**Farewell Jenny**

As you all know, last Friday we farewelled Jenny Crowle as Principal of Moonee Ponds West Primary School.

The week began with a wonderful assembly on the Monday and a staff farewell at a special morning tea on the Friday. During the week Jenny was visited by parents, teachers, individual students, groups of students and even classes. Jenny had a wonderful week and wanted us to include a photo of her surrounded by the many wonderful gifts including many floral arrangements.

On Monday the Premier of Victoria issued a media release announcing a number of new principal appointments to three new schools, Jenny was one of the principals. If you’d like to read the item here is the link. [http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/media/releases/10645-principals-appointed-for-three-new-schools-in-melbourne-s-west.html](http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/media/releases/10645-principals-appointed-for-three-new-schools-in-melbourne-s-west.html)

Shortly, we will be receiving information on who the Acting Principal of Moonee Ponds West will be until the end of the school year. During Term 4 the School Council will be lead through the process together with regional staff of advertising for a new school principal to begin in 2015.

**School self Evaluation/Peer Review**

Our school is in the final year of our current Strategic Plan 2011-2014. Our school is undertaking a self-evaluation at present before we complete the peer review during Term 4. One of the key aspects of this process is to consult with our community. We have secured an independent consultant from the Education sector to assist the school to facilitate with consultation process.

The dates for these sessions are Monday 18th August 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. (Evening Parents) and Friday 22nd August 12.30 - 1.30 p.m. Students, and 2.00 - 3.30 p.m. (Daytime Parents). A notice asking families if they would like to attend these sessions went home to the community last week. Please forward these slips back to the school office as soon as possible. If you were unable to attend a session at the school other ways of providing feedback and engaging our community in the process will be available.

Further information to follow.

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**Notices Sent Home**

- Room 11 & 12 - Adele on Long Service Leave
- Whole School - School Self Evaluation Letter
**Tournament Of Minds**
Our school is participating in the Tournament of Minds (TOM). We have three groups made up of Grade 4, 5 and 6 students. The competition takes place on Saturday at Latrobe University. The TOM program is a problem-solving programme for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. Teams solve challenges from a choice of disciplines: Applied Technology, Language Literature, Maths Engineering and Social Sciences.

Tournament of Minds is one of the fastest growing international school programmes with the involvement of thousands of participants. TOM aims to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a competitive environment.

Thank you to Ryan, Kylie and Ben for all their work with the TOM groups during this term. We wish all the teams the best in their participation.

**Principal For A Day**
Yesterday we were very fortunate to have Jason Kimberley as our ‘Principal for a Day’ at MPW. Jason heads up the Cool Australia website whose aim is to educate our students for a sustainable future.

The day began with a whole school assembly. During this time Jason was introduced to the community. Jason spoke about his interest in the environment, sharing two videos which outlined how his company began and an example of the positive outcomes which have resulted in one of the schools he has been working with.

From there Jason visited all classrooms, answering questions and in our Grade 2/3 area assisting our students with their current unit of learning ‘We are the Earth Keepers’. It was perfect timing. At recess Jason spoke with the staff, handing out a number of resources. After recess Jason met with the students on the Green Team as well as Jess Greenbaum and Lisa McLachlan. Again this was another opportunity to hear of our school’s initiatives with Jason providing ideas for our next steps.

We were thrilled to have Jason in the school and look forward to continuing our partnership.

Enjoy the rest of the week,

Helen and Randal
Cybersmart Families - Building Family Relationships with Technology

On Thursday 21st August Moonee Ponds West will be hosting a parent forum for students and parent/carers in our grade 5/6 area of the school on being smart when using the internet and social media.

We are also pleased to be able to open it to all parents, not just those of students in grade 5 and 6. The session will run from 7.00 p.m. and begin in the school’s gym.

We are very fortunate to have secured Michelle Webster from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, creators of the eSmart program. Also present will be Jill Fitzpatrick from the Moonee Valley Police and Shona Ballinger - Student Youth Focussed Services, MacKillop Family Services.

Please return the tear off slip further in the newsletter or complete an online RSVP at http://mooneewestps.vic.edu.au/page/203

We will be attending the CYBER SMART Families Building family relationships with technology Forum on the 21 August at 7.00 p.m. in the school’s gym

Family Name: ________________________________________________________________

Room Number: ______________________________________________________________

Number of adults: ____________________________________________________________

Number of children: __________________________________________________________

Particular areas you would like covered on the evening:
**Second Hand Clothing Sale**
We have plenty of second hand clothing, in particular bomber jackets and rugby tops in reasonably good condition.

There are an assortment of clothing and sizes selling at the bargain price of **$2 per clothing!**

Second hand clothing is located in the First Aid Room.

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**Student Enrolments 2015**
Please notify the school office if your child/children are not returning to MPW in 2015.

It is important that sibling enrolments for 2015 are **completed and returned** to the school office as soon as possible, as we are in the process of finalising our school numbers.

All 2015 enrolments will be finalised by Friday 29th August.

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**MPW Fundraising**
The fundraising Cadbury chocolates boxes have been distributed to the eldest child in families on Friday 8th August.

For every box that is sold, the family automatically goes into a draw for a **ipod Shuffle** — the more you sell the more chance you have of winning!

If you would like to collect another chocolate box to sell, please come to the school office and sign/collection the extra box.

Thank you to all the families who have either sold a chocolate box or donated money which supports the school’s major fundraising.

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**Writing Competition**
The **2014 Schools Writing Competition** is now open for all students to enter if they chose to. The quickest and easiest way to enter is online at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net).

