School Council Report

School Council met on 24 March. The meeting farewelled outgoing Councillors and welcomed incoming and returning Councillors, which was detailed in last week’s Newsletter.

Incoming Councillors endorsed the School Council Code of Conduct and School Council Standing Orders, both of which are on the website. Council also endorsed the updated the Investment Policy; School Electronic Funds and Management Policy, Educational Maintenance Policy and Parents Payment Policy. These policies are reviewed and updated annually and are on the website for easy access.

The School Budget was approved for 2014 based on a student population of 521 students.

This year the Education Committee will have a number of working groups including School Evaluation, School Uniform Review, Resources and Community Links. These Committees consider issues in detail and provide advice to School Council.

Council was advised that work is underway preparing for the School Review that will be conducted during the year. A sub-committee of Education Committee will work with the school leadership on the project.

The Consultant’s report on the uniform review stakeholder focus groups was received by Council and referred to Education Committee to consider and advise on next steps.

The Annual Implementation Plan, presented to the last Education Committee, will be posted on the website. It sets aspirational targets for the learning outcomes of students at MPW benchmarked to schools similar to MPW.

Council was advised that over time the school website will host information and resources for parents (e.g. the Oxford Word List) that will further support families to engage with their children’s learning.

Junior School Council has had its first meeting and is up and running.

The Family Maths night will be held on 30 April and has been a much loved event in years past. It is an opportunity for families and the MPW community to spend time together having fun with maths.