Principals Report

2013 Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability

Our school has been selected to participate in the 2013 Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability. This national data collection is taking place in schools across Australia and will provide information about the number of students with disability (learning difficulties) in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

The legal definition of a child with a disability is any child whose learning program would need to be adjusted for a minimum of 10 weeks. Therefore most children on learning action plans and receiving extra support at school would fall into this category.

The information provided by this new data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. This will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.

If your child is eligible to be included in the Data Collection, you will be sent a Privacy Information and Consent Form in the next week. Inclusion in the Data Collection is voluntary. If you wish your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can complete the Privacy Information and Consent Form and return to the school.

If you do not receive a Privacy Information and Consent Form and believe your child has a disability and should be considered for inclusion in the Data Collection, please contact Helen Thomas, Assistant Principal who is coordinating this process. thomas.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

For further information about the Data Collection, please contact the Principal or visit Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/health/Pages/datacollection.aspx

Enrolment Plans for 2013

The demand for places at Moonee Ponds West continues to be high. First round offers for a 2014 Prep place were sent out on the 6th of 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.

Being Cyber smart

Following on from last week about being cyber smart, Kik is an example of an application that some children may be using at home. The age limit for this site is 17 years old and it is not recommended for primary students. There was an article in the newspaper about how this site is being used by some. Here is a link with further information http://www.indianasnewscenter.com/home/Police-Issue-Warning-About-Child-Predators-Using-Kik-App-220665461.html

A reminder about the Cybersmart website - http://www.cybersmart.gov.au

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**Planning Week Dates**
Please note the following dates for teacher planning 12th Sep. – Grade 1 & 2 and Grade 2 & 3. 16th Sep. – Grade 5 & 6, 18th Sep. – Grade 3 & 4. Students will have specialist classes on these days.

**Music**
Just to let you know that there is a change of date and time for the Wasabi incursion. The incursion is now the 9th of October, 9.00 a.m. Prep/1, 1/2 and 2/3 classes & 10.00am 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6 classes. Both sessions will occur in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Parent Forum**
A reminder about this Friday’s Parent Forum with Christine Clancy on creating family values. To RSVP please click on the link on the calendar (on the front page of our website) or click this [link](https://www.facebook.com/Mpwps).

**Target 200**
Currently we have 152 people who ‘like’ us on Facebook. This is an increase of 10 from last week. We would like to reach 200 before the end of September. 17 days to go. Our address is [https://www.facebook.com/Mpwps](https://www.facebook.com/Mpwps) or you may like to scan our QR code.

Have a great week everyone,
Jenny, Helen and Randal.

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**Count Down to Music: Count Us In . .50 days to go!**
Thursday 31st October @ 12.30pm

A big thank you to Kate Ridgeway, our choir teacher, who for the past 3 weeks at assembly has been teaching us this year’s song, Keep On.

The song is sounding great and on Thursday 31st October @ 12.30pm MPW will join over 600,000 students, teachers and parents from schools all over Australia to perform the song at the same time.

**Bicycling Safety**

It has come to our attention that a lot of students here at MPW like to cycle to school. Cycling is a fun and healthy way to travel, but it is important that students wear a helmet *every time* they ride their bike.

We have noticed a lot of our students have not been wearing helmets lately and so we ask parents to please make sure your child owns a helmet if they are cycling regularly.

Take the time to teach your children about bicycle safety so that they are aware of the importance of wearing a helmet. A hat is not a helmet, so please ensure your child has the proper safety gear for an enjoyable and safe ride to school every morning.
**Hanami**  
*September 22, 2013*

The Australia-Japan Society of Victoria invites you to celebrate Japanese Hanami (flower viewing) with members of the Japanese and Australian communities.

Bring your picnic basket and rug/seat and join us under the cherry blossom trees. Visitors will be treated to Origami, Japanese Drum, Traditional Tea Ceremony, Ikebana, Bonsai, Calligraphy and much more!

