Principal's Report

Victorian State Schools Spectacular

Last Saturday, 20 of our students participated in two shows at the Victorian State Schools Spectacular – Dare to Dream, at Hisense arena. Over 3000 students from over 200 schools across Victoria set the stage alight as they performed hits from Queen, Lorde, Led Zeppelin, The Eurythmics and more. The 100-strong principal cast of singers and dancers joined students in the orchestra, choir and mass dance on stage in two high energy shows.

The MPWPS students sang and performed beautifully in the mass choir. The commitment of the staff involved in this event was fantastic. In particular, Kate Ridgway our choir teacher whom led the student’s though preparing for the event, and Melissa Lofts (mother of Miah) for ably supporting Kate in all the rehearsals and for attending on the day. Thank you to the staff that supported the event through attendance at rehearsals - Ben McKenna, Emma Campbell, Sue Phillips and Helen Thomas and to Chris Brock for supporting the choir back at school. Thank you also to Kylie Ticehurst and Courtney Hodgson for attending the event on Saturday evening.

The Channel 7 broadcast of the event will be on Sunday 19th October at 3pm. We were very fortunate to be positioned in the front section of the Mass Choir so we are hoping to be very visible in the television broadcast.

School Self Evaluation

On Monday night our School Self Evaluation report was endorsed by the School Council. This report will now progress onto our school review together with the schools analysis of our four year data against the Strategic Plan. The school leadership team together with staff will now draft our terms of reference which will support our school through the review day. Our school review day is on Tuesday 21st October 2014.
Principal’s Report Continued

**5/6 Camp**

Over the past two weeks our 5/6 students attended camps at Nillahcootie near Mansfield. The students and staff had a wonderful time.

We would like to thank all the grade teachers and extra staff from across the school together with pre-service teachers that attended the camps. Thank you to Lisa McLachlan, Denise Beckett and the camp planning teams for their work in organising these camps.

**Show Day**

Today was the occasion for yet another magnificent show day at MPW. Many thanks to the students, staff and members of the community who assisted with the planning, preparation and practicality of staging an enjoyable and memorable day.

Thanks especially to Adele Perrottet and the Junior School Council for all their efforts. Winners of the best dressed egg competition will be announced at Assembly on Friday.

**MVIMP Concert in MPW Gym**

The MVIMP concert will be held tomorrow night from 7-8 p.m. in the school gym. We are looking forward to seeing the performance of our students. Thank you to Fiona McKenzie and the MVIMP tutors for their work with this event.

**Holidays**

Well done to everyone on a great term of learning. We hope all staff and students have a wonderful holiday break.

Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} October is the first day back at school for Term 4. Classes will resume at 9.00 a.m.

Enjoy the rest of week

Jeff and Helen

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**Music: Count Us In - Thursday 30\textsuperscript{th} 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!!!!!
School Drop Off And Pick Up Zone Changes

City of Moonee Valley Council has placed new signage and line markings around 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.

This will take effect from Monday 6th October, which is the start of Term 4.

We ask that parents/guardians and students be aware of these changes, and the above notices which have been placed on the school gates.

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.

Student Banking

No student banking will be processed tomorrow.

Student Banking will commence in Term 4 on Thursday 9th October.

Students receive a rewards form from the school office to complete, once they have made 10 consecutive deposits.

Although tokens are given each week as an incentive to the students, please note that we refer to the Commonwealth Bank student deposit statement to advise students when they can redeem their 10 tokens for an award.

We advise students to redeem their reward immediately as items do change and sell out. The following items are available in Term 4 - dollarmites moneybox, swimming bag, projector cup and sea streamers.

As instructed by the bank, tokens cannot be ‘saved’ for use for the following school year.
Family Payments – Reminder
As Term 3 is drawing to a close we are required to finalize school payments. A letter has been posted to families with outstanding charges. Payment would be appreciated and is required by Friday 19th September 2014, which is the last day of Term 3.

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 in person or over the phone by cash, cheque or debit/credit card 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.

