Bush Telegraph

Principal's Report:

**Farewell Mr Smith**
This Friday will see us farewell Mr Smith who retires after 17 years of service to Manly Vale Public School. Mr Smith has coached teams, taken a range of classes and seen the school grow to twice in size. He has been a valuable asset to the staff and always puts the student's needs first. We will have a short assembly on Friday morning at 9.00am to acknowledge Mr Smith's achievements and farewell him formally. His journey into a long and happy retirement will begin with a "clap out" parade on Friday afternoon at 2.45pm. Please feel free to come and join us farewell Mr Smith.

**Athletics Carnival**
Last Monday was a wonderful day at the track for all students, parents and teachers. The weather was spectacular and the array of house colours decorated David Thomas Reserve to provide a colourful backdrop to fun competition and excitement. Congratulations to all our students who raced on the day! Thank you to all the parent helpers on the day including Tarni Nankervis and her canteen team, the parent judges and time keepers. Everyone demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and there were many outstanding individual and team performances. Thank you to Ken Dewell, Mr Dylan, Mrs Birrell, Mrs O'Grady & Ms Phillips who were down at the oval at set up and in particular a big thank you to Ms Phillips, Mrs O'Grady & Mrs Birrell who organised the event. The District Athletics carnival will be held over 2 Fridays – 23 & 30 August. Well done to all the athletes who will compete at the next level of competition.

**Bear Pit Competition**
Good luck to Lia Guard and Hannah Lovlin who will compete this Thursday at NSW Parliament House in the Bear Pit Public Speaking competition. It is an incredible achievement to make it through the high standard of public speaking at Manly Vale Public School to now compete before an unknown audience. Well done to both girls! Thank you Mrs Birrell for accompanying and organising the girls.

**ICAS Maths Competition – Next Tuesday 9.00am**
Next Tuesday, Years 3-6 will sit the ICAS maths competition. These tests are particularly difficult and not necessarily based on our current curriculum. These competitions will test overall mathematical ability and knowledge. Please send in a 2B pencil for the test.

**Parent Planner App**
Today you will receive a note outlining the way to purchase and download an App for your phone or iPad with all our school dates and performances on it. The app is designed to communicate with our community and will be very handy for reminders and updates on school events. The App is $1.99 per family per year. Please feel free to trial the App. Instructions and a demonstration power point are also available on the school’s website www.manlyvale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**Kindy Fun - this week**
This week has been a big week for Kindergarten starting with their first athletics carnival where they all participated in races and novelty events and then closing with a trip to the Art Gallery on Friday. School just couldn’t be better! Yesterday I had the privilege of escorting 50 Kindergarten children up to the bush area and we had so much fun with Jim (from Manly Council) and Caroline Pickering (parent helper) and Mrs Davison (from the office). We all had a great time and only one child ended up in the Frog Pond! A reward for me was hearing “Mrs Lee this is the best day of my life!” Just got to love Kindergarten! I’m very happy to let those wonderful Kindergarten teachers take our Kindy children to the Art Gallery, as I need to recover from our bush visit! A big thank you to Jim, Caroline and Mrs Davison for their help this week.

**Open Day – next Wednesday 14 August**
Currently we have 87 Kindergarten children enrolled for 2014! Wow! Next Wednesday at 10.00am we will have our School Open Day for prospective parents to come along and visit our school. Our bands and dance groups will be performing along with a special Kindergarten singing item. Morning tea will follow. If you haven’t already enrolled for next year please do so and come along to the open day next week.

**Kindergarten Orientation Program**
Our Kindergarten orientation program begins in Week 8 of this term. The dates are as follows:

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**Band Fees**
Band invoices will be sent out this week. As the Band tour is quickly approaching all term invoices for band must be settled before students will be able to attend the tour. The Band Tour is an optional activity and not compulsory to attend whereas band fees are compulsory in order for expenses associated with the band to be paid. Please be prompt with payment of your band fees.

**School Fees**
There are still a few people that haven’t as yet paid school fees and expenses. Textbooks, gym and dance programs, excursions etc. can be very costly if people don’t pay their fees. The school cannot afford to cover these expenses. If you haven’t paid your school fees or contributions could you please call and make an appointment to see me, gradual contributions are most welcome.
Traffic Problems
Once again we are having problems with traffic outside the school and in Pineview Avenue. Complaints from neighbours and parents at the school that cars are double parking and blocking the view of residents in Pineview Avenue, as well as speeding around the streets without concern for the presence of small children is a recipe for disaster. Two teacher’s cars have been hit in the car park and many dangerous driving and reversing is observed in the mornings and afternoons around our school. Please take care and park safely around the school. Drive at a “snail pace” during pick up times and be courteous and respectful of other people’s property. We need to keep our children safe!

