PREP STUDENTS
For those who don’t have a child in the Prep area of the school, last Monday our students began their first week of being full time at school. We thank the parents during the first four weeks of shortened days. We know this has taken a lot of coordination for this to run so smoothly. We’d also like to thank the Prep teachers for their efforts in ensuring such a smooth start for our newest members of the MPW community.

PARENT HELPER’S PROGRAMME
Last year Michelle Bove ran a very successful Parent Helper’s Program. Michelle ran three sessions covering a range of areas to assist parents working in the classroom. This year the sessions will be held from 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. on the 12, 19 and 26th of March. Further on in the newsletter there is a return slip if you are interested in taking part as well as additional information about the programme. We look forward to seeing many people taking up the opportunity.

FUNDRAISING
At this stage we don’t have a person or people to coordinate the Fundraising team at MPW this year. Each term there is one major fundraising event. If you are interested in supporting our school in this way and/or assisting in the running either of the events could you contact Sandra in the office please.

MUSIC INCURSION
On the 11th March we have the first of two music incursions at MPW with Steve Shultz. During the sessions students will use a range of instruments to take part in the Big Samba. The program is based on Brazilian Carnival street music. The sessions will operate in the gym and are as follows:

Session 1 - 9.45 - Rooms 8, 11+12, 4, 5, 6, 20 + 22
Session 2 - 11.30 - Rooms 7, 10, 1, 2, 3, 21, 23 + 14
Session 3 - 2.10 - Rooms 13, 15, 16, 17, 18 + 19

Parent/carers are invited to join our students and teachers in what will no doubt be a great session.
For more information you might like to go to http://www.nexusarts.com.au/view_performer_details.php?id=79

Principal’s Report continues over page...
MOBILE PHONES
As per our Acceptable Use policy, a reminder that a parent/carer of a student who wishes their child to bring a mobile phone to school must send a letter advising us of such. The responsibility of the phone lies with the student and must not be used during the school day. We thank our families for supporting this process.

COMMUNICATION UPDATE
During the week we had a number of people register to receive email alerts regarding our newsletter being available online. If you haven’t done so please click the link on the home page of our school’s website - http://www.mooneewestps.vic.edu.au As of today we have 252 people who ’like’ us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/Mpwps and 90 people following us on Twitter - https://twitter.com/MPWPSOfficial We look forward to these numbers increasing. As mentioned in a previous email we will soon be announcing the arrival of our phone app. Along with this will come a number of improvements to our school’s website. We look forward to being able to communicate these to you.

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.

Enjoy the remainder of Week 5.

Jeff, Fiona and Randal

WELCOME BACK TO MPW
A big thank-you to the families and staff who enjoyed our ‘Welcome Back to MPW’ last Friday on the Tiger Turf. This was a relaxed opportunity for families to catch up and for new families to be welcomed. Next year we will move the time to 6.00 p.m. with the inclusion of people bringing a basket tea. We’ll also have a number of activities available.

WORKING PARENT’S BREAKFAST
Shortly we will be advising you of the date and time of our Working Parent’s Breakfast. At this stage the plans are to meet from 7.00 a.m. with coffee and a pancake van available. We look forward to providing an opportunity for family members who work to spend time with their children, at school, before the beginning of a school day.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP’S FORM
Thanks to the 66 families who have completed the online form. If you haven’t yet we ask that you please fill it out as soon as possible. The address is http://tinyurl.com/ktrp6ya and it should take about 5-10 minutes to complete.
**SPONSORED NEWS**

**Rotational Sport**
It has been a busy start to the school year with our Gr 5/6 students beginning Friday morning sport with a Rotational Sports tournament. There are 12 teams participating in Sideline Soccer, Rickards Rounders, Matball, Indian Pin, Pirate’s Treasure and Tchoukball. The teams score points for winning, but also for teamwork and sporting attitude. This Friday will be our final rotations. It is a tight contest and the final rounds will be critical in deciding the winning team for 2015!

**Swimming**
It was extremely exciting to see 98 Gr 4,5 & 6 students participate in the school swimming trials on Friday 13th February. All the students did extremely well and we wish those students who made the swimming team all the best for the District Carnival on Wednesday 25th at Queens Park Pool. Thank you to Vicki & Justine for assisting at the trials. Also to our large number of parents who came along and helped with supervision, timing, and marshalling students. It was great to have so many helpers.

**Cross Country Trials**
The Gr 4, 5 & 6 students will participate in Cross Country trials at school on Friday 6th March. We are seeking parent helpers to supervise corners as the students run around our school block. If you are able to assist please complete the form below and return to Bree.

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**PARENT HELPER’S PROGRAMME**
As part of our commitment to best practice the school will conduct a Parent Helpers Program. This program will be conducted over three sessions and will have focus on how you can best assist the classroom teacher. Michelle Bové, Leading Teacher English will conduct these sessions in the Community room.

An outline of the program involves:

- **Thursday 12th March 9.00 - 10.00am**
  Session 1. Overview of Curriculum & Reading

- **Thursday 19th March 9.00 - 10.00am**
  Session 2. Writing

- **Thursday 26th March 9.00 - 10.00am**
  Session 3. Spelling & Speaking and Listening

To facilitate planning for these sessions, please complete and return the attendance slip below, to the office, by Friday 6th March. Please note places are limited.

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**Classroom Helpers Training Session**
Please return slip to the office by Friday 6th March 2014.

- Name of adult/s attending_____________________________________
- Grade that your child/ren is/are in ________________________
- Name of child: ______________________________________________
- Room Number: _______________________
**Curriculum Days 2015**

- 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

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**PREP/1 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

An information night for parents and guardians of Prep/1 Students will be held next **Wednesday the 4th of March at 7.00pm—8.00pm** in the Performance Space.

This meeting will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the curriculum offered at MPW and meet with other staff and parents. We anticipate that the meeting will be one hour in duration. We look forward to meeting you on the night.

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**EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS**

**MOVIE NIGHT**

We will be holding our annual Movie night on **Friday 20th of March at 6.30pm**.

Tickets are $30 per family (2 adults and unlimited children) or $10 per adult and $7 per child.

Tickets will be available at the door by next week.

There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks and sweets stand. The movie is yet to be confirmed.

Hope to see you all there!

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**GRADE 3/4 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

An information night for parent and guardians of Grade 3/4 will be held:

**Monday 2nd March**

7.00pm—8.00pm (it will start promptly at 7.00pm)

This Information night will be held in the Conference Room. We look forward to seeing as many parents/guardians as possible.

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**TRANSITION NEWS**

**Maribyrnong College**

2016 Year 7 ACE High Achievers Program
Applications Open Now

- Applications close on Friday 16 April
- Testing scheduled on 4 May 2015
- See the school's website at [http://www.maribsc.vic.edu.au/enrolment](http://www.maribsc.vic.edu.au/enrolment), or contact 9091 8100 for further details and applications.
COMMUNITY NEWS

YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
The YMCA will be running Autumn School holiday Programs in Strathmore PS, Moonee Ponds PS and Niddrie PS, offering heaps of awesome activities, including Bowling, Laser Skirmish, Bounce, Hoyts movies & more!

Bookings open on 24th February, for full details and to book, visit: www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au

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