Welcome back!

Welcome or welcome back to Manly Village for 2015 and our first Sea Sider for the year! Sadly, summer holidays have disappeared in the blink of an eye. I do hope everyone enjoyed a fabulous break surrounded by family and friends and made the most of this glorious time of year. I am sure everyone is as excited about returning to Manly Village PS as we are! We warmly welcome our new families to our wonderful school. Our school community is incredibly welcoming and nurturing and there are many people more than happy to help with the transition to a new school environment. Please don’t hesitate to ask us at the office should you have any questions about our programs and/or procedures and we will point you in the right direction. I know you will treasure your time with us.

Today (Tuesday 27 January 2015) was the first day back at school for our staff for our school development day. Our staff participated in a number of professional compliance sessions including reviewing the Code of Conduct and updating our Child Protection training. Additionally, we spent some time in teams collaboratively planning and preparing Accelerated Literacy learning sequences and programs for the year ahead.

Our 2015 year 1 to 6 students will be returning tomorrow (Wednesday 28 January 2015), followed by our new Kindergarten students on Thursday 29 January 2015. Additional information regarding returning to school procedures is below. Our school hours are: 9:15am to 3:15pm (before school supervision commences at 8:45am).

As in previous years, for your convenience, our P&C has arranged a complete stationery pack for students which you can purchase via https://www.flexischools.com.au. This is, of course, not compulsory. This is a service provided by the Manly Village Public School P & C with Humphreys, to raise money for the P & C. Humphreys give the P & C approximately 7% of the revenue from your purchase. The stationery packs will be delivered in the first weeks of term to your child at school and they will then bring their items home for labelling. To avoid any confusion or lost items, please do not send in this year’s new labelled stationery until 2015 classes are formed.

Please visit our school website manlyvill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au for our current calendar of events for 2015. Additional information to help prepare for the school year can also be found at www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au or the Public Schools website.
We look forward to a successful 2015 where we (as a staff) will work towards consolidating and enhancing our pedagogical practice, fostering deep, personalised learning for our students, incorporating the transformative use of ICT for learning and further connecting our vibrant community of learners at a local, national and global scale.

Thank you to the incredible MVPS staff!
I always say what an incredible group of teachers we have at Manly Village! During the holidays, not a day went by when you wouldn’t find many busy staff members at school cleaning and organising their classrooms and preparing for the new school year. Additionally, we had a dedicated team of 7 teachers giving up one week of their holidays to participate in an intensive training program in accelerated literacy. Thank you Katie, Bonita, Di, Dot, Lara, Natalie and Cecily for your amazing commitment and dedication. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team of teachers at Manly Village.

Years 1-6 Organisation
On the first day back for children, which is Wednesday 28 January 2015, the children from Years 1 to Year 6 (that is, this years K-5) will line up in the same place as they did throughout this year for morning lines with their 2014 class group. The 2015 Year 1 children should line up in the area outside the back of the canteen, the 2015 Year 2 and 3 children should line up outside the Year 2 block near the flagpole, and the Year 4 to 6 children should line up on the sport courts. If it is raining on the morning of 28 January, students should proceed straight to their 2014 classrooms and Year 1 students should proceed to the hall. Year 1 2015 will be collected from the area near the flagpole in the afternoons.
From the second day, Thursday 29 January, the 2015 Year 1 and 2 children will line up outside the Year 2 block next to the flagpole and the Year 3 to 6 children will line up on the sport courts.

Holding Pattern Organisation
At the beginning of the new school year, students (in most cases) will remain in their 2014 classes in what we call a “Holding Pattern”. In most cases they will continue with their current classes with their 2014 teacher while enrolment numbers are finalised. This can sometimes take a few days, especially when numbers fluctuate. During “Holding Pattern” the students will be engaged in the following learning experiences:

Year 1- For the first days of the new school year our Year 1 will focus on a number of key areas to prepare them for the year ahead. At Manly Village our K-2 school values are Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe. We will focus our lessons on the core values of respect and responsibility, as well look more closely at water, road and fire safety. We will be revising Literacy and Numeracy concepts taught in 2014 and focus on Speaking and Listening skills linked with the ‘Bounce Back’ program. Using cooperative based activities we aim to prepare your child for their new classes and develop skills in communication, effective listening and making new friendships.

