Principal’s Report

STAFFING
The staffing is nearly completed for 2015. Three provisional graduate appointments have been made - Stefanie Alderuccio, Liz Jackson and Louise McNab which almost completes the staffing in preparation for the 2015 school year. Helen Thomas has been appointed at Camelot Rise PS in Glen Waverley as Assistant Principal for the 2015 school year. Congratulations to these staff on their appointments.

CHOIR CONCERT
Tonight our MPWPS Senior and Junior Choir will perform in the gym at 7.00 p.m. Both choirs have been practising each week in preparation for this end of year performance. The choir will also be making their annual visit to Ardmillan House at 1.00 p.m. on Monday 8th December 2014. Thank you to Kate Ridgeway for all her work in teaching and preparing the choir during the year.

TRANSITION
Next week the students will have two visits with their 2015 teacher. Sessions have been arranged on Tuesday and Friday. The feedback from teachers and families last year was very positive towards the two sessions. This allows the students to discuss at home and school things they may be wondering about and bring questions back to the second session. Thank you to Justine Ryan who is overseeing the Intra-school transitions program at the school.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY
Today is International Day of People with Disability. Please find below a link to a website that celebrates the day and serves to focus attention on a social model of disability as distinct from a medical model of disability. The medical model tends to emphasise differences and impairments whereas the social model of disability concentrates on ways of removing the societal barriers that can serve to restrict choice and discourage self-empowerment in a disabled person’s life. For more information please go to: www.idpwd.com.au

TIPS FOR PARENTS TO STOP CYBERBULLYING
With the school holidays fast approaching we have attached a reminder of a few ideas on how to respond to cyberbullying.

- Reassure and comfort
- Don’t respond
- Block and delete bully
- Report to the site
- Keep a copy
- Tell school (or relevant place) and seek action
- If ongoing inform Police
- Support your child as they have done nothing wrong

Have a good week,

Jeff, Helen and Randal
FIRST AID
In readiness for the 2015 school year, the medications first aid cabinet will be cleaned out. Personal ventolin and ventolin spacers will be sent home with the student however parents/guardians will need to collect any liquid medication and tablets from the school office. A note will go home to specific families regarding this next week.

Thank you,
Denise Beckett
Medications Coordinator

PARENT HELPER’S MORNING TEA
On Tuesday 16th December from 11.00 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. the school will be hosting a Parent Helper’s Morning Tea to thank the amazing parent community for their work in supporting the learning of our students this year.

Invitations will be sent home shortly but in the meantime you can RSVP through the school’s website calendar or click here - http://www.mooneewestps.vic.edu.au/eventdetails/321/2014-12-16

Curriculum Days 2015
Wednesday 28th January - (Teachers staff return)
Tuesday 10th March
Friday 22nd May
Monday 2nd November

MOONEE PONDS WEST COMMUNITY CALENDAR - mooneewestps.vic.edu.au
Dec 4th Prep Transition Information Night 7.00 p.m.
Last Day Redeem Rewards Student Banking
Dec 5th MPW Mini Market 3.00 p.m.
Little Adventure Playground
Dec 9th Whole School Transition Day
Grade 6 Transition Session 1
Dec 11th Resources Meeting
Last Day Student Banking
Dec 12th Grade 6 Transition Session 2
Dec 17th Grade 6 Graduation 6.30 p.m. School Gym

NOTICES SENT HOME
• Chicken Pox letter - Room 2
• Xmas Raffles - eldest child per family
FAMILY PAYMENTS – REMINDER
With only four weeks remaining of the current school year, we are required to finalise school payments. A follow up letter was posted to those families with outstanding charges on Friday 22nd November.

Payment is required as soon as possible

The preferred method of payment is via BPay and the letter contains your family details and a unique payment code. Otherwise payments and contributions can be made by telephone by cash, cheque or debit/credit card or in person at the school’s office or on the telephone 9370 6875. Please contact the Business Manager, Sandra Monaghan in the General Office, if you believe that the statement is incorrect. Should meeting these requests present concerns, you are most welcome to discuss the matter in confidence with the Acting Principal Jeff Lyon.

SOUNDHOUSE FINAL LESSONS 2014

Dear teachers/staff,

On behalf of the Soundhouse teachers at MPWPS, I would like to thank you for your support of the Soundhouse Music Schools program throughout 2014. We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2015.

