As I reflect on one of the busiest terms I have ever experienced I feel so privileged to have been put in this position to lead Manly Vale Public School into one of the greatest eras of change in education. I have met with various committees and groups, from P&C to school council to canteen committees, band dance, drama and sport. I have had one to one chats with a staff who are dedicated, diverse and who have a strong sense of pride in this great school. Community and school are working together and I am very lucky to be here leading this team.

I’d like to make special acknowledgement to my school executive staff Lori Learmont, Lynn O’Grady, Lisa Phillips and Pam Davison for their support during this transition process. To the various community groups and their leaders including Damien Pincus, Ian Blume, Stephen Hancock, Anthony Powe, Sarah Langley, Michelle Povah, Fleur Griffiths and Heather Hills. Thank you for all you do as a volunteer to help make this school so special. Lastly to the staff, in the office and in the classroom, you are so deserving of a break. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the students of Manly Vale. I am really looking forward to next term and beyond.

ANZAC DAY – Service this Friday
We will hold a short ANZAC day service in our K-6 assembly time this Friday to commemorate all the soldiers lost during the various wars. As ANZAC day falls in the school holidays this year we have decided to have the service before the actual day. Ms Phillips escorted our 4 school captains Skye Nankervis, Owen Sengchanh, Catherine Lye and Cameron Ranken to a special service in Hyde Park last Wednesday. Ms Phillips commented on how proud she was of our school leaders in their participation in such a memorable occasion. I thank the school leaders and Ms Phillips for representing our school at such an important occasion.

Staff Development Days – Pupil Free Days
Monday 29 April and Tuesday 30 April are designated pupil free days for the staff to have professional learning on the new English Syllabus. The school will be closed on these days and I am sorry for the inconvenience that this will cause families in seeking childcare arrangements. School will officially reopen on Wednesday 1 May.

Whole School Photo – Wednesday 1 May
On the first day back at school we will be having a whole school photo done by Advance Photography. We have decided that the children should wear the sports uniform so that the white polo shirts will be common throughout the photo. Please make sure your children are in full sports uniform on this day and wearing a clean white polo shirt.

Sports In Schools – Fridays (Term 2)
Kindergarten to Year 2 students will be involved in a fundamental skills movement program every Friday next term. Each class will have specific instruction in the fundamental skills for sport by qualified sports instructors and PE teachers. The children in Years 3 – 6 who are not doing PSSA will also continue on with this program in the afternoon. A separate note will go home tomorrow explaining the program.

Dance Auditions
On the first Friday back (May 3) our junior and senior dance ensembles will be auditioning for North Sydney Dance Festival. Thank you to Ms Finlayson and Mrs Panetta for their work in auditioning and preparing our school dance groups and to our dance teacher Cassie, for preparing them for the audition process. A separate note will come home today regarding the arrangements for these auditions.

Thank you “Take a Seat Thai”
I’d just like to acknowledge one of our local businesses “Take A Seat Thai” for their years of support to our school. This week they helped subsidise the raffle for the school fees. Pat has been a long time supporter of our school since her children attended here. Our sincere thanks for your past and continued support of Manly Vale Public School.

The raffle for the people who have paid the school fees will be drawn at the school assembly Friday morning.

REMINDER
School Photo—Wednesday 1 April
Sports Uniform
Winter uniform to be worn from week 2

WHAT’S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

Monday 29 April
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30 April
Staff Development Day
7.30pm P&C Meeting

Wednesday 1 May
Students return
Whole School Photo

Thursday 2 May

Friday 3 May
Dance audition Manly West
Winter Uniform – Term 2 Week 2
All children will change over to the winter uniform next term. On Monday 6 May it will be expected that all students will be in the winter uniform. Girls will wear the winter tunic with the white polo shirt and white socks or grey tights with black school shoes. Boys may wear grey long pants or red shorts or long track pants with the white polo shirt and white socks with black school shoes.
Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in ensuring the correct uniform is worn for next term.