Year 2- Year 2 will participate in a sequence of bounce back lessons to prepare them for their new classes and the importance of friendship- making new friends and maintaining familiar ones. In mathematics, they will be participate in number revision games and general revision activities. In English, Year 2 students will participate in writing tasks related to their holidays, handwriting activities and four forms of spelling revision as well as a review of a variety of texts and revising literary techniques authors use.

Year 3- Year 3 will also participate in a sequence of bounce back lessons focusing on friendships and core values. In mathematics, they will participate in number revision activities and in English they will participate in writing activities related to their holidays and review a variety of texts as well as revising literary techniques authors use. They will also spend some time preparing for the transition to a “Primary Day” as it has been a little while since they operated on that timetable.

Years 4 and 5- Years 4 and 5 will be focusing on the core values of respect and responsibility. Key areas of our PD,H,PE curriculum will be addressed including safety, nutrition and wellbeing. Environmental Education- reviewing reduce, reuse, recycle, principles.

Year 6- Year 6 will be focusing on a unit of work from the National Museum in Canberra called ‘Between the Flags’. It is based on an exhibition created by the museum in 2007 to celebrate 100 years of surf life saving in Australia. It integrates English, history (with a focus on cultural change and understanding), PD/H/PE (water safety - rip education) and visual arts. These activities are essential, important and very meaningful aspects of our curriculum.

2015 Kindergarten Organisation
Our official first day of big school for our delightful new kindy children is Thursday 29 January 2015. On this day, please come to the desk set up in the kindy line-up area at 9:45am. Your child will be taken to their new classroom by a year six buddy. You may collect your child from the same spot at 2:45pm: the teachers will bring their classes out, to meet you there. Please do not enter the building. On Friday 30 January 2015, children will line up at the 9:10am morning bell (their teachers will have shown them how the day before!) in the kindy line-up area, ready to enter the building with their teacher by 9:15am. Pick up will be at the same spot at 2:45pm. Please encourage your child to line up with their bag behind the witch’s hat with their class teacher’s name on it. Kindergarten will attend school for shorter days (9:10am to 2:45pm) from Thursday 29 Jan to Friday 13 February. From Monday 16 February onwards, kindergarten will attend full school days from 9:10am to 3:15pm.

Farewell Mrs McIntyre
It is with enormous pride and excitement, albeit again tinged with a little sadness that I have the pleasure to announce that, during the summer holidays, our wonderful, clever and highly capable Mrs Simone McIntyre has been successful in gaining a
well-deserved promotion through merit selection as Assistant Principal at John Purchase Public School. Mrs McIntyre will commence at John Purchase PS on day 1 of Term 1 2015. Congratulations Simone!

I know you will all agree with me when I say Mrs McIntyre has been an incredible asset to our school since commencing with us a few years ago. During her time at Manly Village, she has consistently demonstrated the qualities of an exceptional classroom teacher as well as exemplary leadership qualities, initiating and supporting highly effective and engaging learning and teaching such as L3 and conceptual planning, wellbeing programs and effortlessly coordinating very successful kindergarten orientation and transition sessions. Her incredible ability to provide exceptional support and understanding to all of our kinder students and their families, as well as create learning programs that ensure every child experiences success and achieves to the highest level of which they are capable is so commendable and admirable. We are so incredibly fortunate to have shared Simone’s expertise as a classroom teacher over the last few years and her amazing leadership capabilities. We are all going to miss her kind, warm and gentle nature and her incredible humility.

It is never easy to farewell a dear teacher, colleague and friend; however, I know everyone will join me in wishing Simone all the very best for her new appointment.

Welcome to our new staff members!

