Principals Report

School Council

This week we have farewelled a number of the 2013 School Councillors.

I would like to sincerely thank the following councillors (in alphabetical order) for their positive contribution to the governance role of School Council:

Paul Langley - Paul has been on school council for two years. He has diligently worked with council to ensure that MPW is a wonderful school for all students. In 2013 Paul completed an application for funding through the Department of Justice to allow the completion of a secure bike shelter. This successful application has resulted in this $10,000 project proceeding with an expected completion date of the end of April 2014.

Amanda Lecaude - Amanda has contributed to the work of council on a number of major projects. She has been an active member of the school uniform review working party. She has also worked tirelessly to make the local area around our school safer for all road users. Recent upgrades to local roundabouts, pedestrian access points and our wonderful staffed school crossings are all a result of Amanda’s work with the Moonee Valley Council.

Helen Lockart - Helen has led environment subcommittee with a real flair. She has a strong commitment to MPW operating so as to leave the smallest possible environmental footprint. Helen has encouraged others to look after our great school. She is so enthusiastic at working bees. She works with other staff to develop in our students a strong sense of care and respect for MPW. Helen has also made a strong contribution to Education subcommittee which has been appreciated.

Vicki Mesiti - Vicki, a real people person has worked to further develop the community consultation and family involvement in the partnership of education for students at MPW. Vicki as a co-opted member of council has encouraged the parent helpers program, classroom representatives and the developing community links working group. Vicki has been extremely positive in her work for council.

Phillip Peacock - Phillip has been on council for many years. He has been an active councillor attending and working on both the Education and Resources subcommittees. Phillip’s skills in finance have helped to ensure the strong financial position of MPW. In an ongoing capacity Phillip has attended Education subcommittee meetings and with his fine eye for detail has provided many useful comments on school planning documents such as the Strategic Plan.

Kim Simmons - Kim has been on school council for two years. Kim has shown enthusiasm and passion in her role on council. Kim is passionate about education, particularly around the key improvement areas of reading and writing with a focus on conventions such as spelling. Kim’s experience and skills as an English coach and team leader have been enormously useful in the work of council.

Carlene Wilson - Carlene has been re-elected for a second term on council. During her first term she made a valuable contribution to both the Resources and Education sub committees. Carlene conducted a review of the MPW policy documents which helped greatly to focus the school’s work. As vice president Carlene has been an important member of the executive.

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She has actively contributed to the Resources subcommittee where her attention to detail and understanding of the financial management of the school has further supported the school’s secure financial position.

We wish these councillors well in their future endeavours.

School Council Executive for 2014

I would like to announce and congratulate the 2014 school council executive.

President – Paul Girdler

As an existing member of council Paul has a wonderful understanding of the governance role of council. In 2012 he completed the Department of Education and Early Childhood Developments training course for councillors. In 2013 he was school council president whilst also being an active member of both the Education & Resources subcommittees. Paul’s approachable manner and astute thinking will greatly assist MPW in future years. Paul has two children at MPW.

Vice President – Carlene Wilson

As an existing member of council Carlene brings a strong desire to further develop the positive profile of MPW with strong community consultation and involvement in the school. Her great knowledge in policy development and her ability to translate this into plain English to guide our future work has been invaluable. In 2012 Carlene worked on the Education subcommittee contributing greatly to raising the profile of music in the school. In 2013 Carlene was vice president of council and a member of both the Education & Resources subcommittees. Carlene has two children at MPW.

Treasurer – Rohan Hawker

As an existing member of council and with experience as the treasurer in 2013, Rohan is enthusiastic about his role as the 2014 treasurer. Rohan capably oversees the financial position of the school. He has a very clear passion around the importance of the finances of the school supporting the student learning, wellbeing and transitions for now and in our forward planning. His ability to translate complex financial statements into plain English for council is greatly appreciated. Rohan has two children at MPW.

In my role as principal and the executive officer of school council I look forward to working closely with the executives. As a school council we are indeed very fortunate to be so well supported.

