Our New School

Last Friday I met with the delegates from the DEC Planning, Assets Management and Public Works Offices to discuss the plans for our new school to begin in 2015. Over the next few months a Project Reference group will meet to discuss and communicate the planning and implementation of building works in order to provide a brand new “state of the art” school on our Manly Vale site. The new school will have the capacity to house 1000 students which will cater for the projected enrolments of 700 students by 2016. The school is to include a new hall, library, playground facilities and up to 40 classrooms designed to meet the needs of 21st century learning. It will be architecturally designed to include inputs from staff, students and community. The design will be based on current research into creative learning and performance spaces and reflect the needs of the changing curriculum and educational environment. We are all very excited about the proposal.

For many there is of course apprehension about the change and the building works over the next 2 years. At this stage it is proposed that the students will remain on the site and the building works will be done around them by partitioning off sections of the school to build. We will need to adapt the way we conduct activities as space will be limited. We don’t know the design of exact time frames at this stage but we will be holding community meetings and discussions to keep you informed.

The first part of the consultation is to form a Project Reference Group (PRG) which we have done this week. The Project Reference Group will be your point of contact. Members include:

Tina Lee (Principal), Pat Dylan (Staff Representative), Dean White (School Education Director) Stewart Davies (P & C president & community representative), Stephen Hancock (School Council President) and representatives from planning and asset management (DEC.) This committee will meet fortnightly till November during the design process.

To start the process off we would like to come up with 4 Educational Principles to give the architects on what is important to Manly Vale students. This is to guide the architects in the way they design our classrooms and learning spaces. A proforma for your ideas is available at the office and at the morning assembly tomorrow Friday 25 July at 9.00am. All suggestions can be sent to school with your child’s name or delivered to the office (box provided) by Wednesday 30 July (Open Day). There is also a space to include ideas for design if you wish. I will be at Café Owl tomorrow morning with the forms, and to answer any questions you may have.

Dance Concert CD - $5
Thank you again to Mr Martin Kovel who filmed the dance concert for us again this year. He does a professional job of filming and editing and we really appreciate all the time and effort he puts in to producing this memory for us all to share. We have the CD and will take orders at the front office. The CD will cost $5 and you can order a copy of the CD by putting your $5 in an envelope with your child’s name and class on it and sending it to the office. Thank you again to Katie Harper who is going to make the copies of the CD for us.

Athletics Carnival - Monday 28 July

Our school athletics carnival is always a great day where all students from K-6 converge on David Thomas oval to have a day of competition and fun. Sports uniform and running shoes is the dress code for the day and plenty of energy required for cheering and competing. Parents are welcome to come down and watch the events. Thank you to Mr Dylan and Mrs Birrell and watch the events. Thank you to Mr Dylan and Mrs Birrell who have organised this day and the lead up events. K-2 students will have a fun carnival on the same day with novelty games and sports. Make sure to pack a healthy lunch, drink bottle and send in some coin to purchase a drink and ice block.

Multi-sports program- Wednesday afternoons

The Multisports program is a privately run activity run by Warringah Recreation Centre at North Manly. It is not run by the school so all enquiries and enrolments should be done directly with Nikita on 0433 912 143 or nikita@voyagertennis.com. We have flyers at the office only but cannot register or enrol you. As a school we have agreed to put the children on the bus at
3.00pm on the Wednesday afternoon. If your child has been enrolled in the program please make sure you send a note to your class teacher to inform them of the changes to pick up and to the after school care if required.

**Education Week/Book Fair**
Next week our school will be open for a picnic, performances by band, choir, dance and drama groups and classroom visits from 12.50pm on Wednesday 30 July. We welcome all visitors and look forward to your company on that day. A Book Fair will also be run by our wonderful librarian Mrs Poole all week for children to purchase books.

**English Competition-ICAS**
Next Tuesday is the English competition on Tuesday 29 July. All students enrolled in this competition will need a 2B pencil. The competition will be run during class time in the morning session.

**Band Solo Nights- Next Tuesday & Thursday**
A highlight of our education week is the Band Solo nights next Tuesday (29/7) and Thursday (31/7) starting at 7.30pm in our school hall. All welcome to attend and watch our band members show off their individual talents and expertise.

Tina Lee—Principal

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**2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**School Terms 2014**

| Term 3 | Tuesday 15 July to Friday 19 September |
| Term 4 | Tuesday 7 October to Wednesday 17 December |

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**PSSA—Friday 25 July**
Girl’s Netball @ Abbott Rd as usual
Mrs Ashton’s football team @ Dee Why
Ms Cash’s team @ Millers
Girl’s Soccer @ Frank Gray Hockey Field 2 (behind Freshwater Campus)

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**CHOIR NEWS**
As you may be aware, Mrs Abrahams is now on maternity leave. I would like to invite members of the junior and senior choir to come along on Tuesdays at lunchtime in 2/3Y’s classroom for a combined K-6 choir. New members also welcome.
Miss Maksut

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**BAND SOLO NIGHTS**
Next Tuesday night 29 July & Thursday night 31 July is the Band Solo Nights. If your child is in the band, they have been delegated ONE of these nights to perform a song. Please make sure permission notes are handed in tomorrow so we can finalise the program. The evening is to start at 7.30pm and we ask the children to be at school no later than 7.10pm to ensure they are set up and ready to start on time. Children will be seated at the front with their instruments but are to leave their cases in the computer/band room so as not to take up space. Please ensure your child has all their band music and equipment with them on the night. We look forward to two lovely evenings listening to fantastic music. Happy practising!