Morning Bus
I received an email today regarding dangerous behavior on the morning bus. Children not sitting in seats and not removing their backpacks to make way for others to sit down. All children should be seated for the whole journey, not standing in the aisles. Please support safe bus travel by talking to your child about sitting on the bus.

Jeans for Genes Day – Next Tuesday 13 August
The SRC will be raising money for children with genetic disease through their “Jeans for Genes” day appeal. Please allow your child to come dressed in their jeans next Tuesday and bring in a gold coin donation to this wonderful cause.

Band Information Night - Thursday 29 August
Band information night is for all parents and students who want more information on our band program. The night will be from 7.00pm-8.00pm and is a chance to find out about the commitment required for the band program. Please keep this date free if you wish to try out for band next year.

Congratulations Isaac, Rose and Eva in 1M
I just received an email from the Australian Museum informing me that 3 of our Year 1 students received a Highly Commended award in the Eureka Science Competition. These students spent their holidays researching the benefits of termites and created an informative film on their research. Follow the link below to view their film. Well done Isaac Bromley, Rose Turner and Eva Beninati Lo for your holiday research!

Termite Insight MVPS. http://www.abc.net.au/science/sleekgeeks/eureka/2013/

Anti-Bullying Show
This Monday “Brainstorm” productions will be performing in the school hall to Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 students on an anti-bullying and cyber –safety theme. The performance is usually a cost but they have decided to provide this performance free to the school. The performance will go approximately 1 hour in the afternoon.

School Security- 1300 880 021
Last Friday night some young people were removed from the school. If you see anyone in the school grounds don’t hesitate to call school security on 1300 880 021 or the police 000.

Tina Lee
Principal

STOP PRESS ....
Hanna Lovlin won the Bear Pit Speaking competition at Parliament House today
Congratulation to Hannah & Lia

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### 2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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

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### Manly Vale Shopping Bags

Introducing the Manly Vale shopping bag. Nice and big, it’s a must have at the shops and on the beaches this season. It would make a great gift! Don’t use plastic... buy a bag, save the turtles and all the profits go back to the school.

**Get one quick, only $7.**

Available at the uniform shop and from the office.

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### DANCE CONCERT DVD

On sale now $10.00 from the school office
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CANTEEN NEWS

The next Canteen Meeting will be held in the library tomorrow morning at 8.30am. All parents are welcome to attend and bring ideas.

Thank You!
Thank you to all the talented bakers and all of the parents who baked and helped out at the Canteen Stall at the Athletics Carnival. The stall raised $580. Special thanks go to Tarnia Nankervis, Leonie Scholtens, Natalie Chew and Judy D’Elmaine who coordinated the stall and sales on the day.

Library News

Exciting events are coming to Manly Vale Public School, starting next week on Thursday with a visit by author Aleesah Darlison who will be talking to the K-2 children about her writing in a presentation called Puggles and Little Bat Wing.

The following week is Children’s Book Week and 3-6 will be visited by Boori Monty Pryor Australia’s first indigenous children’s laureate.

On Wednesday 21 August Manly Vale Public School will celebrate children’s literature with a special dress up day, the theme is “Read Across the Universe”. Children and staff will be dressing as super heroes/intergalactic aliens/ moon monsters/ astronauts or any book character who is super! So start looking through your dress up box for a cosmic costume, out of this world head-dress and super sonic shoes.

We will also be holding a Book Swap to raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. If your child has a book they would like to give to the swap they will be able to purchase a similarly donated book with a gold coin, all proceeds to go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

DONATE A BOOK + SELECT A DONATED BOOK + A GOLD COIN = $$$ FOR THE INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION

Watch this space for more Book Week News.

REMINDER - Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes in 3 weeks, please make sure children K-2 must read 30 titles and children 3-6 must complete 20 titles.

Glynis Poole – Teacher Librarian

COMMUNITY NOTICES

STEWART HOUSE FUNDRAISER @ Harbord Public School, Oliver St, Harbord, Saturday 17 August 12.00pm-7.30pm & Sunday 18 August 9.00am-5.00pm. Each family will receive a 10”x13” portrait or A3 pencil sketch plus a keyring and wallet sized portrait. All proceeds from the booking fee of $15 will be donated to Stewart House. Bookings can be done online at trybooking.com/53610 or enter advancedlife into the buy tickets search field or contact Jenny Tabor on 1300 653 883.

APRONS

Thank you to those families who have returned their apron money. I know the children have had a great time creating their artwork this week.

If you were not able to get your money in this week and would still like an apron, please contact me directly on 0410 917 632.

Thank you
Lee Meredith and 1L Parents

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.
See insert with Bush Telegraph.

CANTEEN ROSTER – Term 3

Week 5—Monday 12 August to Friday 16 August
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

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

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 email CANTEEN NEWS

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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-
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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.

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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-ps.schools.nsw.edu.au

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