When it rains, look for rainbows…
It was a stormy, challenging week for our school community last week. The extreme weather created a number of difficulties for us, as it did with many schools and families, with loss of power and internet and a fallen tree, but everyone maintained a positive outlook throughout the week and their focus on learning and ‘getting on with things’. I congratulate our students for being so sensible during such extreme weather. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work of our staff. Many of our staff members had lost power and were dealing with tree damage not to mention managing the traffic conditions to and from school. At all times, they ensured our school was safe, ran smoothly and efficiently. Staff members took on many additional duties throughout the week, always with a smile, as children remained indoors and movement around the school was kept to a minimum. Our kind, caring school community was always seeking ways to help, opened their doors to others in need and showed deep concern for those in difficult conditions. I am so incredibly humbled by and proud of our entire community. Our AMU and arborists visited our school as soon as they were able in the conditions and determined that the fallen tree was not posing an immediate risk. They will return to remove the tree as soon as practicable. To ensure the safety of our community it has been barricaded off and myself or Mrs Young have been taking on additional duties to ensure safety in the interim. I thank Mrs Young especially for ensuring safe conditions in our playground were maintained at all times. Even though follow up of our tree audit was completed earlier in the year, as a result of the strong winds and heavy rain, I have requested that the trees in our grounds are assessed again to ensure the safety of our school community.

The loss of power alerted us to remind our community of communication mechanisms we have in place when situations such as this arise. While some of us were able to access email, phone communication was limited to mobile only for a few hours. We have been investigating the possibility of an SMS alert system and will fast track that process. We are able to send messages via our app through primary parent planner. Instructions on how to set that up have been included once again in the Sea Sider. Additionally, you can follow us on Twitter @ManlyVillPS. However, this account is only in the early stages and communication using this system will obviously increase over time. As always, thank you to everyone for your support during this time, especially given that so many of our families were experiencing difficulties too. What a kind and caring community!

P & C meets at 7pm the 2nd Monday of each month during school terms.

mvpspande@gmail.com
Anzac Centenary Commemorations

Our school commemorated Anzac Day last week, participating in a number of significant events. Our school service was very poignant and I commend all of our students for the deep level of respect demonstrated at all times throughout. Special thank you must go to Miss Campbell and Mr Peachey for co-ordinating our service. Our school participated in the 100 years, 100 boats Anzac Beach memorial at Collaroy Beach on ANZAC Day. 100 surf boats came ashore on Collaroy Beach in remembrance of the Gallipoli landings, and each received a wreath from representatives of local schools. The boat crews returned to sea, raised their oars and presented the wreaths to the depths in a symbolic gesture to commemorate the sacrifices of all the combatants on the Gallipoli peninsula, and those who have served since or are still serving. Our school was proudly represented by Duncan and Claudia C, who received a lone pine sapling which will be cared for back at school. I was extremely privileged to attend and march in the commemorative service in Manly last Saturday with a number of our school leaders. We were all incredibly moved by the service, humbled by the stories shared and thrilled to have been able to participate. Additionally, members of the school leadership team attended a moving service at Hyde Park last week. A special recount of this event is included in the Sea Sider as well.

MVPS Star Students

Georgia G and Cheley G recently participated in the World’s Greatest Shave. Together, the girls have raised an amazing amount of money for the Leukemia Foundation with Georgia raising over $4600 and Cheley raising well over $2000 to date. Way to go girls!

Best wishes to Aurelia C and Celia P who are playing for Manly PSSA at the Sydney North PSSA Soccer carnival today. We look forward to hearing your results.

Good luck to Tom K and Ross B who are representing MVPS at the Manly PSSA Rugby Union trials coming up soon.
**HOLIDAY WORKS**
The exterior of B block and the internal corridor received a fresh coat of paint during the holiday period and looks lovely and our new flexible learning space above MOOSH was painted. Additional work in B block and the green room foyer will take place this term.

**MVP CROSS COUNTRY**
The sun came out just in time for our school cross country on Friday and what a morning it was down at Manly beach. Congratulations to all of our students involved and for the determination and perseverance displayed throughout! Many thanks to Mr Newbold for his fabulous coordination of the activity, our terrific school staff for their support and our wonderful parents/careers who helped out on the day. The ice blocks organised by our year 6 parents at the end of the race were most certainly well received!

