Visitor/Parent Helpers Policy: Working with Children Check

It is wonderful to see so many visitors helping in our classrooms and across our many specialist and extra-curricular programs. This support further strengthens the partnership that is education across both home and school. For safety reasons it is a requirement that all visitors report to the administration office prior to undertaking any activity within the school. They will be required to sign in the visitor’s book and will be assigned a visitor’s sticker which they must wear at all times within the school. Similarly, visitors will be required to report to the administration office at the end of their visit to sign out. Contractors, visitors and all parent helpers are required to have a successful Working with Children check (WWC). The above mentioned process for managing and monitoring visitors will be published periodically in the school newsletter and will appear at all school entrances. Visitors within the school who have not followed this process will be directed to the administration office.

The school’s emergency management procedures will ensure that visitors within the school at the time of any emergency or practice drill will be appropriately cared for (classroom volunteers will be managed by the classroom teacher).

As all visitors sign in over the next two weeks our office staff - Denise, Lena and Sandra will be checking that there is a current working with children card on file. If your card has recently been updated or you have not provided a copy to the office please provide this as soon as possible.

We encourage families and community members to use our playground over the weekend and during the scheduled school holidays. It is great to see the community making use of our wonderful resources whilst also respecting and looking after our great school. A reminder, as stated in our Visitors Policy under the Summary Offences Act 1966, the Principal reserves the right, and has the authority to prohibit any potential visitor from entering or remaining within the school and has the authority to invite or exclude people from using or being within the school boundaries outside of school operating hours if required.


Parent Forum

This Thursday night a Parent Forum on the 6 Traits of Writing will take place. Terry Campbell our English consultant will take participants through the 6 traits of writing which include: Ideas, Word Choice, Voice, Organisation, Sentence Fluency and Conventions.

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Alternatively you can register on the school’s website by clicking on Thursday 20th March on our calendar, then on the ‘Parent Forum - the 6 Traits of Writing with Terri Campbell’ link then ‘RSVP’ or go directly to http://www.mooneewestps.vic.edu.au/eventdetails/203/2014-03-20

The forum will run from 7.00pm - 8.30pm and take place in the school’s Community Room. We look forward to many people attending. A hard copy note to indicate attendance was sent last week. Please send this form back and indicate if child care is required.

WALA is Life
This vibrant and colourful four piece group, play original music inspired by traditional and contemporary music from West Africa. WALA is touring Australia playing concerts and conducting workshops for festivals and schools.

Please add Thursday 1st May to your diaries. It's the next music incursion - WALA! Two Shows at 10 -11.00 (Prep/1 and Grade 2/3) and 11.30 -12.30 (Grade 3/4 and 5/6). All of our community are invited, go to http://www.walaishlife.com/

Secondary Schools Expo
Once again Moonee Ponds West Primary School will be hosting the annual Secondary School’s Expo. The Expo is an opportunity for you, along with your child, to meet and hear from representatives from our neighbouring secondary schools.

The schools attending the Expo are:
- Mt. Alexander College
- Maribyrnong College
- Princess Hill Secondary College
- Footscray City College
- Pasco Vale Girls College
- Buckley Park College
- Rosehill Secondary College
- Strathmore Secondary College
- Essendon-Keilor College

The Expo will be held on the Thursday 1st May from 4.00pm – 7.00pm in the school’s gym.

If you have any questions prior to the afternoon don’t hesitate to contact Randal.

We look forward to you attending the Expo.

Visitor from Japan
On Friday 14th March, we farewelled Nonoko Kinugasa, a Japanese university student from Tokyo. Nonoko was with us the last month assisting in the Japanese program. Her help was wonderful: undertak-

It is so valuable to have a native speaker from Japan to share their knowledge with both students and staff. We were all sad to see her go. ののこさん、ありがとうございました。さようなら！

Planning Week
Next week is planning week. During this time each of the teams spend the day planning the learning for their classes for Term 2. On these days each room of students attend various specialist sessions. To assist the students, a timetable is put up in the room and on the outside door. The planning days are as follows:

Monday 24/3: Prep B Team, Rooms 2, 4, 6 & 22, Tuesday 25/3: 5/6 Team
Wednesday 26/3: Prep A Team, Rooms 1, 3, 5 & 23
Thursday 27/3: 2/3 Team
Friday 28/3: 3/4 Team

The importance of being at school on time – Michael Grose
Current research shows that mornings are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00 am the peak period for productivity. When students arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost. Rooms are open for students to come in at 8.45am. It would be great to see students in changing their take home books, recording the book they are taking home in their reading log, reading to their parents, catching up with the teacher and friends, unpacking their bag and being ready for the start of the official school day at 9.00am. Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he/she is continually late. Please go to Michael Grose’s website - the link is included below for more information about a range of topics. We have a school membership with Michael Grose which has some very helpful information for teachers.


