Principals Report
National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)
We have been advised by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority that the Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN reports will be delivered to schools in early term 4. Once the individual student reports arrive these will be distributed to families in a timely manner. If you require any further information please see Assistant Principal, Helen Thomas.

Giftedness in Early Childhood Conference
Registrations are now open for a conference for parents and educators of young children aged 0-8 with advanced development/giftedness. Six presentations will be made by researchers who specialise in the field of gifted and talented education. There will be opportunities for questions and discussion about the implications of their research for parenting and teaching. Registrations close on Monday 7th of October 2013. The conference is hosted by Deakin University and the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children in partnership with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and will be held on Friday 11th of October at Deakin University. For more information visit http://www.deakin.edu/arts-ed/efi/conferences/giftedness.php.

Enrolment Plans for 2013
The demand for places at Moonee Ponds West continues to be high. If you are leaving the school during term 4 or 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.

Principal for the Day
Last Thursday MPW hosted Narelle Sharpe, Mayor of the Moonee Valley City Council. The day included a tour of the school with time spent in; Emma’s 3/4 class, Diana in Japanese and Amy Robinson doing rotations around the P/1 technology activities. From there Narelle met with the Junior School Council who had many questions to ask the Mayor. After this Randal spoke about the focus our school has on developing community links. The conversations were around a number of areas but particularly music and ICT opportunities. The council has a focus on ‘Learning for Life’ and are very open to our school’s involvement. I expressed an interest in being involved with what’s to be a newly created ‘Learning Community Board’. It was wonderful for Narelle to spend time with us. She enjoyed herself and has a greater knowledge of the wonderful school we have.

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**Action Heroes Team**
Over the year students in grade 5 and 6 have been working on their Action Heroes project. The aim of the work was to choose an area of the school to develop which could improve the wellbeing of our students. This has ranged from running classroom programs at lunchtime to operating sports programs. One project has been the improvement of the garden on the Eglinton St side of the school.
Another project has focused on redevelopment of the area between the 5/6 classrooms. This project has resulted in a partnership with Masters in Braybook and their Community Involvement Co-ordinator, Natalie Mitchell. We look forward to seeing the outcome of the project.

**Parent Forum – Family Values & Healthy Eating**
We would like to thank Christine Clancy for running a Parent Forum workshop on family values. Around 15 people attended the session. This is another example of the expertise we have in our school community.
We’d especially like to thank Christine for her preparation and presentation.
We would also like to thank Kara Bystrom in partnership with Sheenagh Callahan for organising a guest speaker from Doutta Galla who presented information on creating healthy lunch options for our students.
Around 15 people attended the session and commented on how helpful the information was. The session linked in with our Healthy Eating Policy launch. Information from the session will be made available to those who were unable to attend.

**Japan Tour**
This Friday at the 9.00am assembly, 11 students from grade 5 and 6 who are attending the Japan Tour will be presenting a summary of what the group will be experiencing whilst in Japan. We hope you will be able to attend. In the meantime if you haven’t already, can you add our tour blog to your favourites/bookmarks so you can keep track of what will no doubt be an amazing experience.
http://mpwpsjapantour.edublogs.org
We would like to thank the School Council, parents, teachers and the students for their support of this wonderful opportunity.

**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 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 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

**Term 3**
Congratulations to all students and families on your effort and learning success in Term 3. Please keep reading and doing Mathletics over the break. We wish you all a safe, restful, and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back for another period of great learning in term four.

Jenny, Helen and Randal.
Volleyball Clinic
A group of students from grade 4 were given the opportunity to be involved in a volleyball coaching session at the Maribyrnong Sports Academy. The students enjoyed the wonderful facilities at the school, being coached by the school’s volleyball leaders and the experience of both indoor and outdoor volleyball. The school offers scholarships in 25 sports, volleyball being one. They run free training session after school on a Monday and assist students in being involved in volleyball competitions.

