Farewell Mr Smith
Thank you to everyone who was involved in saying a sad goodbye to Mr Smith last week. He had a tremendous last day, with a farewell assembly in the morning and at 3.00pm a clap out from the children to the music "Sailing" by Rod Stewart. It was great to see so many members of the community there to wish him well and we really appreciated the effort people made for his retirement. It was very appropriate to hear the cheers from our 2 soccer teams as they entered the "clap out" acknowledging their grand final wins on the day. Soccer teams that Mr Smith had coached himself over the years.

Debating
Congratulations to our 2 debating teams who both won their debates last Friday.
Year 5 - Ellie Yang, Elicia Fennell, Alex Coyle and Maddie Wyatt (in speaker order) - Against Balgowlah Heights (Topic: That homework should be banned - Negative)
Year 6 - Jacqui Gopilan, Ursula Groenenboom, Bethany Argue and Danica McDougall (also in speaker order) - against Manly West (Topic: That students should be more involved in school decision making - Affirmative).

PSSA Champions
Last Friday I had the privilege of watching the junior girls and senior boys soccer teams win their grand finals. The girls played beautifully and scored a penalty to win 1-0 and the boys victoriously won 5-1. It was a fabulous afternoon for all spectators and great to bring home the trophies at the end of the day. Congratulations to all our PSSA teams this season and their coaches Mrs McManus, Ms Kemp, Mrs Cash and Mrs Ward. Special acknowledgement to Mrs Ward who organises all the PSSA for our district and spent a long time organising trophies, banners and certificates for all teams across our Manly district. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated sports person on our team at Manly Vale.

What’s Happening Next Week

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Primary Parent Planner App
Our new Primary Parent Planner App is now up and running and after a few predictable glitches is running for all interested parents. The App will not replace the Bush Telegraph or regular communication at this stage it purely serves as a reminder and instant form of communication to families when required. Events will be programmed into the App, which will be received as a reminder on phones and 1 pads. Who knows where this technology may lead us! If you wish to purchase the App please follow instructions on our school website or via note sent home last week. Cost is $1.99 per year, per family.

Kindy to the Art Gallery
Last Friday our Kindergarten along with their wonderful teachers and parent helpers attended the NSW Art Gallery for an excursion. They all had a wonderful time and to my surprise the teachers were saying that they could have had longer in the gallery with the children. How fantastic that such young children can get so much out of an Art Gallery. They are a credit to you all as parents and to their ever patient teachers. Well-done Kindergarten!

Jeans For Genes Day
Thank you to Ms Phillips, Mr Dylan and our Year 6 students for organising such a wonderful fundraiser for childhood disease this week. All the students loved wearing their jeans and donating a gold coin to this charity, $470.00 was raised on the day. Well-done Manly Vale!

Kindy Open Day
Yesterday was our Kindergarten Open Day. We had performances by the senior and junior band, senior and junior dance groups, Kindergarten and school tours from our Year 6 students. All the visitors commented on the delightful manners of our students and the quality of the tours and enjoyed their day at Manly Vale Public School. The Kindergarten Orientation Program begins on Monday 2 September at 9.15am. If you haven’t enrolled for next year please do so as soon as possible.

Assistant Principal’s Conference
Yesterday our 3 Assistant Principals Lori Learmont, Lynn O’Grady and Lisa Phillips all attended a leadership conference. It was great to see them take a day out of their busy schedule to seek some leadership training and professional learning around the changes in the new curriculum. We are truly lucky at Manly Vale to have such a dedicated leadership team who are always looking to develop and improve their knowledge and skills to provide the best possible outcomes for our students!

Book Week – Welcome Aleesah Darlison
Our Book Week festivities start tomorrow with a visit from a local children’s author Aleesah Darlison. The children will also be treated to another author, Monty Pryor visiting next week. Thank you to Mrs Poole who makes literature and our library an exciting part of our Manly Vale curriculum.
Band Raffle - $2 a ticket
Our school band program is raffling off a beautiful Pandora bracelet. The tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. Tickets are on sale before school and will be near the canteen on Friday morning at Café Owl. Please support our band program by buying a ticket.

Congratulations Joe Griffiths
This week Joe Griffiths in Year 2 was presented with an array of prizes that he won by being a regular participant in the school banking program. Julie from the Commonwealth bank and “Spen” came to our assembly this week and presented Joe with his prizes. (picture)

Primary School Maths for Parents
Kidsfirst are offering a community service for parents who would like to learn more about the new maths curriculum. The seminar will be on Tuesday 27 August @ 7.30pm- 9.30pm at Brookvale Oval (The Chairman’s Lounge). If interested please make a booking by calling 9938 5419 or www.kids-first.com.au.

