Come and find out more information about some of our local high schools
As mentioned last Sea Sider, on Monday 16 February at 6pm, we invite any interested parents to an information session about high school. Principals from Mackellar Girls and Balgowlah Boys will visit the school to give a brief presentation and answer questions about life at high school. I encourage any parent wanting to know more about what to expect when their children go to high school to attend. This year, for convenience, the session will be held prior to the stage 3 Meet the Teacher session at 6pm in our school library. We aim to conclude by 6:30pm so parents can then attend the Meet the Teacher session.

Meet the Teacher—repeated from last Sea Sider!
We warmly welcome you to our Meet the Teacher sessions held on the following days and times per year/stage group:

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Please note that as her class crosses stages, Miss Piper will hold her 4/5H Meet the Teacher session on Monday 16 February. A separate information note explaining Miss Piper’s organisation for the evening will be sent home with and emailed to the families in her class. Please keep the times free as our Meet the Teacher sessions provide you with an opportunity to meet your child/ren’s teachers and to learn about what programs and procedures have been planned for the upcoming year. All parents are encouraged and welcome to attend the relevant sessions. We look forward to seeing you then.
Working with Children Check

The Working With Children Check is an important part of the Department's recruitment process to prevent unsuitable people from working with children in schools. The Department's commitment to ensuring the welfare of students is a paramount consideration when reviewing the suitability of employees. All employees, including volunteers, in Departmental workplaces who are performing work that primarily involves direct contact with children are required to complete a Working With Children Check Declaration and provide Proof of Identity that meets the 100 point check. This includes parents who help in the classroom, volunteer in the canteen and help at other activities, e.g. school sport, P&C discos etc. Forms are available from the school office or can be found on the school website. We love having you volunteer and assist in our school. Your kids love it too! Many parents have already completed this form already; however, if you volunteer in any capacity in our school and you are yet to complete a declaration, please complete one of these forms as soon as possible.

Peta Hanson
Relieving Principal

High School Open Day Information

Northern Beaches Secondary College
Open Days 2015

Prospective students are invited to Open Days at the following schools:

Balgowlah Boys' Campus
Open Day: Tuesday 24th February 9.30 – 11.30am
Information Night: Wednesday 25th February 6.30 – 7.30pm in the school hall.
Enquiries: 9949 4200 Principal: Paul Sheather

Mackellar Girls' Campus
Open Day: Tuesday 24th February 8.30 – 11.30am
Information Night: Thursday 26th February 6.30 – 7.30pm
Enquiries: 9949 2083 Principal: Christine Del Gallo

Manly Selective Campus
Open Day: Thursday 26th February 9.30 – 11.30am
Enquiries: 9905 3982 Principal: Anthony Rudd

Cromer Campus
Cromer Festival Open Evening: Monday 16th February 4.00 – 7.00pm
Enquiries: 9981 1155 Principal: Justin Hong

Academic Placement Test
For 2016 Year 7 academic extension classes at Balgowlah Boys’ Campus, Mackellar Girls’ Campus and Cromer Campus:
Closing dates: MGC Friday 27th February, BBC & CC Tuesday 3rd March
Balgowlah and Cromer applications are available on the College website: www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au
Enquiries: Lorna Curtis 9939 6942
Mackellar applications available from the school website and from the school: 9949 2083
Test date: Thursday 19th March 2015 9:00am
College Principal: Neil Worsley Enquiries: 9939 6942

Scripture/Ethics

In 2015, Manly Village is offering the following classes: Bahai (K-2), Buddhism (K-2), Catholic (K-6), General (K-6), Ethics (K-6) & Non-Scripture (K-6).

Scripture classes commence on Wednesday 18 February. Students from K-6 attend 40 minute scripture sessions each Wednesday. 3-6 classes are held 11:20-12:00pm and K-2 classes are held 12:10-12:50pm. Students will remain in their chosen 2014 scripture class for 2015 unless the office has been notified in writing. If you would like your child to be placed in a different class for 2015 please complete the 2015 Class Scripture Options form attached to the newsletter. The note should be returned to the office by Friday 13 February. We kindly ask that changes are kept to a minimum to avoid disruption to classes and to help with the smooth running and organisation of scripture/ethics.