Student Attendance Letter
A letter was sent home today with those students who have an ‘unexplained absence’ on the CASES administration attendance data. These dates are for the current school year.

Parents/Guardians must complete, sign and return the letter to the General Office as soon as possible, so that the attendance for each student is updated accordingly.

Late arrivals to school will show as an unexplained absence if the teacher has already marked the class roll. Therefore it is important that all late arrival students sign in the late arrival book at the General Office so that their attendance record can be adjusted.

Cadbury Chocolate Box Payment
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 19th September, which is the last Day of Term 3.

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

Lost Property
A reminder to parents and students to check the lost property box which is located near the toilets breezeway. If lost property items are not collected by the end of Term 3, all items will be donated to the local opportunity shop.

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. 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!
Why do children need to spell?
The overall goals in spelling should be for children to understand that the primary purpose for learning about spelling is so that;

- others can read their writing
- know that their writing is valued regardless of the stage of development of their spelling
- develop an interest in words and spelling and want to do their best
- learn how to apply spelling strategies that will help them to write or learn any word
- learn specific words that they use frequently and so become able to correctly spell these words automatically
- know how to use a variety of resources to help with spelling

Children must be given many opportunities to write for various purposes and audiences and in different genres. This gives them the chance to try out unknown words, figuring out ways to spell them and how to use various resources for finding words and checking spelling and to practice new spelling strategies that they have learned. If the type of writing is limited then the range of learning is also limited.

When children are encouraged to do a variety of types of writing – letters or postcards, stories, non fiction pieces about things they know or want to learn about, instructions, signs or messages - they learn much more about all aspects of writing, including spelling. To enable this to happen, different kinds of writing paper and tools need to be available so that children may choose the material to suit the purpose of their writing.

*Taken from Di Snowball and Faye Bolton, ‘Spelling K-8 Planning & Teaching.’*

**Spelling**

- 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

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**Library News.....**

A very big **THANK YOU** to all the parents and community members who have helped out in the school library during Term 3.

The school helpers have assisted in many ways such as shelving books, book covering, mending books, labeling and sorting books. With approximately 520 students visiting the MPW library every week, these helping hands have made a huge difference!

We are very grateful for all your help and we look forward to working with you again in Term 4.

Have a safe and restful break.

Michele & Claudia
The montage of photos shows students from Room 13 attending the Grade 5/6 camp at Lake Nillahcootie. The students participated in fun activities such as rock climbing, the flying fox and tobogganing at the snow!
A three-session program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old is being held at Moonee Ponds Primary School, 87 Wilson Street, Moonee Ponds on Friday the 17th October, 24th October and 31st October 2014 at 9.30am-12pm.

Learn:
- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Registration Fee?
The course is free to parents of children whom attend State Government schools in the Moonee Valley Network.

Register for this course by contacting Emelie Barringer, Melissa Di Pietro or Lynn Neill, psychologists (Student Support Services) on 9376 3876.

What people are saying?
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.

Who's running it?
Emelie Barringer (psychologist), Melissa Di Pietro (psychologist) and Lynn Neill (psychologist) have experience working in schools, providing services supporting children and their families.

Emelie, Melissa, and Lynn have completed the Parentshop® 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching training course.

For more information contact:
Emelie Barringer, Melissa Di Pietro or Lynn Neill (psychologists–Student Support Services) on 9376 3876

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •
**School Holidays Tennis Clinics**

**Clinic 1**
Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th September

**Clinic 2**
Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th September

Wednesday 1st October.
9.30am to 11am $25 per day or $65 for the 3 days
9.30am to 12.30pm $45 per day or $120 for the 3 days at:
North Park Tennis Club, Flemington Road Parkville.
Gladstone Park Tennis Club, 18 Elmhurst Road Gladstone Park.
Kensington Banks Tennis Club, Smithfield Road Kensington.

To confirm a spot payment is required prior to commencement. For further information contact Gabriel on mobile number 0418 178 328.