Principal’s Report

Starting the School Day Calmly and Productively

Under normal circumstances all classrooms are open from 8.45. Ideally families want to arrive in time for students to interact socially with their classmates, greet and be greeted by the class teacher, unpack their belongings and attend to important matters like changing their take home books and reading a page or two to their families before the school day gets underway. Arriving at school close to the bell not only puts the students under considerable stress to undertake these routines, but it can often mean they miss out on important instructions from their class teacher at the start of the day. Please endeavour to have children at school just after 8.45.

School Levies

School Council have confirmed our School Contributions Program. The community’s response to this program over the last four years has been fantastic. In 2012 over 93% of families made a contribution supporting our school programs. The school levies support school programs by funding; consumables that are used in your child’s classroom such as stationary and toner, excursions and travel to interschool sport. The contributions to library fund and the building fund are fully tax deductible and are used to stock our wonderful library with great books and to support our grounds development program.

The voluntary contribution over recent years has been invaluable in funding school identified projects. Successful projects include the installation of the tiger turf and the establishment and stocking of classroom libraries, the purchase of additional computers and elearning equipment.

Last week you received a payment voucher that outlines these payments. The form requests that all payments be made as soon as possible with a request date of no later than March 18th. If you need to discuss alternative payment options please make a time to see me.

All money raised through these essential fees and voluntary contributions is greatly appreciated and goes directly to supporting and enhancing the great educational programs at MPW.

Telstra Kids Fund

The Telstra’s Kids Fund is a valuable means by which Telstra employees can direct Telstra’s to support their local communities across Australia. Permanent Telstra Group employees can apply for a Telstra's Kids Fund grant of $1,200 to support a project or activity run by a non-profit organisation involving a child, 18 years or under, in their immediate family. This includes schools. Each year $750,000 is given to local community organisations on behalf of children related to Telstra employees. There are three funding rounds per year. This round concludes on the 15th March. You can find the descriptions of the program, the guidelines and the easy to complete application form at our website, www.telstrafoundation.com.

If you are an employee please make contact with Randal.

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NOTICES FOR PARENTS

- Ceres Excursion Note G2/3
- Room 14,15 & 17 Letter to Parents
- Hand, Foot and Mouth Alert

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For full calendar go to mooneewestps.vic.edu.au

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Curriculum Day
A reminder to families that this Friday the 8th March is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be involved in Professional Development. Families are also reminded that Monday the 11th of March is a Public Holiday.

Parent Forum
Lorraine Wilson spoke to our parent community last week on Reading. Lorraine had around 35 parents and two staff members attend her session where she went through the continuum of learning to read for our students. We have had positive feedback on the session and thank those who attended.

Navy Band
Yesterday we had a wonderful visit from the Navy Army Band from HMAS Cerberus. The Navy sent their rock band who certainly vibrated the walls of MPW. The students had a great time singing, dancing and for some being instrumentalists with the band. This was a great chance for our students to be involved in a whole school experience with music at the centre.

Acceptable Use
With various forms of communication available to assist the learning of our students at MPW we updated our eLearning policy in 2012. You can find a copy of this on our website. To accompany this document we’re in the draft stages of developing our Acceptable Use document. This outlines the ways the various devices are to be used. This incorporates being Cyber Safe. Although not complete the following are a couple of points we would ask for your assistance with. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) 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.

Movie Night
Last Friday night was a wonderful community event with the screening of Madagascar 3. Apart from some initial problems with the windy weather we all relaxed into a great evening together. Thanks go to Lawana Coulson, Karen Korff, Kath White and Sam Ware for making it such a success and our families for their attendance.

Finally I remind all members of our school community of the Moonee Ponds West core values:

- Respect
- Community
- Honesty & Integrity
- Creativity
- Persistence
- Inclusiveness
- Freedom
- Rights & Responsibilities

These values are discussed, fostered and acted upon on a regular basis and they are used by staff and students to facilitate understandings and agreements that guide everyone’s behaviour at our school. It would be great for families to discuss these values with their children when appropriate.

Enjoy the week,

Jenny, Helen and Randal
**SPORTS NEWS**

**Swimming**

Well done to all the students who last Friday represented Moonee Ponds West at the Ascot Vale District Swimming Carnival. In a great team effort MPW finished in fourth place. Congratulations and good luck to Grace Peacock (Breaststroke & Butterfly), Grace Honan (Butterfly) and Jackson Crook (Butterfly) who will represent Ascot Vale district next Tuesday at Division. Thank you to Courtney and all of the parents who helped out on the day!

**Rotational Sports**

The Gr 5/6 students have been participating in Rotational Sports during term one. With only one week to play it is a tight tussle at the top of the ladder with Wildcats leading the way on 36pts. Close behind are Zumba Freaks (34), I Don’t Know (26) and Mega Random Purple Pythons (26). The emphasis of Rotational Sports is on teamwork, fair play and positive sporting attitudes. All teams have been doing a great job.

Good luck to all teams for the last round!!!

