps** - Competitions with prizes. Limited spots. Cost $90. bdaltbasketball@optusnet.com.au

Camp 1 ; Monday 21st , Tuesday 22nd , Wednesday 23rd December 2015

Camp 2 ; Thursday 7th , Friday 8th, Saturday 9th January 2016

Camp 3 ; Thursday 14th , Friday 15th, Saturday 16th January 2016

Times for all three camps : 10.30am – 1pm . Enquiries 0405 158 598

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.