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# MOONEE PONDS WEST NEWSLETTER

## Principals' Report

### ENROLMENT PLANS AND CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2016

The demand for places at Moonee Ponds West continues to be very high. 2016 Prep Applications closed on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015**. **A reminder for families already at the school, you are required to put in an enrolment form for younger brothers/sisters as soon as possible if you have not already done so.** All enrolments for Prep 2016 will be confirmed in writing on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**If you are leaving the school during Term 4 or at the end of 2015 please let the office know at your earliest convenience. This will greatly assist our forward planning and also the transition of those students leaving at the end of the year into their new schools.**

If you have some information that your child's teacher is **unaware** of that may assist with your child's class placement please put your comments in writing and forward them to Jeff Lyon by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. This request will then be registered for consideration.

### JAPANESE AT MPW

Last week was a big one for MPW and our Japanese Program. On the 4 August we hosted 5 educators from Osaka. They came from the pre-school, primary and secondary school sectors. As well as touring the school they spent the majority of the day in the Japanese classroom. As well as observing the teaching and learning they took part in running various whole class activities with our students. The group enjoyed their visit to MPW very much. On the same day Room 15 hosted a party for Sayuna, their visitor from our sister school in Yokohama. Later in the newsletter you'll read a recount of her experience along with her host family of Frankie and Ginger.

### STATE SCHOOL'S RELIEF

State School's Relief is an autonomous, charitable organisation who assist students in need of school clothing and footwear. The only criteria is that the child must be enrolled in a Victorian Government school. We understand that every circumstance is different. There are a variety of situations where a child may need support such as poverty, neglect, homelessness, financial hardship, family violence, illness and the devastating effects of house fires and natural disasters. If you are struggling financially to provide for your child's education, please make an appointment with Fiona Gribble to discuss your situation.

### UNIFORM WORKING PARTY

On Monday 3 August the newly formed Uniform Working party met for the first time. Items discussed included the terms of reference for the group and the implementation of the Sunsmart Policy. The working party will meet every second Wednesday starting August 12 from 9-10 a.m., all members of the community are welcome.

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR - 2015

For the full calendar go to [mooneewestps.vic.edu.au](http://mooneewestps.vic.edu.au)

Sun	Aug	23rd	Japan Tour 2015 Farewell Dinner
Tues	Aug	25th	MVIMP Camp
Tues	Aug	25th	Book Week Character Parade
Mon	Aug	27th	Book Week Multi-Aged Workshop
Mon	Aug	31st	Camp Curumbene Years 5/6

### Letters sent home this week:

Fri	Aug	7th	Letter to P/1/2
Mon	Aug	10th	G.A.T.E Ways
Mon	Aug	10th	Letter for Rooms 8 & 11/12
Mon	Aug	10th	Letter for Rooms 1 & 2
Mon	Aug	10th	Letter for Rooms 3,4,5 & 23

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### **FAMILY PAYMENTS - REMINDER**

A reminder to families that payment of outstanding school levies is required. The preferred method of payment is via BPay. Otherwise payments and contributions can be made in person or over the phone by cash, cheque or debit/credit card at the school's office on 9370 6875. Should you require a statement of your account and if meeting these requests present concerns, you are most welcome to discuss the matter in confidence with Sandra Monaghan (Business Manager).

School Council greatly values your contribution so Moonee Ponds West Primary can continue to provide the excellent education programs we all want for our children.

### **CHOCOLATE DRIVE**

On 24th July your eldest child brought home a fundraising carry pack of Cadbury chocolate selections.

The chocolate drive is a terrific fundraiser for our school, where we hope to raise more than \$8,000 .

Could families kindly please return monies to the office by the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. Thank you for your support.

### **SCHOOL CROSSINGS**

A reminder to all parents and students to use the designated supervised school crossings when dropping off or picking up from school. Please be aware that these are not parking zones.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

We have reviewed the provisioning of our school uniform. As of the beginning of Term 4 school uniform will no longer be available for purchase directly from Moonee Ponds West. **Uniform will be solely available for purchase from Lowes P/L which is located on Level 2 at Highpoint Shopping Centre.** Lowes offer the improved service of uniform purchasing being continually available (no waiting on supply), 7 days a week and online shopping. They also offer twice yearly sales at reduced prices and lay by services. All families will receive an introductory voucher which will be provided for you to start shopping in Term 4. This will offer an improved service to our families. We will continue to offer our second hand clothing service to our families. If you have any queries regarding the changes please contact Sandra Monaghan in the Office.

Enjoy the remainder of the week.

Jeff, Fiona and Randal



# EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS



## Community Partnerships

### WEBSITE

We have received an email to say our website is about to be updated. We've been waiting for this for quite some time so we will be very pleased to share the news once the site is up and running. The updated website, along with the associate app, are two tools which will form a component of our Communication Policy which is currently in draft form. At this week's Community Partnership's Meeting the policy development will be our number one agenda item, as well the planning for Wellbeing/Health Week which will take place in Term 4.



## Music Notes

### COUNT US IN

The 2015 Count Us In program will be launched at next Monday's assembly. For those who are not aware, Count Us In brings together over 2100 schools from around Australia, who on the 29<sup>th</sup> October will join to sing the song which has been written by secondary school students together with the Program Ambassador, John Foreman. This year's song is called 'Gold' and is performed by Marcia Hines.

We will begin to play the song as students come in from break times as we meet to learn the song at assembly. We look forward to everyone's involvement.

