WELCOME TO THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR
On behalf of the school council and all staff we would like to extend a warm welcome to each and all of the Moonee Ponds West Primary School Community – including everyone who is new to the school and especially the 95 new Foundation students who commenced last Friday (and to families who stayed on at the Prep Morning Tea last Friday morning). Thank you to the staff who worked over the break to prepare for the 2016 school year and thank you to everyone for ensuring a smooth start to the school year.

WORKS OVER THE HOLIDAYS
A temporary partitioning of rooms 9 & 10 has taken place as a means of accommodating one of the two extra class rooms for the 2016 school year (Japanese has moved to the conference room in the administration area with the second extra classroom now in the former Japanese room in the 1888 building).

CURRICULUM DAY
For the Curriculum Day held on Wednesday last week all staff participated in workshops focussing on Inquiry. Jenni Wilson worked with staff for the day and will continue with further support and consultation as the year progresses. Thank you to Fiona MacKenzie for organising the day and to Brian for his assistance in preparing the venue (library).

FOUNDATION STUDENTS
A reminder to families that Foundation students finish at 1:15 pm until February 19.

NEW TO MPW
Maddie Carter
Maddie is teaching a grade 5/6 class in room 16. Maddie completed her studies at Victoria University with majors in Health and Physical Education. Maddie’s interests include playing netball in the Victorian Netball League, cooking and reading.

Thilini Marasinghe
Thilini is teaching a grade 2/3 in room 9 and has studied Psychology and completed her Master of Teaching at the University of Melbourne. Thalini was previously at Moonee Ponds West in 2014 as part of her studies. Her areas of interest include Dancing, Yoga and Sports.

Jamie Harding
Jamie completed a Master of Teaching at The University of Melbourne. His interests include sport and music (piano & guitar).

Nichole McKinnon
Nicole is teaching in room 8 on Thursday and Friday.

Kirsty Fotheringham
Teaching in Room 10 on a Friday.

Cindy Xu
Teaching Japanese on a Wednesday and Thursday.

[And a welcome back to Carley Allen following family leave teaching in Room 19 on a Thursday and Friday]

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Library Classes with Claudia Stolfo have recommenced in 2016 for the students in Foundation and Year 1.

AMENDMENT TO THE EVENT CALENDAR
The Secondary School’s EXPO scheduled for Thursday March 17 has been postponed. The new date is to be confirmed. Also MPW Movie night will now be held on Friday 18th March.

BE SAFE AROUND SCHOOL
A reminder to everyone to take a little extra care with driving in the vicinity of the school grounds both before and after school, especially given that the new Foundation (Prep) students have now commenced school.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS
Monday Feb 15 – Year 1/2 [Rooms 20,21 & 22]
Tuesday Feb 16 – Foundation/1 [Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 23]
Wednesday Feb 17 – Years 2/3/4 [Rooms 7,8,9,10,11,12&19]
Thursday Feb 18 – Years 4/5/6 [Rooms 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 & 24]

6-7 TRANSITION EVENING
A reminder that the 6-7 Transition evening is on Thursday Feb 18.

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LUNCH ORDERS
See within the newsletter

FIRST AID UPDATE.
At the end of 2015 we sent home an note requesting medication to be reviewed and updated so that we can commence 2016 afresh.
If your child requires medication in 2016 (i.e. asthma, allergy etc.) please ensure the office receives this information immediately. If you are unsure what information we may have, please contact the office.

Enjoy the week,
Jeff & Fiona

COMMUNITY
A reminder to everyone that the Welcome back to MPW is this Friday night from 5 to 7 pm and the movie night will be held on Friday March 18.
Lunch Order Menu Term 1 – 2016

SNACKS
Thick cut fruit toast $2
2wirl Wildberry & Mango yoghurt tub (low fat) $3
Granola muesli bar (nut and sugar free) $3
Cheese & crackers pack $3
Banana bread with passionfruit icing $3
Popcorn packets $2
Freckle cookies $2.5
Apple or oranges (cut) $1.5 or $2.5 mixed
Wholekids Organic Frooshie – Banana, strawberry & apple puree $3

LUNCH
Hummus dip with vegetable sticks $4
Lean chicken breast strips (4) with tomato sauce, iceberg lettuce $5
Cheese & vegemite sandwich $3
Ham & cheese sandwich $3.5
Baked potato, cheddar, avocado $4 add cocktail frank+$1
Curried egg & lettuce sandwich $3.5
Turkey, cranberry & avocado sandwich $4
Tuna, lettuce & cheddar sandwich $4
Hot lamb meatball cup with tomato sugo & parmesan $4.5
Rice Paper Roll 2 pieces $4.5