New Date for Curriculum Day
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.

Enjoy your week,
Jenny, Randal and Helen
**Student Banking - Every Thursday**

**Token News:** The Commonwealth Bank only redeems tokens for the current year, 2014. Students are unable to carry over tokens from the previous year of 2013. The bank keeps a record of all student deposits and is aware of how many tokens they will be entitled to redeem. Any tokens that were handed in to the office to be redeemed this year have been returned to the students for this year’s banking.

**Deposit Slips:** Please ensure that all student banking details are filled in correctly. You must clearly write the student’s name, correct account number and the amount you are depositing in blue or black pen only.

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**Enrolments for 2015**

There have been many enquiries about enrolments for 2015.

Prospective families have been informed that the enrolment packs will be available in Term 2 from May 5th onwards. An appointment can be made with the Principal or Assistant Principals to discuss enrolment options, with the conclusion of a school tour. Prep enrolment for siblings are to advise the school as soon as possible.

All enquiries can be addressed to the school registrar Denise Beckett on 9370 6875.

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**VICTORIAN PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

The Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014 has begun and everyone should have received their usernames, passwords and new updated consent forms. As you are aware, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have changed the parent consent notice therefore the previous notes that were submitted are void.

Could you please fill out the new consent form and return it back to the library ASAP. Thank you to everyone who returned the forms back. In the meantime, your child is able to log on and register any of their books etc. and begin the Challenge. If your child is still interested in participating in the 2014 Challenge, consent forms are available from the library and will need to be returned by Friday 21st March as this is when registration closes. Thank you in advance and HAPPY READING!

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**The Hall Program**

Thankyou to all those families who are donating materials for our Construction and Collage areas. The students are creating some very imaginative pieces. We are looking for some parent/volunteer help for group work in the Veggie Patch. Please come and see me in the Hall if your are interested.

Jess Hart
Hall Teacher

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**Soundhouse**

Term 1 Fees are now considered overdue.

If you have not paid Soundhouse fees for the year $560, or completed a Direct Debit form (quarterly debit of $140 per term) then you will need to do so immediately so that your child can continue with Soundhouse lessons. Direct Debit forms can be downloaded from the school’s website. Unfortunately, we will have to suspend lessons for children with outstanding fees. This is uncomfortable for all concerned, so please ensure your child’s fees are paid.

**Keyboard Lessons:**

Some children missed their keyboard lesson recently as the teacher Ann Went was absent. Ann will make those lessons up before the end of this term, or in the first few weeks of Term 2. Ann apologises for any inconvenience.

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**(MVIMP)**

We are very grateful to Anna Schulze for kindly donating her violin to MVIMP. We hope you’ll hear it played soon with much enthusiasm!

Thank you.

Also, just for this week, our band rehearsal has been moved from Wednesday to **Friday 21st March at 11.30am**. We will be back at our regular time the following week.

Fiona McKenzie
MVIMP Coordinator
Sports News

Rotational Sport
MPW’s Annual Rotational Sports Championship came to an end last Friday with teams vying for points in the final two rotations. In what proved to be a very close contest Super Tigers managed to hold on to their lead finishing victorious on 38 pts. Congratulations to Luke (c), Will (c), Harriet, Arandu, Lucy M, Dylan, Lola, Miah, Veronique, Satine and Daniel C. Well done to all teams on a great championship!

Swimming
Congratulations to the following students, Grace Honan Harry Dalton, Will O’Reilly, Luka Nimorakiotakis and Eamonn Peacock who did a fantastic job at the Division Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Good luck to Grace who goes on to compete at Regionals in Geelong.

District Cross Country
This Friday the Cross Country team will travel to Aberfeldie Park to participate in the District Cross Country. Good luck to all runners!!

National Ride2School Day
Today MPW participated 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. Students had the chance to display their skills at ‘Wheels on the Tiger Turf’ and shared in a healthy snack with their buddy class. Thank you to Lisa and the Green Team and all the parents who helped out on the day.

