Principal’s Report

Enrolment Plans and Class Placement for 2017

The demand for places at Moonee Ponds West continues to be high. If you are leaving the school during term 4 or at the end of 2016 please let the office know at your earliest convenience. This will greatly assist our forward planning and also the transition of those students leaving at the end of the year into their new schools.

If you have some information that your child’s teacher is unaware of that may assist with your child’s class placement for 2017 please put your request in writing and forward to Jeff Lyon via email only to moonee.ponds.west.ps@edumail.voc.gov.au by Monday 3rd of October. This request will then be registered for consideration.

Show Day (Change of Date)

Next Wednesday October 12 is Show Day – weather permitting!

Air-conditioning in the Gymnasium

Air conditioning has been installed in the Gymnasium over the term 3 holiday break. Many thanks to the whole school community for their fundraising efforts, especially the fundraising team led by Rachael and Rebecca.

Hats Please

A further reminder that, in accordance with our Sunsmart Policy, children are to wear hats outside which states that students should wear a suitable hat (wide brimmed or Legionnaires) outside from the 1st of September until the 30th of April. Please ensure your child wears a wide brimmed hat and dresses sensibly.

Road Closure

We have been advised that Bowen Street (on the Athol Street) side of the school will be closed for parking from the 5th of October until the 7th from 7.00am till 5.00pm for road resurfacing.

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Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week is a national event, held every October to coincide with World Mental Health Day (10 October). For more information please see the following website http://www.mentalhealthcommission.gov.au/media-centre/events/world-mental-health-day-and-national-mental-health-week-2016.aspx

Enjoy the week

Jeff
**EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS**

**GRADE 5/6 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING.**

Tuesday 11th October 2016 7pm

**Performance space**

SEA (Sex Education Australia) information evenings for parents and caregivers who want to be kept informed about the content that will be covered during their child’s sex education sessions will be held in the performance space on Tuesday the 11th October at 7pm. Please make sure you have returned your slip to ensure there are enough seats on the evening.

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<td>Just a reminder that there are plenty of second hand uniforms still available for purchase at the office such as Winter Dresses/Skirts $20 per item, Summer Dresses—$10 per item. All other items are $2.</td>
<td>Just a reminder that there is no school banking this Thursday 6th October. School banking will commence in Term 4 on the 13th of October.</td>
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<td>We would like to extend a very big THANK YOU to the Limoli family for the donation of plants to the school and also to the Farmer family and Brian Lees for the preparation of the earth and the planting of those shrubs at the front of the school. A beautiful environment for all to enjoy. Thank you On behalf of the Environment Committee.</td>
<td>A significant amount of lost property has accumulated again. Lost property is located in the causeway behind room 7 (near the toilets). It is the responsibility of parents and students to check the lost property rack on a regular basis to reclaim their belongings. Any lost property that was unclaimed was collected on the last Friday of term 3 and was donated to charity.</td>
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<td>We have 29 student vouchers available at the office. First in best dressed. Vouchers are valid from 6th Oct until the 16th Oct. Location is Cnr Rosamond Rd and Wattle rd. For more information please see The Great Moscow Circus Website</td>
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**SPORTS NEWS**

**Walk to School October**
Our school will be participating in Walk to School in October this year, starting the first day back after the school holidays.

Walk to School encourages us all to walk to and from school every school day in October; you can be involved by walking, riding or scooting to and from school. If you live too far away, check out the park and walk location - park your car there and walk from there to school.

Walking to and from school throughout October will help you and your child to build healthy habits for life, improve fitness and build friendships. Walking to school can also help us reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties around our school and reduce associated environmental impacts.

Participating students are asked to put your name on the Walk To School classroom calendar. You can also register at [http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au)

**Circus**
On October 6th we will welcome Phil & Mishka back to MPW as our Gr 5/6’s continue to prepare for our Circus performance on Thursday 27th October. This of course is a whole community event and we hope to see as many families there on the night.

Circus raffle – We also have a hamper of circus equipment, art & craft goodies that we will be raffling to raise money to put on our circus. Tickets are available for purchase at the office. $2 each or 3 for $5. Your support is appreciated.