Peta Hanson
Relieving Principal

**LIBRARY NEWS**
**Aboriginal Performance**

Next Monday, 4 May, we have an Aboriginal performer visiting our school to entertain students in years 3-6 at 9.15am. This has been billed to your Semester account. Fred Reid's Show, ‘Let’s Bridge the Gap’ covers music, artefacts, dreamtime stories, painting and body art. The performance is tailored to the age group and includes audience participation. Students in years K-2 will attend their own session later in the term.

Christine Neill
Teacher librarian

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**
**IN THE SCHOOL HALL**
**FRIDAY 8 MAY**
**7AM-9AM**

Kids come along and treat Mum to breakfast 😊

**Pre-order required on Flexischools before Wednesday 6 May**

Or

**Order over the canteen counter before Thursday 7 May at 2pm**

Choose from the following menu items:

Homemade muesli w/yoghurt and raspberries $5
Pancakes w/blueberries and maple syrup $5
Tea, Milo or orange juice $2

Looking for DAD helpers to cook and serve our lovely mums.....

Call the canteen 9977 2478

**2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**
Open every Wednesday 8.30am - 9.30am, behind the canteen.

We sell good quality 2nd hand uniforms and new hats.

Get your PSSA Socks at the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop for $13.00

All donations are gratefully accepted.
All proceeds go to our P&C.

**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.
Year 5 had their first taste of Project Penguin with a day at the Zoo last Thursday to meet veterinary staff, zoo keepers - and Little Penguins, of course. Our students learnt about the life cycle of a Little Penguin, how the zoo cares for injured penguins and how we can raise awareness of their threatened existence in our local community.

We also enjoyed a stop at the chimpanzee enclosure and found some interesting creatures 'caged' at the lemur enclosure (see photo!).

I would like to congratulate our Year 5 students on a successful first outing and look forward to the rest of our work with Project Penguin in the coming weeks.

Jennifer McCredie

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K - 2 Choir

K-2 Choir meets at the flagpole each Thursday morning at 8:30am. Mrs Docker will come and collect students from here. On the 1st and last Thursday of terms, there will be no choir unless specified. On rainy days, choir will be cancelled as teachers are required to supervise their own class on wet days.

We look forward to a happy and fun term.

Mrs Docker, Mrs Hillier and Miss Green
We love the element of surprise, joy and pride in the children’s faces when they receive an award. Whilst we know it’s not always easy, please try to keep the following awards a surprise!

These will be awarded to the students at the assembly on Wednesday 6 May.

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ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL

On Thursday 23 April, along with hundreds of other kids from schools across Sydney, we represented Manly Village at the RSL & Schools Remember Anzac commemoration service at the Anzac memorial in Hyde Park, Sydney.

The service was run by senior school kids and attended by The Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education and Mr Rod White AM RFD, State President of the NSW RSL. The Catholic schools performing arts choir sang Safe and Sound by Taylor Swift and T Bone Burnett, accompanied by the Sydney Chamber Orchestra.

A school student played the Last Post. They reminded us that the Last Post was played every night in war to signal the end of the day and time for the soldiers to rest. And it’s now played at services to signal soldiers who have gone to their final rest.

We had the privilege to lay our rosemary sprigs on the memorial steps. It was something to remember.

Oliver, Sophie and Eliza

ATHLETICS LESSONS

During Weeks 3 and 4, classes in Years 2-6 will be having their Athletics lessons on the sand at Manly Beach. The children will be learning to do long jump. They will be supervised by the class teacher and the SportsPro staff.

Tiffany Marshall
Scholastic Book Clubs 2015

Dear Parents

We will be running our first Scholastic Book Club for the year commencing this term in support of ‘National Family Reading Month’ in May.

This week your child will receive from their teacher a new all-in-one expanded age appropriate brochure.

If you wish to participate, our school has opted to be a ‘LOOP’ (Linked Online Ordering Payment) school-see below for more information. All orders are placed online & parent payments are accepted by CREDIT CARD ONLY - No cash or cheque payments are accepted. For ease of ordering, our school is a distribution channel: books are ordered & paid on-line by parents, then 1-2 weeks later the order is received at the school & delivered to your child’s classroom.

All online orders are due no later than close of business on Wednesday 6 May.

MVPS receives 20% commission as ‘School Rewards’ on all Book Club sales, gaining valuable literacy resources for your child’s classroom throughout the year.