If you would like to know more here is the link - <https://musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/>

### HOST FAMILY

Our family hosted Sayuna, an exchange student from our sister school in Japan. It was an amazing experience for us. At first, Sayuna was very quiet and shy, but as she settled in she became loud! (Just like our family!). She taught us some Japanese words, Japanese songs, and some Japanese cultures. She was a wiz at Origami!

We had so much fun sharing our home life with Sayuna. We also got to show her around our beautiful city of Melbourne. We took her to the Healesville Sanctuary, the Melbourne Star, and around our local neighbourhood. We were so sad when Sayuna left, she had become a part of our family in just 4 days.

We now have friends for life in Japan, we will Skype every Sunday. We look forward to visiting her in Japan, and having her stay with us again. Having a host student stay with you, is a wonderful opportunity to make friends all over the world!





# EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS



## PRODUCTION OF TEACHER TRAINING MATERIALS FOR THE BUILDING RESILIENCE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING TEACHER TRAINING RESOURCES PROJECT

A joint project between VicHealth and The University of Melbourne, Graduate School of Education



The University of Melbourne's Graduate School of Education (**University**) is working with the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (**VicHealth**) to design teacher-training materials for the *Building Resilience Social and Emotional Learning Teacher Training Resources Project (Project)*. The Project looks at important issues like decision-making, problem-solving, stress management, and peer support. The Project is designed to support development of key skills that students require to lead balanced and happy lives.

On **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August** the students in **Room 16** took part in this project. The film crew and staff from the project worked on resilience activities and social emotional learning; teaching new skills and interviewing students. The completed version will be available early next term and available to all teachers to help assist in the teaching of social emotional skills.

### ROOM 16 FILM DAY!

On Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August Room 16 was filmed for a video on a website to teach other teachers how to teach Social and Emotional Learning. We got to wear microphones and have interviews, it was VERY professional. Justine even had to go by a script. It was an experience of a lifetime. Although it was a very tiring day, we had a lot of fun! It was also Melanie's birthday.

Happy Birthday Melanie!

By Olivia Edbrooke and Caitlin Marshall- Pearson





# EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS



## BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS 22- 28 AUGUST

This year the Children's Book Council Of Australia celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

BOOK WEEK is 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August and the theme is  
**'BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD!'**

The winners of the Short Listed Books will be announced Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August.  
Details of winners is available on the following website [cbca.org.au](http://cbca.org.au)

This year as part of Book Week Celebrations, we will have the following events:

### BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Staff and students come to school dressed up as a book character for a day. Be creative and use your imagination and be someone or something else for the day!

### WHOLE SCHOOL MULTIAGE WORKSHOP – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August

Multiage workshop is a whole school event whereby students are split across various grades and participate in a literature based 'fun' activity with another staff member. It allows students to interact and engage with other students and teachers from other year levels within our school.

#### ONLINE LITERACY AND MATHS ACTIVITIES

Animated and interactive, online activities are a fun place to learn! Children can work at their own pace and level and are engaged and motivated.

To access activities the following sites and account details have been provided for you.

##### SUNSHINE ONLINE

<http://www.sunshineonline.com.au/parentspage.php>

Username: mpw3039

Password: mpw3039

##### SUNSHINECLASSICS SUBSCRIPTION

<http://www.sunshineclassics.com.au>

Username: mopowest

Password: mopowest

##### WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/wb/Login?ed=wb>

Username: MPWPS

Password: 2901



#### Grade 5,6 Camp: Camp Curumbene

#### !Upcoming dates!

Rooms 14 and 18: Monday 31.8- Friday 4.9  
Rooms 13, 15, and 17: Monday 7.9- Friday 11.9

Please return your medical forms to the office ASAP.

Thank you!





# COMMUNITY NEWS



## LOST LEGO

Beau in Room 19 has lost his Lego Ninjago Character- Skylor. It is a new addition character, he had a box of lego outside Room 19 this week at lunch time. Please let the room teacher know or to the office staff . Thank you



## MISSING FROM EGLINTON ST MOONEE PONDS



Name: Thelma  
Missing since: Tuesday 4 Aug 15  
Age: 5 years old  
Type: Female Tabby/Tortoiseshell with green eyes  
Microchipped  
Desexed  
Not wearing a collar

**\*\*COULD YOU PLEASE CHECK YOUR GARDEN, UNDER YOUR CAR OR ANY SHED SHE MAY BE HIDING IN?\***

**SHE IS VERY MUCH LOVED AND WANTED BACK HOME!**  
**CONTACT: ANNA 0418 369 745**

## Darling Street Espresso

**Happy Hour 2pm -4pm Mon to Fri  
Kids Hot Chocolate for only \$2 !!**



**BREE KICKS.. AGAIN!**  
**WOMEN'S AFL Game Featuring**  
MPW'S very own footy star... **BREE!**  
**Go and support Women's**  
**Football and cheer Bree on as**  
**the Demons take on the**  
**Doggies!**



**WHEN: THIS Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015**  
**TIME: 2:30 pm**  
**WHERE: Etihad Stadium**

Essendon Symphony Orchestra presents

**Animal Antics**  
Kids Concert

**Come dressed as your favourite animal!**  
Sunday 23rd August - 2.30pm

Clocktower Centre - 750 Mt Alexander Rd - Moonee Ponds  
Tickets \$10 - adults or kids' prices - tickets on sale July 23rd  
For Bookings, contact Clocktower Box Office on 9248 9191 or  
clocktowercentre.com.au



St John's Netball club is recruiting players to play at Riverside Spring/Summer Competition.

We have places for 9 and under, 11 and under and 13 and under. Competition plays October-December then finishes early February. Games play early Saturday afternoon. Registrations will close soon.

For further information please contact Raelene at [saintjohnsnetball@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnsnetball@gmail.com)

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