**Manly Village Public School**

Darley Road, Manly NSW 2095

**Sea Sider**

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

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### Dates for your Diary

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| **Tuesday** 17 February | *Years 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher session 5:30pm (hall first)*  
|                    | *Years 3 and 4 Meet the Teacher session 6:30pm (hall first)*  |
| **Friday** 20 February | School swimming carnival                                             |
| **Saturday** 21 February | Manly Markets                                                        |
| **Friday** 27 February | Summer Sport (years 3-6) week 2                                      |
| **Tuesday** 3 March | 6:5J, 6D & 6M, Power House Museum                                   |
| **Friday** 6 March | *Summer Sport (years 3-6) week 3                                     
|                    | *P&C Welcome Back BBQ                                                |
| **Monday** 9 March | *Leadership camp*                                                    
|                    | *P&C 7pm                                                             |
| **Tuesday** 10 March | *Leadership Camp*                                                    
|                    | *5H, 5G & 5C, Power House Museum                                     |
| **Thursday** 12 March | Selective HS Placement Test                                          |
| **Friday** 13 March | Summer Sport (years 3-6) week 4                                      |
| **Tuesday** 17 March | *Sydney North Swimming Carnival*                                      
|                    | *Year 2, Power House Museum                                          |
| **Friday** 20 March | Summer Sport (years 3-6) week 5                                      |
| **Saturday** 21 March | Manly Markets                                                        |
| **Monday** 23 March | National Young Leaders’ Day                                           |
| **Wednesday** 25 March | Harmony Day                                                           |

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### From the Principal

**School Uniform**

I’d like to congratulate and commend our students on the manner in which they are wearing their school uniforms. Our students look wonderful and they should be so proud! Thank you to our parents and carers for the all-important support you provide to ensure that our students come to school wearing the correct school uniform each day.

**We congratulate the gorgeous Ms Hutchison**

It wouldn’t be a Manly Village year where we didn’t get to celebrate the pitter patter of little feet and share the joys of impending parenthood. We are so incredibly thrilled to announce that our beautiful Miss Hutchison and her lovely partner Ben are expecting their first baby later this year. We wish them all the very best during this incredibly exciting time of their lives and can’t wait to meet their precious little one.

**Attendance Procedures**

Manly Village Public School supports and implements the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) Attendance Policy. The documents have recently been revised to reflect the new National Standards for Student Attendance Reporting.

**Absences** - On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Please ensure that absences are explained to the school within 7 days from the first day of absence.

**Travel** - There has been changes to the exemption procedures for travel. Previously, parents were able to apply for an attendance exemption for their children for travel during school term. Exemptions will no longer be provided for travel. Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, please discuss this with myself or Mrs Young. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed and returned to Mrs Young. If accepted, a Certificate of Extended Leave will be provided to parents. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

Please refer to the attached Compulsory School Attendance - information for parents for further information.

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* 3-6 Swimming Carnival permission notes.
School Council
Our first School Council meeting for 2015 will be held next Thursday 26 February at 7:30am in KT classroom. Items for discussion at this meeting will include reviewing the constitution, looking at the attendance policy, budgets and preparing for school evaluation this year.

Library Fund Expenditures for 2015
A Library Trust was established at our school over 10 years ago to ensure that the school library could remain well-resourced and so that voluntary school donations paid by parents could be tax deductible. The Library Trust is administered by the trustees including school and parent representatives. All monies donated to the Trust are spent on the School Library and associated resources in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Tax Office. During 2014, the funds collected from parents’ voluntary school contributions enabled us to purchase children’s books and other library resources, reading material to support the implementation of Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) and Accelerated Literacy, resources for special programs such as EAL/D (English as an additional language/ dialect), writing resources, science resources, maths books, student welfare books, assessment material and creative arts books. Library fund income is generated by voluntary contributions paid by parents, is listed on the first semester invoice and is greatly appreciated by our school. The Library Fund committee will meet in the next few weeks to discuss anticipated income and expenditure for this year.

Building Fund Expenditures for 2015
The Building Fund was established in 2010. This fund provides funding for building related maintenance and improvements and enabled parents to make donations for cabling and the installation of smartboards. Last year, building fund expenditures included: continuing painting of A block and a new office space and cabling and electrical work associated with ICT resources. The Building Fund committee will meet in the next few weeks to discuss anticipated income and expenditure for this year.