It is a requirement that students interested in ethics classes are those who have been in non-scripture classes. If your child is currently attending a special religious class and you would like your child to be moved into ethics you will need to fill in the form below. Please be advised that there are waiting lists for some classes.

Nicole Troy
Scripture Co-ordinator

Student’s Name: ________________________ Class ________________________

☐ I give permission for my child to be moved into Non Scripture and be changed into Ethics when space becomes available.

Parent’s/Carer’s signature ________________________ Date ________________________
Year 2 – School Fundraising

Attention Year 2 Parents: This is the year to show your support for our kids’ beautiful school, your chance to give back + to contribute to what is always a highlight for many throughout the school year. We’ve had some ideas for a trivia night, a cocktail function, re-usable coffee mugs and a sporting/yoga event! If you’d like to drive any of these fundraising initiatives, be involved in some way or have another idea altogether, please contact P&C President, Neale Siebert (neale@espressocollective.com.au).

MVPS Fundraising Team 2014

BEACH BITES
CANTEEN ROSTER

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Class lists have been updated on Flexi Schools - Please change your child's class at your earliest convenience.

Thank You
Lori

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

Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival is planned for Friday 20 February from 10am - 2.30pm. Notes will be forwarded home with information regarding the carnival and a permission note to be returned.

All children in Years 3 - 6 will attend. Children in Year 2 who turn 8 this year, and are competent swimmers, are invited to attend. We encourage participation from anyone who is able to swim 50m. If your child is nervous not confident, but is able to swim, they can nominate to be closely supervised in their swim. This means they will wear a special coloured fluorescent band around their wrists and be marshalled into the outside lanes near the pool edge. There will be supervision on the pool deck for all children, with particular attention to children wearing orange coloured bands.

All events are 50 metres, with the exception of the 100 metre open freestyle event. Freestyle events are by the age your child is turning this year. Backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly events are in Junior, 11 year old and Senior age categories.

For our carnival to run smoothly we need parent helpers. Please consider supporting our school carnival by volunteering your time (half a day would also be wonderful). Parent helpers are required for timekeeping and lifesaving duties (lifesaving volunteers are required to hold a bronze medallion). There is a section on the information note for parent volunteers to fill in and return.

Kind regards,
Sherelle Spillane
Carnival Organiser
Parents of small children

Dirty nappies are being left in the rubbish bins at school, usually in the morning at drop off time. These become quite smelly in the hot sun by lunchtime.

We would appreciate if you could take your soiled nappies home for disposal.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is now open on Friday mornings before the bell.

Saving money is fun! Earn a reward for every 10 deposits made. Make 25 deposits within the year and you could win a trip to Disneyland.

All the proceeds from our Manly Village School Bank go towards supporting a struggling village in Africa.

If you are interested in opening an account, stop by and we will tell you how to get started.

We are a SunSmart School!

SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK, SLIDE

We have again been accredited as a NSW Cancer Council SunSmart School! As a SunSmart school we are required to adhere to a policy of wearing wide brim hats. With this being the case we would like to remind everyone that all students must wear their wide brim hat during play before school, at recess and at lunch. A copy of the SunSmart plan can be viewed in the school office and canteen. A copy has also been attached to this week’s newsletter. Don’t forget to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide; or in other words slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek shade and slide on some sunglasses.

Nicole Troy
SunSmart Co-ordinator

ATTENTION PARENTS

The school requires complete student, family and medical information. The information provided is used for parent communications, in the event of illness or accident and to assist in the organisation of excursions and/or sporting activities.

Details currently on record at the school may have changed; it is a requirement of enrolment that parents/guardians provide all known contact details, medical and family information about their child to the school.

Please contact the school office
manlyvill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
to advise of any changes.

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.

Community News

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 TechScience term starts February 16th/17th, 2015. Program is suitable for children in primary school from year 2 and up. For more details: www.TechScience.com.au or email info@TechScience.com.au

Manly Warringah Sea Eagles — Registrations are now open for U6’s to U15’s on Wednesday 11 March at 4.30pm Nolan’s Reserve, North Manly. Contact Jacky McCauley 0413 514 809 or visit www.manlybrothers.com.au.