**Where:** National Rhododendron Garden, The Georgian Road, Olinda (Melway Ref. 66 K4)  
**When:** Sunday 22 September 2013 10am - 4pm  
**Cost:** Free  
**Booking:** Booking not required  
Visit the AJSV website for further details [www.ajsvictoria.org.au](http://www.ajsvictoria.org.au)

This is an Australia-Japan society of Victoria event in conjunction with Parks Victoria Australia-Japan Society of Victoria.

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**MVIMP Concert**  
*Wednesday Sept 18th 7.00pm*

There will be a Moonee Ponds West MVIMP concert held on...

**Wednesday September the 18th**  
*at 7.00pm*  
in the Moonee Ponds West Gym.

All students who participate in the MVIMP program will perform on the night, which will conclude with a set by the fabulous Moonee West Band!

**All families are welcome to come along and enjoy the evening.**

Hope to see you there!

Performers need to arrive between 6.30 and 6.45 and head towards the staffroom to get set up and ready. 
**Good luck!**
Get the facts on becoming a foster carer

Moonee Valley Foster Care Community Forum

Friday September 27, 2013

Bapcare, a leading provider of Family and Community Services in Moonee Valley, is holding a Foster Care Community Forum.

The aim of the forum is to highlight the very urgent need to recruit more foster carers in the area, to protect and provide a safe and loving place to call home for our community’s most vulnerable children.

Bapcare staff and foster carers will be available to answer any questions and to share real life stories and experiences.

The forum is open to all members of the Moonee Valley community.

Bapcare encourages all community members to support the need for more foster carers by attending the Moonee Valley Foster Care Community Forum.

Moonee Valley Foster Care Community Forum

Date: Friday September 27, 2013
Time: 10:30am–12:30pm
Location: Moonee Ponds Bowling Club
Queens Park Moonee Ponds
Moonee Ponds VIC 3029
Cost: Free
RSVP: By Wednesday September 11, to Shara at Bapcare, on 03 9373 3871, or sscott@bapcare.org.au

A light lunch will be provided following the forum. We welcome and encourage everyone to attend.

Take action! Interested in becoming a foster carer? Or would you like more information? Here’s how!

Visit: www.fostercareinfo.wordpress.com
Enquiry line: 03 9373 3800

Bapcare
Bringing care to all
Room 9 and 10’s Mighty Machines Incursion

I liked it when we got to drive the cars, because I never thought when you pressed gently it would go fast. – Ella

I learnt that cars have wires and levers inside them. – Thomas

I learnt that the ramp was a wedge and I liked driving the car over the ramp because it was fun. – Sascha

The incursion was fun because I got to play with remote control cars. – Avril

I learnt that every car has to have an axle. – Matthew K

I learnt that aeroplanes have a lot of levers. – Sasha

I learnt about different simple machines. – Samantha

My favourite part was driving the car because I got to crash the car. – Melisa
COMMUNITY NEWS

Flemington Cricket Club
Junior players wanted

We are currently seeking both Under 10 and Under 12 players for the upcoming season (commencing in Term 4). U10’s play on Friday nights and the U12’s on Saturday mornings.

If interested come along to our Junior Registration Day on Sunday 15 September at Walter Reserve on Walter Street, Ascot Vale at 11am or join us for our first training session on Monday 23 September at 5pm.

For more information please contact Amanda Lecaude on 0409 967 166.

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Essendon Doutta Stars Football Club
& Doutta Stars Cricket Club
“On the Mark” School Holiday Program

Friday 4th October 2013 9.30am-12.30pm

“On The Mark” is an introductory grass roots sports Clinic, proudly run by Essendon Doutta Stars Football Club and the Doutta Stars Cricket Club, it’s focus is to increase long and short term health benefits of young kids through sport.

This year the program is offering children in Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 the opportunity to take part in our School Holiday Football & Cricket Clinic on Friday 4th October from 9.30am-12.30pm at Buckley Park Reserve, Cooper Street, Essendon.

The program will focuses on junior football and cricket skills and development as well as heaps of fun, giveaways and activities for all children.

If your child would like to participate please fill out this form and return to your school office by no later than Wednesday 18th September 2013

What to bring: Children are to bring their own Water Bottle.

Should you require any further information please contact Bradleigh Andrews on 0400 908 393 or email juniorfootball@essendonfdsfc.com.au