NAPLAN – next term
The NAPLAN tests will take place in Week 3 of next term on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May. Please ensure that if your child is in Years 3 or 5 that they are at school on those days. A separate note explaining the tests and timetable was sent home last week.

School Council Planning
Last Monday night the school council met to discuss the future of Manly Vale Public School. We had a great turn up of committee members and additional parents. Stephen Hancock, our new president is enthusiastic to put forward our ideas to the Department of Education. Thank you to all the members of the council for your ideas and time last Monday.

Holidays
I’d like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. If you are around the school please watch out for intruders and report them straight to the police or security 1300 880 021.
The greatest deterrent to thieves and vandals is the “community watchdog.” I look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound on Wednesday 1 May.

Tina Lee
Principal

University Competition Entries
Have now closed

Dance News
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Unfortunately this is a closed audition and parents are not permitted to attend. A detailed permission note was handed out yesterday. Please ensure your child’s permission note is signed and returned to the school office by tomorrow, Friday 12 April.
Lauren Finlayson & Natalie Panetta
Dance Co-ordinators

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Term Dates 2013
Term 2 Wed 1 May to Fri 28 June
Term 3 Tues 16 July to Fri 20 September
Term 4 Tues 8 October to Wed 18 December

Thank You
A big thank you to the Volunteer Readers who have been helping on the program this term. The staff and students really value your time and efforts.
If anyone is interested in volunteering for the reading program in Term 2 we would love some extra help.
Please contact Miss Young via email if you are interested: karen.young23@det.nsw.edu.au
Karen Young
NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

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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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TO ALL BOOK LOVERS Can’t wait until our next Book Fair in June? Well, we’re having our first Book Clearance in 12 months and it will be running over 5 days.

FRIDAY 19 APRIL – TUESDAY 23 APRIL
10 am – 3 pm each day
at Lifeline Book Warehouse 5 Chard Road Brookvale

Manly Environment Centre Event: ‘Day at the Bay’
Where: Cabbage Tree Bay No Take Aquatic Reserve, Shelly Beach, Manly
When: Sunday 21st April 2013
Time: 10am – 4pm

Red Owl Canteen New Menu Changes

Next term there is a new menu. It has been included in today’s newsletter and is on the schools website. Over the past few months there have been some changes in the standard guidelines of the Canteen Association. Our menu consists of amber and green foods only (further information can be found at www.schoolcanteens.org.au). The school can only have two Red foods twice a term. The guidelines are moving towards Canteens having amber products three times a week. The new menu reflects this and you will see that there is an amber food (like pizza and pies) once a day. This has meant that some foods have been removed from the menu for the winter terms such as burgers, but don’t worry they will be returning in the summer menu. Some products are not being offered every day and there are some new items. New items are that we will be offering are more healthy sandwiches, sushi and a meal deal.

Due to the guideline changes we are now unable to have Take A Seat Thai provide the school with their special fried rice each Wednesday. This has been something that the pupils and teachers have looked forward to each Wednesday for a number of years. We would like to thank all the staff from Take A Seat Thai for making us the rice each week. We will truly miss this special treat.

The only change in the ordering system is that if your child is having sushi on Friday they will need to bring their lunch order bag on the Thursday. If your child is participating in PSSA they will only be able to order Sushi, a meal deal or a sandwich, so that they have time to finish their lunch before leaving school.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to speak to Sarah in the canteen or Michelle Povah on 0405791953.

Many thanks
The Canteen Committee
Library News

Term one 2013 is almost over, and we have set off on a great journey of reading for the year.

☆ 50 children have registered to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.
☆ Harmony Day was celebrated by the whole school this year the theme was ‘Many Stories, One Australia’.
☆ International Children’s Book Day was recognised in library sessions with readings from stories by Hans Christian Andersen.
☆ We have a bright new sign decorating the entrance to the library, thank you to Wayne and Wendy McDougall for your professional advice.