Here are details about the final Soundhouse lessons for 2014:

Wednesday 3rd December
Final guitar lessons were held at normal lesson times.
Guitar children will had a Christmas break-up with Patrick O’Brien in the Performance space, during recess.

Wednesday 3rd December
No SAP lessons – Vernice Petty had a family wedding.

Wednesday 10th December
Final SAP lessons. Please note different lessons times to allow for Karaoke Christmas break-up:

- 9.00-9.45 a.m. – all SAP students except those in Room 11/12
- 9.45-10.30 a.m. – Room 11/12 SAP

Monday 8th Dec – Friday 12th Dec
Last week of keyboard lessons.

Sue O’Brien
Soundhouse Music Schools
MPW CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2014

It’s our last fundraiser for the year and we have some great prizes up for grabs!

- 1st prize Myer Gift Vouchers valued at $250
- 2nd Prize Country Road Gift Card valued at $150
- 3rd Prize Village Cinema gift Card & Hamper valued at $100
- 4th Prize AMF Bowling Pass valued at $75.00
- 5th Prize Cadbury Chocolate Hamper valued at $50
- 6th Prize Cadbury Chocolate Hamper valued at $50

The eldest child per family will bring home 10 raffle tickets valued at $2 each. Please sell your raffle tickets to your family and friends and return the ticket stubs (make sure name/contact number is written clearly) and the money to the school office by Thursday 18th December, no later than 3.30 p.m. If you would like more tickets, please ask the staff at the school office.

The raffle will be drawn at the final school assembly on Friday 19th December 2014. Winners will be notified by telephone (if not present).

On behalf of the school fundraising committee, we would like to sincerely thank the school community for their continued support towards fundraising for MPW during 2014.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION DINNER FOR PARENTS

An invitation to parents/guardians of Grade 6 students

As we approach the end of the school year, we thought it might be nice to have a final farewell dinner for the parents/guardians of the MPW Grade 6 students before they all go their separate ways next year.

Thursday 11th December
Riverside Golf Club (as pictured)
Newsom Street, Ascot Vale
7.30 p.m.
Please RSVP by Monday 8th December

If you would like to attend, please inform your classroom parent representative as soon as possible in order for us to place a booking, or alternatively you can email me at rellsy@live.com.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Narelle Busch
Parent Representative, Room 18
**MVIMP 2015**

On Thursday 4th December, at 11.30 a.m. in the school gym, a special concert will be held for all Grade 2/3/4 students and anyone else (including families) who would like to attend. This concert will showcase our fabulous school band, and the tutors/students will demonstrate all the instruments that can be learned through MVIMP. On this day an expression of interest will be sent home to all Grade 2/3/4 children (and anyone else who requests one) to confirm our numbers for next year. MVIMP is open to all children in Grades 3,4,5 and 6 in 2015.

**MVIMP lessons and band continue through Week 10 of Term 4. The last lessons/ band for MPW will take place on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December.**

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**SOUNDHOUSE**

**Soundhouse Enrolments 2015:**

Enrolment forms for students wanting to learn Guitar, Keyboard or Singing and Performance for 2015 are now available from the school office. You can also download Soundhouse forms from the school’s website. Please sign the Terms & Conditions document when enrolling your child in the Soundhouse Program for 2015.

**Current Soundhouse students:**

If your child is already in the Soundhouse Program, he/she will automatically be placed in the program for 2015. However, if you wish to withdraw your child from the program in 2015, please complete an Exit form and hand it in to the school office by 17th December 2014. If an Exit form is not received, your child will be placed in the program for 2015 and fees will be charged accordingly.

**Direct Debit Forms:**

Direct Debit forms for 2015 Soundhouse Fees ($140 per term) will be distributed to families this week. Please complete the form and return it to the school office by 17th December 2014 to secure your child’s enrolment for 2015.

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**END OF CONCERT - MPW CHOIR GROUPS**

The MPW Senior and Junior Choir will each present an end of year concert this evening at 7.00 p.m. in the school gym.

