Term 4: School Review 2014

Next term our school will undertake a Peer Review. In preparation for the review with our external reviewer and panel, our staff have been working on the Self Evaluation Process. Families and students have also had input into the SSE through consultation sessions. The Department of Education allocate the type of review a school undertakes based on a school’s performance against a consistent set of state-wide measures about students’ achievement, engagement and wellbeing and the productivity of our school. All school reviews will include a registration requirements check (based on the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority minimum standards for school registration).

Thank you to all staff for their contributions to this important process thus far. Thank you also to the families and students for their input.

Education Subcommittee

On Monday 8th September 2014 the Education Subcommittee of School Council will meet to discuss and provide feedback to the Self Evaluation Report which is currently being finalised.

We welcome all community members to this meeting, so please mark the date in your diary. Please let me know if you are planning to attend the meeting and then the necessary paperwork in the form of a report and agenda can be forwarded to you prior to the meeting.

Please email thomas.helen.h@eduamail.vic.gov.au.

School Uniform Review

Last Friday a hard copy notice went home to families with a preliminary question regarding the school uniform review. The families received a white notice, the staff received a purple notice and students received a pink notice.

This data will provide School Council with further information regarding the community views to assist with the School Council’s decision making process. Please return it to the school office by Friday 5th September 2014.

5/6 Camp Nillahcootie

This week our first group of 5/6 campers from Room 15 and 17 left for a five day camp to Camp Nillahcootie near Mansfield. The camp is located between the Mount Strathbogie State Forest and Mount Samaria State Park. It is very picturesque location on the shoreline of Lake Nillahcootie.

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The students will participate in some fantastic outdoor activities including canoeing and a daytrip to the snow.

Thank you to Lisa Mclachlan and her camp team for their organisation with the camping program and to the staff and pre-service teachers for attending over the next two weeks. We appreciate their commitment and time to support the MPW camp program.

Enjoy the rest of week,

Jeff and Helen.

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**CYBERSMART FAMILIES - Building Family Relationships with Technology**

It is not too late to provide feedback on the recent session held at the school on Cyber safety. Please go to the link below to record your thoughts.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1q6w3t_nFT8rJ8qiXz6VLxxk9Zgt540LT0Hx3557ApYM/viewform?usp=send_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1q6w3t_nFT8rJ8qiXz6VLxxk9Zgt540LT0Hx3557ApYM/viewform?usp=send_form)

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**Music: Count Us In - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October @ 12.30 p.m.**

Music: Count Us In is about celebrating the benefits of music education in Australian schools.

Decades of research shows that learning music can help students’ self-confidence, self-discipline and team work. It can help students engage in school, can improve school attendance and can even help students make healthy life choices. There are also strong links between music learning and academic skills in literacy and numeracy. Research shows that music is unique in its flow-on benefits to students who learn it.

So what are we waiting for ..... Let's get singing!!!!!!

"Let me paint you a song if you promise to sing along"
School Drop Off And Pick Up Zone Changes

As from Monday 6th October, which is the start of Term 4, we ask parents/guardians and students to be aware of the changes made to the school drop off and pick up zones in both Athol and Eglington Streets.

In order to be more visible the bays will now be marked pink and new signage will also be in place.

These changes mean that drivers will NO LONGER be able to leave their vehicle to drop off students from the designated drop off and pick up zones.

Drivers can still drop off and pick up students by moving forward within the queue of vehicles. This will improve both the functionality of these zones and more importantly the safety of all students.

Further details will be provided in the following newsletter.

Leaving MPW?
Parents/Guardians please advise the school office in writing if your child/children is not returning to MPW in Term 4, or in 2015 by Monday 15th September.

MPW Fundraiser - Chocolate Drive

Thank you to those families who have already returned the chocolate drive fundraising payment and also to those families who donated in lieu of selling a chocolate box.

We have extended the return date for all sold chocolate money to be handed into the school office no later than Friday 5th September.

Please note that the school cannot accept any unsold chocolates due to health regulations.

Parents/Guardians/Students

To comply with SunSmart guidelines, sun protection including approved sunhats are to be used from September to the end of April.

Following DEECD guidelines all students are now required to wear a sun hat when outside. If students do not have the appropriate hat (baseball caps are not permitted) they will be kept indoors or required to play under shaded areas during recess, lunch, PE and sport events.

School sunhats can be purchased from the school office on the following days - Tuesday and Thursday. An order can be dropped off on the other school days.

- Slouch Hat (Wide brimmed with a chin strap) $10
- Bucket Hat (Pull down no chin strap) $10

Both style of sunhats come in the following sizes: Small, Medium, Large.
Spotlight on English: Spelling

Activities to help your child with spelling:

- Think of how the word is used in a sentence
- Think about the meaning
- Think of the base word
- Say the word slowly
- Listen to the sounds in the word
- Clap out the syllables in the word e.g. ski/ing
- Write the word
- Make sure you have represented each sound with a letter or letters
- Check if anything has been added to the word
- Check if the word looks right
- Underline the part of the word you are not sure is correct
- Write the word in another way
- Look up the word in class lists, dictionaries or other resources
- Ask someone how to spell the word
- See if you know how to spell a similar word
- Look, Say, Look Again & Spell, Cover, Write and Check the word

How to Learn to Spell a Word

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<td>Look carefully at the word.</td>
<td>Say the word slowly.</td>
<td>While looking at the word, say it slowly.</td>
<td>Cover the word</td>
<td>Write the whole word from memory</td>
<td>Uncover the word and if it is not spelled correctly underline the incorrect part. Look at the correct parts of the word. Then repeat the above procedure.</td>
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<td>What sounds can you hear?</td>
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MVIMP Concert

There will be a Moonee Ponds West MVIMP concert held on...
Thursday 18th September
at 7.00 p.m. in the MPW Gym

All students who participate in the MVIMP Program will perform on the night, which will conclude with a set by the fabulous Moonee Ponds West Band!

All families are welcome to come along and enjoy the evening.

We hope to see you there!

Performers will need to arrive between 6.30 p.m. - 6.45 p.m. and head towards the staffroom to set up and get ready. Good luck!
The Father’s Day stall will be held this Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Performance Space.

Students are encouraged to come along and buy a special gift!

Gifts will range in price from $1.00 - $5.00. Wrapping paper and a selection of Father’s Day cards will also be available.

Parent helpers are most welcome, and can contact Jenny Burge on mobile 0417 040 866.
YMCA School Holiday Program
Book now!
The YMCA are running a Spring School Holiday Program at the following locations Strathmore, Niddrie and Moonee Ponds.
The YMCA are offering heaps of awesome activities including the following:

- Hoyts Movies
- Boxtrolls
- Bowling
- Laser Skirmish
- Melbourne Aquarium
- Flipout
- Wonderland Fun Park and more!

For further details and to book a place, visit: www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au