Education Week
What a fantastic week we have had at Manly Vale Public School this week. Our Open Day and Book Fair were a great success and everyone enjoyed the picnic and performances from the Senior and Junior band and our choirs. The weather remained beautiful throughout the day and the storm held off till we were all home from the Band Solo night. Thank you to all the parents and community members for coming and visiting our classrooms and Book Fair on Tuesday. A highlight of the day would have to have been Mr Smith’s story of his teaching career at Manly Vale Public School (see later in the newsletter). Mr Smith sharing the history of Manly Vale was of interest to us all. I must thank the staff and teachers of Manly Vale for all their extra efforts and organisation for Education Week 2013.

Band Solo Nights
I had the privilege of hearing some of our band members perform solo pieces last Tuesday evening. The audience was thoroughly entertained and it was lovely to see Lem in back accompanying some of our soloists. Mrs Birrell did a tremendous job in setting up the hall and preparing for the evening along with Ben Dickson our band conductor. I look forward to more performances tonight and congratulate all our band members who were brave enough to perform in front of their friends and families. Thank you to Mrs Finlayson for the organisation of tonight and coordinating the program, and to our Band Leaders Cameron Ranken, Lia Guard, Penny McClean and Katie Simeonoff for hosting the two evenings.

On Your Soap Box
Unfortunately I wasn’t able to see the performances yesterday but everyone has reported that the standard of public speaking was extremely high and the audiences were very entertained by the finalist’s speeches. Our school public speaking program at Manly Vale is definitely flourishing and I congratulate every student on their ability to write and perform a speech to their class mates. Thank you to Mrs Birrell for her organisation of the competition, she will escort our winners Lia Guard and Hannah Lovlin, to NSW Parliament House next Thursday 8 August to present their speeches for the Bear Pit Speaking Competition. Congratulations to all our finalists for their participation in yesterday’s assembly.

Dance Concert CD—$10
A professional filming of our end of term dance concert has been recorded and now on sale at the office for $10. The CDs are a great recount of the wonderful dance concert at the end of term and a great memory or gift idea for relatives and friends. Thank you to Martin Kovel for his filming and editing of the event and to the Harper family for making up the copies of the CDs. All profits from the CDs will go directly to the school.

Athletics Carnival – Monday 5 August
Next Monday 5 August is our annual school athletics carnival. We are hoping for lovely weather as it is a terrific day for student, teacher and community participation. Thank you to all the staff who have been busy running field events over the last few Fridays and to Ms Phillips and Mrs O’Grady for their organisation of the day. It would be great to see you all there next Monday. Please refrain from taking photos of children who are not your own due to privacy concerns. I would appreciate your co-operation in this area.

Tina Lee
Principal
A very big thank you to everyone who visited the book fair. Sales have exceeded $3000. Thank you for your generous donations to the school library, children will be able to borrow their donated books as soon as they have been processed.

Special thank you to our parent volunteers, Melissa Lovell, Lyn Powe, Alice Stoddart and Stuart Davies who manned the sales tables on Tuesday it was a huge task and we do appreciate your support.

Extra special thank you to our new library monitors for stepping up with very little time to practise and present our opening skit, well done you are all terrific troupers!

Extra, extra special thank you to last semesters library monitors who have so willingly helped to mentor the new monitors by training them for their library duties, you are all marvellous!

REMINDER Premier's Reading Challenge ends in 4 weeks.
Glynis Poole – Teacher Librarian

Just a reminder that the Athletics Carnival will be held this Monday 5 August down at David Thomas Reserve, Sloane Crescent, Manly Vale. Years 3-6 and any Year 2 children turning 8 this year will be walking down at 9.00am (no morning assembly). K-2 will then walk down at 10:30am. Any outstanding permission notes need to be handed in by tomorrow Friday 2 August. Please ensure your child has:

- Hat
- Drink bottle
- Sunscreen
- Mat for sitting on
- Labelled clothing
- Packed lunch and morning tea

Please note: We would appreciate all parent spectators to stay in the designated area on the day of the carnival and to keep the track clear so the official helpers can see and to minimise confusion for the runners.

The canteen will ONLY be open for drinks, ice-cream and cupcakes. Also, if any parent is interested in helping out on the day and hasn’t said so on their permission slip, please let the front office or Lynn O’Grady know. Good luck to everyone.
Miss Phillips and Mrs O’Grady

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### SNEEZE SAFE

This week Kindergarten students have been learning about the importance of personal hygiene and its key role in helping to reduce the spread of colds, flu and other viruses. Each child received a personal pack of tissues and a sticker to help remind them of the key ideas taught. There are 3 easy steps to remember when using tissues to blow/wipe your nose.

