Anaphylaxis
Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It usually occurs rapidly after exposure to a food, insect or medicine to which a person may already be allergic. Anaphylaxis must always be treated as a medical emergency and requires immediate treatment with adrenaline. We have several students across the school who have severe allergies to nuts - peanuts, all tree nuts (e.g. cashews) as well as eggs, therefore, are at risk of an anaphylactic reaction. The school can help by assisting these students through health care planning, including the emergency response for anaphylaxis which is outlined in the child’s ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis.

How can Parents Help?
While the main role of the school is to provide education, it is also our role to help all children feel relaxed, safe and happy. We ask that parents avoid packing food items with traces of nuts and peanuts or eggs, such as peanut-butter sandwiches, nutella sandwiches, egg sandwiches, nut/mixed nuts/peanut snacks or any other items that you suspect to have traces of peanuts or nuts. It also helps to be mindful of this when preparing for special events such as Harmony Day, birthday treats for your child’s class or class party.

Although this can be hard at times and it can be difficult to identify all products that have a composition of peanuts and/or nuts, your cooperation and assistance, where possible, is greatly appreciated. It will help make our playground and classrooms safe for the students that are at risk of an anaphylactic and/or allergic food reaction.

Harmony Day
We look forward to celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow - Wednesday 25 March. 2015 marks an amazing 15 years of Harmony Day and celebrating Australia’s cultural diversity. Harmony Day is all about inclusivity, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. I look forward to joining in the festivities tomorrow and
sincerely thank Miss Hutchison for her sensational organisation, Miss Franko, Miss Campbell, Miss Aitken, Miss Gibson and Mrs Jones for their support and assistance and the amazing team of parent helpers for the hard work put in to ensuring days like this are so successful. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

Photo Day
Photo Day is on Monday 30 March. Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform, including black shoes. If you would like a photo order form/envelope and did not receive one that was sent home yesterday, please see our lovely ladies in the office. The orders and payment must be returned on photo day.

School Council
Our next school council meeting will be held next Thursday 2 April at 7:30am in KT classroom. Items on the agenda include term 1 budgets and plans for 2015, the 2015-2017 school plan and school evaluation for this year. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Congratulations Star Students!
Congratulations Jack B in Year 6 who participated in the Be Brave and Shave last week to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. At this stage, Jack estimates that his fabulous number one haircut has so far raised approximately $1400! Well done Jack! What an amazing effort!
Huge congratulations to the following students who will be representing Manly Village and Northern Sydney Region at the State Swimming Carnival this week. What an incredible achievement for these talented swimmers and an amazing accomplishment, as well as opportunity, to compete at such a challenging level. You are all so well deserving of these accolades!
Well done - Vincent P (12/13 years breaststroke), Stella C, Emma P, Sabine L, Meera C (junior girls’ relay), Winter V, Marley H, Henry C and Dylan K (junior boys’ relay).

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews are being held this week, enabling teachers and parents/carers the opportunity to discuss student’s progress and work habits to date this year. Interviews are well underway and most will be held in our school hall unless otherwise indicated. Please see our lovely office ladies if you are not sure. Signs have been placed at key entry points, on office doors and at the top of class doorways to indicate where classes and teachers are located as well.
If you have missed out, please advise the office who will then leave a message for the teacher.

NAPLAN
In May 2015, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.
The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

Tuesday 12 May – Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Writing
Wednesday 13 May – Reading
Thursday 14 May – Numeracy

Peta Hanson
Relieving Principal

Attention Year Six parents and carers. Can you help?
This coming Saturday March 28 is Election day and we are having a BBQ to raise money at the school. In the past we have found that also selling cupcakes, cakes, slices, cookies etc is very successful.
It would be wonderful if you and your year six child could make something yummy and bring it into the back of the canteen on Friday March 27!
Please put in a labelled container with your mobile number so that you can pick your container up from the canteen early next week.

Thank you so much
Amanda
Head Lice

We have had numerous reports of head lice in the hair of some students.

Please check your child’s hair for nits/lice using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health.

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website or through the Department’s website at

We appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Whooping Cough

Time from exposure to illness
Usually 9 to 10 days (can range from 6 to 20 days).

