Dear Parents and Carers

We are off to a great start already this year. I am extremely happy with how everyone has settled into their classes and are progressing forward with new teaching and learning.

The Kindergarten students are particularly well settled and are very excited to begin their literacy and numeracy sessions in each class.

Our parent teacher information nights will be held from tonight and over the next few weeks. These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for you to come and listen to what is in store for your child this year, particularly in curriculum, class management and school expectations.

These sessions are not designed to be individual interviews about your child but rather an opportunity to gather as much information about your child’s year ahead as you can to ensure a strong home – school relationship.

An opportunity for you to discuss your child’s school progress will be provided a little later this term.

If you have any concerns or worries about your child at the moment, I encourage you to make contact with your child’s class teacher to schedule an appointment.

All Kindergarten classes Tuesday 9 February (TONIGHT) 6.00-7.00 pm School Hall
Year 1 and Year 2 Wednesday 17 February 6.00-7.00 pm School Hall
Year 3 and Year 4 Tuesday 16 February 6.00-7.00 pm School Hall
Year 5 and Year 6 Tuesday 23 February 6.00-7.00 pm School Hall
EAT ART FOR SWEETHEART DAY

This **Monday 15 February 2016**, we are holding a fundraiser for Aussie kids with heart disease. Actor, Shane Jacobson (Oddball, Kenny, The Dressmaker) is a keen advocate of the campaign for HeartKids to help children with heart disease and their families.

With 8 kids being born with a heart defect every day and 4 dying each week, lots of Australian families are impacted. We want to get on board and support this important cause with EatArt for Sweetheart Day.

The canteen will be selling heart-shaped food on Monday of next week. If you wish to help you may send a container of heart-shaped snacks to the canteen. **Items such as cookies, watermelon, rockmelon or cupcakes will be appreciated. Please be aware of allergies and do not include any nut products.** Our kids also benefit... because when kids give, they build up personal and leadership skills and it makes them feel good.

Northern Beaches Family Support Centre Workshops

The Northern Beaches Family Support Centre is running a number of family workshops for parents and regular activities this term. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Sportspro lessons

Students have begun Sportspro lessons. Years 2-6 students are focusing on field events in the lead up to our Athletics Carnival in Term 2. Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be engaged in developing their gymnastics skills. Parents will pay for the program in their Term 1 Fees.

Scripture and Ethics

Students will begin scripture and ethics classes in Week 5. All students attend weekly 40 minute lessons unless they have indicated they would prefer to attend non-scripture. Scripture attendance is based on a family religious tradition. Students learn about a variety of religions through their class work. We encourage students to stay in their chosen scripture for the year however changes may be made at the end of each semester.

Students may change classes before the beginning of each semester. Parents should provide the class teacher or the office with a written request to change classes at least a week prior to the commencement of scripture and Ethics. Please note that for some of our classes we have a waiting list. Students may not be able to swap immediately due to classes being full and may be placed on a waiting list. Students will stay in their original scripture or ethics class until a spot becomes available.

During non-scripture students are supervised and are engaged in simple, learning related activities. Students will continue to attend the scripture or ethics class they elected to attend last year. Kindergarten students will bring home a note in which they can elect which scripture they would like to attend.

Evacuation and Lock Down Drills

It is normal procedure that schools practice emergency evacuation and lock down drills on a regular basis across the school year. You are likely to be very aware of the recent bomb threats that schools across NSW have been receiving.

We will be practising both these drills over the next two weeks. Class teachers will talk to the children about the safety drills and highlight that these are ‘practice’ drills only and that we need to do them regularly in case of an emergency. Our new Kindergarten students will have practised these drills several times while at preschool and/or childcare and are older students are familiar with these drills as regular occurrences at our school.

**Contact numbers:** Please ensure the school has all of your current personal details. If you have recently changed your address and/or mobile phone number please let the office staff know as soon as possible.

Philippa Becker
Principal
Meet the MVPS Scripture & Ethics Teachers

We’d like to invite you to an afternoon tea on **Wednesday, February 10**, at MVPS just **in front of the stage** to meet the MVPS Scripture and Ethics teachers.

Please pop in anytime between **3-3.40pm**, enjoy a cuppa and some yummy food, ask any questions you have about Scripture and Ethics, look at the curriculum we teach and meet the teachers who teach your children.

For more information please contact naomi@stmattsmanly.org.au or Luke Richmond (Deputy Principal)

We hope you can make it!

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**Year 7 Academic Placement Test 2017 Intake**


Closing Dates for Applications for 2017 Intake:

- NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus 4th March 2016 by 4 pm.
- NBSC Cromer Campus 4th March 2016 by 4 pm.
- NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus 26th February 2016 by 4 pm.

Students should sit the test at the NBSC campus they wish to attend in 2017.

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**2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

Open every

**8.30am - 9.30am**

behind the canteen

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

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**School Banking**

A big welcome back to all our school bankers! This year we’ll be taking an Outback Adventure through the Canyon of Savings.

Be sure to remember your bank books this week so you can start earning those coins. If you are interested in school banking, stop by (behind the canteen) on Friday mornings.

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**BEACH BITES CANTEEN ROSTER**

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- All volunteers, please wear closed shoes.
- Please be sure to change your class on Flexi schools orders to ensure speedy delivery.
LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge

All students from K-6 will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Students will be borrowing appropriate books in Library and they will need to be recorded on their PRC Reading Record Sheet which will be stapled into homework books, or in the case of K & 1, in homework folders.

K-2 is denoted with an orange dot, 3-4 a green dot and 5-6 a red dot.

Students have until mid August to complete the challenge.

Please ensure your child has a waterproof library bag for borrowing.

World Book Online

Once again MVPS will be subscribing to World Book Online. $2 per student will be charged to your term account giving access both at home and school for 1 year. For new families the web address is:

http://www.worldbookonline.com

Log-in ID : MANLY
Password : MANLY

Younger students will enjoy using 'Early World of Learning' (Kindy and Year 1). Years 2-6 will be using 'Kids'.

Students will find this to be a useful source of information for research. We will also be using the website at school. Please see me in the Library if you have any problems.

Christine Neill
Teacher Librarian

Community News

Volunteers needed in Manly for Wild Women on Top Coastrek on Friday 4 March, a +30km walk in aid of Fred Hollows Foundation. Please text Peter on 0430453484 if of interest and available. facebook.com/coastrek/


Mandarin Classes. Term1 2016.Mondays & Wednesdays 8:00am - 9:00am. Interactive teaching style and culture leading language method. $15 per session per person plus textbook. Contact Mary: 0412 062 198 or Bin Lin: 0403 598 635 Email: binL99@hotmail.com www.huaxiachinesecultureschool.com.au

Brookvale Football Club is seeking players, boys and girls, in all age groups, under 6 and up. Train and play at Grahams Reserve with your friends from school. Season starts Term 2, register ASAP! See Brookvale FC website for further details (www.brookvalefc.com) or speak to Pippa Parkes in the playground, or on 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.