Principals Report

Enrolment Plans for 2013
The demand for places at Moonee Ponds West continues to be high. The closing date for 2014 Prep Applications was Friday 16th of August. First round offers for a 2014 Prep place will be sent out on 6th September 2013.

For other year levels, if you are leaving the school at the end of 2013 please let the office know at your earliest convenience. This will greatly assist our forward planning and also the transition of those students leaving at the end of the year into their new schools.

Wasabi
With our commitment to maximizing the music opportunities for our students at MPW we will host three workshops by Toshinori Sakamoto and Noriko Tadano on the 20th September. The times and classes attending are:
- 10.00-11.00 – 4/5 and 5/6 classes
- 11.20-12.20 – 2/3 and 3/4 classes
- 12.30-1.30 – Prep/1 and 1/2 classes

The MPW community is welcomed to join us in the gym for any or all of the presentations. A flyer is attached to the newsletter about this event.

Parent Forum
Our next Parent Forum Information Workshop is on Values with Christine Clancy.

The objectives of the workshop are to:
- Understand more about yourself, your decision making process and how you parent
- Learn methods to discover and maintain your Family values
- Determine your own standards and boundaries to empower your children
- Find out what might be creating conflict in your life
- Learn to prioritize what you really value
- Gain some tips and tricks that will save you time and stress

Please RSVP through the link on our website calendar or click on this link.

App Club
Beginning this Friday a group of students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be working with one of our parents on developing apps. The students have given a commitment to attending Friday sessions with many already having ideas. Some have visited the iTunes Store to see if apps like their idea already exist and if so, how theirs could be better. We thank Jamaka Radebe, parent of Olivia, who will be leading the group and we look forward to their ideas being shared. 

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NOTICES FOR PARENTS
- MVIMP Lessons (Bass & Cello)
- MVIMP Camp
- Tournament of The Minds

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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WiFi
Just a small note to let everybody know that our WiFi network is now fully functional. Last week we undertook training to maximize the potential of the system. One feature is being able to track the individual location and access to the network. This includes the websites that have been visited as well as the time on each site. We are also able to see the areas in the school where the technology is being used the most and which types of devices are accessing the service. At this stage the greatest use is via the iPad, with the 5/6 area of the school accessing the network the most.

Music Camp
Yesterday, we bid a pleasant journey to those of our students participating in the Lady Northcote Music Camp at Bacchus Marsh. To those attending the concert on Thursday night we hope you have an enjoyable evening. In advance, we thank Fiona McKenzie for the great work she has done in preparing the students for this experience.

Have a great week everybody,

Jenny, Helen and Randal.

Tournament of the Minds - Metro Northern Regional Finals
Congratulations to the three teams from MPW who competed in the Tournament of the Minds last Sunday at La Trobe University. The teams, each made up of seven selected students from grades 4-6, took part in the categories of Social Sciences and Maths/Engineering. After five weeks of preparation, they presented their Long Term Challenge solutions to the judges and were given a Spontaneous Challenge to solve on the day.

I would like to offer an extra special congratulations to the members of our Maths/Engineering team, Awesomeness Has A Name, who won first place in the region. They will now be the first ever M.P.W. team to compete in a T.O.M. State Final, which will be held on Sunday 15th September.

Thank you to Karen Ghosn and Amelia Thorne for all the time and support they provided in supervising our teams, as well as to Helen Thomas and all the parents and family members who attended on the day.

Ryan Vermeulen
Student Extension Coordinator

Music: Count Us In 2013
Thursday 31st October @ 12.30pm.

Have you heard the great music playing at bell time for the last week? It’s the 2013 Count Us In song, called “Keep On”.

Kate Ridgeway, our choir teacher, started teaching the catchy song at assembly on Monday and on Thursday 31st October @ 12.30pm MPW will join 600,000 other students, teachers and parents from schools all over Australia to sing the same song, on the same day at the same time.

To check out all the excitement of last year’s event and hear this year’s great song, go to: www.musiccountusin.org.au

and... Keep On! Keep On! Keep On!
Sports News

Athletics
Congratulations to all the students who represented MPW at Athletics last Tuesday. Well done to these students who will represent Ascot Vale District at the Divisional athletics on September 17th – Stuart Purves, Daniel Priskas and Veronique Frere. Thank you to Chris Brock and all the parents who helped and supported on the day.

