Principal’s Report

PREP TRANSITIONS and PATHWAYS
This week represents the second week of our Prep transition program. Transition into Prep, from Grade 6 to Year 7 and throughout the school are a vital part in supporting our students. Next Thursday is our Prep/1 Activity Night. This is another event which forms part of our camping program. Many of the MPW staff are involved in this evening. We thank those for their work in supporting our students.

MVIMP CONCERT
We’re all looking forward to tonight’s MVIMP concert which begins at 7.00 p.m. at the Moonee Valley Racecourse. After the rehearsals it will be great to hear the results of the students’ work. In advance we’d like to acknowledge the work of the tutors, students and in particular Fiona McKenzie who coordinates the MVIMP concert for MPW.

ROOM 16 – LIVE INTO JAPAN
Today students from Room 16 Skyped Yoshikawa Primary School in Higashi Hiroshima (the school we visited on our 2013 Tour of Japan). Yoshikawa are hosting a professional development event for teachers in their school’s network to showcase the use of video conferencing and the benefits of communicating with other schools around the world. The particular focus is on how this technology supports the teaching of both English and Japanese languages and culture.

SUPPORTING PARENTS
The Department Of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has created a series of newsletters based on the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework (VEYLDF). You may find some, if not all, helpful.
1. Helping your child to have a strong sense of identity
2. Helping your child to connect and contribute to the world
3. Helping your child to have a strong sense of wellbeing
4. Helping your child to be an effective communicator
5. Helping your child be a confident and involved learner
6. How do you see your child?
7. Your child is unique
8. Responding to your baby - how love leads to learning
9. Your child’s most important teacher
10. Learning through play
11. Everyday learning
12. Encouraging your child’s strengths and interests
13. ‘I can do it myself!’ Encouraging your child’s independence
14. Supporting your child to make decisions
15. Building your child’s resilience

Principal’s Report Continued

SWIMMING STAR
Grace H in Grade 5 has been preparing for the Victorian State Swimming Championships. Grace has met the qualifying times for the 200m Breaststroke, 200m backstroke and 200m individual medley. Grace’s 50m freestyle was fast enough to enable her team to qualify in the 50x4 Free Style relay.

The State Championships are held over the last week of school (Monday 15th December through to Thursday 18th). Grace’s times have moved her up into the National Target Squad.

Good luck for the championships Grace and congratulations for your achievements so far.

Have a great week everyone

Jeff, Helen and Randal

Moonee Valley City Council wants to know
- Are we getting it right when it comes to communicating with our community?
- In what ways would you like to receive information into the future?

You’re invited to participate in a focus group session about Council’s communications.

This engaging two hour session will include catering and all participants score a free Village movie pass!

Session times:

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Express your interest by Wednesday 19th November. Fill out a quick online form at mvcc.vic.gov.au/focusgroups or call our Communications team on telephone 9243 8888.

Your input will be highly valuable to ensuring we’re meeting the needs of our community.
The MPW Book Fair was a huge success and credit goes to all students, parents, teachers and the community members who attended, supported and assisted with it.

In total, our sales revenue was $9,810 with the school receiving a 20% commission of $1,962. The profits from these sales will be used to fulfill our goals to purchase more books for the library, teacher and parent reference books and other library equipment.

We would also like to thank all the families who purchased a book and donated it to the MPW library. These books will be catalogued and as a token of appreciation, a special bookplate identifying the family/child's name will be inserted on the inside cover. Thank you for your generosity.

A very special thank you to Kate Ridgeway and the MPW Choir for their special performance on the Family Night. The choice of songs were so appropriate and the choir sang beautifully. Congratulations to you all!

Finally, congratulations to the following three families - Girdler, Cox and Cath-Fawcett, who won the hampers.

Once again, thank you all for your support. Enjoy the books and read, read, read!