Symptoms:
Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts maybe followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.

Do I need to keep my child home?
Yes, until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic have been taken.

How can I help prevent spread?
Immunisation at 2, 4, 6 months and 4 years of age. A particular antibiotic can be given for the patient and those that have been in close contact. The infected child should be excluded from childcare and school until 5 days after treatment begins.

For any questions or concerns please call Northern Sydney Public Health Unit on: 02 9477 9187.

LIBRARY NEWS

Ashton Scholastic Book Fair
Many thanks to all families who supported our annual Book Fair.

We had an amazing response, selling just over $10,000 worth of books. The school receives 20% commission and this money will be used to buy more resources for our library.

A very special thank you to Karina Hankinson and all the parent helpers who gave up their time to help. We couldn’t have managed without your support.

Book Covering
Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have helped out covering books recently.

We have now caught up but will need your help again next term. I’ll let you know via the newsletter.

Thanks
Christine Neill

Year 1 & 2 Choir

Choir is cancelled on Thursday due to parent teacher interviews.

We will meet as usual on the following Thursday.

Mrs Hillier, Mrs Docker and Miss Green

PSSA Boys Football Trials
(Soccer) Trials

Will be held in school on the last Wednesday of term (week 10) for all Year 3 boys who chose this as a winter sport option and all Years 4-6 boys who did not play in a PSSA team last year. Boys will need to dress in their school sport uniform.

Due to the huge number of boys who have chosen football as an option, boys who are away for the trial will not be considered for the PSSA teams this year.

Chris Peachey
BEACH BITES
CANTEEN ROSTER

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

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.

Band News

The Concert Band’s first big performance for the year will be at Pittwater High School, Mona Street, Mona Vale on Thursday 26 March.

We are meeting outside the school hall at 6.30pm. Please arrive on time. Bring your instruments, music, spare reeds, lip balm, snack and water bottle. Refreshments are also available at the school canteen.

All Concert Band students are to wear full summer uniform, polished black school shoes and neat hair attire.

The concert will finish at 8.30pm.

Good luck for a great performance.

Many thanks
Elizabeth Flynn

YEAR 6 MILSON ISLAND

Year 6 Milson Island Deposit Due - Final deadline 31 March!

Don’t miss out on this great Year 6 family weekend away. It’s a fantastic way to finish off your child’s time at Manly Village. Places are filling up so please put in your form and deposit asap. Numbers will be finalised Tuesday 31 March. There’s a box in the office to drop your form and you can pay by cheque or direct deposit to:

Peter Checketts
BSB 082 053
Acct 86 528 0523
Bank NAB
Description: Your Child’s name then Milson Island

Deposit is $80 per adult and $50 per child. Siblings welcome - full details about the fully catered (and activity filled if you want) weekend - are in the sheets at the office.

Please contact Jessica Williamson if you have any questions - jessiwill@gmail.com or 0411267932

GENERAL CLEAN UP

At present we are conducting a general clean up of our school and in particular the many items of lost property that are constantly left in the school grounds. Every week we have two overflowing bins, full of lost property.

Over the next couple of weeks we are having a 'Lost Property Blitz' and would like parents to assist by clearly labelling all clothing and containers. This will enable us to return items to the children. Any items that are not labelled will be given to the Second Hand Clothing shop for re-sale.

Many thanks for your support.
Kerry McConaghy
Recounts of Mystery Skype - 4/5H

Oscar McL
On Thursday we took part in a game called Mystery Skype. Mystery Skype is an activity where the teacher picks a class that can be anywhere in the world. Our class has to contact the other class and take turns at asking questions to try and find out where the other class is in the world. To do this there were lots of different jobs. I was an answering person which meant that I had to answer all the questions that they asked. There were also many other jobs like the google mappers and the atlas people, who both had to try and narrow down the location as well as find all the possible locations that they might be in. And last of all, there were the questioners and the runners. The questioners were the ones who asked all the questions. The runners were the people who transferred all the information from the atlas people and the google mappers to the questioners. I thought it was great fun.

