CURRICULUM DAY
A reminder that the 10th March is our school’s second curriculum day. The focus of the day will be on MPW’s School Strategic Plan, our new Assessment Reporting Program and first aid training for staff in asthma. We look forward to being able to report back to you on the day.
This is a pupil free day. If you require care please see the staff at Camp Australia.

EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
On Monday 2nd March 2015 at 7.00pm in the Staff Conference room the main agenda item at the Education Subcommittee will be providing an update as to the progress of the School Strategic Plan following on from the extensive and detailed work of the school Review undertaken in 2014. This is a very important document which the Professional Learning Teams (PLTs) are working very hard to draft. The School Strategic Plan supports and guides us as a staff and school with Key Improvement Strategies. Included in this plan are aspirational targets for student achievement data and targets within our Student, Staff and Parent Opinion Surveys. All members of our community are invited to attend the meeting on Monday night. Please let Acting Assistant Principal Fiona Gribble know if you are coming gribble.fiona.f@edumail.vic.gov.au and the paperwork can be sent to you prior to the meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 FUNDRAISING TEAM
We would like to thank our fundraising team led by Elisa McDonald for their outstanding efforts in 2014. We are in need of community members to form the fundraising committee for 2015. If you are interested in joining the 2015 fundraising team could you please contact Sandra in the office soon as possible.

INSURANCE REMINDERS
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.
Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include, but is not limited to mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. It is probably wise for valuable items to be left at home. For further information, please contact DEECD Central staff: Jane Wilhelm - wilhelm.jane.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or Ph. 9637 2509.

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MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES
This year Jess Greenbaum (Rm 7) is coordinating the assembly roster for our Monday morning student led assem-
blies at 9.00 a.m. in the school’s gym. We look forward to enjoying many presentations, celebrations of success
and developing public speaking skills over coming weeks.

COMMUNICATION
At MPW we value effective, two-way communication between home and school. We do this in a number of ways,
the school’s newsletter is one. At this stage it goes out each week on a Wednesday. If you haven’t already could
you subscribe to receive an email alert. The link can be found on the front page of our website http://mooneewestps.vic.edu.au/ on the right hand side under the heading ‘NEWSLETTER’ — Subscribe to Newsletter. As
well MPW has Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/Mpwps and Twitter accounts - https://twitter.com/
MPWPSOfficial. If you’re not already we’d like you to ‘Like’ and ‘Follow’ us. Our school’s website has a range of
information including a calendar which list events relevant to students and families, an A-Z outlining various as-
pects of school life at Moonee Ponds West, a link to the notices sent home and more. If there is information you
would like to see added please email symons.randal.j@edumail.vic.gov.au with these. At school we have a TV in
the reception area which among others highlights events and information relevant to the 2015 school year. On the
playground side of the Administration Building is a notice board. Rather than having notices placed all around the
school this is the central place for additional communication.
Over the coming months communication processes will be reviewed. At the end of 2014 we completed a School
Self Evaluation which incorporated sessions with parents facilitated by an external consultant. As a result we have
various forms of data to direct this work. We look forward to involving all members of our community with this
improvement strategy.

One mechanism which we’re very pleased to announce is a soon to be released app to assist in sending out re-
minder notifications. It is called ‘Update-ed’ and will be available for both iPhone and android smart phones. The
app has been developed by the Sponsor Ed company who produce our school’s website. Along with the app will
come a significant update to our website. Again we look forward to these improvements.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS
In 2015 we have five Parent Member vacancies and two DEECD Employee vacancies for the two year term of of-

The role of School Council as outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 is to set the long term future
for the school while maintaining an overview of the school’s operation. The Principal is responsible for the man-
agement of the school and acts as the Executive Officer of Council.
School Council Responsibilities can include:
• Contributing to the development of the School Strategic Plan
• Approving the annual budget
• Working with the school to develop, review and update policies
• Representing the views of the school community
• Arranging for things required for the running of the school
• Raising money for the school needs
• Making sure the school grounds and buildings are maintained
• Creating interest in the school within the community

The timeline for the nomination process is as follows:
• Nomination forms are available from the office
• Completed nomination forms are to be returned to the Office and
  receipted
• Nominations close at 4.00pm on Friday 20th February
• A list of candidates and nominators will be posted on the School’s Office door at the close of nominations
  on Friday 20th of February
• If an election is required, ballots will be distributed on or before Wednesday 25th February
• If an election is required ballots will close at 4.00pm on Thursday 5th March
Any questions can be directed to School Council Secretary Sandra Monaghan via the school office.