Premiers Active April
MPW will be participating in the Premier’s Active April. Premier’s Active April is part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to promote healthy and active lifestyles and get Victorians more active, more often. Premier’s Active April is a 30 x 30 challenge where all Victorians are encouraged to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

This year, our school will be participating in Premier’s Active April and we are asking students to join their school or class team and get more active, more often.

To register your child please go to activeapril.vic.gov.au and join our school team:

Registration and Team Details
Login / Register: activeapril.vic.gov.au
Team ID: moonee-ponds-west-primary
Team Name: Moonee Ponds West Primary

Up & Coming Events
Wednesday 19th March – Ride2School Day
Friday 21st March – District Cross Country
Tuesday 1st April – Premiers Active April

Children and Hot Cars. No Exceptions. No Excuses.

On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car. The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside.

Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death. Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks. Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of $2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.
School tours every Wednesday at 9am
Mount Alexander College prides itself on the ability to nurture its students to achieve their best with intimate class sizes. Located on the corner of Mt Alexander Road and Wellington Street in Flemington, it is easily accessible by train and tram.
Mount Alexander College boasts increased enrolments in the last four years and additional programs on offer. 2014 was the first year of the SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning program) for the Year 7 intake. The school has long been committed to challenging all of its students and have responded to a growing need in the local community.

Other programs introduced in 2014 are:
- Year 7 – Mandarin in addition to Italian
- Year 8 – Mandarin, Drama and Stairways*
- Year 9 – Advanced Program, Stairways, Forensic Science and Media Studies
- Year 10 – Drama and Media Studies

VCE Years – Philosophy as a new subject to add to our comprehensive program
In 2015 we are continuing with the SEAL program as well as introducing Girls Leadership Program Scholarships. The Girls Leadership Program is for girls who have potential to lead and demonstrated academic endeavour.
To enrol in the SEAL program, prospective students must register before 9th May for the entrance exam which will be on Saturday 17 May.
All details are on the Mount Alexander College website http://www.mountalexandercollege.vic.edu.au/ *Stairways is a combined group of Year 8 and 9 students whose achievements levels are high. The course of study focuses on high order thinking.

Footscray City College
Kinnear Street Footscray
Smart school—smart choices—smarter futures
Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEALP) Registration closes: Friday 9th May
Testing: Friday 16th May
Scholarships Applications Close: Friday 16th May
All enquiries,
P: 8387 1500
E: info@footscray.vic.edu.au
W: www.footscray.vic.edu.au

The University High School
77 Story Street, Parkville, Victoria 3052
Telephone: (03) 9347 2022
Email: university.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au

The University High School Open Day—30th April 2014
We are running two Open Day Sessions.
Session 1: 2—3pm
Session 2: 7—8pm
Please attend only one session. There is no need to book for both sessions.

The Acceleration Program
In 2014, the following selection procedures will be used to identify students for the 2015, Year 7 intake:
1: Test administered by EduTest on Saturday May 10th at 9.00am at The University High School.
2: Interviews with shortlisted applicants and their parents/guardians.

Please apply online via the link on our school website. www.unihigh.vic.edu.au
The closing date for applications is Friday May 2nd 2014.

Essendon Keilor College
……………Where your education matters

Join us for our Open Day
Junior Campuses: (Year 7—9)
Day: Tours at 9.30am, 11.30am and 1.45pm
Evenings; Tours at 6.00pm, and Presentation at 7.00pm
East Keilor Campus: Thursday 27th March
Niddrie Campus: Wednesday 7th May

P: 03 8331 0100
E: Essendon.keilor.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
W: ekc.vic.edu.au
House For Sale by Owner

A stunning family home on an enormous block located at 2 Sussex St Moonee Ponds.

Proudly situated in an elevated position, this Edwardian home comprises of three large bedrooms, study, bathroom and ensuite. A huge lounge/living room, modern kitchen, dining room plus ducted heating and split system air conditioning, alarm, security entry, electronic gate, stunning period detail, expansive outdoor with a paved entertaining area, established gardens, double carport – close to the river precinct, MPWPS and cafes/shops.

Land size approx. 6m x 45.6m – 1031sqm.

Open for inspection on Saturday 22nd March from 10.30am – 11am

http://2sussexstmooneeponds.com/

For further details contact Shirley on mobile 0416 185 708 or email sste5811@bigpond.net.au