SALAD BOX
Lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato, cheddar, lemon dressing $4
(add ham, turkey or tuna $1.50)

THIRST QUENCHERS
Bottled spring water $2.5
125ml 99% fruit juice $2.5
Milkshakes $2.5
(Strawberry, chocolate, caramel)

LUNCH PACK $8.5 *** (salad box additions +$1.50, cocktail frank +$1)
1 x snack
1 x lunch item
1 x drink

DARLING
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ESPRESSO
Ingredients For School Menu

BANANA BREAD
Bananas, egg, sugar, butter, flour, bi carb, baking powder, vanilla essence, milk, passionfruit, lemon juice

GRANOLA/MUESLI BAR
Toasted oats, dates, sultanas, cranberries, coconut oil, coconut, pepitas, organic brown rice malt syrup (sugar and nut free)

CHICKEN STRIPS
Chicken breast fillet, crumbs (bread, flour, egg, milk), masterfoods tomato sauce, iceberg lettuce

SANDWICHES – All Hi Fibre/Low GI/no preservatives bread, unsalted butter

CURRIED EGG & LETTUCE SANDWICH
Keens curry powder, boiled egg, mayonnaise

HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH
Processed lean ham, tasty cheese

TURKEY SANDWICH
Processed turkey breast, cranberry, avocado

TUNA SANDWICH
Tuna, vegetable oil, water, salt, soya, iceberg lettuce, tasty cheese

HOT LAMB MEATBALLS
Lean lamb mince, salt and pepper, canned tomato agent (509), food acid (330), parmesan cheese

TASTY CHEESE
Pasteurised milk, salt, rennet (non animal) culture, anticaking agent

FRUIT TOAST
Water, white flour, salt, currants, sultana, orange peel, apricots, figs, mixed spice, culture of sourdough

LEMON DRESSING
Vegetable oil, lemon juice

BAKED POTATO
Desiree potato, cheddar, cocktail frank, avocado

COCKTAIL FRANKS
Gluten free, 74% meat, water, potato starch, salt, modified starch (1442), soya protein concentrate, stabilisers (450, 452)

YOGHURT
2wirl infused smooth yoghurt, wildberry mango
Milk, milk solids, sucrose, thickener (1442, 1446, 1440), live cultures, acidophilus, bifidus, casei
Mango, raspberry, strawberry, blackberry, water, acidity regulator (330, 332)

POPCORN
Popcorn, vegetable oil, salt

WHOLEKIDS ORGANIC FROOSHIE
45% Banana, 37% strawberry, 8% apple

HUMMUS
Chickpeas, olive oil, tahini paste, cumin, lemon juice
ALLERGY ADVICE: Contains sesame seeds, may contain milk and tree nuts

CRANBERRY SAUCE
34% cranberry, sugar, water

HAM/PORK
75% water, curing mix (450, 451), dextrose (corn), sodium nitrate, food acids, salt, no added
MSG/artificial flavours, gluten free

TURKEY
80% turkey, water, salt, starch (tapioca, potato), rice flour, vegetable gum (407a), mineral salts (451, 508, 450), hydrolysed maize protein, preservatives (223), gluten free

RICE PAPER ROLL
Rice paper, rice noodles, carrot, cucumber, poached chicken breast, light soy dipping sauce, hoisin sauce
WELCOME 2016 TO OUR FOUNDATION STUDENTS

A huge thanks to all the wonderful Foundation parents for your assistance in having your Foundation students ready and prepared to start the school day. Overall it has been fantastic to see the students so enthusiastic for school and learning. Although there have been a few tears, the students have settled into the routine of school with ease. Please note that the preps are encouraged to bring their lunch and eat with their grade until they are picked up anywhere between 1.15 – 1.30pm as they are usually hungry by this time of the day. From next week entry in to the red brick building will be strictly from 8.45am onwards; students are encouraged to play outside under your supervision until this time.

In week one the Preps participated in lessons in Japanese, Creative Arts, Physical Education, Library and Hall, a busy week indeed! The focus in the first few weeks is in settling in and getting to know each other, all grades are working on name investigations including how many letters, the starting sound and writing their name. We hope to see all the preps Friday night at the Welcome Back Picnic commencing at 5.00pm.

