PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Movie Night
Please note that the Movie Night will now take place on the 17th April. The change of date is due to the availability of a suitable movie. Being later in the year will mean that the movie will begin earlier and this is a significant fundraiser for MPW so we look forward to many attending this event.

Music Incursion
Next Tuesday, 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

Curriculum Day
A final reminder that next Tuesday, 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 about the day.

This is a pupil free day. Camp Australia is offering to run a day program for students for the day. However, for the program to take place, Camp Australia need 18 students signed up by this Friday. A sign up list is available from Camp Australia.

Education Sub-Committee
Thank you to everyone who attended the education sub-committee on Monday evening. The main item of business was an update on the current processes informing the writing of the new School Strategic Plan. An extraordinary meeting of the Education sub-committee will be held on Monday 16th March at 7:00 PM to discuss a draft of the school’s new Strategic Plan.

Pop Up Playground
Thank you to Helen Lockart and the Environment team for organising our latest Pop up playground. Various lengths of PVC piping have been transformed into a variety of constructions – including the current preference for assembling marble runs. And needless to say, the forty motorcycle tyres have proved to be a constant source of delight as they are reconfigured and relocated around the area of Jack’s paddock.

Principal’s Report Continue’s over page...
Principals’ Report Continued

Communication Update

Following on from last week’s information about receiving newsletter reminders, each month we receive Google Analytics data on our internet traffic. It’s interesting to see the number of repeat visitors, mobile traffic and number of pages people go to on each visit. In a couple of month’s time we’ll post another example. Hopefully we’ll see an upward trend in all areas.

Enjoy the rest of the week.
Jeff, Fiona and Randal

Class Representatives for 2015

On the right is a list of this year’s Class Reps. We thank each person very much. Yesterday a letter was sent home to each Rep. We will be operating a morning tea on the 13th March (Friday) at 9.00 a.m. to meet each person and to outline our work for the year. One of the first tasks of each rep is to compile and distribute a Friendship List.

Community Partnership Form

Thanks to the 70 families who have completed the online form. If you haven’t yet we ask that you do so by the end of this week. The address is http://tinyurl.com/ktrp6ya and it should take about 5-10 minutes to complete.

Lost Property

Shortly there will be a change to the way MPW manages its lost property. Stay tuned. Until this time please make sure all clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles are named. To assist even further you could include your child’s room number.
SPORTS NEWS
Swimming
Well done to our swimming team who competed in District Carnival on Wednesday 25th at Queens Park Pool. We finished 5th overall and had some fantastic individual results.
Good luck to Grace Honan, Eamonn Peacock, Mairead Lynn, Ruby Douvartzidis, Grace Kelly & Darcee O’Loughlin who will go on to represent the Ascot Vale District at the Division carnival on Thursday 12th March at Oak Park.
Also thank you to Kim for assisting on the day and the wonderful support we had from our parent helpers.

Cross Country Trials
The Gr 4, 5 & 6 students will participate in Cross Country trials at school this 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 see Bree.

Ride2School Day
This year Moonee Ponds West will be participating in National Ride2School Day on Friday 13th March. On this day over 250,000 Australian students, will ride, walk, scoot or skate to school, many for the first time.
National Ride2School Day is about celebrating active travel, healthy lifestyle and environmental awareness within the school day by encouraging those who haven’t started to give it a go.
As part of our celebrations we will be having ‘wheels on the tiger turf’, where students who have rode their bikes can demonstrate their skills in a procession around the tiger turf. Please see timetable below.

9:00 – 9:45 : P/1
10:00 – 10:45 : 1/2 & 2/3
11:30 – 12:15 : 3/4
12:30 – 1:15 : 5/6

We hope to see you there!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS
The first meeting of School Council for 2015 was conducted on Monday 23rd February. It was the first School Council meeting for 2015. Items discussed were:

- Nominations have been received for the five vacant parent positions on Council and the successful candidates will be notified early next week.
- We welcomed Fiona Gribble (Acting Assistant Principal) to the committee and trust that Fiona’s vast experience will aid the council over the forthcoming year.
- An introductory discussion was held on the issue of burgeoning enrolments at MPW and the possible ramifications this may have in future years. The Council will discuss this further in 2015.

TRANSITION NEWS
Grade 6 Parents/Guardians.
Please be aware that the applications for:

Buckley Park Selected Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL program)
close on Thursday April 30 2015.

If you think that your child would benefit from sitting the entrance exam for this program it is your responsibility to contact the school.

Buckley Park Secondary College. Phone: 9331 9999
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

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.

Classroom Helpers Training Session
Please return slip to the office by Friday 6th March, 2015

Name of adult/s attending ________________________________
Grade that your child/ren is/are in ______________
Name of child: ________________________________
Room Number: ________________________________

SOUNDHOUSE

Overdue fees—URGENT!!
A large number of families have still not submitted a 2015 Direct Debit Form for Soundhouse Fees. These forms were distributed to families at the end of last year.

A Direct Debit form MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE by 3.30pm this Thursday, March 5, in order for your child to continue in the program.

A letter with a Direct Debit form attached went home, yesterday, to all families with overdue fees. If you have no Direct Debit form in place for this year, please attend to this matter urgently so that your child can continue in the program.

Withdrawing children is uncomfortable for all concerned and please note that lessons missed due to withdrawal are not made up.

Regards,
Maddie Owen
Manager, Soundhouse Music Schools
Mobile: 0401 844 522
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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
MOVIE NIGHT

Please note, the date for Movie night has CHANGED.

We will now be holding our annual Movie night on
Friday 17th of April 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!
Breastfeeding mothers – do they change their diet?
Have you ever breastfed? Currently breastfeeding? – you are invited to take part in a survey which will take only 5-10 mins of your time. Please see the below link for more information about the research and to access the survey.
Also please share this with other groups and friends. Thank you in advance – your support is sincerely appreciated.
More information and the survey link:
http://www.med.monash.edu/cecs/gastro/clin-trials/ct-iacovou-2.html

Avondale FC
Avondale FC are looking for any interested Year 5 or 6 boys that are keen to play soccer this year for Under 12’s NPL.

Come down to our next training session and try out your skills with a chance to make new friends and be part of a family friendly environment.
For all enquiries please call John on 0408326609 or Enza on 0400404447.