Have a great week
Jeff, Fiona and Randal
FAMILY ACCOUNTS
Every family will have received a statement of account and fee levy form on Thursday 12th of February. On your statement it will have the total levies and amounts payable for user pays such as MVIMP and Soundhouse, if you have a direct debit in place it will reduce each term. Our preferred method of payment is by Bpay. On your account it will have your unique family reference. Please quote that on payment. Please notify the Office by email on moonee.ponds.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au if you are paying voluntary contributions so that your payment can be allocated accordingly. Alternatively it will be allocated by the School. If you have questions at all regarding your fees or account please contact Sandra Monaghan in the Office.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP’S FORM
Thanks to the 33 families who have completed the online form. If you haven’t yet we ask that you do as soon as you’re able. The address is http://tinyurl.com/ktrp6ya and it should take about 5-10 minutes to complete.

WELCOME BACK TO MPW
This Friday at 3.30 p.m. we have our first ‘Welcome Back to MPW’. It’s a casual get together on the Tiger Turf. It’s an opportunity to welcome new families as well as catch up with those you know. We look forward to seeing you there.

EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

Asthma in school-aged children
Asthma affects around 1 in 9 school aged children. This means that in an average classroom there will be at least 3 students with asthma. Schools and staff can work together with the wider school community to provide a healthy and safe educational environment for students with asthma. Student health and safety are essential in schools to allow all students to achieve their best.

How does asthma affect students?
Asthma is a leading cause of absenteeism in school students, which in severe cases can cause them to fall behind in their work. Asthma symptoms commonly occur overnight, which can mean a lack of sleep for the student, leading to a reduced ability to concentrate in class. Students can also show signs of worsening asthma, especially after vigorous exercise, and may have an asthma attack while at school, which requires an immediate response.

As a school community, if we all understand and work together, we can ensure that our school is as safe as it can be for everyone.

This information has been sourced from

Asthma Australia
THE DROP OFF AND PICK UP ZONE

SOUNDHOUSE
Enrolments and Exits:
New enrolments and program Exits have now closed for term 1.
New Soundhouse Manager:
Sue O’Brien would like to thank everyone she has had the pleasure of working with in the MPW community over the past 17 years. Sue is retiring and handing over the Soundhouse management to Maddie Owen.

Maddie is a qualified classroom music teacher with experience teaching music at both primary and secondary levels. Maddie was a student at MPWPS where she was involved in the Soundhouse and MVIMP programs. Maddie went on to study music at Melbourne University and then completed her Dip. Ed. and Master of Education. Maddie teaches woodwind, drums, keyboard, singing and guitar. Maddie is very excited about her new role and is looking forward to working with everyone involved in the Soundhouse Music School program at MPW.
For all Soundhouse enquiries, Maddie can be contacted on mobile: 0401 844 522 or email: meowen9@gmail.com

Soundhouse Fees:
If you have not submitted a Direct Debit form for Soundhouse fees, to the school office, please do so this week so that your child can continue in the program. The only other payment option is up-front payment for the year. Thank you.

School Drop Off And Pick Up Zone
At end of last year the City of Moonee Valley Council placed new signage and line markings around the school drop off and pick up zones in both Athol and Eglinton Streets. The zones are clearly marked with GREEN lines. We ask that parents/guardians and students be aware of these parking regulations, and the above notices.
These regulations mean that drivers CANNOT 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. These zones are not to be used to park your vehicles and wait for your children prior to 3.30pm. If you are picking up children then you need to instruct them to wait for you at the front of the green zone and drive forward to collect them. If your children are not there when you arrive then please drive around the block and then return to collect them.
Please note that the Council will fine drivers who are not following the regulations and are waiting in their vehicles for long periods of time. These zones were put in place to assist traffic flow around the school and to make it safer for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation.

