Principal’s Report

Welcome Back
A very warm welcome back to Term 2. I hope you enjoyed a restful break and have recharged your batteries for what will be a very exciting term of learning and opportunity for both the students and families. Just to let the community know that I will be taking a period of long service leave in early Term 2 returning to school on Tuesday 3rd of June. Helen Thomas will be Acting Principal in my absence. I look forward to seeing you all upon my return.

Secondary School Expo
A reminder that the Secondary School Expo is taking place on Thursday the 1st May from 4.00pm – 6.30pm in the school’s gym. At this time 8 neighboring secondary schools will have stands set up with representatives of teaching staff and students from their school. This is a great opportunity for you and your child/ren to attend, and to hear about these schools and to ask questions. To support this transition process you may like to visit our school’s website. The direct link is http://www.mooneeewestps.vic.edu.au/page/164/6-7-Transition

WALA Music Incursion – May 1
All members of the Moonee Ponds West community are invited to attend this year’s whole school music event entitled WALA. There are two sessions with the following times and rooms. 10.00am - 11.00am: Prep/1 and 2/3 students and, 11.30am - 12.30pm: 3/4 and 5/6 students. We look forward to what will no doubt be a great event.

Chess Tournament Term 1 Results
We are pleased to announce the following chess results for last term.
Group 1: 1st Place Jesse F (Best and Fairest), 2nd Place Nicholas C (Silver), and 3rd Place Vasilios C (Bronze).
Group 2: 1st Place Imogen L (Best and Fairest), 2nd Place Leila C (Silver) and 3rd Place Jackson F (Bronze).

We Want Our Students To tell Us What They Think
Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey for Years 5 to 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child’s experience at school. Students in Year 5 and 6 will participate in this year’s survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

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This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school next Tuesday and Wednesday. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child’s class time. The survey results will be reported to the Education Sub Committee and then to School Council. If you would like further information on this please speak with Randal.

**Ride2School Day**

Last term the school was involved in a very successful Ride2School Day. Last term we asked for feedback with the results being communicated in the last newsletter. We thought you might be interested to see a breakdown of the types of ways our students came to school on this day.

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Once again we'd like to thank Breee White and Lisa McLachlan for their work in making this such a great event for MPW.

**Movie Night Profit — A Record**

We would like to thank all members of the community who attended our very successful Movie Night which took place last term. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying this great community event. The event raised $7,947 - a record profit.

A special thanks goes to the Fundraising group coordinator Elisa McDonald and her team; Rachael Toussaint, Kath White, Christine Clancy, Jackie Parry and Karen Gard’ner. There were many other families, including the Ware family who completed all the electrical work, who helped make this night a great success, a special thank you to all. We would also like to acknowledge the staff who helped; Helen Thomas, Randal Symons, Toula Fenech, Karen Ghosn, Amy Robinson, Michelle Rove, Kylie Ticehurst, Courtney Hodgson, Sue Phillips, Brian Lees, Lena Berias and Sandra Monaghan. This money supports the wonderful programs and facilities at our school.

We look forward to our Term 2 event the fun filled Trivia Night. (Start thinking about your table now.) More details to follow.

The Family Mathematics Night will be held on Wednesday 30th April, starting at 7pm in the school gym.

Finally I remind all members of our school community of the Moonee Ponds West core values:

- Respect
- Community
- Honesty & Integrity
- Creativity
- Persistence
- Inclusiveness
- Freedom
- Rights & Responsibilities

These values are discussed, fostered and acted upon on a regular basis and they are used by staff and students to facilitate understandings and agreements that guide everyone’s behaviour at our school. It would be great for families to discuss these values with their children when appropriate.

Have a great week,
Jenny, Helen and Randal
'Literacy on the Move'

'Literacy on the Move' is a program that combines the physical movements of Brain Gym® with reading, writing, spelling, and learning techniques to increase literacy skills. This multisensory, evidence-based program combines my 15 years experience as a Speech Pathologist working with children who have learning difficulties with my recent qualification in Kinesiology.