Entry is free and the closing date is Sunday 31st August. Please check the website for details. I have contacted the organization to ensure entry is free and I have been informed that it is, however if your child’s work is shortlisted and subsequently published, you will receive a letter with the option to purchase the text with the published entries.

If you require further clarification you can contact write4fun by telephone on 07 5574 3622.

Michelle Bové
English Coordinator
LIBRARY NEWS...LIBRARY NEWS...LIBRARY NEWS...

Next week is Book Week -16th to 22nd and the theme is Connect To Reading!

Each week as students attend their library session, a Short Listed Book is read, shared and discussed. Different elements of the book that can be discussed are:

- Cover design / impact
- Illustrations – techniques / impact
- Storyline / Themes/ Message

The winners of the Short Listed Books will be announced this Friday 15th August.

As part of Book Week celebrations, we will be having a Whole School Multi-Age Workshop on Tuesday 19th August from 9.15 to 11.00 and a Book Character Dress Up Day on Thursday 21st August. So dress up in your favourite book character and be someone else for the day!

This year National Literacy and Numeracy Week are held from 25 - 31 August and as part of the celebrations, MPW will be incorporating the celebrations within Book Week. Please feel free to join us on any of the above activities.

If you would like more details and information please come and see us in the library.

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Important MVIMP News!

A group of students from MVIMP will be attending our annual MVIMP Music Camp at Lady Northcote in Bacchus Marsh, from Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd August.

This is one of the big highlights of the MVIMP calendar – four days of music culminating in a concert for our families on the Thursday night at 7.30 p.m. Visitors can arrive from 7.00 p.m. All four MVIMP schools attend the camp, meaning that we make a whole bunch of new friends to run into later at secondary school and interschool sport, as well as our end of year concert. We aim to give as many children who participate in MVIMP as possible, an opportunity to attend a music camp at some point during their time in the program.

All our music and band tutors attend camp to work intensively with the kids there. This means that for the kids who are not attending the MVIMP camp next week there will be;

**NO LESSONS TO BE HELD from 19th to 22nd August**

... and NO BAND REHEARSAL next Wednesday (20th August)

Lessons and band to continue as usual the following week.

Future MVIMP Dates For Your Diary:

**MPW Concert**
Thursday September 16th at 7 p.m. at MPW Gym

**Combined Concert**
Wednesday November 19th at 7 p.m. at Moonee Valley Racecourse
**Nude Food Hall Of Fame**

The MPW Green Team would like to tell you about the Nude Food Hall of Fame.

In Week 6, which is next week, we want to interest and inspire people to bring healthy, rubbish-free lunches to school. Everyone can get some great ideas to make their lunch rubbish-free and that helps the environment.

If you bring a rubbish-free lunch to school next week, come to Jess in room 7 or Lisa in room 20 before school and get a photo taken.

The photo will be printed out and put on display in the Hall of Fame!

We hope you can join us!

**Thanks Brian!**

There are many, many jobs that people do in schools and many of them are done by our wonderful maintenance man Brian Lees.

When the students were asked to write a list of the jobs Brian does they replied:

- gets our balls off the roof
- fixes anything that is broken
- cleans up the garden and the hay
- cleans the bird poo
- paints the chairs
- puts the rubbish out
- makes our bookcases

He does everything! On behalf of the school community we say **“Thank you Brian, you are the best!”**

Prep 1/D, Room 4
Phase 3: Phonetic Spelling

In this phase writers are able to provide an almost perfect match between the letters and sounds. Letters are chosen on the basis of sound often without regard for conventional letter patterns. Spelling attempts are meaningful and becoming more like standard spelling. There is often evidence of self-constructed rules that may not conform to adult rules. Writers copy, recall and construct words according to their current understandings. They use rote recall for an increasing number of words.

Key indicators:
- Chooses letters on the basis of sound without regard for conventional spelling patterns
- Sounds out and represents all substantial sounds in a word
- Develops particular spellings for certain sounds often using self-formulated rules
- Has a positive attitude towards self as a speller

Major Teaching Emphases:
Phonetic spellers should be exposed to a wide variety of printed materials to provide data from which (at their own pace) they can draw conclusions about spelling.
- Teach writers to look for visual patterns and common letter sequences in words
- Teach writers to identify critical features of words (ie. differentiating characteristics)
- Continue to emphasise the building up of a systematic view of spelling with the emphasis on the way:
  (a) Letters can represent different sounds depending on context or place
  (b) A sound can be represented by more than one letter or letters
- Teach writers to think about meaning as a strategy
- Continue the development of word banks by incorporating theme, topic, high frequency and interesting words as they arise
- Introduce proof-reading strategies.

Local Football Grand Final Win

The following students from MPW were part of the Maribyrnong Park Under 10’s, Division 8 Grand Final winning team on Sunday 10th August.

- Daniel O. Room 21
- Abhi S. Room 19
- Jordan N. Room 16
- Tom G. Room 19

The school community congratulates these students and their team on their successful win!
**Archie Thompson School of Soccer Program**

The ‘Archie Thompson School of Soccer’ is a 3 day program that is coming to Middle Park and Berwick in the September school holidays.

My program is designed for boys and girls from 7 to 17 years of age. The aim is to provide the participants with a genuinely enjoyable soccer experience, whether they are new to the game or complete fanatics.

**WEEK 1: Albert Park**
TUE 23, WED 24, THURS 25 SEPTEMBER @ MIDDLE PARK FC, AUGHTIE DRV, ALBERT PARK

**WEEK 2: Berwick**
TUES 30 SEPT, WED 1, THURS 2 OCTOBER @ BEACONHILLS COLLEGE, 92 KANGAN DRV, BERWICK