CATCH IT- always use a tissue
BIN IT- Throw it in the bin
KILL IT- Wash your hands

Thank you to Kleenex for sponsoring this initiative. If you wish to find out more you can visit their website www.sneezesafe.com.au

Mrs McDonald
NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

NOTE            SENT TO
Athletics Carnival Permission       K-6
Athletics Carnival Information       KP, KM, KF, KK

CANTENE ROSTER — Term 3
Week 4— Monday 5 August to Friday 9 August
Mon 5 Aug        Canteen closed
Tues 6 Aug       Lindie Atchinson  0413 411 234
Wed 7 Aug        Heidi Goh        0431 806 753
Thurs 8 Aug      Lucy McClean     0425 231 980
Fri 9 Aug        Rhonda Williams  9949 5239
Mon 12 Aug       Kim Sullivan     9948 7818
Tues 13 Aug      Lindie Atchinson 0413 411 234
Wed 14 Aug       Volunteer needed
Thurs 15 Aug     Volunteer needed
Fri 16 Aug       Natalie Chew     0407 942 300

Please note: The canteen is only open from 1.00 - 1.30 pm 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 email manlyvalepscanteen@gmail.com

Manly Vale OSHC News!
Welcome back to another great term at Manly Vale OSHC. We hope you all had a great holiday and stayed warm. Vacation Care was extremely well attended and we received positive feedback from children and parents. The children enjoyed eating some delicious pizza at a local Italian restaurant as well as our excursion to Wizzy World. Our in centre days were also successful where the children enjoyed making props at the Harry Potter Day and creating dioramas at the Under the Sea Day. The parents commented on the variety of activities that were provided throughout this vacation care period and gave some excellent suggestions for the next vacation care program. Thank you to all those who completed surveys.

We are all set for another great term here at the centre. Our Culture Club, Animal Club, Science and Technology Club and Environment Club will continue throughout the term. AASC this term will include Aerobics and Fitness on Wednesday afternoons and Athletics on a Thursday afternoon.

Please call the Centre on 0430 369288 or email mvoshc@primarvoshcare.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

CANTEEN @ THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Canteen will be selling cupcakes, ice creams and drinks at the Athletics Carnival on Monday 5 August. All students will need a packed lunch and morning tea. We need volunteers to help on the stall and also donations of cupcakes for sale. The cupcakes can be iced in house colours! Please bring your cupcakes (and helping hands so we can all watch our kids run) to the stall on the day.

Reminder—Fundraising Aprons—money due tomorrow
As you know from the note receive last week, this week, all children have been working hard at school on their artwork for the fundraising aprons. We need to order the aprons next week in order to have them ready for those who would like them for Father's Day gifts.

Only those families who have returned their money will be able to order an apron using this artwork. Money can be paid by cash or direct deposit, please return the tear off form to the child's teacher so we know you have paid. Unfortunately we will not be able to take late orders. Thank you very much to those families who have returned their completed orders already.

Lee Meredith and 1L class parents

NEWSFLASH! SAVE THE DATE!
MVPS MOTHERS' MOVIE NIGHT
'RED 2' 
WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST 2013 7.30 PM 
MORE INFO COMING SOON!
Good-Bye and Thanks

When Miss Phillips kindly asked me if I’d like to speak about my Manly Vale memories on open day, I didn’t know whether to entitle the talk “I’m So Old,” or, “What Can I Really Remember Anyway?”

I started at Manly Vale in 1997, the year my son Oliver was born. There were only 5 classes and about 150 children and of course none of our present students were born. In fact when I started teaching in 1976 very few of our present parents were even born.

There are a few other 90s survivors still here with us. Mrs. Gibson is teaching RFF. Pam & Anne in the office are in fact now running the school & Peter Snailham strolls around a bit whenever he’s in the country. I can even remember Mr. Snailham when he had hair! I have had the pleasure of teaching some of their children, now all grown up.

We were very poor in those early days. In fact many parents could not afford to put shoes on their children’s feet and teachers would arrive at school on horseback! Only joking of course, you couldn’t afford a horse on a teacher’s wage in the 90s.

