It is hard to believe it has only been 2 weeks that I have been at Manly Vale Public School as I feel so at home already and have met so many supportive parents and community members. Term 1 is beginning to look very busy already with the introduction of our gym, dance and band programs. Many students have settled into their new classes and are already pursuing extra-curricular activities and sports. Be mindful that children need time to ‘chill out’ and play with friends, every afternoon should not be crowded with extra commitments and organisation.

Band
Thank you to Lauren Finlayson and Sarah Birrell, for helping out with the band program this year. We had a great meeting with the parent committee last night and I’m happy to announce our new committee for 2013.
Treasurer – Nikki Bull
Secretary & Liaison with P&C – Fleur Griffiths
Jnr Band parent liaison – Fiona Telfer
Sr Band Parent liaison – Mardi Fry

We welcome our new junior band conductor Misa Yamimoto and thank Ben Dickson for returning to conduct the senior band. At the moment the band fees are being calculated and a proposal for a band tour is being considered for later in the year depending on costs and staff support. Don’t forget to support the Bunnings sausage sizzle this Saturday morning at 9.00am, to raise money for our wonderful band program.

Dance Auditions
In a few weeks time, Mrs Panetta and Mrs Finlayson along with Cassie our dance teacher, will be auditioning students for our school dance groups. It would be wonderful to see a few boys join the dance groups this year. Maybe there is a Billy Elliott in our midst!

PSSA Trials
Last Friday and this Friday the PSSA coaches will be conducting trials for various summer sports. Please remember that selection is performance based for these school teams and that students need to be of a reasonable standard to make these teams. PSSA is our extension sport program where students play other schools on a Friday afternoon. There is no time to teach the game when you are playing an opposition competitively. Our alternative school sport program will allow students who don’t make these school teams to have the opportunity to play team sports and learn the games back at school.

Road Safety in the afternoons
The school now has 358 students all trying to make their way home in cars, buses and by walking of an afternoon. Traffic congestion will only increase and we must be vigilant in providing a safe exit from school for all students and their families. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in keeping our children safe.

What’s Happening Next Week

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ed 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 photo-copied 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 photo 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.

Our New Bus service
With introduction of an additional bus service this year (744) there is still a little confusion from the students as to which bus to catch. Many students are able to catch this new service and are still opting for the old service (745) which means it is still overcrowded. The 744 route goes from Manly Vale Public School to Mackellar Girls Campus. Please look at the stops below and check if your child is able to catch this bus and take the pressure off the other service.
King St near Gibbs St
King St near Condamine St
Condamine St near Innes Rd
Koorala St near Quirk Rd
Quirk Rd near Innes St
Quirk Rd Near Campbell Pde
Campbell Pde near Mackellar Girls Campus (terminates)

Tina Lee
Principal
**Library News**

Welcome to another year of Fabulous Reading! Children started their library sessions this week.

Tuesday  
5/6P, 2L, KK, KM, 4S

Wednesday  
1L, KF, 3M, 6D

Thursday  
5W, 1AJ, KP, 3/4O’G, 2B, 1M

All K-4 children need to bring a library bag on their library day, stage 3 children are exempted from having to bring a bag.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge is on the way, watch this space for further details!!!**

Glynis Poole – Teacher Librarian

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**2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**Term Dates 2013**

- Term 1: Wed 30 January to Fri 12 April
- Term 2: Tues 30 April to Fri 28 June
- Term 3: Tues 16 July to Fri 20 September
- Term 4: Tues 8 October to Wed 18 December

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**OWLETS**

Manly Vale Owlets will be meeting on Monday 11 February 9.15-11.00am in the school hall. Join us for craft and a cuppa. For more information contact Kyrralyn on 0422 404 273 or email kyrralynandjohn@optusnet.com.au. Manly Vale Owlets is for children 0-5 years with their parent or carer for play, craft and music. BYO morning tea for children, coffee & light refreshments provided for adults.

