Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a very busy term.

**Selective High – 2014**
Congratulations to Catherine Lye who has been offered a place at Manly Selective Campus next year and to Ursula Groenenboom who is on the reserve list. Well done girls and we wish you every success next year.

**Yamaha Festival**
Congratulations to our Senior Band and Ben Dickson our conductor in receiving a Silver Award in the “C” section at the Yamaha festival. Our Junior Band and conductor Misa Yamamoto, also received a Bronze Award for their performance in the “E” section. A great effort by all members and a very enjoyable experience for the musicians and the audience. Well done Senior and Junior band and thanks to Mrs Finlayson and our conductors for their organisation!

**Education Week – week 3**
Education Week is a celebration of all the wonderful activities and learning that is going on in our school. This year the theme is “Celebrating Our Stories” and we are excited to have an open day surrounding this theme. The open day will be in the afternoon of Tuesday 30 July beginning with a picnic lunch, open classrooms and a Book Fair in the library. Please keep this afternoon free to visit our wonderful school. More information and times will follow next week.

**Book Fair – Tuesday 30 July – Thursday 1 August**
Mrs Poole will open the library with a book fair. It is always a very exciting event and a great opportunity to buy books for your children or donate books to our school. This Book Fair will be the start of a very exciting term for the library with Book Week beginning on 19 August. A parade and activities, as well as author talks have been organised to celebrate literacy in our school. More information will follow regarding the events of Book Week (19 Aug – 23 Aug).

**Band Solo Nights - Tuesday 30 July & Thursday 1 August**
As part of our Education Week celebrations we will see performances from our Band members on the nights of 30 July and 1 August. The nights are an opportunity to see our talented musicians, from the Band programs, perform solo or small group ensembles. The tutors and conductors usually join in to entertain us with their performances and our very capable Band leaders will host the evenings. All parents are welcome to come to the Solo Nights and performers will receive a letter today indicating the evening they have been scheduled to perform. The show starts at 7.30pm and all community members are welcome to come and watch, with a gold coin donation as the entry fee.

**Kindergarten Open Day and Orientation program**
This term is the beginning of our Kindergarten orientation program. We begin with an Open Day for parents on Wednesday 14 August from 10.00 to 11.20am. On this day parents will be given the opportunity to view the school and its programs including dance, gym, choir and band programs. Tours by the Year 6 students will be a part of the day. This day is designed for the parent’s information, it is not part of the transition program to school.

The Orientation program for Kindergarten students 2014 is on 3 separate days:
- Monday 2 September 9.15 – 10.45am  Children work in Kindergarten rooms, parents go to the hall.
- Tuesday 10 September 9.15am - 10.45am  Children work in classrooms, parent information session in hall.
- Monday 18 September 1.45pm – 2.45pm  Only students to go to Kindergarten classes. No parent session this day.

The orientation program will be complete with an information night on Wednesday 18 September in the school hall from 7.00 – 9.00pm. Children are encouraged not to come to this evening, I look forward to meeting all of our new Kindergarten students and parents during these sessions. Currently we have 81 enrolments for next year.

**“On Your Soapbox” – Public Speaking Competition**
Currently all classes K-6 are engaged in class competitions for our whole school public speaking program. This annual event culminates with an assembly on Thursday 1 August. There will be 2 separate sessions for our grade finalists on that day.
- K, Years 5 & 6 – 11.30am
- Years 1 – 4 1.50pm

Congratulations to all our students who are participating in this public speaking competition. It is not easy to speak in front of your peers and it is such a great achievement to have delivered a speech as part of this competition.

**Father’s Day**
As part of our school fundraising the children will be decorating aprons for Father’s Day. The artwork will be done at school and details regarding purchase of the item will be sent home later. The annual Father’s Day sleepout on the oval will not be occurring this year due to our new turf surface being laid and the legal requirements for the organisers of the event.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK**

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Café Owl CLOSED tomorrow Friday 19 July
Canteen Help
The canteen does a great job and is staffed by very committed volunteers and our wonderful Sarah. However, the lack of volunteers has meant that the canteen has had to close on some days and rely on the same people all the time to fill in. If you are able to assist in the canteen on a weekly, monthly or term basis please make contact with the school with your hours of availability. We also say a very big thank you to Michelle Povah who has been our regular volunteer and canteen coordinator. Michelle is beginning a new job so is unable to help out as much as she used to. We are in need of someone to fill in as Canteen coordinator. It may be a position we can share amongst a few people. If you are interested in helping out with this role please inform the school asap.

Tina Lee
Principal

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Premier’s Reading Challenge closes in 6 weeks. Still plenty of time to complete your challenge.

