Movie Night
We would like to thank all members of the community who attended our very successful Movie Night which took place last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying this great community event. A special thanks goes to the Fundraising group coordinator Elisa McDonald and her team; Rachael Toussaint, Kath White, Christine Clancy, Jackie Parry and Karen Gard’ner for their wonderful organisation of this event. There were many other families, including the Ware family who completed all the electrical work, who helped make this night a great success, a special thank you to all. We would also like to acknowledge the staff who helped on the night; Helen Thomas, Randal Symons, Toula Fenech, Karen Ghosn, Amy Robinson, Michelle Bove, Kylie Ticehurst, Courtney Hodgson, Sue Phillips, Brian Lees, Lena Berias and Sandra Monaghan.

The movie night as well as being a wonderful community event is our major fundraiser for term one. Once all accounts are settled we will announce the amount of money raised.

As Moonee Ponds West is always looking to improve, further on in the newsletter under our Community Partnerships there is a link to a survey we would like you to complete on the Movie Night. The collated information will be passed on to the Fundraising Committee for their consideration.

Curriculum Day 2- 11th March, 2014
On Tuesday 11th March there will be a Curriculum day. This is a pupil free day. The staff will be involved in professional learning in the area of Spelling. Dianne Snowball, a well-known literacy consultant will lead the staff group through the day. We will look closely at the teaching of spelling aligned with our MPW Whole School Spelling Scope and Sequence chart. We will also look at student samples of work and spend time analysing these samples and discuss next steps for individuals and classes of students. On this day Camp Australia will be running a program for students. If you require care for your child on this day please see the staff from Camp Australia to add your name to the list. They require at least 16 students for the program to operate.

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Change Of Date
Our Curriculum Day originally set for Friday 23rd May 2014 will now take place on Monday 26th May 2014. We do apologise for any inconvenience this change of date may cause.

Education Subcommittee
At Education Subcommittee on Monday night our Annual Implementation Plan was shared with the committee. Vicki, Randal and Helen shared the Key Improvement Strategies within the plan prepared by the Professional Learning Teams (PLTs). Included in the plan are aspirational targets set against our Strategic Plan for student achievement data in Teacher Judgements, NAPLAN, English Online Interview and also targets within our Student, Staff and Parent Opinion Surveys. Thank you to the PLT leaders for leading their teams in the 2014 plan. Thank you also to the staff and community members that attended the meeting and for sharing in the discussion.

Our Grade 3/4 Camp was discussed and approved by the Education Subcommittee for 19th-23rd May. There will be two camps during that week- Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st May and Wednesday 21st - Friday 23rd May. Further information will come out from the office soon indicating which grades will be attending which camp. Thank you to Lisa, Denise, Bree and Randal for their planning and preparation so far with the 3/4 Camp.
Enjoy the week,
Jenny, Helen & Randal

Parent Forum
On the 20th March a Parent Forum on the 6 Traits of Writing will be run. Terri Campbell works as an English consultant at MPW. Terri will take participants through the 6 traits which include: Ideas, Word Choice, Voice, Organisation, Sentence Fluency and Conventions. The forum will be run from 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. and take place in the school’s Community Room. We look to many people attending. To register go to the school’s website, click on the 20th March on our calendar, click on the ‘Parent Forum - the 6 Traits of Writing with Terri Campbell’ link and choose ‘RSVP’ or go directly to - http://www.mooneewestps.vic.edu.au/eventdetails/203/2014-03-20

Feedback
Moonee Ponds West is always looking at ways to improve what we do. This year we have developed a brief survey that we will use to gain your feedback on Community Events. The Movie Night was our first event and we would like your feedback. The feedback doesn’t require your name. The collated results will be sent to the fundraising team to assist them in their planning for 2015. Here is the link, http://tinyurl.com/pyw592z

Community Partnerships Forum
Thank-you to the 36 parent/carers who have completed our Community Partnerships form. This provides an opportunity for all members of the MPW community to let us know the involvement they are able to offer this year in order to maximise our student’s learning. The form take about 3 minutes to complete and the link is http://tinyurl.com/m9bc6fy
Student Fee Forms - Essential and Voluntary Voucher 2014

The student fee forms for 2014 were mailed out to all families. **The preferred method of payment is BPAY which we encourage families to use**, in the same way when paying other bills over the telephone or by internet banking. There is a MPW Biller Code and each student form has their individual reference number.

All voluntary contributions are tax deductible. Please notify us how you choose your voluntary contribution to be distributed.

Any enquiries please see Sandra (Business Manager) in the school office or call 9370 6875.

School Banking Day Reminder

Remember School Banking is every **THURSDAY**

You can bank as much as you like every week, School Banking is about frequency not value.

Every time a student makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmite token.

Once they have individually collected **10 tokens** they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmite reward at the school office.

2014 reward items include a:

- Handball
- Scented Pencils
- Penguin and Dolphin Keyrings
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Tin Moneybox
- Swimming Bag
- Projector Cup
- Sea Streamers

SOUNDHOUSE

Fees for 2014

**Soundhouse fees are due by Friday 7th March**

There are 2 methods of payment available. An up-front payment for the year ($560) or a quarterly direct debit of $140 per term. If you are not paying in advance for the year, a Direct Debit form must be signed and handed into the school office by Wednesday 5th March so that the Term 1 fees can be processed by the due date of Friday 7th March.

**Please note that children will only be able to continue with their Soundhouse lessons if the Direct Debit is in place by Wednesday 5th March.** Direct Debit forms are available for download from the school website, or from the general office.