Enrolment 2016
We have had a number of enquiries regarding enrolment for 2016. Kindergarten enrolment procedures for 2016 will commence later in the year - usually around the beginning of term 3. We will keep you informed of the commencement of 2016 enrolment procedures through the school website and Sea Sider. It is important to note that any local area student enrolment whose family moves out of the local catchment area will not have automatic enrolment rights for siblings. These families will need to follow the procedures for non-local placement. Please don’t hesitate to contact Ms Hanson if you have any concerns regarding these procedures. Manly Village PS enrolment policy and our catchment map can be found on our school website - click on the Our School tab.

Getting involved in our school - P&C involvement
Last week our first P&C meeting for the year was held and it was lovely to see new families in attendance and looking for ways to be involved with and support our wonderful school. Involvement in the P&C is not only a wonderful way to support the school, but a great way to get to know other members of our school community. At this meeting, the P&C agreed to, once again, fund our Rainbow Reading program and Spelling Mastery program for this year as well as $400 discretionary funding per teacher, enabling teachers the opportunity to purchase additional resources to supplement their class programs. We are so appreciative of our P&C and wider school community support of these initiatives. If any members of our school community would like to approach our P&C for requests for funding, forms are available from our office.

Our March meeting (Monday 9 March at 7pm) is the AGM. I would encourage you to come along to find out the many ways you can be involved in supporting our school. Some ways that you may like to be involved include but are certainly not limited to:
* attend meetings and have input on directions
* become a member of a sub-committee
* assist with the year 2 fundraising
* volunteer to be a class parent representative

We hope to see you at our next meeting!

MVPS Star Students
Last week we had 3 students attend district trials. Wilson and Kai from year 5 trialled for cricket and Meera from Year 5 trialled for basketball. Meera will be going to regional trials next Thursday on the Central Coast. Wilson and Kai played very well at their cricket trials, narrowly missing out on selection against a very strong field of players. Congratulations to all of these students!

I look forward to seeing many of our parents supporting our wonderful students at the swimming carnival on Friday.

Peta Hanson
Relieving Principal
Our school swimming carnival is this Friday. Please ensure your child has returned their permission note. Children are allowed to wear the colours of their sport house, however must not wear crepe streamers, coloured hair spray or paint tattoos as it runs into the pool and can create a mess! Please ensure all clothes are labelled as they will get left on the grass area every time the children are swimming, and I know the children love to participate and will be swimming.

The buses are scheduled to be at school at 9.15am on Friday. Please be careful not to park in the bus zone after that time when dropping your children off at the kiss and go zone as we need the bus zone clear for the buses to pull up and allow the children to board safely. We are asking that no child is allowed to go to the canteen before 11am and then it will be a year and house rotation after that. Announcements will be made during the day advising which house and year can go to the canteen. There are bubblers and we recommend you pack healthy snacks for your child during the day. We are aiming to eliminate very long lines of children at the canteen and stopping children from loitering around the canteen area with friends. In addition it would be lovely to see fewer sugar sherbert sticks and lollies being consumed throughout the day, and the children snacking on more healthy options.

Children will return to school via bus by 3.00pm. If you are taking your child home directly from the carnival, please ensure they are signed out by Mrs Young or Ms Hanson who will be near the old entrance/exit area.

Finally, please ensure the children have sunscreen on prior to coming to school and have it in their bag to reapply every 2 hours.

Sherelle Spillane
Sport Coordinator

**BEACH BITES**

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.

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The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students (in years 4-6) to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with this newsletter. If you do not want your child or children (from years 4-6) to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February.

Ms Hanson
Mrs Happy Hillier, Mrs Delightful Docker and Miss Groovy Green cordially invite Year 1 and Year 2 students to join the Infants’ Choir.

Infants’ choir will commence in week 5 on Thursday morning the 26 February at 8.30am sharp! We will meet at the flag pole and walk you up to Miss Green’s classroom.

Due to popular demand, the infants’ choir this year will be for Year 1 and Year 2 students only.

Bring along a plastic sleeve folder for songs.
We would like to congratulate the following Year 6 students who have been elected to lead their houses in sporting ventures this year:

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Our sports leaders' first job begins with the swimming carnival this Friday. They will be presented with their badges at our 3 – 6 assembly very soon and I will notify parents of that date via the newsletter.

