Congratulations to all our swimmers who received ribbons at last Friday's assembly and to Phillip the winning House for 2014 Swimming. The most interesting part of the assembly was to realise that it wasn’t the House with the most place getters that won but the House who had a lot of participation points and team spirit. Congratulations to all of the competitors. We look forward to hearing the results of the District Swimming Carnival on Friday 14 March.

School Fees and Costs
Next week our annual school fees will be coming home. Our school fees cover the excursion, incursion and event costs for the year. Textbooks and specialist workbooks are also covered in these fees. The voluntary contribution will go towards the additional expenses including library books, IT equipment and classroom resources. We appreciate your prompt payment of fees. Families that pay before the end of term will go into raffle drawn on Friday 11 April.

Anaphylaxis and allergies
We currently have 8 anaphylactic students and 1 diabetic child within our school. Health plans and Epipen training have all now been renewed and updated. We support a “nut free” policy within the school and forbid children to share food.

Lunch boxes should not contain anything in them that has nuts appearing in the ingredient lists especially muesli bars, chocolate, biscuits and dips, and avoid foods such as pesto, satay sauce and anything containing almond meal, including macaroons.

Birthday cakes (homemade without nuts or almond meal) are tolerated but not encouraged for birthday celebrations. Please do not send in chocolate or creamy ice creams for sharing. Although most foods that say “traces of nuts” are okay for allergy children, it is very hard as a school of 400 to work out what is safe and what is not. The school would prefer that birthdays be celebrated with food after school when it can be closely supervised.

High School EOI forms
By now Year 6 students should have returned their Expression of Interest forms for high school. Academic placement tests for Mackellar Girls, Balgowlah Boys and Cromer Campuses take place on Thursday 20 March at 9.00am. These extension classes need to be applied for separately. Applications closed on Tuesday 4 March.

Selective High school test is on Thursday 13 March at 9.00am to 1.15pm. The test centre for our school is Manly Selective Campus (138 Abbott Rd, Nth Curl Curl). All parents should have been personally notified of this test.

Mosman High School is running separate special programs and extension classes. A separate application form can be obtained from the Year 6 teachers and delivered to Mosman High School by Thursday 13 March. The dates for these tests are:
Academic Extension Test: Friday 21 March
Auditions for Drama, Music, and Visual Art portfolios will be done in the week beginning 17 March.

First Child Tax Offset
In 2001 the government introduced the “First Child tax offset” and many parents have not claimed any benefits. If you have a child born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive some of the benefits.

The deadline to claim on this entitlement is 30 June 2014. Please make enquiries with your tax agent or accountant to see if you qualify for this entitlement.

Futsal U 8’s
Congratulations to Barnaby Hancock, Spike Hancock, Gregory John and Jude Pincus who played in the Futsal U8’s final last week. The boys played brilliantly.

Tina Lee
Principal
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Declaration forms were sent out at Parent Info nights. Please visit the school office as soon as possible with your forms of identification (ie. passport, driver’s licence, medicare card etc.). Only new parents need to fill out these forms, unless you are driving, we need to see updated insurance and indemnity forms.

Harvest Hub

*Fruit * Veg * Groceries
‘Great Food that doesn’t cost the earth”

Tomorrow morning Susanna Popeta will be outside the uniform shop to explain this great new concept for you to purchase fresh local produce.

P&C Committee

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2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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School Terms 2014

Term 1  Wednesday 29 January to Friday 11 April
Term 2  Tuesday 29 April to Friday 27 June
Term 3  Tuesday 15 July to Friday 19 September
Term 4  Tuesday 7 October to Wednesday 17 December

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

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Library News

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is for children K – 9. The PRC is a NSW government initiative. The aim is to encourage a love of reading for pleasure, experienced through quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge!

For more information visit the PRC website [https://products.school.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://products.school.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)
Logon with your child’s school username and password:
  e.g. username - john.smith
  password - ??

Please contact Glynis Poole – PRC co-ordinator, for further information.

Library Monitors for semester 1 have been very busy training in the library at lunchtime. Congratulations to Davis, Sean, Joshua, Charlotte T., Georgia, Ellie, Lily, Charlotte F., Ruby, Laila, and Juliette.
Canteen Roster — Term 1

Week 7—Monday 10 March to Friday 14 March
Mon 10 Mar Katy Harper 0416 191 983
Tues 11 Mar Mel Lovell 0400 686 698
Wed 12 Mar Volunteer needed
Thurs 13 Mar Lucy McClean 0412 283 252
Fri 14 Mar Mel Halliday 0412 071 669

Week 8—Monday 17 March to Friday 21 March
Mon 17 Mar Michelle Bowden
Tues 18 Mar Volunteer needed
Wed 19 Mar Tiffany Scoon 0407 109 694
Thurs 20 Mar Tracy Wolf 0405 255 994
Fri 21 Mar Sandra Scriven 0408 627 568

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Forest High School Open Night Wednesday 12 March 2014, 6.00-8.00pm, Frenchs Forest Rd, Frenchs Forest. Enquiries: ph 9451 5111.

Want to be a Sea Eagle all new players welcome—from under 6’s. Come & try rugby league afternoon next Wednesday 12 March 2014 4.00-6.00pm. More info www.manlybrothers.com.au or call Jacky 0413 514 809.

Reach out for Ruby fundraiser for 17 month old Ruby O’Brien who has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. A Movie Premier of Muppets: Most Wanted on 9 April @ 6.00pm, United Cinemas Warriewood to help raise money to help the family. More info Emily Rodger 0417 290 074, rubysnight@gmail.com

Warringah Council Vacation Care—our booking procedure is changing in that we will now have an online registration process and an interactive booking form which will be available for download from our website: http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/live/community-support-services/family-and-childcare/vacation-care

SCHOOL SAFETY

Keep your children safe by knowing the road conditions and using some of the tips below:

SCHOOL ZONES—Keep our children safe
School zones operate between 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm on school days. Remember the speed limit is 40km/h in all school zones.

Parking around School Zones

No Stopping
Vehicles may not stop in a No Stopping area for any length of time, no matter how short. Dropping off or picking up passengers is not permitted in these areas. A continuous yellow edge line also indicates a No Stopping zone.

Fine: exceeds $265 and 2 demerit points

No Parking
Vehicles may stop in a No Parking area to pick up or drop off goods or passengers provided drivers stay within three meters of their vehicle and are not parked in the No Parking zone for longer than two minutes.

Fine: exceeds $147 and 2 demerit points

Bus Zones
Must be kept clear at all times. Vehicles that are parked and stopped in bus zones create problems for bus drivers pulling into and out of these bays. Buses forced to double park and manoeuvre through inadequate space is extremely dangerous. It is illegal to stop in a bus zone for any period of time.

Fine: exceeds $265 and 2 demerit points

Double Parking
Vehicles may not stop next to legally parked vehicles, even for a short time. Double parking reduces the visibility for other motorists and pedestrians and it can also cause other motorists to drive on to the wrong side of the road in order to pass. It is illegal to park within three metres of double white centre lines.

Fine: exceeds $265 and 2 demerit points
Are you preparing your child for the ‘Asian Century’? Do you know Mandarin Chinese is the world’s most spoken language with over 1.3 billion speakers? Learn Chinese the fun way with ChiFUNese through games, songs, stories, arts and craft. ChiFUNese before/after-school classes are held at 20+ schools around Sydney. To express your interest for a program to be held at Manly Vale P.S. please email your details to info@chifunese.com.

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