Michele & Claudia

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**Upcoming School Events**

**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 3.00 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.
FAMILY PAYMENTS – REMINDER
As the year is drawing to a close we are required to finalise school payments. A letter has been posted to those families with outstanding charges. **Payment is required as soon as possible**

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 by telephone by cash, cheque or debit/credit card or in person 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.

TRANSITION DAYS
**TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER & FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

On Tuesday 9th December your child will have the opportunity to spend a few hours with their 2015 teacher and classmates. On this day a letter will be coming home with your child’s 2015 teacher/s, and your child will have listed a few students he/she knows in their new class. There will then be a further session with their 2015 teacher and class on Friday 12th December to answer any questions and develop a stronger link.

*Throughout the year your child/children will have been involved in a variety of other activities that prepare them for this transition process; multi-age workshops, buddies program, Hall program, Show Day etc...*

Now is a good time to discuss with them what will happen on these mornings (particularly younger children who may not have experienced this process in previous years) and get a sense of their feelings surrounding transition.

**Some ideas for discussion**
- Share stories about your own experiences of moving to a new class or a new job. How you felt and how you coped with the change.
- Let your child know that it is quite natural to feel apprehensive about a change. It is important to discuss what you may be feeling apprehensive about.
- Explain that a new class will offer new learning experiences and the possibility of new friendships, which is something to look forward to.

**Some questions to ask**
- What are you looking forward to next year?
- What are you concerned about?

If you would like to do some further reading, please click on the following link.
[http://www.aboutourkids.org/articles/transition_points_helping_students_start_change_move_through_grades](http://www.aboutourkids.org/articles/transition_points_helping_students_start_change_move_through_grades)

If your child appears to be particularly concerned about something please see their classroom teacher or Justine Ryan in Room 16.
Friday 5th December
3.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Little Adventure Playground (weather permitting, otherwise in the Performance Space)
A great opportunity for family and friends to kick start their Christmas shopping list!
There will be a fantastic selection of items to choose from that have been locally made or sourced by the MPW community.

- Jewellery
- Children’s Clothing
- Ladies handbags
- Ladies Head bands
- Skincare

The majority of stalls will be operating as ‘Cash Only.’
Each stall owner will be donating $20 back to MPW.

All enquiries including interest to set up a stall, can be addressed to Antoinette Iozzi on mobile 0410 619 673.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Fire
Fire flickers like a cat's tongue licking the remaining food in its bowl.
Fire crawls closer and closer until it's swaying in your face.
Fire glints in the old sunlight through the window.
Fire forms a circle around you so you can't run for your life.
Fire strikes at your heart so you can't move anymore.

And after sunset nobody knows what happened.

When she was in hospital, gasping for breath, everyone knew she was never going to be the same.
The girl was shrivelled up like a leaf left in the sun. Her hair was stiff and would fall off with a touch of a feather. She used to be a pretty girl, the star of the show. Now she is done. Her eyes used to be piercing blue and wide awake like an owl in the dark. Some people believe that she is still beautiful but now everyone sleeps with one eye open at night.

And after sunset nobody knows what happened.

By Olivia. M.
Room 13.
**MVIMP Concert**

Our MVIMP Concert is on tonight!

All students involved in MVIMP will need to arrive at the **Moonee Valley Racecourse, Celebrity Room** by 6.45 p.m. to tune up and get ready.

Students performing are asked to wear black and white clothing. Please don’t feel you should buy anything new as t-shirts etc will do.

MVIMP tickets and raffle tickets can still be purchased on the night. If you have already purchased your tickets, please bring them along to gain entry to the concert.

All community members are very welcome to attend and enjoy the performance!

Fiona McKenzie
MVIMP Coordinator

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**Soundhouse**

**Soundhouse Keyboard Concert:**

The 2014 Keyboard concert will be held on **Tuesday 25th November.** It will be held at the school in the Performance Space with entry via Eglinton Street. There will be two concerts held on the night.