The Prep /1 team, Helen, Patrick, Stefanie, Anna, Jamie, Karen & Michelle

LIBRARY BOOK BORROWING & OVERDUE BOOKS....

Dear Parents/Guardian,

This week all grades will attend library and commence their book borrowing. Each student comes to the library on a weekly basis and is allowed to borrow between one or four books depending on their year level and have a two weeks borrowing period. If your child needs an extension, they need to return the borrowed books and have them scanned again for another two weeks period or inform us of their intentions.

We encourage children to return their books on a regular basis however sometimes students forget or think they have returned their books and suddenly weeks have gone by. In such circumstances, children are not allowed to borrow until books are returned or replaced.

As we begin 2016, our records indicate that many students have overdue books from 2015. In the next week, we will be sending home via your child, a ‘reminder note’ informing you of the title, author, and if needed, the replacement cost.

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.

*SCHOOL BANKING WILL COMMENCE FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY*

Please note School Banking will be on every FRIDAY for 2016

MPW - SOUNDHOUSE 2016 TERM 1

Welcome back, we hope that you enjoyed your break over the New Year. Thanks to those who have enrolled and paid for Soundhouse already, we will begin lessons next week (week starting 8th). Lessons have been structured around the school specialist timetable where possible.

If you haven’t enrolled/paid for Soundhouse and would like your child to join then it isn’t too late. Forms are available from the front office, fill out the enrolment form and leave it with the office staff, I’ll make sure to follow it up from there. Please have the form with all the details completed by Thursday 4th at the latest.

If there are any enquiries regarding Soundhouse please feel free to contact Maddie Owen on 0401 844 522 or meow-
Moonee Ponds West
Moonlight Cinema 2016

SAVE THE DATE
Friday 18th March

Sausage sizzle from
5:30 pm
Movie starts at
sunset

Paper plane flying
competitions from 5.30
Great prizes to be won!
COMMUNITY NEWS

*Aussie Hoops*

Basketball for kids 5-10

Westgate Basketball Association, your local basketball association, is running the Aussie Hoops program for boys and girls aged 5-10 years old. Sessions are run at the indoor stadium at UV Community Sports Stadium, Whitten Oval, and give the kids skill sessions, fun drills and friendly games.

The sessions are run by Representative level youth basketball players and give kids a terrific grounding in the fundamental skills for the game.

So if you were wondering if your kids might be the next Patty Mills or Lauren Jackson, stop wondering and find out! Come along, make new friends and see for yourself why basketball is one of the most popular youth sports in Australia.

Sessions are run Thursday afternoons or Saturday mornings, and they’ll be smiling for days!

For further details on times and dates, prices and registration, please visit our website:
www.westgatebasketball.com.au

Register Now! And see you on court!

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Live Dance Determination

Jazz, Ballet, Acrobatics, Classical & Hiphop

We promote quality dance technique & guide students with:
- Encouragement
- Teamwork
- Recognition
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Self esteem

First lesson free!

Where: Ascot Vale Primary School
      Park Street, Ascot Vale
When: Saturday mornings & Tuesday afternoons
Enquiries: 0423069190, 0439695940
dance@theatre@gmail.com
Principal: RACELINE BRADY
           Dip Ed & Grad Dip Ed, CSTD Dip

Get into Tennis at your local club with a Free Intro!

Vida Tennis would like to invite you to try a tennis program with us at the Essendon Tennis Club

Kids Hot Shots Lessons  Private sessions
Adult lessons          Squad sessions
Racquet Re-stringing  Hot Shots tournaments

Contact Ryan 0400 144 454 ryan@vidatennis.com.au

Chess Coaching

Come along to 1st lesson for free.

Where: Performance Arts Room
When: Tuesday’s lunchtime
      9th February – 2nd March
Cost: $35 (per child) $70 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 Show badge to 2nd place and a Bronze badge to 3rd place at the end of term. To enrol your child please make payment of $35 by Tuesday 16th Feb. Cheques made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”

For more info contact Phil on 0421 901 830

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

Child’s Full Name:
Grade:
School:
Email:
Payment Due: Tuesday 16th February.
CHEQUES: made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”

EFT: Acc Name: Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd-Bank: CBA
     bsb: 603261 Acc #: 1004 5280 (please out school initials & child’s name on transaction)

$85 cheque: ☐ eft: ☐