Forestville Fun Run & Fair

Runners, joggers & walkers come join the Forestville fun run on 22nd March. The family friendly event includes 2km, 5km and 10km runs as well as food, activities and stalls. For more information and registration go to runforestrun.com.au

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.
Dear Parents,

We are trialling a change of time for our school assemblies. For this term, they will now be taking place at 2.35 pm on Wednesday afternoons.

We are trying to streamline our assemblies and shorten their length of time. There are other very important educational reasons for this change and they are specifically about your children’s education. The best learning time for students is in the morning, when they are fresh and their concentration is much greater than in the afternoon. We appreciate your understanding and support of this initiative.

Cecily Bailey
Assistant Principal

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**Assembly News**

**Easter Hat Parade**

This year the Easter Hat parade will be a K-2 event. This will be held on the last day of term, Thursday 2 April. The parade will start at 2.30pm. We welcome families and friends to attend and watch our gorgeous K-2 students parade their hats and perform a little song and dance for your enjoyment.

**Grandfriends’ Day**

Grandfriends’ day will be held in Term 2 on Wednesday 20 May. The event will be begin at 9.30am where K-6 students will showcase their skills in music, song and dance. We hope for the weather to be much cooler at this time of the year and therefore be more comfortable and cool for our lovely grandfriends. We are aiming for the performance to finish at 10.30am.

Grandparents are then invited into our classrooms to view the amazing work which is done here at Manly Village. More information will be sent home closer to the date. But please make sure our dear grandfriends save this date in their diary now!

Miss Michelle Stewart
Assistant Principal
Coordinator

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**MVPS Star Students**

Congratulations to Emma B and Eliza N-P of year 6 who have been selected as members of the Arts Alive Combined Schools Choir for 2015.

**WAVES 4 WATER MUFTI DAY**

**FUNDRAISER**

**FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY**

**GOLD COIN DONATION**

SURF TO SCHOOL DAY is a ‘surf-beach' themed mufti day - children can wear board shorts, t-shirts, sundresses, Hawaiian shirts, sarongs, zinc cream, sunglasses and of course hats - creating a fun beach atmosphere. Each child brings in a gold coin donation which goes towards water filters for the communities in the Mentawai Islands. [www.wavesforwater.org/fundraiser/surftoschool](http://www.wavesforwater.org/fundraiser/surftoschool)

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**Easter Hat Parade**

**Grandfriends’ Day**
CONTACTING SCHOOL PERSONNEL
Guidelines for seeking information and expressing concerns

School phone: 99773066  School email: manlyvill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The school uses a number of avenues to communicate programs, policies, student progress and events to the community. These include: the weekly newsletter, the school website, primary parent planner app, parent teacher interviews, student reports, the annual school report and presentations at P & C meetings. In addition to formal procedures, there are occasions when parents and carers may need to make contact with a member of the school staff regarding an issue or concern.

These procedures have been developed to:
*facilitate the resolution of problems in an environment which is fair, harmonious and respectful to students, staff members and parents.
*provide parents with clear guidelines so that they are encouraged to raise concerns or questions with staff before an issue escalates or spreads through the community.

These guidelines are based on the belief that:
*appointment times made at a mutually convenient time enables concerns to be raised and addressed confidentially and attentively.
*a strong partnership between the home and the school benefits all members of our learning community.
*children observe and learn to interact positively by watching others’ interactions.
*trying to talk to teachers when they are teaching, managing children or engaged in another conversation is inappropriate.

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<td>Student welfare and well-being</td>
<td>For minor classroom or playground issues, directly contact your child’s teacher to clarify information. For more serious concerns, contact the school office. State nature of the concern and arrange a suitable time with the class teacher, stage coordinator, deputy principal, principal or appropriate staff member, as appropriate. To convey information about change of address, telephone number, email, emergency contact, custody details etc. please contact the office.  <strong>AT NO TIME SHOULD A PARENT APPROACH ANOTHER CHILD OTHER THAN THEIR CHILD TO ADDRESS A SCHOOL-BASED ISSUE.</strong></td>
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<td>School events</td>
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<td>School policy or practice</td>
<td>Contact office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the Principal and/or appropriate member of staff.</td>
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<td>Unresolved Issues</td>
<td>For concerns which remain unresolved contact the assistant principal in the first instance, then the deputy principal, then the principal. If concerns remain unresolved, the principal can provide a <em>Complaints Handling</em> form.</td>
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Working together for the benefit of our students