**Principals Report**

**Enjoy the Holidays**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff of MPW for the great programs and learning that has taken place in Term 1. We have had a very smooth start to the year. To the families that support the students and programs thank you. To the students, well done, on working towards achieving your learning goals, and congratulations on your success.

It would be great if all students keep reading and writing (letters, lists, cards & emails) and doing Mathletics over the break.

I hope you all have a happy holiday, rest up and come back invigorated for an exciting Term 2.

**Social Skills Program**

Group programs for pre-schoolers (4-6 years of age) and early primary students (6-8 years of age) designed by Psychologist Mandy Biancucci will be conducted over the school holiday period. The program is adapted from the *The Incredible Flexible You: A Social Thinking Curriculum for Preschool and Early Elementary Years*. The program covers topics such as Thinking thoughts and feeling feelings, The group plan, Thinking with your eyes, Body in a group and Whole body listening. For further information including session times, costs, and rebates such as FaHCSIA funding, Medicare and Private Health please contact Mandy on m_biancucci@yahoo.com.au

**World Autism Awareness Day Message from Ban Ki-moon**

On 18 December 2007, the United Nations declared that 2nd April each year will be World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD), with consensus support from all Member States, to bring more attention to autism and help raise awareness and show support for families and individuals living with autism.


‘Light It Up Blue’ is an International Campaign to illuminate monuments, buildings, and other local features all over the World in blue, to generate awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder. Why not install some blue lights on your own house, or alternatively, approach your local businesses to get involved. This year the following major attractions have confirmed their participation in ‘Light It Up Blue’: Federation Square Eureka Tower & Crown Casino. There is also a special event planned for April 6th at Luna Park (Sensory friendly). For more information please go to the Autism Victoria website – AMAZE. [http://www.amaze.org.au/events-info/waad/](http://www.amaze.org.au/events-info/waad/)

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**NOTICES FOR PARENTS**

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** – For the full calendar go to mooneewestps.vic.edu.au

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Feedback – Ride2School Day

Recently the community was asked to provide feedback on our Ride2School day. Overwhelmingly the responses were positive. We were also given a number of suggestions for improving the event. These were passed on to Bree White who coordinated the event for consideration. Examples of the feedback included: checking to make sure that the event didn’t occur at the same time as other school events, important for education on road safety & perhaps smaller groups riding on the Tiger Turf. Below is a graphic representing the communication and enjoyment levels. Thanks to all who took part in providing this feedback.

Google

Just to let you know there is now a Junior Google available. This search engine finds resources with a reading age more appropriate to primary aged students. It may be of assistance at home - http://www.googlejunior.com

Mobile Phone App

If you have a Smart Phone you will notice that our website is now ‘Smart Phone Enabled’. We have had feedback that it can be difficult to locate some of the links that appear on the web based version. Below is a graphic which shows how you can locate this menu. Simply tap the ‘Navigate’ link to take you to the page required.

Enjoy the holidays, stay safe.
Jenny, Helen and Randal
Family Maths Night

Please pencil in Wednesday 30th April for a fun evening of Mathematics!

The Family Maths Night will be held in the school gym and start at 7:00pm. The event will run for approximately one hour and thirty minutes.

We encourage all families to attend and to save the date in your calendar!

We received extremely positive feedback from the last Family Maths Night held at MPW.

Vicki McCormack

Victorian Premier’s Readers Challenge 2014

The Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014 has begun and there are 72 students participating this year from MPW.

Thank you to everyone who returned the forms back. For those who haven’t as yet, can you please fill out the new consent form and return it back to the library ASAP so that I am able to update the new information.

In the meantime, please encourage your child/children to log on regularly and register their books.

HAPPY READING!

Claudia Stolfo
Library Co-ordinator
The Final Results

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During Term 1 students from the Grade 5/6 classes participated in Rotational Sports. The sports included Bocce Ball, 3D Kickball, Pirate’s Treasure, Indian Pin, Mat Ball and Run the Gauntlet. The teams are awarded points for win, lose, draw and also for sporting attitudes and teamwork.

Rotational Sport is a lead up to Interschool Sport which begins in Term 2. It provides the students with the opportunity to learn new games and skills, develop teamwork and leadership skills, as well as socialising and meeting new friends.

Rotational Sports has been a great start to the year and we look forward to students participating in Winter Sports during Term 2.

MPW links with the community

Sport is an important part of our community and at MPW we encourage community groups to be involved in our Sport program, which gives our students access to coaching and information from a variety of sports.

Recently we had a visit from footballers Cale Hooker, Kyle Hardingham and Lachlan Dalgleish from the Essendon Football Club.

The players put our Grade 3/4 classes through their paces! Maribyrnong Sports College also ran lunchtime Volleyball clinics this term for our Grade 5/6 students.

Bree White
P.E Teacher
Buckley Park College New School Zone Area

This is the ‘new’ enrolment boundary map for Buckley Park College leading into 2015. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) have issued this computer generated polygon map to ensure that the nearest feeder primary schools to Buckley Park College, such as Moonee Ponds West Primary School have accurate information with student enrolment.

If families are outside of the school zone, they will almost definitely not be enrolled at Buckley Park College simply due to the school’s enrolment capacity and the demand from the zone, then siblings and SEALP.

Mount Alexander College
Aspire to Greatness

Important dates for current Year 5 and 6 students:
Every Wednesday 9:00am – school tours, no bookings needed
• 4 May 2014 10:00am to 12:00pm - Open Day
• 9 May 2014 - Registrations close for the Mount Alexander College 2015 Year 7 SEAL program
Register interest via www.mountalexandercollege.vic.edu.au/enrol/year-7-accelerated-learning-seal/
• 17 May 2014 - Testing for the SEAL program
• 30 May 2014 – Applications close for scholarships for the 2015 Year 7 Girls’ Leadership Program
• Applications for scholarships are available on the website

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You are being challenged to make a ‘big difference’ to the life of a young person by becoming a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

We are seeking adult male and female volunteers from Brimbank, Wyndham, Hobsons Bay & Maribyrnong
The next Information Session will be Tuesday 8th April, 7.00-8.00pm

At Visy Cares Hub
80B Harvester Road, Sunshine

To register visit www.bbbs.org.au
/email: bbbs@bbbs.org.au  tel: 8545 9504
Short Course - Integration Aide
RMIT University - Brunswick Campus
Over 7 Saturdays from the 3rd May to 21st June 2014
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)