Welcome back
A very warm welcome back to the start of term 2, especially to our new students and their families.

Staffing
We welcome Lorraine Ryan who will be teaching Creative Arts for 2 days a week. Adele Freeman’s maternity leave is immanent, and Laura Jenkins will be teaching the students of room 7 for the remainder of the year. Margaret Fraser joins the team in the front office. Denise Beckett has taken on a new Health and Safety role. Many thanks to Sharyn Reinke for her invaluable assistance throughout term one.

Leave
- Hannah Power has taken leave for the remainder of 2016.
- Lisa Maclachlan is currently on leave and will return Tuesday April 26th.
- Adele Freeman will be on maternity leave for the remainder of 2016.

Secondary School Expo
A reminder that the annual Secondary School Expo will be held in the gym tomorrow from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. For further details please refer to the item in this newsletter. Afterschool care will run in the performance space and the library

Bell Shakespeare
The Bell Shakespeare Company is performing at MPW next Tuesday. For further details please refer to the item in this newsletter.

Curriculum Day
A reminder that Thursday April 21st is a curriculum day. This is a student free day. Camp Australia will provide a program for the day if there are sufficient student numbers. Please contact Camp Australia for further information.
Fundraising
Thank you to everyone for their support of the movie night last term. The amount raised was $4311.91 which will go towards air-conditioning the gym (to be installed over the next term break).

Expressions of Interest for the Master Plan Working Group
Expressions of Interest in the Master Plan Working Group were sent home at the end of term 1. If you are interested and able to contribute toward the future master planning of Moonee Ponds West Primary please consider completing the EOI (due at the end of this week). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email the school.

Term 1 Chess Awards
Congratulations to the following students.

**Group 1 (Advanced)**
1st Place: Sammy
2nd Place: Tom
3rd Place: Aiden

**Group 2 (Beginner/Intermediate)**
1st Place: Sam
2nd Place: Archie
3rd Place: Amelia

Enjoy the week
Jeff & Fiona

WELCOME
I am so excited to be taking over Adele as the teacher in Room 7. I have spent the past 2 years living and teaching in the UK, so ar every glad to be back in the Sunshine. Don’t be surprised if you see me wearing shorts in winter! I am a mad Geelong Cats fan so looking forward to seeing the cats win another flag this year.
Can’t wait to meet you all.

Laura Jenkins
PAPUNYA NEWS

I was fortunate to spend a couple of weeks at Papunya during my holidays. There was great excitement the weekend I arrived as Papunya was hosting a football carnival with neighbouring communities. It was the official opening of their new football oval lights. “Just like the MCG!” (Only they lit the oval of red dirt and as play was in full swing, a cloud of red dust made it impossible to see the ball!) The carnival involved more than football. There was dancing into the early hours and the celebration was even sweeter as the Papunya team were victorious! The children who visited us last year were excited to hear news from Moonee Ponds West and wanted me to say hello to all of their friends.

I delivered Lorraine Wilson's recent publication of the Footy Kids series and presented them on behalf of Moonee Ponds West P.S. I know the children will love reading them and will enjoy seeing their favourite teams and players. Thanks to Michele Birch for organising their purchase!

I passed on to the principal our continued interest and commitment to developing a meaningful relationship with the children, staff and community at Papunya. He has assured me he will consider the possibilities and stay in communication.

Finally, an exhibition of Papunya art, Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting will be held at the RMIT Gallery from May the 6th - June 11th. This is an opportunity to see some wonderful art-work and hear about the history and contemporary art from the region. (Two of the artists will be at the gallery on the 6th and 7th of May. They are very excited! It would be great for them to meet some of our families or even just for us to see them at work.)

Jenny Irvine

SUGGESTED READINGS FOR FOUNDATION/ONE

Moonee Ponds West Primary school recognises the importance of students of all ages being read to by their parents. Please find below a list of children authors that the school recommends for students in the early years. Many of these books are available in the school library and classrooms for the students to borrow. Hard copy of suggested authors list will be available at the office and on the school website
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

TRANSITION NEWS

MOONEE PONDS WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL would like to invite your Year 5 and Year 6 students (along with their parents) to the Secondary School Expo. It will be held in the School Gym on Thursday 14 April 2016 from 4-7 pm. Moonee Ponds West main entrance is situated at 61 Athol Street Moonee Ponds. Phone Number 9370 6875 For more information. Secondary schools that have confirmed that they will attend are: Strathmore Secondary College, Essendon, East Keilor Secondary College (both Junior Campuses), Rosehill Secondary College, Buckley Park Secondary College, Mount Alexander Secondary College. Hopefully more schools will accept the invitation in the near future. This is an excellent opportunity to speak to staff and students from the secondary colleges in your area.