- Literacy on the Move combines a range of techniques targeting the following areas:
- Brain Gym®
- Phonological Awareness Skills
- The Lindamood Bell Phoneme Sequencing Program®
- Sound and Letter Knowledge
- Spelling Rules
- Word Families
- Sight Words

Literacy on the Move (10 weeks)

10 week course starts the week commencing 29th April 2014. Exact date and time to be confirmed. Total cost $570—Bookings Essential! Parents are not expected to attend sessions, but are certainly welcome to attend.

Registration

To register please contact Sally via phone: 0407240247 or email: sally.liston@bigpond.com. A referral form will be sent to you via email.

Your registration will be confirmed on receipt of your referral form and payment in full.

Sally Liston
Speech Pathologist, Kinesiologist and Child Mindfulness Facilitator

Sally Liston is a qualified Speech Pathologist and Kinesiologist, as well as a Child Mindfulness Facilitator. She is passionate about the health and wellbeing of children and employs a holistic approach when working with clients. Sally’s sessions are fun, engaging, active and results orientated.

Spotlight on English

Welcome to the first edition of our weekly inclusion focusing on all aspects of English.

Each week we will focus on areas including Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening and will include useful tips to remember. This week we are looking at beginner to read.

In the early years of primary school students learn to read through rhymes, storytelling and following along with their favourite book. Learning to write begins with scribble and drawing. The activities below will help your young child develop these skills:

- Share rhymes, songs and encourage children to join in.
- Listen to your child and respond to their ideas with questions and ask them for more information.
- Point out and talk about letters and words all around you. For example on cereal boxes, car number plates, signs,
- Cook simple things together. Read out the recipe, talk through what you are doing.
- Look at junk mail and talk about things for sale.
- Provide materials and create a writing/drawing table or area.
- Read to, read with or listen to your child read as often as you can. Be a reading role model for your child.

Tip:

Provide your child with a chopstick so they can point to the word as they read it.

This encourages one to one word correspondence.

Michelle Bove
Leading Teacher (English)

Second Hand Clothing $2

There has been a generous donation of second hand clothing from past and present families.

We have a selection of windcheaters, bomber jackets, polo tops, t-shirts and school bags in a variety of sizes. All clothing are priced at $2 each.
EDUCATION WEEKLY

MVIMP News - Term 2
What a great start we had to MVIMP!

The MVIMP teachers have been very impressed with the effort and progress made by
the children so far. We look forward to hearing some of them perform over the next term.

In Term 2, our percussion teacher Anthony Baker will be taking his well-deserved long ser-
vice leave from Week 2 to Week 5. We wish him and Carmen a safe and happy trip to Bra-
zil! Percussion lessons will continue as normal during his leave. We are very happy to
welcome back Ryan, who has taught percussion in MVIMP previously. Those children who
remember him will be very pleased to see him return for those 4 weeks.

Thanks to all the families who continue to encourage and support their children in learning
and enjoying music.

Fiona McKenzie
MVIMP Teacher

Student Banking News
The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure from the Lost City of Savings and they want to
share it with students in the form of some amazing prizes!

Major student prize
One student will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:
• Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast
• VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros, Movie World, and
  Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast
• A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure
• A $3,000 travel voucher to get them there

Runner-up student prizes
130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each

Here’s how to win
Students will need to make three or more deposits through School Banking during Term 2
and they’re automatically entered into the competition.

Sports News
Interschool Sport
Winter Sport begins this term with Football, Netball and Tee Ball being the sports students
from Grade 5/6 will participate in on Friday mornings. On Friday 2nd May we kick off with
Holy Rosary versus MPW Blue, and MPW Gold playing at home versus Kensington.

Premiers Active April
A big congratulations to everyone who signed up for Active April. So far MPW has 261 hours and 44
minutes as a combined total for our team in a variety of activities. Keep up the great work!

