COMMUNITY CALENDAR - 2014
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Nov 6th  Family Life Sex Ed 10 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
Nov 10-14th Prep Transition Week 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Nov 12th  MPW Book Fair
Dec 5th   MPW Mini market 3.30 p.m. Little Adventure
Dec 9th   Whole School Transition Day
         Grade 6 Transition Session 1
Dec 11th  Resources Meeting

Dec 12th  Grade 6 Transition Session 2
Dec 17th  Grade 6 Graduation 6.30 p.m. School Gym
Dec 19th  Last day term 4, Students dismissed 1.30 p.m.
         School Assembly 9 a.m.

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

EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE
Next Monday 10th November the Education Sub-Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the Staff Conference Room. All members of the community are welcome to attend these meetings. This month’s meeting will look at data sets that have become available to the school and an update on our recent school review process.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING
The teachers are currently working on the individual student reports and portfolios. The reports will be sent home with the portfolio on Friday 5th December. The Parent Teacher Conferences will take place in the week beginning Monday 8th December with the late night scheduled for Tuesday 9th December. Assessments and moderation are taking place within teams to support the teachers with the report writing process.

STUDENT SAFETY
A reminder to families about the importance of having age appropriate discussions with your child reinforcing the principles of safety. As a school we have a friendly, relaxed yet vigilant approach to visitors within our school grounds. It is wonderful to see all visitors signing in at the front office. Yard duty teachers, class teachers and staff reinforce with the students and actively support this approach to student safety. If you require any assistance with such conversations please see your child’s class teacher.

COUNT US IN
Last Thursday saw another very successful involvement of the MPW community through the ‘Count Us In’ program. With the leadership of Kate Ridgway we had been learning the song for some time. This together with the song being played at the end of break times meant we were all singing along to a well-known tune. I’d like to thank the staff, students and parents who took part in the program. I’d also like to thank Lisa McRae for her initiative in ensuring we had all the resources and met timeframes. We look forward to our involvement in 2015.

Principal’s Report Continued Over Page
NEW VALUES SIGNS
If you’ve been into the administration building lately you will have noticed the new signs of our school values. We would like to thank the Daalder family for this very generous donation. This is another great example of the strength of our community partnerships.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION
This is an early reminder of the Grade 6 Graduation to be held on Wednesday 17th December from 6.00 - 9.00 p.m.

CONFERENCE INVOLVEMENT
Last week we were remiss in not including the names of the students who took part in the ‘Protecting Children and Youth Online Conference’. They were Alex Room 13, Isabelle Room 14 and Andre Room 15. Again thank you to these students for representing the school so well.

Enjoy the short week,

Jeff, Helen and Randal

Upcoming School Events

Week 5
Nov 5th  MVIMP Concert Rehearsals Start

Week 6
Nov 10th  Japanese Immersion Day Grade 5 & 6
Nov 10-14th  Prep  Transition Week 1
Nov 12th  MPW Book Fair Family Night 7.00 p.m.

Week 7
Nov 17th-21st  Prep  Transition Week 2
Nov 19th  MVIMP Concert 7.00 p.m. Moonee Valley Racecourse

Week 8
Nov 25th  Sound House Keyboard Concert 7.00 p.m. Performance Space
Nov 27th  Prep/One Activity Night 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. Gym

Week 9
Dec 3rd  Choir Concert 7.00 p.m.
Dec 4th  Prep 2015 Transition Information Evening 7.00 p.m.
Dec 5th  Student Report/Portfolio Sent Home
MPW Mini market 3.30 p.m. Little Adventure Playground
Last Day Student Banking Rewards Ordered

Week 10
Dec 9th  Whole School Transition Day
Grade 6 Transition Session 1
Dec 11th  Last Day Student Banking
Resources Meeting
Dec 12th  Grade 6 Transition Session 2

Week 11
Dec 17th  Grade 6 Graduation 6.30 p.m. Gym
Dec 19th  Last Day Term 4, Students Dismissed 1.30 p.m.
School Assembly 9 a.m.
Exploratory Phase
In this phase, students use Standard Australian English language effectively within familiar contexts. They communicate appropriately in both structured and unstructured situations. They explore ways of using language for different speaking and listening purposes.

Students at the exploratory stage
Listen effectively for a range of familiar purposes and are aware of behaviours including:
- taking turns in a conversation, eye contact, volume, proximity
- Uses a range of unplanned spoken texts with connected ideas
- Use language to describe, instruct and recount
- Understand that people have different ideas
- Obtain specific information from short information and expressive spoken texts

What You Can Do At Home
- Model responses to miscommunication, e.g. how to stop, rephrase and repeat, check comprehension
- Provide both planned and unplanned opportunities for students to engage relevant, challenging and purposeful communication
- Encourage them to see the value of effective listening and speaking for community, school and family life
- Teach students to compose spoken texts that include the who, what, when, where and why and how information to develop content and ideas when speaking
- Model language structures and the skills of conversation, taking turns, eye contact, body language, facial expressions
- Provide opportunities to develop and use new vocabulary
- Value their contribution in discussions and provide them opportunities to express their opinions and on a range of familiar topics.
- Ask them questions that provide opportunities to verbalise their understandings
Recently, students who took part in this year’s Australian Mathematics Competition (A.M.C.) received their results. The A.M.C. was held on August 7th at M.P.W. and is competed annually by tens of thousands of students from all over Australia and around the world. Students were presented with a range of mathematical problems to solve, using any materials or equipment that would normally be found in their school classroom.