**Events in Term 4**
Thursday Oct 6th - Circus Incursion Gr 5/6
Friday October 14th – Gr 4 Cricket Carnival Day
Friday October 14th – Gr 5/6 T20 Blast Cricket
Friday October 21st – Round 1 Summer Sport
Getting Organised for Transition to Secondary School

*Grade 6 students and parents*

To assist with the transition process to secondary school, Amanda Lecaude from Organising Students, will be conducting a;

**Students** – Tuesday workshop for the Grade 6 students and another for parents and carers 15 November during class time

**Parents** – Monday 14 November in the performance space at 7pm

*For further info on the workshops you can check out Amanda's video by visiting [https://youtu.be/wedNUjl1YTo](https://youtu.be/wedNUjl1YTo)*

Further notices will also be sent home shortly about these workshops and to collect RSVP’s from parents for their workshop.
Music Count Us In (MCUI) exists to advocate for and celebrate music in Australian schools. MCUI is Australia’s largest music program, supporting more than 2000 schools deliver music in the classroom. The program brings more than half a million people together in song, with a Celebration Day that reaches into every corner of the country.
The writing of the program song each year begins with our National Song writing Competition, open to all students from across Australia. The finalists of the Song writing Competition then gather together to write the program song, with the assistance of Program Ambassador John Foreman and a guest celebrity Program Mentor, Jay Laga’aia.
The 2016 Program Song – ‘Let It Play’, was written by students Stella Kelly (16, WA), Tom Meadows (11, VIC), Bonnie Staude (14, WA) and Breanna Truscott (14, QLD) – along with MCUI program ambassador John Foreman and mentor, The song features variation of ‘Canon in D’ by Johann Pachelbel.

Thursday 3rd November 2016
A live web-stream will commence at 12:00 noon, in the gym.
You are welcome to join us and everyone, across the country, in singing ‘Let it Play’ at 12:30 p.m.

Thanks,
Kate Ridgeway
ATTENTION ALL OUR WONDERFUL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF MPWPS!

Our final fundraising event of 2016 is fast approaching and we cannot do without your support.

The events team is seeking items to decorate the Spring Carnival Social Night venue in the way of the following:

- Floral arrangements
- Party Decorations – balloons, streamers, coloured lights.

We have a colour theme in mind so if there are any MPWPS parents who may be able to donate or provide a contact in regard to these decorative items could you please email us on the address below.

In addition, we are asking if MPWPS families may consider donating goods or services for our final fundraising event.

Some suggestions of items:

- Restaurant Voucher / Department Store Voucher / Fitness Club Voucher
- Theatre Tickets / Wine or Champagne / 1 night city accommodation / Spa or Beauty Vouchers / Specialty Hampers / Hair Salon Vouchers

Families and friends of MPWPS, your generosity, consideration and support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to reaching our fundraising goal of an air-conditioned school gym for 2017!

Please contact Rachel Toussaint on rachwals@hotmail.com or Anna Clapcott on annaclapcott@hotmail.com if you are able to assist.

(The school office will be able to receive any donations – and if you are able to provide your contact name and email address we can acknowledge your support at the event and a formal thank-you letter will follow.)
IMPORTANT ROAD WORKS

AS PER EARLIER NOTIFICATION
FROM MOONEE VALLEY C.C.

R.A.B.S GROUP WILL BE
RE - SURFACING
Bowen Street Moonee Ponds, from
Maribyrnong rd to Athol st.

(WEATHER PERMITTING)

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE
STREET

7.00 am - 5.00 pm

START DATE: 5th October

FINISH DATE: 7th October

R.A.B.S GROUP CONTACT : JAMIE 0499440195
We hope you have all had a fantastic holiday, we are so excited for Term 4! As you’re all aware our Annual Soundhouse Concerts are coming up this term. We are so excited to get our concert items up and running, ready to show off all the hard work the students have put in over the last three terms.

The concerts will be Tuesday 8th November - Keyboard Concerts 6pm & 7pm your child will be given a note that details which time slot they will be in!

Wednesday 9th November - Guitar and SAP 6pm

On this day we run a full rehearsal in the Performing Arts Space so the concert will be run that evening so students are aware of where they need to be.

Just a reminder that Term 4 payments will be taken on Monday the 10th of October. If the credit card details you have submitted have changed please contact Soundhouse accounts manager, Sue O’Brien, before next Monday.

Mobile 0412 467 499
Email: suerosemaryobrien@gmail.com

Thanks!
Maddie Owen
Manager of Soundhouse Music Schools