Up & Coming Events
• Friday 2nd May - Interschool Sport begins
• Wednesday 28th May - MPW Fun Run

Bree White
P.E Teacher

Soundhouse News
Term 2 new enrolments
Lessons begin next week for any children joining the Soundhouse program in Term 2. This is
due to Term 1 being shorter than Term 2 and makes things fair in terms of the number of
lessons offered to all children in Soundhouse. In order for your child to start lessons with
Soundhouse, you need to give a completed Direct Debit form to the school office or pay
for Terms 2, 3 & 4 in advance ($420.00) by Thursday 24th April.

Term One overdue fees
Student’s with outstanding Term 1 fees will unfortunately not be able to continue with
Soundhouse lessons until these fees are paid. Families with outstanding fees were sent re-
minders last term as well as a letter in the post explaining the Soundhouse fees payment
policy.
CLASS WEEKLY NEWS

Writing in Room 17

In Term 1 the students in Room 17 worked with consultant Terri Campbell over several sessions to improve their planning strategies (Organisation) and use of voice in their writing (Voice). These are two of the Six Writing Traits that students and teachers at M.P.W refer when creating great writers and great writing.

Below are several examples of some short compositions the students produced. They first planned their piece by thinking of an animal and considering carefully their appearance, how they act, what they might ‘say/think,’ and how they interact. The next step was to describe the animal, being careful to develop strong voice to engage the reader while not revealing the name of the animal. Can you guess the animals?

Lola
I can see it. The big, black, betraying, eating machine. It is watching, watching my every move. I detest it. We both want it, the silver shine. It makes noises as beautiful as a chorus of hummingbirds. I eat away, food falling down as I go, but I am like a hunted prey. I never take my eyes away from the silver beauty or that BEAST!

Matt
Watch out for me. I’m yellow as the sun and fast as lightning. I’m lean and deer make me hungry. I love to hunt. I’m coming, so watch out for me!

Kirsten
I am ready! To kill and hunt my prey. I sneak past, dead quiet but running as fast as I can to get my dinner. “ROARRRR!” Be aware of me or you will go in my stomach!

Lara
I am the queen of the ocean! I amaze, inspire and leave mouths open with my captivating tricks. I twirl, whirl and swirl. Jumping, diving and propelling ice cold water into bubbling, foaming waves. I am a safe, harmless and innocuous being. My skin as blue as the ocean waves, as sleek and smooth as a pebble. I am the worshipped queen of the ocean! But the question is... who or what am I?

Bianca
I am brown, beautiful, but very... hairy! My long thin-as-a-stick hands and legs crawl on the tree tops in our tropical forest. Look around, find my treasure. I dare you! Yellow, delicious, give me it. I need my treasure, so perfect so delicate, so delicious. My tribe will get the banana. The banana will be defeated. Living in trees makes banana finding easy. We playful animals know the tropics. We know the jungle. Our hairiness helps in winter. We are the ultimate living animal...

Ryan Vermeulen
Grade 56C, Room 17
COMMUNITY NEWS

Chess Coaching
Have fun learning Chess!!

Where: Conference Room
When: Every Tuesday at lunchtime
29th April – 17th June 2014
Cost: $85 (per child) $65 for 2nd sibling
Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, team work, analytical skills.

We cater for all skill levels! Each week different lessons are taught & games are played. A trophy is awarded to the “Best & Fairest” player, and a Silver badge to 2nd place and a Bronze badge to 3rd place at the end of term. To enrol your child please make a payment of $85 by Tuesday 6th May. Cheques made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”

For more information contact Phil on 0421 901 530

Please pay online or forward payment/ form inside an Envelope Marked “Chess Coaching” to Phil at chess club or school office.

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Child’s Full Name: __________________

Grade: ______ Phone: ________________

School: ________________

Email: __________________

Payment Due: Tuesday 6th May.

CHEQUES: made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”

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