Welcome to a very exciting term of books and reading. In week 3 we celebrate Education Week and we will hold our annual Book Fair which will see its Grand Opening on Tuesday 30 July in Manly Vale Public School Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend, parents are invited to take their children to the fair. Sales of all books will return a percentage of books or cash to the school community. Families are very welcome to donate books to the library, you will be able to select from teacher’s choice titles, these will be displayed in the centre of the fair. The fair will be open on Wednesday and Thursday morning and afternoon.

Week 6 is Children’s Book Week. This year the theme is:

“Read Across the Universe”

Throughout the term all the children will have the opportunity to enjoy a selection of the shortlisted titles and will be able to participate in various activities based on these titles.

Watch this space for updates on Book Week events!!

A reminder to all families that children K-4 need to bring a library bag for borrowing on their library days
Tuesday – 5W, 2L, 1L, KM, 5/6P, KK
Wednesday – 4S, KF, 3M, 6D
Thursday – 1AJ, KP, 3/4O’G, 2B, 1M
Please help your child to remember their library day.

Happy Reading
Glynis Poole – Teacher Librarian

SCHOOL FEE REMINDERS

Fee reminders will be sent out next week. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please speak to Mrs Lee. All conversations will be kept confidential.
**Canteen Roster — Term 3**

**Week 2—Monday 22 July to Friday 26 July**
- Mon 22 July: Michelle Bowden 9949 1360
- Tues 23 July: Volunteer needed
- Wed 24 July: Volunteer needed
- Thurs 25 July: Lucy Tang 9939 3497
- Fri 26 July: Fiona Telfer 0418 412 220

**Week 3—Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August**
- Mon 29 July: Katie Harper 0416 191 983
- Tues 30 July: Volunteer needed
- Wed 31 July: Volunteer needed
- Thurs 1 Aug: Volunteer needed
- Fri 2 Aug: Alexandra Hanna 0431 271 991

**Please note:** The canteen is only open from 1.00-1.30pm Monday & Tuesday for snacks. 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

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**Café Owl**

Due to the Healthy Harold Van, Café Owl will not be open tomorrow.

**Stewart House Clothing Appeal**

Stewart House clothing bags were distributed this week. Bags are due back at school by Monday 29 July.

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**Canteen News**

The Canteen would like to thank Nancy Lambley for covering for Sarah for the next two weeks. Sarah is away overseas for a few weeks and will be back with us in the third week of term. The Canteen would like to welcome Nancy onto the team and from all the children and parents thank her for agreeing to cook all our lunches and snacks over the next two weeks.

There are some gaps on the canteen roster for volunteers for this term. If you can help out please see Nancy or email us at our new email address below. If we can’t cover the roster then we will have to consider closing the Canteen on those days.

Regards
Canteen Committee
manlyvalepscanteen@gmail.com

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**Canberra Perisher Stage 3 Camp**

Stage 3 students are still buzzing and talking about the wonderful times had at camp before the holidays. Together we shared some memorable and historical moments that made our trip an amazing experience not to be forgotten. All year 5 and 6 students were able to witness the Senate and House of Representatives in action. We saw Kevin Rudd in the flesh and were in Parliament House as the leadership challenge was happening! What a fantastic moment to be learning about Government and our Australian decision making process.

We saw many other fascinating sites around Canberra. A highlight for many students was the Embassy and High Commissions tour and the interactive activities at the Electoral Education Centre where the students learnt to vote in a preferential voting system such as ours. The War Memorial is always a magnificent place to visit and our students were respectful and reflective as we looked at the war exhibits and commemorated our Australian troops. Questicon provided entertainment and scientific experiments for the students to be engaged in. The teachers also loved the earthquake house, the bouncy tunnel and the vertical free fall drop! At our accommodation we watched Origin, did zumba, swimming, basketball and had a disco.

The snow was welcomed with squeals of joy and delight as we drove into Perisher on the buses. Some of our students had never seen or touched snow ever before and this was a first experience shared with their peers that they will never forget. Together we rode on the quad chairlift to the top of Perisher for some fun in the sun and snow. We were treated to the most beautiful weather and view from the top of the mountain. We made an igloo, snowmen, sculpted ice-hearts and we chased and slid and played and played. Then the snowball fights began!

Taking 75 students on a trip can be a nerve racking experience but the Manly Vale students lived up to their outstanding reputation and behaved beautifully for the whole three days. Apart from small snowball bruises we did not have any injuries or emergencies. I would like to thank the stage 3 students for their wonderful behaviour and attitudes at camp. It was a joy to travel with Mrs Lee, Mrs Ward and Mr Dylan and I would also like to thank them for their leadership, support, organisation, time and enthusiasm before and during camp.

Miss Lisa Phillips
Assistant Principal
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 Wed 2.50-3.10pm
 Fri 8.30-9.00am

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

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.

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