Events
Volleyball at Maribyrnong Sports Academy - Monday 26th August
Gr 4 Carnival Day – Friday 13th September
Division Athletics – Tuesday 17th September

Fun Run
Last Friday we held our Annual Fun Run. A big thank you to the 40+ parents who came and assisted on the day, we can’t hold events without your support and it was great to see so many families enjoying the day. Special thank you to Lynda Dalton who organised the fruit for the day.
We welcomed back former MPW student and Australian Hockey representative, Georgia Nanscawen. Georgia shared her experiences at the London Olympics and her successes so far in her Hockey career. A fantastic role model for our students. Thanks Georgia.
Now, just a reminder that sponsorship money needs to be returned as quickly as possible (final date is Friday 23rd August). Remember we are raising money for Red Dust Role Models, who provide indigenous communities with health promotion programs, as well as classroom sports equipment.

Photos from the MPW Fun Run 2013

Soundhouse

Guitar lessons, August 21
There were no guitar lessons today as Patrick, the guitar teacher, was sick. However, Term 3 is a 10 week term so children will still receive the guaranteed amount of lessons. Soundhouse guarantees a minimum of 32 lessons offered over the full year – averaging 8 lessons or more per term.
Wa-sa-bi Incursion

When the thundering power of the Taiko meets the shimmering beauty of the Shamisen (three stringed Japanese instrument) no one is left unmoved.

Wasabi consists of two master musicians of the Japanese tradition. We will join them as they take us on an unforgettable and exhilarating journey through the music and culture of Japan. With plenty of participation and loads of laughs blended seamlessly with virtuoso performance, our students will have so much fun they will never guess how much they have learnt!

Toshinori Sakamoto is an experienced and acclaimed Taiko Master. He founded RINDO DAIKO in Kyushu as well as several Taiko teams in Melbourne since settling here in 1995. ‘Wasabi’ is his newest venture and sees him teamed with Noriko Tadano - an exceptional Shamisen player and singer currently gaining national and international recognition for her craft. Noriko appeared on the 2012 Australia’s Got Talent Show.

Wa-sa-bi will be performing at MPW on the 16th September running three workshops.

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We look forward to seeing you all then.

Randal Symons
Assistant Principal

JAI AND BELLE – RECYCLE FOR LIFE.

Our School is participating in the SIDS and Kids NSW and Victoria – Red Bag Superstar Event.

Your children will be bringing home a Red Donation Bag which we ask you to fill, plus any additional bags with any unwanted Men’s, Women’s, Children’s Clothing, Curtains, Linen, Shoes, Toys, Books, Bric-a-brac, and any Small Household items.

The Campaign commences on 13/08/2013
Please return your donations by 27/08/2013
Please contact the office if you require any additional bags.
Have you ever made a **word cloud**? Did you know you can make your own word clouds online, by either typing in text yourself or just adding a link to a website of your choice?

In Room 17 we have been using our blog for many things, including as a place where our Literature Circle groups can write responses to the books they are reading. These word clouds have been made from each of our class’s Literature Circles groups from Term 2 (and the free website tagxedo.com). Can you work out which books we were reading?

Please visit our blog at: 56dmpwps.edublogs.org and leave a comment.
Contours Moonee Ponds
OPEN DAY
Saturday 31st August
8:00am – 1:00pm
Back to Back Classes
Giveaways inc 12 Mth M/ship
Goody Bags
HUGE savings on Membership
Product Sale
Competitions and much more
Throw on your runners, grab a girl-friend and come enjoy the party
Contours Moonee Ponds
Level 1, 39 Puckle St
9370 3320

Father's Day Stall
COME AND BUY THAT SPECIAL PRESENT FOR DAD ON THURSDAY THE 30TH AUGUST.
PRESENTS WILL RANGE FROM $1.00 UP TO $5.00
WRAPPING PAPER AND CARDS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.
IF ANY PARENTS ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT ON THE DAY PLEASE CONTACT NARELLE, JILL, OR TRINA.

Italy 528 (ph: 9372 7528)
PASTA MAKING WORKSHOP
Hand-made Orecchiette
Workshops now taking place Monday Evenings from 6.30–9.00.
$60 includes
◇ Class participation in hand-making the "little ear" pasta shapes.
◇ Sharing an Orecchiette meal at the end of class
◇ Glass of wine
◇ Recipe Sheet
◇ Take home your own Orecchiette made in the workshop and some flour to practice!
Small groups with a maximum of 5 per class
Bookings: 9372 7528

Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs.
Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email sccaeust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!