Olivia L
On Thursday my class and I took part in Mystery Skype. In Mystery Skype we contacted a different class from any country in the world. Then the whole class worked together to try and find out what country they're in, what state in that country, what suburb in that state and then what school in that suburb. There are lots of different roles for this game to work. I was an atlas person who looked up all the countries in the world. Then there were the google mappers who kept zooming in when we found out their country, state, suburb and their school. The other people looking at different countries were the globe people and the map people. There are also runners, questioners and answerers, who, as you might have guessed, are the ones talking. The runners get information from the people on google maps, the atlas, globes and the mapper then take it to the questioners. We ended up finding out our mystery school was an International school in Singapore. It was a great activity and I can't wait to do it again.

Easter Hat Parade
Just a reminder that the K-2 Easter Hat Parade is on the last day of term, Thursday 2 April.

All K-2 students are to make their hats at home and bring them in on Thursday for the afternoon parade. The parade will start at 2.30pm. Please keep in mind that the Easter hats will be sitting in the classroom until the afternoon, therefore will have to be quite sturdy.

We look forward to celebrating Easter with you soon.

Yours happily
Miss Stewart

Parenting Programs—Term 2

Circle of Security - 8 week program for parents of children 0-5. Understanding your child’s needs and behaviour; help your child manage their emotions; develop skills to build a positive relationship. Naremburn Family Centre, 40 Naremburn Avenue, Naremburn. Tuesday 6-8pm, 28 April-9 June. $30 Bookings call 8425 8700

Tuning into Kids - 6 week program for parents of children 4-12. Focuses on emotional connection between parents and children. Brookvale Family Centre, 44 Wattle Road, Brookvale. Every Wednesday 6-8pm. 13 May-17 June.$50 For Bookings call 8968 5100.

Bringing Baby Home - 2 day course for expectant couples and new parents. 16 & 23 May. 9-4pm. Waitara Family Centre, 29 Yardley Avenue, Waitara 2077. $250. For Bookings call 9488 2400

1-2-3 Magic - Misbehaviour in public. Controlling behaviour, encouraging good behaviour. Friday 29 May, 5 and 12 June. 9.45am-12pm. CatholicCare Naremburn Family Centre, 40 Merrenburn Ave. Naremburn $15. For Bookings call 9425 8700

Bookings are Essential for all programs
**School Photography**

School photographs will be taken on **Monday 30 March**.

Photo envelopes have been distributed to the children and should be returned on **photo day**. Family photo envelopes can be collected from the office if required.

Classes will be photographed in the morning beginning with the bands, then Kindergarten and progressing in order through the grades. Sporting teams and special interest groups will have their photos taken later in the year. The school bands will be photographed on 30 March.

Please ensure that your child is dressed in **full SUMMER uniform** including **black shoes** and **white socks**. Students who have Sport or Gym are to wear their normal school uniform not their Sports uniform.

Please note that the money does not go through the school accounts and is paid directly to the photo company. The photo company will only process orders received and paid for. If you have a late order, you will need to liaise with the photo company, The School Photographer, telephone number - 96749824.

Thank you for your co-operation.
Michael Turner - Coordinator

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**Practise to be a journalist**

This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. [http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp](http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp)

**Safetytown website – A road safety education program**

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and roller-blades). For further details, visit [https://www.safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)

**Back by popular demand**

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx)

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**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, the universe, 3D printing and much more. Next TechScience term starts May 2015, early bird special discount until April 2nd. Program is suitable for children in primary school ages 7+. For more details: www.TechScience.com.au or email info@TechScience.com.au

**TechScience Robotics two days Holiday workshop!** Actual hands-on Robot programming and exploring future robotic technologies! This new two full-days TechScience Robotic workshop will be held in April 16th & 17th, 2015, 9am - 3pm. Suitable for kids in years 3 to 6. Limited spots available. To register and for more information: [www.TechScience.com.au](http://www.TechScience.com.au)

**Neighbour Day** - Monday 30 March, 2015, 10-12pm at Relationships Australia Community Hub, Brookvale Community Centre, South Hall, 2 Alfred Road, Brookvale. Free morning tea. Meet the animals at the Kindifarm.

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