Curriculum Days 2015
- Wednesday 28th January (Teachers staff return)
- Tuesday 10th March
- Friday 22nd May
- Monday 2nd November

Term Dates 2015
- Term One
  29th January—27th March
- Term Two
  13th April—26th June
- Term Three
  13th July—18th September
- Term Four
  5th October—18th December
SPECIALIZED CHESS COACHING
Moonee Ponds West Primary is in a position to offer chess lessons from Checkmate Chess Coaching. Each week different lessons are taught such as tactics, strategies, special moves, traps and openings that will help players improve their game. Children are then paired up in a fun tournament play off where they can put into practice their new skills and knowledge.

All skill levels are catered for!
Chess has many educational benefits such as improving concentration, problem solving, pattern visualization, analytical skills, memory recall, concentration & self esteem. Most importantly it’s about having fun learning how to play the world’s most popular mind sport!

DAY: Tuesdays - lunchtime
DATES: 3rd February - 24th March
LOCATION: Performance Space
PRIZES: Awarded to top players (Trophy & badges)
COST: $85 eft or cheque $65 for 2nd Sibling
For more information contact: Phil Hooton on 0421 901 530
EFT DETAILS: Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Acc Name: Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd
BSB: 063201 Acc #: 1004 9289
***please put School initials & Child’s name on transaction***
CHEQUES: Made payable to: “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd.”
Post to: 8 Aquilae Street Ocean Grove 3226
Please email section below to phil@lifecoaches.com.au by Tuesday 10th Feb.
Numbers are limited so FIFS!!

Missing Scooter
We forgot to bring our silver Razor scooter home last Friday night and it was left at the school over the weekend. Unfortunately, it wasn’t in the bike shed on Monday morning and we’re hoping someone mistakenly took it home on Friday evening. Please let the office know if you have seen it. It has a silver brake and a noticeable scratch on the platform between the Razor letters. Thanks for your help.

Current 4 year old Kindergarten Vacancies
St Andrew’s Anglican Kindergarten in Aberfeldie offers an exciting play based program for 3 and 4 year olds. We currently have places available in our 4 year old program for 2015. Our 4 year old kindergarten operates with a 15 hour program per week and assists your child in the transition to primary school. Our kindergarten boasts a large, sunny and air-conditioned room which opens up into a spacious well equipped outdoor play area; very experienced and dedicated teachers and coworkers; a welcoming and friendly community.

Kindergarten places are managed through the Moonee Valley Central Registration Service. If you are interested in joining the kindergarten please contact the Moonee Valley Council’s Early Learning team on 9243 8888 or email kinderenrol@mvcc.vic.gov.au.

Session times are:

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If you would like more information please contact the kindergarten on the above number or go to our website on [http://www.standrewskinder.org.au/](http://www.standrewskinder.org.au/)

A not-for-profit community centre
COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDS TENNIS LESSONS
AT YOUR SCHOOL/ESSENDON

ANZ HOT SHOTS tennis

Hot shots is a tennis program designed for primary school aged children. Utilizing modified equipment, it is the perfect introduction to tennis that will improve fitness, coordination and socialising skills.

for more information: www.tennisleonsmelbourne.com
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CLUB: Essendon Hockey

CONTACT NAME: Melissa Fernandez & Kirsten Davison CONTACT NUMBER: 0414 369 431

LOCATION: Essendon Hockey Club, 1 Hockey Lane, Ascot Vale, VIC 3032

START DATE: Wednesday 18th February, 2015 TIME: 5:00pm

EMAIL: essendonhockey@outlook.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Wednesday 18th January is a ‘Come and try’ session. All abilities and backgrounds are welcomed.