Thank you for your support whilst Mrs Lee has been away. Due to the cyclone she was caught in Fiji for an extra week but is safe and will be back at school on Monday. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Principal and feel grateful to be at such a wonderful school with outstanding teachers, bright, happy students and a supportive community.

Hot Weather
We are experiencing unexpectedly hot and humid weather conditions for the month of February. Please apply sunscreen to your child before they leave home and ensure they have several icy water drinks and their hats. We are minimising running activities by asking students to play quiet games in shade areas as well as reminding them to reapply sunscreen and stay hydrated. The teachers have air conditioning and fans on in the classrooms where possible. At home please remind your child of sun safe practices too.

Ethics
We are extremely fortunate to be able to offer ethics classes at Manly Vale. I would like to acknowledge the teachers for their effort as well as several hours preparing and facilitating ethics classes. The Manly Vale Public School ethics teachers are trained volunteers who follow an approved curriculum designed to encourage students to learn to think for themselves and consider other people’s points of view. Children in younger years examine topics such as being left out, sharing and bullying to help them consider the feelings and interests of others. Students in older years look at a wide range of ethical topics, including whether animals have rights, drugs in sport, moral responsibility and vanity. By discussing ethical matters as a group, students learn to be sincere, reasonable and respectful when dealing with differences of opinion and disagreements.

Class Parents
Mrs Lee will be meeting with the Class Parent Coordinators next week and will be finalising class contact lists. If you were not able to attend your child’s Stage Information Night you should have received a slip asking for your details for the contact list. These details will not be published or used in public forums or for private business use. They are strictly for class event information. If you did not receive a slip, there will be some at the front office.

Fundraising
The school is often bombarded with many fundraising suggestions, opportunities and causes to support. The SRC and Stage 3 teachers vote on the fundraising the school will take part in. Sometimes there are other charities and causes we are able to support when they come up incidentally.

Congratulations to Talia and Isla Stedman and Jonathan and Emily Levingston for holding a cake and lemonade stall at David Thomas Oval to raise money to assist Arranounbai School. The school was most appreciative, and Manly Vale school community applauds your willingness to assist those less fortunate. It is excellent to see our students using their initiative to help others.

School Council
The School Council met on Monday night and was provided with an informative presentation from the PRG team and our School’s Education Director Jason Baldwin. Elaine McManus and Jordana Fraser were introduced as new staff representatives. We farewelled and thanked Pat Dylan and Melinda Ward for their many years of service and support on the School Council.

Best Start
Our Kindergarten teachers spent some time on Wednesday entering Best Start data which is a re-
requirement for all schools. Next week a generated report will be sent home providing some feedback and additional support information for kindergarten parents.

**Student Representative Council**

Every year each class votes for two students to represent their class and form the Student Representative Council. This is an important job for our students as they form a decision making group that makes suggestions, engages in voting and brings above positive change in our school. The ‘Buddy Bench’ is an excellent example of democratic action taking place through a ‘carried’ SRC suggestion. Congratulations to the following students who will receive their badges Friday 4 March:

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**School Fees**

Thank you to the office staff for all the work they’ve done compiling the school fees. These were handed out Wednesday afternoon and include most scheduled events for the year. If you have financial difficulties please see Mrs Lee to discuss these and a payment plan can be set up.

Lisa Phillips
Relieving Principal

**What Matters? Writing Competition Years 5 & 6**

What actions do you think should be taken to build a better society?
What would you change if you could?
What do you want other people to care about?

**How to enter**

Write a 400-600 word opinion piece on what matters to you and why. Entries must be typed on A4 paper. Strictly one entry per student. All entries must be accompanied by a signed entry form. Entry forms are available from Mrs Kemp (Reading Room) or can be downloaded below. Mrs Kemp will be happy to proofread and give suggestions to students who write an entry. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

Closing date
Friday 6 May 2016

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Watch this space!!

**Library Monitors**

On Friday 4 March Mrs Poole will present library badges to our Year 5 Semester 1 Library Monitors at the 9.00am assembly. Congratulations to the following students for their leadership position:

Georgie Fullarton, Ingrid Harding, Grace Nairne, Leo Smith, Cameron Gammidge, Julianne Tolentino, Ella McAvoys, Tilly Martyn, Lucy Sheffield, Bree Purdie-Smith, Sienna Kelly, Ella Dos Ramos, Keira Atchison, Maiya Dean and Jasmine Piennar.
Volunteers Needed

The canteen is in need of more volunteers especially for Wednesdays and Thursdays. It’s a fun way to help our school and your children will love seeing you behind the counter. Dads and grandparents are also very welcome! If you are able to assist please see Sarah in the canteen or email: manlyvalep-scanteen@gmail.com

Position Vacant

The canteen is in desperate need of some new fill in supervisors to assist when Sarah is on leave. It’s a fun position, you get to meet new volunteers, and you get paid! If you’re interested we would love to hear from you so please see Sarah in the canteen or email manlyvalep-scanteen@gmail.com

Canteen Committee

P&C Barefoot Bowls Night Reminder

Saturday 27 February @ Manly Bowling Club off Raglan St. Registration is from 7.00pm & bowling will start promptly at 7.30pm.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2016

Please return bags to school by tomorrow Friday 26 February for collection. No late bags accepted.
OWLETS
Owlets meet on Mondays from 9.15-11.00am in the school hall. Feel free to join in! For further information contact Kyrralyn 0422 404 273.

2016 SCHOOL OPAL CARD
Application forms are available online.
For more information please visit transportnsw.info/school-students
School bus number change—744 to 661, 745 to 620

UNIFORM SHOP Opening times:
Monday 2.30 to 3.00pm, Tuesday 8.40 to 9.00am
Friday 8.40 to 9.00am
Any enquiries email manlyvaleuniformshop@outlook.com

MANLY VALE OSHC CENTRE
Before and After School Care
0430 369 288
Website: primaryoshcare.com.au

Scholastic Book Club
Any enquiries regarding orders please email Kylie Freeman on paulandkylie@gmail.com

P&C MEETINGS
Every 2nd Tuesday @7.30pm in the Administration Block unless otherwise advised.

Road Safety Tips
All schools have a 40km/h speed zone in the streets around the school. Always take extra care in the school zone—slow down as there are many children around.

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

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