Jennifer McCredie
Assistant Principal

**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, 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

**BROOKVALE FOOTBALL CLUB** - come and play soccer for your local team with your friends and classmates. Training and home games at Graham’s Reserve, Manly. Boys and girls of all age groups, kindy play U6, year 1 play U7 etc. Further information from www.brookvalefc.com or Pippa Parkes 0403 333087.

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.
OPEN DAYS 2015

Prospective student OPEN DAYS

NBSC BALGOWLAH BOYS CAMPUS

Open Day: Tuesday 24th February 9.30 – 11.30 am
Tours of the campus, band performance, mini lessons in Science, Music, PE, Technology and Visual Arts. BBQ for students, morning tea for parents.

Information Night: Wednesday 25th February 6.30 – 7.30 pm, in the School Hall.
Enquiries: 9949 4200
Principal: Paul Shoather

NBSC MACKELLAR GIRLS CAMPUS

Open Day: Tuesday 24th February 8.30 – 11.30 am
Guided tour of the campus and student activities. Welcome assembly and Meet the Principal. Information session and morning tea for parents and students.

Information Night: Thursday 26th February 6.30 – 7.30 pm
Enquiries: 9949 2083
Principal: Christine Del Gallo

NBSC MAINLY SELECTIVE CAMPUS

Open Day: Thursday 26th February 9.30 – 11.30 am
See band and other performances, student presentations and speakers. Tour of the campus. Morning tea provided for parents and students.

Enquiries: 9905 3982
Principal: Anthony Rudd

NBSC CROMER CAMPUS

Cromer Festival Open Evening: Monday 16th February 4.00 – 7.00 pm
Experience the full range of programs at our campus. Evening of performances, hands on activities, displays, meet the staff and students.

Enquiries: 9981 1155
Principal: Justin Hong

NBSC FRESHWATER SENIOR CAMPUS

Open Afternoon: Tuesday 12th May 3.00 – 7.00 pm
See the campus in action - lessons and co-curricular activities conducted throughout the afternoon. View the spectacular facilities and discuss, with students and staff, the full range of programs offered at the campus.

Enquiries: 9905 2634
Principal: Frank Pikardt

ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST

For 2016 Year 7 academic extension classes at Balgowlah Boys Campus, Cromer Campus and Mackellar Girls Campus
Closing date: MGC Friday 27th February BBC, CC 3rd March
Test date: Thursday 19th March 2015 at 9 am
Balgowlah and Cromer applications will be available on the College website:
www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au/
Enquiries: Lorna Curtis: 9939 6942
Mackellar Girls applications available from the school and on the school website.
Mackellar Girls Campus: 9949 2083
College Principal: Neil Worsley | Enquiries: 9939 6942
Surf to School Day

Welcome Back BBQ
Friday 6th March 3.15 - 4.30

Food for sale at the canteen
CHESS CLUB

Manly Village Chess Club is going to be held on Friday mornings this year and is starting next Friday 20th February 2015. It will be held in the library again this year and start at 8.15am. Children are asked to wait to be collected under the COLA outside the library and need to be supervised by their parents until chess starts.

This year we will have a $10.00 joining fee for each student to cover the costs associated with our club. The club is open to Year 1 children (boys and girls) and upwards. For your child to be eligible to join the club they must know the basics of the game.

If any parents can spare the time to help with the running of the club it would be much appreciated. Please fill in the form below and bring it and the joining fee to our club meeting.

Thanks
Mr Peachey

CHESS PERMISSION FORM

I give permission for my child ...................................... of class ................ to attend Manly Village Chess Club at 8.15am on Fridays.
Emergency contact numbers ...............................................................
*$10.00 joining fee is enclosed □Yes □No
I am able to assist with running the club □Yes □No
Parent/carer’s name .............................................. Signature ..............................

Chris Peachey
Chess Coordinator

Year 7 Academic Placement Test 2016 Intake

Placement in the Year 7 Academic classes at NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer Campus and at Mackellar Girls Campus’ is based on supporting evidence of eligibility including the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test.

Application Forms
Application forms can be downloaded from The Northern Beaches Secondary College website as well as the campus’ websites.


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Students will sit the test at the Campus they wish to attend in 2016.

Test Date
Thursday 19th March 2015 at 9 am

Contacts
NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus: Lorna Curtis 9939 6942
NBSC Cromer Campus: Lorna Curtis 9939 6942
NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus: Wendy Mailey 9949 2083