Then, apart from the beautiful bush, there was not much around. We didn’t have a lovely grassed playground, or a basketball court, or the fixed equipment, or a toilet for the disabled. We didn’t even have chooks!!

The only demountable buildings to be seen were the admin & staffroom block and the canteen. Once there was no computer lab. That’s where the library was. Imagine a world without a computer lab to throw up so many valuable technical problem-solving opportunities for your class each week.

For many years there was no hall at all and assemblies were often held in the heat or rain and howling wind on the playground! Yes, OH&S has changed too. The hall was officially opened in March 1999 and was partly built with the help of generous parent labour. It was half funded by community donations and endless fund raising. Helen Wilson was the principal at this time.

I would just like to mention Andrew Lo’s beautiful painting ‘Southern Forest,’ that is hanging in the hall and often not seen. Andrew had a child at Manly Vale in the nineties and our local bush inspired his painting. Take a moment to look carefully into it and you may feel the cool and perhaps smell the eucalyptus that I have enjoyed so many times in the nature area.

David Scotter arrived at Manly Vale in 2004 and was responsible for many of the new facilities you see around you today. He was an industrious worker who knew how to get things done.

Manly Vale has now grown to over 360 students. I have had the privilege of teaching over 500 students from years 1-6 in my 17 classes and have coached many representative-sporting teams to considerable success. For no small reason were we known as the giant killers in PSSA sport, as Mrs Lee well knows. Many a super power school like Cromer, Harbord and even Balgowlah Heights would shake in their boots while watching Manly Vale teams warm up!

One of my favorite memories over the last few years was when Mrs. Panetta was proposed to during morning assembly on the basketball court. It was one of those stop the world moments and I think I noticed a few tears in some mum’s eyes when she said yes.
Along with only a few remaining colleagues I have taught most of my career with the help of the chalkboard in the classroom and I have witnessed its demise to be replaced by the magical electronic white board. I sometimes wonder if my younger colleagues may at some time in the future witness the paper book go the same way. I personally hope not, but change is inevitable and is usually for the better. Adjusting is the difficult part.

It would be impossible for me not to speak of the present teaching, executive and administration staff at Manly Vale. I have no doubt that this is an exceptional team that exhibits a dynamite combination of enthusiasm, talent, creativity, determination, knowledge, common sense and experience all under the capable leadership of Mrs Lee. Your children are in excellent hands. I want to say a special thank you to Mrs Lynn O’Grady. Lynn and I have worked very closely together over the last nine years and her professionalism, support and humor have been invaluable to me. In my opinion, Lynn is a Manly Vale living treasure.

I guess the only thing that has not changed about Manly Vale in my 17 years is how consistently wonderful the children and parents have been. I have never worked in a more caring and supportive school community.

In January 1997, my wife Nel and I had just flown home from South America after a longish 5 ½ month honeymoon. I had just turned the key in the lock of our little unit in Harbord and was attempting to carry our bags and my bride across the threshold, when the phone rang. It was Helen Wilson, the principal of Manly Vale Public School. I was being offered a job on a 1/2 composite class if I wanted it. As we lived in Harbord, I had applied for a transfer from the Eastern Suburbs before Nel and I were married and Manly Vale was in fact my first choice on the application list. How lucky! The following day I headed up the hill to meet Mrs. Wilson and ran into a very young woman who introduced herself as Michelle Corson, now Gibson, who coincidently was also starting a new job. Helen was delightful and instead of talking business, took us straight up to the nature area for a walk in the bush. I was a bit confused. Two days ago in Buenos Aires and now a little lost in the bush with two women I hardly knew. That was my introduction to Manly Vale.

The next day the staff gathered for breakfast at the Manly Pacific Hotel and a cheery fellow with a big smile and an even bigger moustache lent across the table, introduced himself as Paul Reading and said, “Welcome Smithy… schools don’t get any better than Manly Vale.” The last seventeen years have proven him absolutely right.

Thank you to everybody past and present but thank you especially to the many hundreds of children who have enriched my life with their energy and smiles at Manly Vale. I will miss you. I’ll call sometime……..from the boat!

Cheers,

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Seaforth Public School 6th Annual Battle of the Parent Rock Band Competition Sunday 8 December 2013, Seaforth Public School, 37 Kembridge Ave, Seaforth, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Do you have parents in your school that are close Rock Stars wanting to play loud to an adoring crowd? More info ph: 9948 1694.

Northern Sydney Local Health District Parenting Programs— Course & workshops for Parents/Carers. Enquiries 9887 5830.