**Up & Coming Events**

Friday 22nd March Cross Country Trials Gr 4, 5 & 6

Friday 19th April District Cross Country @ Aberfeldie Park

**MOVIE NIGHT THANK YOU**

On behalf of the fundraising team, a huge thank you to the school community for supporting last Friday’s movie night. It was a fantastic night, with about 550 people attending and more than $5000 profit for our school – an outstanding result.

A special thank you to everyone who helped make the night a success – the volunteers who helped set up, run the stalls and pack up, Sam and Craig Ware from Ware Solutions for the electrical set up, Bakers Delight at Moonee Ponds Central for donating all of the bread for the sausage sizzle, Chantelle from Cuppy Cakes for baking and selling cakes and macaroons, Shirley for supplying and applying the tattoos, and Sandra, Denise, Lyn and Brian for all of their help.

Thanks again from the fundraising team – Karen Korff, Michelle Jeffery, Kath White and Lawana Coulson.

**MPWPS Mini-Market Update**

It’s on again! Friday 22nd March, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, near the little adventure playground.

Handmade clothing, jewellery, accessories and other things......

If you’re interested in being a stallholder please email Meagan Lane, meaganlane@iprimus.com.au

**VICTORIAN PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2013**

If you are interested in your child participating in The Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2013, you will need to collect the consent note from the library or download it from the website. Once signed and returned back, I will then register your child and provide them with all the required paperwork.

More details of the Challenge is available online at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc.

Please read and inform your child of the commitment, what is expected and the responsibility they will need to dedicate if participating in the challenge, as many students find this to be quite a demanding task!

The Challenge aims to promote a love of reading.

It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student.

It is open for Preps to Year 12.

So…if you love books …enjoy reading….or even love being read too…..then this is your mission!

Dear Community members,

My daughter Kate is doing her PhD in psychology and is currently running a study on attitudes toward climate change, scientists, and emerging environmental technologies. Regardless of what your attitudes and beliefs about the above are, this sort of research is really important. Understanding what people truly think about difficult issues is the first step towards making the political, social, and economic decisions that will affect future generations.

So, if you’re interested and have 15 minutes to spare at some point, please consider completing the survey. She needs as many people as possible to complete it for her to finish the study and her phd! Participants also go into the running to receive one of six $50 Coles/Myer vouchers.

What’s involved?

A quick 15 minute survey. You will be asked some basic questions about yourself, your attitudes towards scientists, environmental technologies, and climate change. Where and when?

Simply complete the survey online by clicking here (http://www.psychsurveys.org/swinburne/scientistsandtechnology), whenever you can find a spare 15 minutes! Or visit bitly.com/climatefuture for more information."

I would greatly appreciate if you could complete this survey and even send it on to as many people as possible.

Thank you in anticipation,
Visit

GILMORE COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

OPEN SCHOOL

Wednesday, 13th March
2:00 - 7:00pm

See the school in action. Tours running on the hour.

The only Victorian Government Girls School in the West

GIVE YOUR DAUGHTER A HEAD START

298 Barkly Street, Footscray
Phone 9689 4788

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FOOTSCRAY CITY COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

Smart School  Smart Choices  Smarter Futures

Sunday March 17th

Principal’s Address 1.30 pm
Guided Tours 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

The Sciences & the Arts - Dual Priorities
New Year 7 & 8 Learning Centres
Established Quality Music Program
Individualised disciplined caring environment
Partnerships with Victoria University & RMIT

Strong academic focus
High Achievers Discovery Program
Wide diversity of programs
High Performers in VCE

Tours every Friday at 9:30am

Come and see us at work!

Other tours available by request. Bookings Essential.
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Moonee Ponds West Primary School & Bakers Delight Moonee Ponds Central have arranged a Hot Cross Bun fundraiser.

As Easter falls during the holidays we have organised a voucher system where you will purchase your voucher from the school office and then present it to Bakers Delight Moonee Ponds Central (only) on or after the Wednesday 27th March to collect your Buns at your convenience.

The retail price is $6.50 however we will be selling the buns for **$6.00 only**.

Please complete the coupon below and hand it to the office with your money (exact money please) and we will exchange it with a voucher.

**This offer ends Wednesday 27th March, 2013**

Thank you for your support

Baker Delight Coupon for Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Name of Family………………………………………………………………………………

Indicate below the type(s) of buns required.

Use the Price guide to calculate your total cost

Return to the office no later than **Wednesday 27th March, 2013**

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PART TIME TYPIST SECRETARY
for small professional/legal-type business – home-based in Moonee Ponds – you must be a great typist, Grundig/Olympus-style Dictaphone (Foot Pedal/Headset) proficient and MSWord & email/internet competent. Workload is typically 4-6 hours a week – you work from home and (within deadlines) and you set your own hours. Well paid and negotiable hourly rate. Extensive experience is essential and confidentiality is required.

If you are interested either fwd your resume to Cityshire Planning, PO BOX 151 Moonee Ponds or email it to russellhocking@yahoo.com.au by the end of next week.