**The Senior Choir selection of songs**

Roald Dahl's *Matilda* THE MUSICAL

**The Junior Choir selection of songs**

We look forward to seeing family and friends attend this wonderful school event!
SPORTS NEWS - Summer Sport

MPW Gold v Flemington
Soccer Boys: 1 - 0
Soccer Girls: 0 - 2
Bat Tennis: 10 - 26
Handball Boys: 28 - 12
Handball Girls: 13 - 16

MPW Blue had a bye. Next week: MPW Gold v St Mary’s at home & MPW Blue v Avondale away.

Well done to our boys & girls Kanga 8’s cricket teams who on Friday 28th November competed in the Regional Semi Final at Epping Recreation Reserve. Both teams played fantastic cricket throughout the day. Thank you to Simon and Tanya for helping to coach and umpire games.

AFL Draft

Former MPW student Touk Miller was last Thursday selected by the Gold Coast SUNS with selection No. 29 in Thursday night’s national draft. A fantastic achievement, we wish Touk all the best and look forward to him making his debut for the Suns in the midfield alongside Gary Ablett!!

Jump Rope

This year’s Jump Off will be held on Friday 12th December from 9.00 a.m. -11.00 a.m. All students will be involved in either skipping with a short or long rope as well as participating in a variety of group activities and record attempts. Like Show Day, the students will choose the activities they would like to participate in and it’s usually a great day. Any parents who can come and help turn a rope would be greatly appreciated.

As well as being a fun and healthy activity we will also be raising money for a JSC nominated charity. The students will receive a sponsorship form in PE prior to the event.

We will also be holding a ‘Healthy Lunch’ on the day that is organised by a group of parents. If anyone is willing to assist with this, please fill in the form below and return it to the office ASAP. As you can imagine we need many helpers to feed 530 children so don’t be shy! Each student will receive a Healthy Lunch information form & money envelope closer to the date. Don’t miss out, it’s great!

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LIBRARY NEWS...LIBRARY NEWS...LIBRARY NEWS...

As we approach the end of the 2014 school year, we try to encourage students to return their library and literature books prior to the holidays. The majority of students tend to return their book/s on a regular basis however, sometimes students forget or think they have returned their book/s.

It would be much appreciated if you can check at home under beds, bookshelves, toy boxes etc. for any books that may belong to the library, classroom or literature sets. Books can be returned via the classroom library box or directly to the library.

Thank you for your support.

MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING TO SAVE GORILLAS

Harriet is a student from Room 15 who is collecting old/used/broken mobile phones to recycle. All proceeds will go to help save the mountain gorillas in the Congo.

Please drop off your mobile phone to the school office by Friday 5th December.

MPW MINI MARKET

Friday 5th December
3.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Little Adventure Playground
(weather permitting, otherwise in the Performance Space)

A great opportunity for family and friends to kick start their Christmas shopping list! There will be a fantastic selection of items to choose from that have been locally made or sourced by the MPW community.

- Jewellery
- Children’s Clothing
- Ladies handbags
- Ladies Head bands
- Skincare

The majority of stalls will be operating as ‘Cash Only.’ Each stall owner will be donating $20 back to MPW. All enquiries including interest to set up a stall, can be addressed to Antoinette Iozzi on mobile 0410 619 673. Looking forward to seeing you all there!
**Tennis Lessons School Holidays Held At Price Street Essendon**

Tennis Australia Professional coach, Michael Swann offers individual and group Hot Shots Tennis Coaching. We are located two minutes from your Primary School. Smaller groups and faster results is our guarantee and the positive experience from other local school families.

View the website for positive local comments and images of local tennis stars! Please contact Michael for school holiday lessons during January 6th, 7th, 20th, 21st and also Term 1 details.

Free back pack, balls, and T shirts are presented at the first lesson!
E: michael@tennislessonsmelbourne.com  www.tennislessonsmelbourne.com
M: 0422 728 938

**Come and join the fun at Broadmeadows Netball!**

Registrations are now open for new teams to join our Junior Netball Competition in 2015. We are also seeking individual players (boys and girls!) between the ages of 8 and 13 years to play in some existing teams. Beginner and experienced children are welcome.

To register or for more information please call 0417 582 162 or email broadmeadowsnetball@hotmail.com

**Divisions in 2015:**

- 11&U
- 13&U
- 15&U

Indoor Venue and games are played Monday afternoons.