**Soundhouse Enrolments**

Enrolments for keyboard, guitar and SAP have now closed for Term 1. If you would like your child to join the Soundhouse program for Term 2, please complete an enrolment form and return it to the school office. If a place is not available for Term 2, your child will be put on a waiting list.
**EDUCATION WEEKLY**

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Rotational Sport**
With 1 week to go to our Annual Rotational Sports Championship, the Super Tigers are leading the way on 31pts followed closely by Team 3 on 29 and Frozen Frogs on 27.

**Swimming**
On Friday 28th February, students from Grades 4, 5 and 6 represented MPW at the Ascot Vale District Sports Swimming Carnival at the Queens Park pool. All the students did a fantastic job and showed excellent team spirit throughout the day. MPW finished fourth overall. A special congratulations to Grace Honan (1st Backstroke & Breastroke), Harry Dalton (1st Freestyle & 3rd Backstroke), Will O’Reilly (2nd Butterfly), Luka Nimorakiotakis (1st Butterfly), Eamonn Peacock (2nd Freestyle & 3rd Breastroke), Grace Honan, Ruby Douvartzidis, Darcee O’Loughlin and Grace Kelly (3rd Freestyle Relay) and Grace Honan, Lara Sena, Macie Daniel and Erica Fridell (3rd Medley Relay). Good luck to the students who go through to Division Swimming on 13th March at Oak Park. A big thank you to Courtney and all the parents who helped throughout the day.

**Cross Country Trials**
Grades 4, 5 & 6 students will be participating in Cross Country Trials on Friday 7th March. We need parent helpers to supervise the course throughout the morning. Please see Bree if you are able to help out.

**Essendon FC Clinic**
On Wednesday 25th February, students from the Grades 3/4 classes participated in a football clinic with players from the Essendon Football Club. Cale Hooker, Kyle Hardingham and Lachlan Dalgleish helped the students with their handpassing and kicking, before playing some fun games. The students were able to get an insight into what it is like to be an AFL player with some Q&A time at the end of the clinic.

### National Ride2School Day
On Wednesday 19th March MPW will be participating in Ride to School Day. National Ride2School Day is about celebrating active travel within the school day and encouraging those who haven’t started to give it a go. Further details will be given prior to the event.

### Up & Coming Events
- Friday 7th March – Cross Country Trials at MPW
- Wednesday 19th March – Ride2School Day
- Friday 21st March – District Cross Country

**Bree White**
PE Teacher
In Room 1, we have been investigating our names.

Can you see why these names go together?

Doni, Benjamin and Ryker each stood by themselves.

Do you have anything in YOUR name that is the same as anything in their names?

Fiona McKenzie
Grade 01A Teacher, Room 1
Winter Dress Order Form

The girls’ winter uniform is by order only. Please complete this order form with payment included and return it to the office by Friday 28th March.

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Dear Moonee Ponds West Primary School,

March is upon us already and it comes in with a splash. The contemporary dance piece Lake will grace the Clocktower stage and The Beggars will sing a range of irresistible hits from Peter, Paul and Mary through to the Seekers.

We’ve also just announced the sale of a children’s favourite Play Along With Sam: Sam’s Animal Adventure. If you missed out on tickets to the Wiggles then bring your kids to this and help Sam Moran out on his adventure.

Keep an eye out on the opening of the Clocktower Coffee Cart Service this month - more information will be available soon. As always, we hope to see you at the Clocktower soon!

Cr. Jan Chantry
Mayor
Arts and Culture Portfolio Holder

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Essendon Auskick 2014

The AFL Season is almost here and Auskick is gearing up for another great year. There are plenty of places available if you are interested in joining for the 2014 season.

NAB AFL Auskick is the AFL’s key introductory program for primary school aged Boys & Girls (Kinder/Prep to Grade 6) and their families. Run by volunteers, our weekly coaching program allows children to enjoy learning the skills of AFL Football in a structured, friendly, fun, and most importantly safe environment. Mums, we know how much some of you love football and we would love to see your daughters get involved in Auskick. To assist, we would like to run a ‘Girls only’ group each week so please consider signing up.

Essendon Auskick Centre is based at Aberfeldie Park (on the Maribyrnong River near Poynton’s Nursery) 260 The Boulevard, on Saturday mornings from 9 am.

**Registration for 2014 Season**

Registration and Payment for the 2014 program needs to be completed online.

Log on to www.aflauskick.com.au, put in your postcode, scroll down the centre locator, choose Essendon Auskick Centre and complete the registration details. This will create an invoice for online payment with a credit card. You are now fully registered!

**First Auskick Session:** Saturday March 29th from 9 am at Aberfeldie Park and each Saturday. Details on Pack collection prior to the first session will be forwarded after registration.

**Cost:** $65 per child (Includes great benefits back pack for our 14 week program)

All those who register and pay online by 13th April will receive the NAB AFL Club Connect offer which includes entry for 2 Adults & 2 Children to an AFL match of your club of support during the 2014 season.

Please contact Tony Fisher on 9413 2194 during business hours if you require any further Information.

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**Bertoncello Coffee**

Bertoncello Coffee is a coffee roasting company based in Moonee Ponds that brings passion and character to your daily grind by roasting ethically sourced coffee beans from around the globe.

Our online shop provides you with all the information you will need to select the right coffee for your needs. We provide **FREE DELIVERY** within the Moonee Ponds, Ascot Vale and Essendon area.

Alternatively, our children attend Moonee Ponds West, PS so we can easily arrange an order drop off for you at your convenience. (Other delivery options are listed on the website)

We hope you’ll enjoy our boutique coffees!

Kate & Michael

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Ironing Help Needed!
Please call Sandra on Mobile: 0408 171 575