Congratulations to all our new Kindergarten children on their ability to settle into school and its routines so quickly. Next week will see a return to normal school days starting at 9.00am and finishing at 3.00pm. Please be sure to organise pick up and drop off routines for these timeslots next week.

The community spirit is alive and well at Manly Vale and a big thank you to Belinda Clarke (Jasper 1M) for constructing, painting and decorating 2 new Kindergarten shops for the class home corner. They look amazing and the kids love them.

Also a big thank you to all the parents who volunteered time at the Bunnings BBQ last Saturday and to Lauren Finlayson who lent a hand at the last minute.

Parent Teacher Information Nights
Next week we will have various information nights. Teachers love this opportunity to explain their expectations and procedures for the classroom. These nights will inform you about homework expectations, class routines and school organisation. Please try and make an effort to attend your child’s information evening. This is not the time to have an interview with your child’s class teacher as there are scheduled interviews later in the term when teachers are more familiar with their students.

Monday 18 Feb Year 1 and 2 6.00pm – 7.00pm
(School Council will follow this meeting at approximately 7.15pm)
Tuesday 19 Feb Year 3 and 4 5.45pm – 6.30pm
Year 5 and 6 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 20 Feb Kindergarten 5.30pm – 6.30pm
P&C meeting has been postponed to the following Tuesday 26 February.

Class Coordinators
At the various nights next week there will be opportunity to nominate yourself as a class coordinator. We need a class parent for every class to communicate various school and P&C initiatives to the rest of the class. A list will be passed around the classroom during the information talk and you will be given the opportunity to write your name, phone contact and email on it. This information will form the class contact list and be distributed by the class coordinators at a later date.

We will not be producing a whole school directory this year instead there will be individual class lists and a class coordinator to communicate fundraising and community events. This personal information will only be used for school and P&C business. If you are able to be the contact for the class please be sure to nominate yourself at your information evening or let your teacher know beforehand. We must have 1 parent at least per class.

Volunteer Security Checks
The NSW Department of Education has brought in strict child protection guidelines for volunteers in the school. All parent and community volunteers must complete: A Prohibited Declaration Form and A Working With Children Identity Check Form (100 point check). If you wish to work in the school as a volunteer (canteen, band program, classroom helper, reading helpers, scripture teacher etc.) you must complete these 2 forms. The link below can be used to download the identity check form.

We have allocated 2 days for parents and volunteers to come up with their various forms of identification and have it photocopied and filed by the office staff at the school. These 2 days will be Tuesday 26 February and Wednesday 27 February. Forms and explanations will be given out at “Meet the Teacher” evenings the week before. Examples of suitable identification are: Birth Certificates & current passports (100 points), driver licence (40 points), Medicare cards , current rates notice, lease/rent agreement, water, telephone and gas bills (25 points). I know these procedures are very time consuming but it is important to follow these guidelines put in place to keep our children safe.

High School Open Days
The various local high schools will be conducting open days for you to visit and find out information on the local high schools. Times appear later in this newsletter. At our next P&C meeting, Tuesday 26 February, Paul Sheather (Principal Balgowlah Boys Campus) and Christine Del Gallo (Principal Mackellar Girls Campus) will be attending to talk about the opportunities available at their schools.

EOI (Expression of Interest forms for high school)- due back 22 March 2013
In a few weeks time, a form will come home with all the Year 6 students to fill in their intentions for high school next year. Every Year 6 student must return the EOI (Expression of Interest form) by 22 March. Please use the next few weeks to discuss and find out more information about the high school your child may be attending.

NBSC Extension Classes 2014 Year 7
If you would like to apply for placement in the academic extension classes at Balgowlah Boys, Cromer or Mackellar Girls for 2014, application forms are available from the Year 6 teachers. Children are required to sit an entrance test at the end of March and application forms are to be returned by 5 March. You can get further information from deborah.quirk1@det.nsw.edu.au.
School Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 26 February
It’s time to start training for our school swimming carnival. The pool has been booked for Tuesday 26 February from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. Girls who are attending the Mackellar open morning that day will be able to attend the carnival afterwards. A separate note will be sent home next week with the final details.

Tina Lee
Principal

Canteen Welcome to our Fantastic Kindy Kids!!!

To celebrate the arrival of these great kids, the Canteen will be selling a cupcake and an ice block at morning tea for $1.00 on Tuesday 26 February. We would love some Kindy mum’s to help serve or make some cupcakes, so if you can help, please call Michelle Povah on 0405 791 953.

Don’t forget a dollar! - All profits are put back into the school.

Many thanks
Canteen Committee

Volunteer Reading Program – Working with Karen Young (Learning and Support teacher)
Would you like to do something that is rewarding and help our Manly Vale Community? We understand that your time is valuable, but could you spare one hour per week? We are in need of volunteers to assist with reading programs, commencing Term 1. We do have some wonderful helpers, but we need some more.

The STLA Karen Young will train and support you when working with students. Participation in this program will give you additional skills when helping your own children with reading.

If you would like to be part of Manly Vale’s Volunteer Reading Program, please fill in the form below and return to the office or your child’s class teacher. Please note this is not for helping in classrooms.
Canteen Roster — Term 1

Week 4 2013 — 18 February to 22 February

Mon 18 Feb  Kate Waddington  9948 7818
Tues 19 Feb  Lindie Atchinson  0413 411 234
Wed 20 Feb  Heidi Goh  0431 806 753
Thurs 21 Feb  Lucy McLean  0425 231 980
Fri 22 Feb  Rhonda Williams  9949 5239

Week 5 2013 — 25 February to 1 March

Mon 25 Feb  Lyn Powe  9907 6021
Tues 26 Feb  Lindie Atchinson  0413 411 234
Wed 27 Feb  Jodi Moore  0402 486 585
Thurs 28 Feb  Ann Collins  9948 8018
Fri 1 Mar  Kathy Dunn  9907 0068

It is really important to find a replacement if you can’t do your rostered day! If you can help in the canteen please call Sarah on 9948 7038 or email light_love@live.com.au

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book club orders are due back by 9.00am Monday 18 February. Please mark your envelope clearly with name and class. If you wish to collect the order from the office rather than it going to your child, please mark clearly on the order/envelope.

Thank you—Kylie Freeman—Coordinator

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Ian Blume
P&C President

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HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS 2013

Balgowlah Boys Campus—Tues 26 February 9.30-11.30am. Info night Wed 27 February 6.30-7.30pm. Enquiries: 9949 4200
MacKellar Girls Campus—Tues 26 February 9.30-11.30am. Info night Thurs 28 February 6.30-7.30pm. Enquiries: 9949 2083
Manly Selective Campus—Thurs 28 February 9.30-11.00am. Enquiries: 9905 3982.
Cromer Campus—Fri 1 March 9.30-11.30am. Mon 4 March 2.00-7.30pm. Enquiries: 9981 1155
Freshwater Senior Campus—Tues 5 March 4.00-7.00pm. Tues 21 May 3.00-5.00pm. Enquiries: 9905 2634
Mosman High School, Military Rd, Mosman—Thurs 7 March 5.00-8.00pm. Enquiries: 9968 1006

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After School & Sat

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