(A full School Council report will appear in the next school newsletter)

Parent Forum – Terri Campbell

On the 20th March a Parent Forum was facilitated by Terri Campbell who works as an English consultant at MPW. We had about 30 people in attendance with Michele Bovè (Leading teacher - English) supported by Amy Dinsdale (English PLT) introducing Terri to the group. Terri is an engaging and dynamic speaker. Terri talked about how important Cambourne’s Conditions for learning are and the need to set up each classroom in this way using the Seven Conditions of Natural Language Learning; Immersion, demonstration, expectation, responsibility, approximation, employment & feedback. In a natural, optimum, print-rich learning environment, teachers have the opportunity to create conditions where:

1. Children’s interest is sparked by what they see and hear so that they want to learn the new skill (immersion – see below for full description of terms)
2. Children believe that they can achieve competence (expectation)
3. Children are able to make decisions about how much they will attempt (responsibility)
4. Children are safe from criticism when they take risks (approximation)
5. Children are shown numerous models and given a lot of direct instruction (demonstration)
6. Children have plenty of opportunity to practice new skills and strategies and try to improve proficiency (demonstration/immersion)
7. Children receive praise and encouragement from teachers and peers (feedback)

Terri talked at length about the writing process. She gave parents tips including; encouraging us to read, read, read with our children, select different varieties of texts and she recommended a range of books (which are included in the PowerPoint). Terri also mentioned sharing with the children books we loved as children and talking with the children about what they liked, disliked, interesting points etc.

A complete article about Cambourne’s conditions of learning together with the Power Point can be found on our website at http://www.mooneewestps.vic.edu.au/page/196/English

Feedback

At Moonee Ponds West we are committed to continual improvement. Last week we asked for feedback on the Ride2School Day. The response was overwhelmingly positive. We will continue to seek your input into the improvement of our programs.

Each year the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) seeks feedback from parents through the Parent Opinion Survey. This is a random sample of parents selected by the DEECD. The feedback comes in two forms. One is a numeric response to various areas of our school’s operations. It includes our parent’s viewpoint on the school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. These results were presented to the Education Committee and School Council last year. As well there is a section where parents can provide written comments. These comments have been summarised and will be presented to the school’s Leadership Committee and then to the Education Committee at its next meeting. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted in August.

Community Partnerships

Throughout Term 1 we have been requesting parents to complete a ‘Community Partnerships Form’. At present we have received 48 responses. At the end of this week the form will be removed. If you haven’t responded as yet could you please do so. The link is http://tinyurl.com/pyw592z

Thank-you for your support.

Have a great week

Jenny, Helen and Randal.
School Levies and Voluntary Contributions
Thank you to all our families who have paid essential levies and voluntary contributions in 2014. If you have opted to use our Bpay option can you please provide a copy of your levy form with your payment details (thank you to families who have already done so) or please forward this information by email to Sandra Monaghan. moonee.ponds.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

This is necessary for any payments made that vary from the levy form. All monies that have been received will be allocated by the 31st March.

A reminder to all families that essential Levies are due and payable by the 28th March. If you have any queries regarding this please contact Sandra Monaghan in the Office on 9370 6875.

Renewing a Working with Children Check
The Working with Children Check Unit will be introducing from April, 2014 as a new online service for cardholders renewing their WWC Check.

Renewing cardholders, volunteers as well as Employee Checks no long require a visit to Australia Post to obtain a hard copy paper form. Cardholders should be aware that a WWC Check is valid for five (5) years, and it’s important to remember that unless exempt, it is against the law for anyone to do child-related work without a valid WWC Check. Cardholders continuing child-related work should renew their WWC Check before it expires.

Please type in your search engine; www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/
- Renew your Check
- Change of name form
- Checking your status
- Customer Support Line is 1300 652 879

Thank you
Denise Beckett

Parent Forum
Creating Confident Kids
A Positive Psychology Perspective on Parenting
Presenter: Maria Ruberto
Date: Tuesday 1st April 2014
Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm followed by supper in the library.
Cost: A small donation to the school fund supporting students in financial need would be appreciated.
RSVP:
Email: Brunswick.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9387 6133

Soundhouse News
SAP Performance
All Singing & Performance (SAP) students will be singing at the school assembly on Monday 29th April (Term 2). We hope family and friends of the SAP children are able to come along to the morning assembly and enjoy the performance.

Soundhouse Fees now overdue!
Soundhouse fees are payable in advance for each term. If you have not paid your child’s Soundhouse fees, then he or she will not be able to continue with lessons. If your fees are outstanding, please pay them immediately to the school office.

Guitar places available
Patrick O’Brien is adding an extra guitar session from Term 2.
If your child would like to learn electric guitar, there will be 3 places available for children from grade 2 up. Enrolment forms need to be in the school office by Thursday, April 3.