- 6.30 p.m. Prep, Grade 1, 2 & 3
- 7.30 p.m. Grade 4, 5 & 6

**Entrance is free and no tickets are required.**

**Soundhouse Enrolments 2015:**

Enrolment forms for children wanting to learn Guitar, Keyboard or Singing & Performance next year will be available from the school office from **Monday 24th November.** You can also download the forms from the school’s website from that date.

Please note that Prep students can join the Soundhouse program from Term 3 onwards.

If your child is already in the Soundhouse program, he/she will automatically be placed in the program for 2015. However, if you wish to withdraw your child from the program in 2015, please complete an **Exit Form** and return it to the school office by **Wednesday 17th December 2014.** If an Exit form is not received by this date, your child will be placed in the program for 2015 and fees will be charged accordingly.

Sue O'Brien

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**Billy Cart Race**

This term the Senior Team have engaged in an exciting inquiry unit focusing on design & technology. On Friday 21st November between 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. the exciting **‘M.P.W. Billy Cart Grand Prix’** will be held.

This event looks to celebrate the learning of members of the Grade 5/6 and their use of the design process to support the construction of a team billy cart. We invite your attendance to this event to support all teams and their drivers.

In order for this race to occur, Athol Street (between Lennox and Darling Streets) will be closed during the race to ensure the safety of our teams.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Many thanks,

The Senior Team
SPORTS NEWS: Summer Sport

St Mary’s v MPW Blue          MPW Gold v Ascot Vale
Soccer Boys: 2 - 3            Soccer Boys: 4 - 3
Soccer Girls: 3 - 2           Soccer Girls: 2 - 1
Bat Tennis: 30 - 10          Bat Tennis: 21 - 30
Handball Boys: 18 - 10       Handball Boys: 13 - 9
Handball Girls: 1 - 19       Handball Girls: 6 - 3

Next week: MPW Gold v Flemington at home & MPW Blue v Kensington away. Good luck to all teams.

Kanga 8’s Cricket

Our cricket teams recently competed in a Kanga 8’s cricket carnival at Fairbairn Park. It was a great day of cricket and MPW were very successful with both our boys and girls teams winning the tournament and going through to the state semi finals. Thanks to Ryan and Tania for helping coach our teams. Good luck to our teams on Friday 28th November when they compete again in Epping.

Jump Rope

This year’s Jump Off will be held on Friday 12th December from 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. All students will be involved in either skipping with a short or long rope as well as participating in a variety of group activities & record attempts. Like Show Day, the children will choose the activities they would like to participate in & it’s usually a great day. Any parents who can come & help turn a rope would be greatly appreciated.

As well as being a fun and healthy activity we will also be raising money for a JSC nominated charity. The children will receive a sponsorship form in PE prior to the event. We will also be holding a ‘Healthy Lunch’ on the day that is organised by a group of parents. If anyone is willing to assist with this please fill in the form below and return it to the office ASAP.

As you can imagine we need many helpers to feed 530 students so don’t be shy! Each student will receive a Healthy Lunch information form and money envelope closer to the date. Don’t miss out, it’s great!

Bree White
P.E Teacher

Jump Rope & Healthy Lunch Helpers Form

Parent Name: ................................................. Contact Number .............................................
Child/ren’s Name: ............................................. Room/s............................................................
I will be able to assist on the day.
Please circle option below.
Prepare food 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.    Serve food 12.00 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.    Both
Thank you
Bree White - P.E Teacher
Focus on First Aid

Would you know what to do in a first aid emergency, or have the appropriate supplies?

Being able to administer basic life support before an ambulance arrives may save a life. As the Christmas holidays are fast approaching, it’s a good time to ensure you have current, basic first aid training and/or a well equipped first aid kit for home or travel.

We have two ways you can focus on being first ready this summer:

Parents First Aid Course - Saturday 6th December 9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
Delivered by St John’s Ambulance, learn to provide basic emergency life support in an accredited first aid course on site at school.