Security
Thank you to one of our parents who called security last weekend on 1300 880 021 and had some young people removed from the school. As the year comes to a close for many high school students please be vigilant and calling the police and security if you see anyone in the school grounds acting suspiciously.

Tina Lee
Principal

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Thank you to all the parent helpers, students, spectators and staff for their wonderful involvement at the Athletics Carnival on Monday 5 August 2013. We would like to extend a special thanks to all the parents that were involved in helping out on the day. All your efforts on the day were appreciated. Children always love to see their parents take part in activities. The weather was awesome and participation from the children was excellent.

It was so wonderful to see so many students getting in and having a go. Please find the results in today’s newsletter. Ribbons and announcement of the winning house will be announced on Friday 16 August at the morning assembly. A note was sent home with children today if they are to attend the District Carnival on either Friday 23 August or Friday 30 August.

Lynn O’Grady and Lisa Phillips
Athletics Carnival Coordinators

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Term Dates 2013
Term 3  Tues 16 July to Fri 20 September
Term 4  Tues 8 October to Wed 18 December

“READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE”

Children’s Book Week 2013
Official M.V.P.S. Book Week Celebration
Wednesday 21 August

Children and staff are invited to dress up….come as a superhero...a space alien...an astronaut...a moon monster...or your favourite book character.
(HINT: your child will be in costume all day so try and avoid any outfit that is not comfortable!)

Children will participate in a number of activities during the day and will finish with a parade by the kindergarten children and an art installation by the whole school.

Premier’s Reading Challenge Finishes Thursday 22 August…..Keep Reading!!
Glynis Poole – Teacher Librarian
NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

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**CANTEEN ROSTER — Term 3**

**Week 6—Monday 19 August to Friday 23 August**
- Mon 19 Aug     Kristen Welsh  0405 034 829
- Tues 20 Aug    Heidi Galang   0400 069 892
- Wed 21 Aug     Ann Collins    9948 8018
- Thurs 22 Aug   Volunteer needed
- Fri 23 Aug     Volunteer needed

**Week 7—Monday 26 August to Friday 30 August**
- Mon 26 Aug     Kim Sullivan   0407 012 493
- Tues 27 Aug    Mel Lovell     0400 686 698
- Wed 28 Aug     Andrea Diletti  0403 730 079
- Thurs 29 Aug   Fleur Griffiths 0413 879 442
- Fri 30 Aug     Mel Halliday   0412 071 669

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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**NEW IN THE UNIFORM SHOP**

Manly Vale OSHC News!

Welcome to the Manly Vale OSHC News! We’ve had a fantastic couple of weeks with the children creating some interesting story and picture books as well as participating in a variety of sport challenges.

Here at the centre we aim to broaden children’s experience in OSHC by acknowledging community events which are initiated by health, cultural or environmental issues. Recently we have been talking about World Diabetes Day, National Tree Day and Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day. We also like to include community participation in the service by inviting families and other visitors to the Centre. If you have any suggestions for an interesting visitor or initiative of this type please speak to staff at the centre. Similarly, if you have something to share with the children, such as information about your work life or cultural background, or even a simple story or cooking experience, we would love to have you.

The Centre receives Commonwealth Government funding to offer Active After Schools programs such as sports coaching, dance and multi skills. This program is currently under application for continuation into 2014. We have issued surveys to all families in the school requesting your ideas for such programs and appreciate any suggestions which are made. This term we are offering aerobics and fitness on Wednesday afternoons and Athletics on Thursday afternoons.

Please call the Centre on 0430 369288 or email mvoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au if you would like any further information. Centre Managers can be contacted directly by emailing headoffice@primaryoshcare.com.au.

Thank you
Rebecca, Tara and Sam

**PARENT’S MOVIE NIGHT**

Red 2

Wednesday 28 August 2013. 7.00pm @ Manly Cinema
Cost: $20 including the movie and a Choc Top or small popcorn.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Lifeline Book Fair**
Fri 23 Aug 2.00-9.00pm, Sat 24 Aug 9.00am-5.00pm & Sun 25 Aug 9.00am-4.00pm, Ted Blackwood Hall, Jackson Rd, Warnewood.

**Free group training** for the community in Manly Vale on Sundays 9.00am, meet at the Manly Vale Community Centre, to have fun together, for all different conditions. Hope to see you! Ana 0455 372 284.

**TICK ALERT**

Once again we have seen a number of ticks at school recently. Please be vigilant and carefully check your children if they have been in the bush or experience any irritation. Please be reminded that school staff will not remove ticks from any child as this is often when an allergic reaction may occur. If a tick is found on a student the school will ring the parents.

**DANCE CONCERT DVD**—$10.00 from the school office
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 at Babelzone - visit our website for a FREE TRIAL- www.lcfclubs.com.au

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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.