BELL SHAKESPEARE INCURSION

By popular demand the Bell Shakespeare Company will be returning to Moonee Ponds West on Tuesday April 19 to perform their latest play:

"Bottom's Dream".

There will be three separate 50 minute performances followed by 10 minutes Q&A. The first session is at 9.15 am, another session at 11.30 am and the final session will be 2.30 pm. All students will attend one of the sessions.

If you have any questions please see Sue Phillips Creative Arts
One Million Stars to End Violence is a love and peace filled community project. These beautiful stars are symbols of light, courage and solidarity to end all forms of violence, including violence against women, bullying and racism.

The Million Stars project is an opportunity to remind each other that we CAN do something about it and not feel paralysed by all that is broken with humanity.

The short term goal is to weave one million stars and to display at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in 2018 in Queensland, in partnership with the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) arts and cultural program. The long term goal is to be light and courage for each other and not act violently with our words and actions, but with passion and generosity.

Every woven star reminds us that we have to MAKE peace and safe spaces and that it doesn’t just happen. Every star is a commitment to resist violence and revenge, to believe in forgiveness and healing.

More information and online tutorial is available from the website.

www.onemillionstars.net

SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER

Just a reminder that there is NO school banking this Friday 15th April.

School Banking will resume Friday 22nd April

Please ensure that the student’s name is clearly labelled with current Room No on their wallet.

Thank You

School Bank Co-Ordinator

SOUNDHOUSE @ MPW - WEEK 1, TERM 2

Direct Debits:
Reminder that Direct Debits for Term 2 Soundhouse fees ($165.00) will be processed next Monday, April 18. Please ensure you have sufficient funds in your account to cover this amount and also that there have been no changes to your credit card details. Please email Sue O’Brien at: suerosemaryobrien@gmail.com if you have any queries about direct debit payments.

Term 2 enrolments:
Any children joining the Soundhouse program in Term 2 will start lessons in week 3. This keeps things fair for all as Term one is shorter than the other terms.

If there are any enquiries regarding Soundhouse please feel free to contact Maddie Owen on 0401 844 522 or meowen9@gmail.com
COMMUNITY NEWS

‘A magical story with film and live music’

The Snowman
Sunday 15th May - 2.30pm
A Family Concert
also featuring music from FROZEN
Clocktower Centre: 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds
Tickets: $10 - Adults & kids' prices.
Bookings: contact Clocktower Box Office on 9341 9191 or www.clocktowercentre.com.au

Kickin’ Goals

KICKIN’ GOALS
A 10 Week Program for 6-12 Yr Old Boys & Girls.
Incorporating FFA’s Small-Sided Games
Date: 16th April - 18th June 2016
Day: Saturday
Time: 9:30 - 11:45am
Venue: Flemington Park, Ascot Vale (Mel Ref#: 28 CP)
Program: $180 (10 Weeks)
Gear: $100 (inc. Uniform, Ball, Bag, Shin Pads, Water Bottle and Certificate)
CONTACT DINO: 0414 930 421 | www.kickinggoals.com.au

PROUDLY CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

FLEMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

SATURDAY 16TH APRIL
11am - 4pm

200 Mount Alexander Road Flemington

- Cake stall - RIDEs
- Craft stall - Books - Toys
- Live Music - African Food
& MUCH MORE....
All welcome.

Rock Up Netball

FREE PILOT PROGRAM

A DIFFERENT WAY TO PLAY
JOIN IN, GET SOCIAL AND ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE.

VENUE: VU Community Sports Stadium, Barkly Street, West Footscray
DATE: Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd May
TIME: 10.00-11.00am
REGISTER: www.rockupnetball.com.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.netball.vic.net
OR 8321 2222