Features
First aid for parents, guardians & grandparents
Learn how to manage potentially life threatening situations
Includes CPR certification
Nationally recognised training
4 hour course delivered at Moonee Ponds West Primary School

Content
How to manage a first aid scenario
An unconscious breathing casualty
An unconscious non breathing casualty which includes CPR and use of AED
What first aid tools are required to be first aid ready
Recognition and management of:
- Choking
- Drowning
- Shock
- wounds and bleeding
- Burns
- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma

There is a limited number of places, so get in early to secure your spot and take advantage of the convenience of attending a course at school. Grandparents/guardians also welcome.

Cost $89.00 - CASH ONLY

To reserve your place, please complete your RSVP on the Moonee Ponds West website at http://www.mooneewestps.vic.edu.au/eventdetails/320/2014-12-06, or complete the form being sent home later in the week, and make your course payment at the school office by Tuesday 25th November.

First Aid kits
Ensure you are first aid ready by purchasing a ready-made St John's Ambulance first aid kit and in doing so raise money for Moonee Ponds West. These also make great Christmas presents!

There are three kits available: CASH ONLY
- Personal first aid kit - $30 (profit to school = $12)
- Family first aid kit - $40 (profit to school = $16)
- Home and travel value kit - $80 (profit to school = $32)

How to buy
A form detailing what each pack includes and an order form will be sent home in the next few days. Forms and payments can be lodged at the school office.

Forms and payment will be due by Monday 1st December to ensure delivery and distribution before the end of Term 4.

Any questions about the first aid course or the kits can be directed to Kylie Brown at kylie.brown@rmit.edu.au or 0402 832 836 (Grade 1 parent) to Randal or school office staff.
COMMUNITY NEWS

FUNDRAISE WITH US

Fundraising with us is easy, hassle free and generates revenue for your school, club or group.

**Personal First Aid Kit Value Bundle**
- First Aid Kit: Sturdy clear plastic. First Aid Kit. Perfect for all occasions requiring basic First Aid for less than 10 people. Contains quality pieces and is ideal for home, car or garage.
  - Size: 70 x 200 x 140mm
  - Code: 900307
- St John Sunscreen Tube: 80+ 60g
  - For those regularly exposed to the sun's damaging UV rays & requiring high protection, the St John branded everyday Sunscreen lotion is suitable for all skin types.
  - Code: 522702
- $30

**Family First Aid Value Bundle**
- First Aid Kit: The St John First Aid Kit is lightweight, compact & durable, making it useful for the home, outdoor and adventure activities.
  - Size: 140mm x 190mm x 90mm
  - Code: 640000
- St John Sunscreen Tube: 30+ 100g
  - For those regularly exposed to the sun's damaging UV rays & requiring high protection, the St John branded everyday Sunscreen lotion is suitable for all skin types.
  - Code: 522703
- $40

**Home & Travel First Aid Value Bundle**
- First Aid Kit: The St John First Aid Kit is lightweight, compact & durable, making it useful for the home, outdoor and adventure activities.
  - Size: 140mm x 190mm x 90mm
  - Code: 640000
- Personal Hygiene Kit: Designed for familyencies, this durable nylon kit contains high quality components and comes with a 12 month warranty against manufacturing faults.
  - Size: 140 x 190 x 90mm
  - Code: 617403
- St John Sunscreen Tube: 30+ 100g
  - For those regularly exposed to the sun's damaging UV rays & requiring high protection, the St John branded everyday Sunscreen lotion is suitable for all skin types.
  - Code: 522703
- $80

Fill in your details and return to your school, club or group.

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**YMCA School Holiday Program – Book now!**

The YMCA will be running Summer School Holiday Programs in Strathmore, Niddrie and Moonee Ponds. The YMCA will be offering heaps of awesome activities, including Hoyts Movie – *Penguins of Madagascar*, Bowling and Laser Skirmish, Geelong Adventure Park, Melton Wave, Clip ‘N Climb and more!

Bookings opened on Tuesday 18th November, for full details and to book, visit: [www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au](http://www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au)