Student First Aid Attendance
Over the last few weeks there has been a large number of students admitted to the first aid room, especially upon arrival to school. If your child presents any symptoms of illness such as fever, vomiting and stomach ailments prior to coming to school, it is advisable that they be kept home to recuperate.

As a school it is important that we look after the wellbeing of all our students and staff, by minimising the risk of germs spreading and infecting others, particularly with winter approaching.
**Sports News**

**District Cross Country**
On Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} March the Cross Country team went to Aberfeldie Park to participate in the District Cross Country event. In a fantastic team performance MPW finished the day in 5\textsuperscript{th} place. A special congratulations go to Arabella W(12\textsuperscript{th}) and Tara N (7\textsuperscript{th}) in girls 12/13 years. Leila C (12\textsuperscript{th}) girls 9/10 years. Nathan JS (3\textsuperscript{rd}) and Charlie C (15\textsuperscript{th}) for the boys 9/10 years. Marcus M (7\textsuperscript{th}), Dylan C (12\textsuperscript{th}) and Bevan H (13\textsuperscript{th}) for the boys 11 years. Daniel P (4\textsuperscript{th}) and Stuart P (10\textsuperscript{th}) for the boys 12/13 years. Congratulations to all of the runners and good luck to the top 10 placegetters who will compete at the Divisions on Thursday May 29\textsuperscript{th}. Thank you to Courtney and all our parent helpers on the day.

**National Ride2School Day**
A big thank you to all the parents and staff who helped with our Ride2School Day last Wednesday. With the enormous amount of bikes that were in the gym we hope to see a few more students and families travelling to school by bike on a regular basis. A special thank you to the parents who helped prepare the fruit for us to share.

**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**
Tuesday 1\textsuperscript{st} April – Premiers Active April (30 minutes of exercise each day during the month of April).

**Swimming Competition News**
On Thursday 13\textsuperscript{th} March Will, Luka, Harry, Eamonn and I competed at the Divisional competition for swimming.

Congratulations to the following competitors
- Will 3\textsuperscript{rd} place
- Harry 4\textsuperscript{th} place
- Luka 3\textsuperscript{rd} place
- I came in 1\textsuperscript{st} place in backstroke and 3\textsuperscript{rd} place in breast stroke.

Everyone from Moonee Ponds West did an awesome job in representing our school.

Grace H.
5/6D
Making Patterns in Room 22

Our class has been learning about different types of patterns. We have been making music patterns, sound patterns, number patterns, shape patterns and colour patterns.

- Recording music & sound patterns on the iPads
- Making colour patterns using teddies & counters
- Making shape patterns with pattern blocks

Carley Allan
Grade 0/1G Teacher
A REMINDER THAT FRIDAY 28TH MARCH IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER YOUR WINTER DRESS UNIFORM.

PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT KEEP STOCK OF THE WINTER DRESS UNIFORM AT SCHOOL.
YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE WHEN YOUR ORDER HAS ARRIVED IN TERM 2.

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**SCHOOL CLOTHING ORDER FORM 2014**

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**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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Signature of cardholder ______________________________________

Date __/__/____
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.

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Junior Campuses: (Year 7—9 )
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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

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
COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FITNESS CAMP

DATES: MONDAY – FRIDAY 7th APRIL – 18th APRIL
TIME: 7-11 YEAR OLDS 9.15AM – 10.15AM
12-16 YEAR OLDS 10.30AM – 11.30AM
WHERE: ST. BERNARD’S COLLEGE OVAL
HAMPTON ROAD, ESSENDON
(ENTER GATE 8 AND DRIVE TO BOTTOM OF HILL)
COST: $10 PER PERSON/PER SESSION
(DISCOUNT PACKAGES AVAILABLE FOR MULTIPLE SESSIONS)
CONTACT: CHRIS DAVIS
0414 825 785
chris@invigoratept.com.au

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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, a double carport – close to the river precinct, MPWPS and cafes/shops.

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

Open for inspection - Saturday 29th March
from 11:30am - 12:00pm

http://2sussexstmooneeponds.com/

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

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- Fully qualified and registered teacher, providing supportive assistance that is fully tailored to your child’s individual needs.
- Over 10 years experience teaching in public and private schools and tutoring.
- Have your child tutored by a teacher who understands that all children learn differently.
- Able to come to you or meet in a central location.

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Year 7 - 12: English, History, Geography, essay writing and study skills
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