As a group, M.P.W. students achieved great success this year and each student received both a certificate and detailed personal results to take home. Of the 48 Grade 3-6 students who competed, the following certificates were awarded:

- 2 students - HIGH DISTINCTION
- 14 students - DISTINCTION
- 21 students - CREDIT
- 11 students - PROFICIENCY

Congratulations again to all those students who took part in this excellent extension programme.

Next year the A.M.C. will again be open to all students in Grades 3-6 who love their Maths and problem solving. It is to be held on Thursday 30th July, 2015. Registration will commence during Term 2, 2015 so look out for information in the school newsletter closer to the date!

Ryan Vermeulen
Student Extension Coordinator
Yes it’s that time again....

The MPW Book Fair
Monday 10th to Friday 14th November
from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Special Family Evening
Wednesday 12th November from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
Special performance by MPW Choir at 7.30 p.m. and a special guest will be visiting us too!

Come along and have some fun by browsing at the wonderful selection of discounted books. Our school benefits from receiving generous commission in the form of books or cash, to add to the resources in our school library.

You, your family and friends are most welcome to come, browse and share “The Reading Bug” experience!

Families are invited to purchase a book at the fair and donate it to the library. Each donated book will have an acknowledgement certificate pasted on the inside cover. Cash, cheque or credit cards are acceptable.

Our previous Book Fairs have been very successful and the library has benefited greatly from the proceeds and all the donated books.

Looking forward to seeing you all there
Michele & Claudia
END OF YEAR MVIMP CONCERT

All the students in MVIMP across the four schools will perform at a special concert held in the Celebrity Room at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Wednesday November 19th at 7.00 p.m.

This is a fabulous celebration of the MVIMP Program and the work of the students and tutors involved, and we invite all families to attend.

REHEARSALS FOR THE CONCERT BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH – Please make sure you remember to bring your instrument and music!

Lessons still occur during rehearsal weeks UNLESS they clash directly with a rehearsal. In that case, the extended rehearsal replaces the lesson for that group.

Tickets are now available at the MPW office for purchase ($18.00 per adult/$10.00 per concession). Please purchase your tickets ahead of time to help us avoid running late selling them at the door on the night.

As a fundraiser for the program, a Christmas Hamper is run and drawn on the night of the concert. Prior to the concert, we need ALL MVIMP families to...

- Donate goodies suitable for a Christmas Hamper (please leave these at the school office).
- Sell raffle tickets for the Christmas Hamper.
- Tickets are $1 each, 3 for $2.00 or $7 for the book of 10, and all money goes towards the program.

If you are available to help out with making the hampers and/or supervising rehearsals, please indicate on your notes or come and see Fiona.

THERE ARE STILL STUDENT NOTES THAT ARE OVERDUE. STUDENTS CANNOT ATTEND REHEARSALS OR PERFORM AT THE CONCERT UNLESS THEY RETURN THEIR NOTE IMMEDIATELY.

- PURCHASE YOUR MVIMP TICKETS at the office
- DONATE an item to the Christmas HAMPER (leave at the office)
- SELL YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS and leave the ticket stubs and money at the office no later than....FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2014.

Thank you so much for your support!

Fiona McKenzie
MVIMP Coordinator
Tuesday 11 November, 2014
Remembrance Day

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.”
LEST WE FORGET

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HANDBAG AND PURSE THEFTS
With Christmas fast approaching, police are asking all shoppers to be vigilant while out and about. A recent spate of handbag / purse thefts in local shopping areas has highlighted just how fast and undetected these thieves can move. Please remember to keep handbags zipped up and close to your body. Only carry what you really need to have for that day in a bag and most importantly take notice of people around you. If you see someone acting suspiciously, speak up and help prevent a theft. Crime prevention is everyone’s responsibility, so let’s work together and reduce the thefts.

THE WEATHER IS WARMING UP........
With the warmer weather comes flies, bugs and unfortunately thieves. They are out and about looking for windows that people have left open to take advantage of the lovely warmth. Please remember that even if you are home, when you go to bed close up and secure all windows. If you are just heading out to the shops for a few minutes, still close and secure all doors and windows. A few minutes could turn into an hour very easily but a few minutes is all a thief may need in your home.

DID YOU KNOW... In nearly 20% of residential burglaries, entry was gained through unlocked doors and windows. Don’t let yourself become a victim or another statistic.

If you would like more information, tips and checklists visit: www.helpyourself.vic.gov.au
Remember if you see something, say something. Call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit their website at www.crimestoppers.com.au
Scooter Found

A scooter was found at the school on Sunday 26th October.
Please phone Paul on mobile 0413 287 232.

Anyone can play cricket!
Aged from 7 to 15?

If this is you, then Footscray United Cricket Club is the place for you in 2014/15! We offer:
- a revamped junior program
- under 15s, 13s, 11s and milo cricket
- accredited, skilled coaches
- advanced coaching including use of video technology
- a friendly, social atmosphere for parents and family

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