Glynis Poole – Teacher Librarian

Invitation

Author Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 1 May
3.30pm—4.30pm
Balgowlah Heights Public School
(1st Wednesday Term 2)

Balgowlah Heights Public School will be hosting Belinda Murrell, Aleesah Darlison, Jan Latte, Jacqueline Harvey and Wendy Fitzgerald. These authors will speak to the students about their books for 10 minutes each. This will be followed by a book signing, then an afternoon tea.

This is a free session for students to meet the authors who are giving their time to promote quality literature. —No pre-schoolers please.

Band News

Band Captains have been finalised this week with Lia Guard and Penny McClean taking on the roles. Congratulations to the 2 girls. Badges will be presented to you at morning assembly early next term. Good luck in your new roles, we know you’ll both do the band proud!

A note was sent home to Senior Band members only on Wednesday 10 April regarding the Manly Vale Public School Senior Band Tour. The Senior Band will travel to Bathurst in Week 2 of Term 4 this year. The note outlines cost, venue, transport and supervision. Further notes will be handed out closer to the tour to address other necessary details. We just ask that the permission note and deposit money be sent in as soon as possible and before Friday 10 May (week 2, Term 2).

If your child needs a note please ask them to see Mrs Birrell.

Sarah Birrell & Lauren Finlayson
Band Co-ordinators

Uniform Shop

Open first Wednesday of the School holidays (May 17) between 2—3 pm only.
Next open on 1st May 2:45pm.

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Manly Vale Public School

Movie Trivia Night

25th May, 2013 - Mackellar Girls High School Hall

$25 a head or $45 a couple

(includes coffee & cakes)

Organise your own table of 10 - or we can pop you on a table... BYO drinks and nibbles

Prizes, Prizes & More Prizes a Blind Auction too

Come dressed as your favourite movie star or character

How YOU can help:
A Night at the Movies Trivia night is on next month. It is our biggest social fundraiser of the year and we would like everyone to be involved and come along on the night.

We would also like to ask if you can help in any way, we need prizes and auction items so if there is anything, no matter how big or small that you or your company can donate it will help make our fundraising a great success. Very kind families have already donated fitness passes, a meal out, hairdressing, books, jewellery, mechanics services is there anything you can give?

We are always looking for goods or services to help with fundraising so if you can’t this time, please bear it in mind later.

Thanks for your support of the school—P&C

Mother’s Day

Mother’s Day is only a month away (where is this year going!) and back by popular demand is our Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 10 May.

We ask all students to supply a donation. Commencing first week of Term 2 we will be collecting your donations—popular items include chocolates, soaps, hand creams, jewellery.

Each child will be able to buy their mum a gift on Friday 10 May for $5.00.

This stall is always popular with the students and a great fundraiser for the school

Thank you for supporting us.

P&C Fundraising Team
Kids Tennis
After School & Sat
www.keirleparktenniscentre.com.au
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 -6.30pm 5-7 per group $195 for the term
Teenage class Mon 5pm; 5-7 per group $159 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.

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

Fun Languages
for Little Linguists
The Fun way to become bilingual!
Fun French Club!
• Fun French after school club at Manly Vale PS on Thursdays 3.15pm
• Lots of fun activities, drama, music & games
• Experienced and enthusiastic teachers
• Supported by fantastic fun activities online a Babelzone - visit our website for a FREE TRIAL-
www.lcfclubs.com.au

Book now: 99072470
Julia.higgs@lcfclubs.com.au

Ballet (RAD)
Jazz
Hip Hop
Contemporary
Tap*
Musical Theatre
Boys Hip Hop
Tiny Tots

OWLETS
Owlets meet on Mondays from 9.15-11.00am in the school hall. Feel free to join in! For further information contact Kyrralyn on 0422 404 273.

MANLY VALE
OSHC CENTRE
Before and After School Care
0430 369 288

UNIFORM SHOP
Opening times:
Tues 8.50 - 9.10am
Wed 2.50-3.10pm
Fri 8.30-9.00am

PSSA SPORT
Please check the School’s Website for cancellations of PSSA Sport due to the weather
www.manlyvale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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