Grade 4 Carnival Day
Last Friday 70 students from Grade 4 walked to Fairbairn park to participate in our District Sport carnival day. The students were in groups with students from Ascot Vale & Ascot Vale West Primary Schools and rotated around various cricket activities. The day finished with a game of Kanga 8’s cricket. This is a great introduction to interschool sport for our Grade 4 students. Thank you to Michelle, Melanie and our parent helpers.

Milo In2 Cricket
Students from Grades 1/2 & 2/3 participated in Milo In2 Cricket clinics at school last week. As an introduction to Milo Cricket the clinic involved lots of games and skills activities taught to the students by Daniel, Chris & Jess from Cricket Victoria and Dusan from Aberfeldie St John’s Cricket Club.
If your child(ren) are interested in joining the Milo In2 cricket program at Aberfeldie St John’s Cricket Club they are holding a registration day at Fairbairn Park on Thursday 24th October. The club will also be holding a sausage sizzle at MPW on Thursday October 10th at 3:30pm where members from the club can answer any questions you may have.

MVIMP Concert
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.

Performers need to arrive between 6.30 and 6.45 and head towards the staffroom to get set up and ready.

Count Down to Music: Count Us In ...

43 days to go!

Thursday 31st October @ 12.30pm

Can we count you in???...
Lost Clothing
Friday, 20th September

Has your child lost any clothing? This Friday, items will be available to look at on the decking area, so we encourage all families to have a look for any missing belongings. If unclaimed, all items will be donated to charity.

Minecraft

Heard of Minecraft?
Know a little about it or wondering what it’s all about?

I have a private, whitelisted server (not available to the public) and I am inviting 10 inventive users to join me.

It is a pure Vanilla Server, this means it is not congested with plugins that have been created by others. Also, it is not a PVP (player vs player) server, it is a creative server.

If you are interested in designing, creating, building, and collaborating in Minecraft, contact me... Sasha (room 19) or my Mum on 0416 126 289.

Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in January 2014. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Brazil, France, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Thailand, Canada and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
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Online: http://www.wep.org.au

Talking About Childhood Asthma
Live From The Airways

If you have questions about your child’s asthma, you are not alone.

Sunday 27th October 2013
4pm - 6pm
Light refreshments will be served
Ella Latham Auditorium, Main Building, Royal Children’s Hospital

Meet our Royal Children’s Hospital panelists

Short Course - Integration Aide
RMIT University
2013 Brunswick Course

7 Saturdays:
12 October to 30 November (missing Cup weekend)
(total course length = 50 hours)

Specifically designed for those seeking work or already employed in schools as Integration Aides. Course provides individual assistance with job application and interview. Also of benefit for parents or carers of children with special needs.

Enrol online via the RMIT short courses website
www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au

(search Integration Aide)
This clock was dropped on the floor in Switzerland. As it fell to the floor, all of the numbers were detached! The Swiss clockmaker sent it to us. She asked us to help her determine what time it was when the clock was dropped.

Here are our thoughts.

What time do you think it was when the clock was dropped?

NEXT term, week 1 = Japanese Room
Get fit and fab for summer with The Fitness Stable!

The Fitness Stable offers term-based programs to get you ready for summer and the festive season.

Combining small group training with effective and practical weight loss strategies. Whether you want to lose weight, tone up, get fit or all 3, The Fitness Stable provides affordable semi personal training, confidential weigh in, family friendly meal ideas and healthy eating plans in a friendly and welcoming environment.

Session times, with no more than 4 participants, are available in Term 4.
Spots available at the following times:
- Mon – 6pm
- Tues – 9.15 and 10.15am
- Wed - 9.15 and 10.15am
- Fri – 10.15am
- Sat – 8.30 and 9.30am

Drop the kids at school or kinder and spend some time on you! Pre school children are welcome to come along.

For more information please call Marianne at The Fitness Stable on 0402 756 015