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**School Banking**

Hi everyone. Just a reminder that school banking day is Tuesday. Bring in your books and money and hand them to your class teachers. If any parents are wanting information on school banking please see the office for a parent pack. Each child in the school will be receiving a pack to take home in the next few weeks.

School Banking Coordinator
Amanda Shaw—Oliver (5W) & Maddy (5/6P)

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**VOLUNTEER READING PROGRAM**

We are in need of volunteers to assist with reading programs this term. I will train and support you when working with students. Please contact the school office by phone or email for more information if you would like to be involved in this program. Details will be available at Meet the Teacher nights.

Karen Young—STLA Teacher

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**Band News**

This Saturday 9 February the Senior and Junior band parents will be holding a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Balgowlah from 8.00am to 4.00pm. We would love to see as many families as possible come along and buy a sausage sandwich to help raise funds for our wonderful Manly Vale bands. Thank you to all of the band parents who have offered to help with purchasing items for the sausage sizzle or cooking and serving on the day.

Lauren Finlayson
Band Liaison
NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

**Stage 3 Newsletter**  
5W, 5/6P & 6D

**Stewart House Bags**  
K-6

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**Manly Vale OSHC News!**  
mvoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au

Welcome to the start of another great year here at the Manly Vale OSHC Centre. The Centre can be contacted by either mobile or email. The mobile number is 0430369288 and the email address is mvoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au. Rebecca is the Coordinator and is supported by Tara as the assistant coordinator. The casual team consists of Tristan, Kim, Kellie, Claire, Ben, Nanna and Kylie. There is a menu planned for both Summer and Winter throughout the year. The Menu is displayed on the sign in and out table and includes many delicious snacks such as: nachos, spaghetti bolognaise, tacos, sandwiches and much much more.

The program is compiled weekly by linking children’s suggestions, observations and interests. You can find it on the noticeboard if you would like to have a look. Enrolment forms are available on the parent sign in and out table. A community meeting held each term to discuss any parent issues, ideas or just to catch up with what is happening in the centre. The community meeting dates will be sent out as soon as they are confirmed. Staff and a member of the management team attend one P&C meeting per term and create a centre report for each P&C meeting.

AASC is continuing this term, with rugby on Tuesday afternoons and Yoga on Thursday afternoons. We also have some new and exciting clubs which include the children request to have an Animal club again along with the popular Culture club.

We have limited vacancies available on particular days so please contact the centre for availability as we would love to see you here for either a morning and/or an afternoon session.

Please call the Centre on 0430 369288 or email mvoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au if you would like any further information.

Thank you  
Rebecca, Tara and Sam

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**STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2013**

Stewart House bags were distributed today to all families. Please return bags to the school office by Friday 22 February for collection.
**Academy of Acrobatics and Gymnastics**

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Kids 4-9 years of age—Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs at 4pm AND Sat 8am, 9am & 10am 5-7 per group $149 for the term

Kids 10 yrs + OR those of competition standard Tues, Wed & Thurs at 5.30pm-6.30pm 5-7 per group $195 for the term

**Teenage class** Mon 5pm; 5-7 per group $155 for the term

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL** – for good class sizes we need to know how many children will be attending. Payment due first day.

Private lessons $42 half hour & $80/hr

Interested in tennis lessons for adults? Call for a timetable.

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**Holiday Camps**

Tennis Camps

Jan, April, July, Oct

Daily and weekly rates. Full and half day options.

All standards from 4 to 13 yrs of age.

Ph 9977 1307

Bookings essential

Owners: Wendy Camelotti and Howard Smith

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**MANLY VALE OSHC CENTRE**

**Before and After School Care**

0430 369 288

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Tues 8.50 - 9.10am

Wed 2.50-3.10pm

Fri 8.30-9.00am

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**PSSA SPORT**

Please check the School’s Website for cancellations of PSSA Sport due to the weather

www.manlyvale-ps.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**P&C MEETINGS**

Usually held every 3rd Tuesday @7.30pm in the Administration Block unless otherwise advised.