We warmly welcome Mrs Kerry McConaghy to the MVPS team as our new Assistant Principal. Mrs McConaghy comes to us with a wealth of experience leading across K-6, mentoring staff of all experience levels and the most incredible understanding and application of current pedagogy. Her most recent position has been that of teacher mentor for the NBLA (Northern Beaches Learning Alliance), supporting early career teachers across 4 of our local schools where she has done an amazing job! We look forward to having Mrs McConaghy as a member of the Manly Village team.

We welcome Miss Emily Livingston to Manly Village. Miss Livingston comes to us from the ACT and has already impressed me with her incredible professionalism, understanding of pedagogy and her kind, gentle manner. We also welcome Mr Tom Hosegood to our school. Mr Hosegood has been teaching at a number of local schools over the last few years, including Manly Village on a number of occasions throughout 2014. Mr Hosegood has always been very professional in his approach and the students have always appreciated his happy, warm, encouraging nature. We are very excited to welcome Mr Hosegood to Manly Village this year. Please take the time to introduce yourself to our wonderful new staff members. I know they’d love to meet you all!

Works Update

During the summer holidays, a lot of work has been done, including flooring and painting, preparing the old vocal arts centre as a refurbished classroom. It is looking fabulous and we can’t wait to be able to access our collaborative learning space shortly! Tree pruning (as part of the DEC Tree Audit) that was scheduled for January has had to be postponed and will be completed sometime this term.

2015 School Calendar of events

Our current 2015 school calendar of events can be located on our school website and is also accessible on our school app. Please check the calendar regularly for important school events. Our calendar will be updated or amended as necessary and we will keep you informed of necessary, unavoidable changes. Our Sea Sider also includes impending events in our dates for your diary section on page 1. This usually outlines events for the few weeks or month ahead.

Primary Parent Planner App – Last year, we incorporated the use of the Primary Parent Planner App as an additional way to communicate with our community and assist families to organise and plan both classroom and community events. If you have an iPhone, iPad or touch you can download the app from Apple App Store or if you have an Android device visit the Google Play Store and follow the prompts. It is simple, easy to use and helps schools and parents develop a closer working relationship. To download the app and view the school and courses is free. Full access and use of the app is $2.49 (Aust). Additional support is available on the website primaryparentplanner.com to assist you with downloading the app. For instructions to set up PPP on an Apple or Android device please click below to access the appropriate PDF.


If you downloaded the app last year, to access this year’s courses and events you will need to delete your classes from last year and add your child’s grade for this year (classes will be listed when finalized). For assistance in how to do this, please follow the information attached. For instructions change classes on an Apple or Android Device please click on the link below to access the appropriate PDF.


Best Wishes

Best wishes and good luck to our 2014 Year 6 students who commence Year 7 at their respective High Schools this week. We look forward to you popping in and letting us know how everything is going!

Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow,
Peta Hanson
Relieving Principal
It was wonderful to see our very own Winter V in an article in the Manly Daily during the holidays outlining Winter’s fundraising campaign to help provide water filters to people on Indonesia’s Mentawai Islands. MVPS school community will again support Winter’s Waves 4 Water appeal with a mufti day on Friday 13 February 2015! Keep up the great work, Winter!

Youngster surfs up a big wave of generosity

Bryan Kay

HE’S the inspirational young Manly surfer who’s helping lift an entire community out of poverty.

Winter Vincent, 11, single-handedly raised $3000 at Manly Village Public School last year to enable him to donate water filters to people on Indonesia’s Mentawai Islands.

Winter took up the fundraising through the Waves for Water program – a global foundation that aims to provide clean drinking water to third world countries. In partnership with Waves For Water and surf brand Hurley, Winter is now taking his fundraising efforts a step further.

The inspirational young surfer has set up a Surf To School initiative that encourages young surfers to get on board with their schools to hold a surf-themed mufti day that includes a gold coin donation.

Prizes would go towards Waves for Water, with plans to hold the Surf To School day simultaneously across multiple schools during next month’s Hurley Australian Open of Surfing.

Winter was encouraged to get other children involved after seeing first-hand how far the funds went when he visited the Mentawai Islands last year.