Please see below information on ‘LOOP’ and if you have any queries either contact Scholastic Customer Service on 1800021233 or MVPS Book Club Co-ordinator Karina Hankinson on karinaah.69@hotmail.com or 0419 910 420.

Sports Update

PSSA Sport.
PSSA Sport begins this week. Team lists have been pinned on the board outside 4/5H and all notes have been sent home. Please ensure permission notes and payments have been made online or through the office.

Training has been changed to Thursday mornings for several reasons, one of which was that we couldn’t guarantee Manly Oval on Friday morning and had no alternative oval. We realise that there is a training band that rehearses on Thursday mornings. If your child is in this band, they are still able to play with their PSSA team on a Friday and will have a quick warm-up training before each game. Girls and Boys Football and Boys Rugby League are to meet their coaches at Manly Oval at 8.15am ready to train. Girls Netball will meet their teachers at 8.30am on the deck at school. Boys playing football are asked to bring their own size 4 football to training.

In the situation of inclement weather, training will be cancelled. We will communicate to parents if it starts raining late on the Wednesday evening or Thursday morning via the Primary Planner app. Do not leave children at Manly Oval if there are no teachers present. If it is raining on a Friday the District PSSA Convenor will cancel matches, when possible, by 10.30am.

Matches begin on Friday. Please remember to bring all of your necessary equipment. No students are permitted to play Rugby League without a mouthguard and all soccer players must have shin pads.

All Netball games are held at John Fisher Park, Curl Curl. We don’t yet have a draw, however Senior and Junior B will be playing at 1pm and Senior and Junior C will be playing at 1.45pm

All Rugby League games are held at Nolans Reserve. We haven’t as yet received a draw.

Boys soccer
Junior games are played at 1.05pm (15 minute halves)
Senior games are played at 1.35pm (20 minute halves)
Junior A and Senior A versus Harbord playing at David Thomas Field 2
Junior B1 and Senior B1 versus Harbord playing at David Thomas Field 1
Junior B2 and Senior B2 Bye (Will travel with the soccer teams to David Thomas and play a friendly if grounds permit)

Tennis and Beach Volleyball. These sports begin their programs this week. Please remember to bring a hat and a drink bottle. All children playing tennis and beach volleyball are required to meet their teachers on the deck at 1.40, ready to depart school at 1.45. They will return to school by 3.15pm.

School Sport
Children participating in school sport will meet the supervising teachers on the green court at the end of lunch. Please remember to wear a hat at all times. We have planned for 3 groups of children at school sport. Each week one group will be taken off site into the local area for their sport activities.

Sherelle Spillane
Sports Co-ordinator
Entertainment Book 2015/2016

The 2014/15 Entertainment Book will expire on 1 June 2015 so get the new 2015/16 edition now. You can purchase online through the link below or within a couple of days, through Flexischools. If you order a hard copy of the book it will be delivered home with your child.

Every Membership we sell raises $14 towards our fund-raising! The more Memberships we sell, the more we raise – so please forward this email to your family and friends!


For only $70, Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotels, accommodation, travel, and much more. So get in early before they sell out!

Important Information about Primary Parent Planner app:
Please read the following if you use an android device to access the Primary Parent Planner

Overnight we have published an update for all Android users. The reason for this is that as you may or may not be aware Android phones do not have PDF viewers built into their software as Apple devices do.

Therefore to open any PDF on an Android phone it defaults to another app and opens the document. You would note that we have recommended an app in the current version called PDF Viewer that looks like this…

It was discovered with this PDF viewer that it does not open landscape documents correctly. This is a fault with the makers of this app.

Users have asked why they simply cannot use the Adobe Reader app they already have installed. The answer to this is that this app will open documents from Google or email but will not open PDF documents in other apps - like PPP. So for schools who upload newsletters via their website link, Adobe Reader can be used for those who use PDF’s.

So we have run an update which will require Android users to update and download this app when opening documents which will open up PDF’s in PPP in both Portrait and Landscape. - PDF Reader


The Primary Parent Planner Team

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 May 4, 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

LIFELINE
Our Book Fair volunteers have been working at full speed to price and categorise around 25,000 books in preparation for another bumper fair this weekend. The venue is booked; the transport is booked; the fine weather is booked; now it’s your turn to get “booked”!
Balgowlah Boys Campus, Sydney Road and Maretimbo Street. Friday 1 May 4.00pm – 9.00pm, Saturday 2 May 9.00am – 5.00pm, Sunday 3 May 9.00am – 2.00pm

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