Mrs Birrell, Mrs Finlayson & Miss Young
Band Liasons
**Canteen Roster — Term 3**

**Week 3—Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August**

| Mon 28 July | Athletics Carnival |
| Tues 29 July | Katie Harper 0416 191 982 |
| Wed 30 July | Ann Collins 0488 245 815 |
| Thurs 31 July | Volunteer needed |
| Fri 1 Aug | Andrea Diletti 0403 730 079 |

**Week 4—Monday 4 August to Friday 8 August**

| Mon 4 Aug | Kate Waddington & 0420 823 178 |
| Tues 5 Aug | Lindie Atchinson 0413 411 234 |
| Wed 6 Aug | Heidi Goh 0431 806 753 |
| Thurs 7 Aug | Emma Crowe 0407 942 300 |
| Fri 8 Aug | Natalie Chew & Greg Pryor 0417 776 007 |

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

**Helping Your Child with Reading and Writing at Home**

*Tuesday 5 August, 8.35am*

I will be running an information session aimed at sharing some tips and techniques for helping your child with reading and writing at home. We will look at how to help your child decode words in running texts and hearing and recording sounds in words (for writing). The session is on **Tuesday 5 August** (week 4) and begins at 8.40am, however please try to arrive by **8.35am**. The session will be held in the Tech room. Students can go straight to supervised playground duty when the 8.40am bell rings. If you plan to attend, please fill in the booking sheet located at the front office. I look forward to seeing you there.

Karen Young

**Summary of P & C Meeting 22 July 2014**

**School Council**—Discussions on new school direction continue

**Canteen**—Still need helpers to assist on Fri mornings 9-10.30; 28 July - Athletics carnival, 26 Aug morning tea pikelets; Opening on Monday in Term 4 for a trial

**Fundraising**—Trivia night raised $15,328; Term 3 activity: Father’s Day Breakfast 5 Sept and Skippathon

**Band**—meeting Wed 23 July to confirm trial dates; Northern Beaches Music Festival and performance at MV Community Kindy went really well; Band camp in Sept.

**Treasurer**—Term deposit due for rollover; $25,000 in bank however $10K allocated to buy new smartboard, leaving balance of $15K

**Uniform**—$4,000 in bank; holding enough stock to see to end of year; will be placing orders shortly for Kindy Packs; sourcing new back packs as current ones cost $50, new ones will cost $32.

**Environment**—NTR

**Cafe Owl**—Open for business this Friday

**Owlets**—Fundraising catalogues have come. Will issue to K-2. Order individually on-line but nominate school to receive % of orders

**Spending Priorities**—TBA

**Other Business**—P & C donated $500 for families in need within school community.

**Soccer Training**

Ms Cash’s boys team will be training at 8.00am at David Thomas on Friday morning.

**Athletics Carnival**

Just a reminder that the Athletics Carnival will be held next Monday 28 July 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 10:15am. Permission notes need to be handed in by Friday 25 July if they haven’t been already. Please ensure your child has:

- Hat
- Drink bottle
- Sunscreen
- Mat for sitting on (minimal seating will be provided and the ground can be dusty or muddy)
- Labelled clothing
- Packed lunch and morning tea

Please note: The canteen will ONLY be open for drinks, icecream 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 Sarah Birrell know. Good luck to everyone.

Sarah Birrell and Pat Dylan

**School Fees**

Term 3 reminders were sent out today. If you are experiencing financial difficulty a confidential meeting can be arranged with Mrs Lee.

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**SOCCER TRAINING**

Ms Cash’s boys team will be training at 8.00am at David Thomas on Friday morning.
We would like to extend an invitation to all parents to attend our K-6 Open Day on Wednesday 30 July in the afternoon starting at 1.15pm. Our theme of the afternoon and Education Week is ‘Lighting the Way to a Better World’. Please come and enjoy a picnic lunch on the back oval with your child.

We will be having performances by the Senior Band, Junior Dance Group, Senior Dance Group, Choir, Drama Group & Kindergarten.

Dr Andrew Lo (an elder from our community) will speak.

Parents are then invited to visit their child’s classroom/s and the Book Fair in the Tech Room to purchase & donate a book to the Library.

We look forward to celebrating Education Week and Open Day and all that we do at school with you and we hope to see you on Wednesday.

Parents may take their own child/ren home.

(In the event of wet weather all events will be cancelled and classrooms will be open from 2.30-3.00pm. Dr Lo will do a talk for Stage 3 in the Hall from 1.40-2.00pm)
“Connect to Reading - Reading to Connect!”

We would like to invite parents, family and friends to Manly Vale Public School’s annual Book Fair in week 3, Education Week.

Come along and browse through a huge collection of fiction and non fiction starting for as little as $5.00.

You are most welcome to purchase for your child and also if you wish donate a book to the school library.

Book Fair times are:
Tuesday 29 July 2.30-3.30pm
Wednesday 30 July 8.30-9.00am
Wednesday 30 July 2.00-3.30pm
Thursday 8.30-9.30am

Come along and Connect to Reading!!
**Community Notices**

**Manly Seasiders Baseball Club** are holding registration days on 26 July and 2 August, 11.00am—2.00pm, John Fisher Reserve (next to the canteen). More info visit our website www.seasiders.com.au or call Paul 0490 062 132.

**Wanted Families to host a Japanese student 2-14 August 2014.** Students are aged 16-17 years & speak some English. What you need to provide: a comfy bed (sharing a room is fine), 3 meals a day & daily transport to/from Stella Maris College in Manly. Families are paid $50 per night for hosting. For further info or any questions 0408 468 538 or visit www.vsoceania.com