To get involved with the initiative, visit waveforwater.org/fundraiser/surftoschool or email wintergvx@gmail.com.

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.
P&C Stationery Packs

If you would like to order your child's new school year stationery from Humphreys to be delivered to school in the first few weeks of term, just go to: https://www.flexischools.com.au. Log in as usual, or join, select the stationery pack for your child's new school year, and pay by bank transfer or by credit card. The stationery will be delivered in the first weeks of term to your child at school, and they will then bring it home for labelling. This is a service provided by the Manly Village Public School P&C with Humphreys, to raise money for the P&C. Humphreys give the P and C approximately 7% of the revenue from your purchase.

Leaving your child at home alone

Making some clear 'home alone' rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and can also keep you from worrying. Most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/development/leaving-your-children-at-home-alone

Printable 2015 homework calendars

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out School A to Z's 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Find out more http://bit.ly/2015SchoolCalendar.

Swim and survive program

Lessons are for beginners through to confident swimmers keen to practise their technique (from infants to 12 years). See the map to find the pools where friendly swim teachers with AustSwim accreditation teach across NSW. Find out more: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive/about.asp

Community News

Tuning in to Kids & Teens Parenting Courses

Five week parenting courses. Improve communication with your child or teen and understand your child and help them to manage their emotions and behaviour. Held at Be Centre 3/9 Apollo Street Warriewood starting 3rd February 2015 and our new Manly Hub: Ground Floor, Elsie E Hill Building, 18 Wentworth St. Manly. Places limited and filling fast. Contact Natasha on info@becentre.org.au or phone 9986 0955.

Saturday Basketball trainings resumes back this Saturday 31st January. BiddyBall 2.30-3.30pm under 7 age group with excellent coaches Mark & Jerome 3.30-4.30pm 8s and over agegroup with Mark, Tim & Jerome just $9. Players wanting to train and/or play should attend. No booking required. Email: mwba@manlybasketball.com.au

Pink Ball an exciting "girls only" training for girls aged 12 and under starting Saturday 7 February and run till 28 March 2.30-3.30pm bookings are essential get your form in quick (fill out & return the attached form.) email: camps@manlybasketball.com.au

POTTER LEAGUE WILL RESTART IN TERM ONE 2015

The competitions are in school years divisions are Mixed year one/two, mixed year three/four, on Tuesdays @ NBISC, for mixed year five/six it will depend on court availability. Saturday afternoon girl’s league will be at NBISC. You can enter your existing team now at the MWBA office or enter as an individual by completing the form attached and handing it in to MWBA.

Miniball and Junior League

Miniball (primary school) years 3-6 and Junior Leagues (High school) start the week of Feb 9th to enter a team ring MWBA on 99133622. Manly Warringah basketball programs can be downloaded from the website http://www.manlybasketball.com.au/portal/

Manly Junior After School Golf Program- All sessions run by PGA Professionals Skye Choueiri & Toby McGeachie. Location: Manly Golf Club, 38-40 Balgowlah Road, Manly. Session times: Commencing from Sunday 1st February, 2015* Level 1 - 'Birdies’ (4-9years) Sunday 2:00pm-3:00pm, Tuesday 4:00pm-5:00pm, Thursday 4:00pm-5:00pm. Level 2 - 'Tier 1' (9-16 years) Tuesday 3:45pm-5:30pm. Level 3 - 'Tier 2’ (Invite only) Thursday 3:45-5:30pm. Cost: $165 Max. 12 students per class. *Term concludes Thursday 2nd April Contact Manly Golf Shop for more info on 9907 9553.

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.
SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Current as at 1 July 2014

NO STOPPING
Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Maximum Penalty
$415
+ 2 Demerit Points

Penalty
$173
+ 2 Demerit Points

BUS ZONE
Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Maximum Penalty
$311
+ 2 Demerit Points

DOUBLE PARKING
You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Maximum Penalty
$311
+ 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: $311 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): $415 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: $173 + 2 Demerit Points

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.