Principal’s Report

Curriculum Day Report

Each year there are four curriculum days for the professional learning of staff based on the strategic direction as identified in the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan. The strategic direction is underpinned by the needs of our students based on a range of assessments. School Council approves these dates in the year preceding and is kept informed of the plans for each day. The curriculum day last week covered:

- A session on staff wellbeing with a focus on key behaviours to support us to achieve our vision and to allow more support and empowerment. Feedback on what we like and areas to improve at MPW and how each staff member can display the qualities of a supportive leader were covered.
- A session on ‘Mathletics’, which looked at how this program can support the mathematics program in the school. It offers students targeted, sequential and adaptive (changes according to child’s abilities – easier or harder) activities in the mathematics curriculum which are relevant to the students learning. The website URL is http://www.mathletics.com.au/. Each student has a username and password to enter the website. Once you click on the website log in using your child’s username and password. If you need a copy of your child’s details please see your child’s teacher. During this session staff explored the site examining what it offers and also how to set up activities that support what the class is currently working on.
- A session on assessment where staff either worked on the Fountas & Pinnell reading assessment or explored the Assessment on Demand in the areas of Reading and Numeracy.
- The Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) links assessment to instruction along The Continuum of Literacy Learning. The Assessment on Demand consists of computer adaptive tests that deliver sets of questions to students that vary according to student ability. The system contains general adaptive tests in English and Mathematics.
- A session that addressed a range of student wellbeing needs.

Future Curriculum Day Dates for the Diary- Term 3 Monday 20th May and Term 4 Friday 30th of August.

School Levies

Many thanks to those families that have completed payment of their essential & voluntary school levies. School levies are due no later than March 18th.

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 inter-school 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.

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Principal’s Report Continued..

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.

There is a copy of the school levy form on the School Website if required. If you need to discuss alternative payment options please contact Jenny Crowle.

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.

Enjoy the week,

Jenny, Helen and Randal

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Education Weekly

News from the Environment Group

Last week, a small group of students, parents and teachers had our first meeting with the Gould League to discuss/plan the development of the garden beds that run along Eglinton Street.

We walked around the school to have a look at the existing gardens and discuss what ideas we had in regards to the new area. We spoke about the many possibilities, such as: food forests, natives, interactive, sensory...

We then went about measuring the beds and testing the soil. We found out that the soil is sandy and has clay in it. This means that we will need a lot of rich fertilizer to lay down before we even think about planting.

Over the year, we will be involving as many children as we can, in planning, costing, digging...This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to engage in real life mathematics, science, art and language experience. The gardens will be developed by the children for the children.

The Gould League will be working with us throughout the year in helping us to bring our ideas and plans to fruition. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Liana Talevski, Elli Hanan, Melia Talevski, Shavir Nand, Harriet Freeman, Abbi Jones, Bella Akhurst, Sabrina Nicollis, Cun Le (Thao) and Fiona Kenna for giving up their time to ensure that this project is a success.

Environmentally yours

Lisa, Jesse and Helen
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](http://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!

**SOUNDHOUSE**

Term 1 Soundhouse fees are now overdue. If you have fees owing, please pay them this week so that your child can continue in the Soundhouse program. If you have not organised fee payment, please contact the school office, immediately, to do so. Thank you

**HELP THE ENVIRONMENT**

**HELP YOUR ORGANISATION**

**HELP SAVE LIVES**

**RED BAG SUPERSTARS**

**FUNDRAISING EVENT 2013**

**CLEAR CLUTTER FOR A CAUSE.**

Our Moonee Ponds West Primary School is participating in the SIDS and Kids NSW and Victoria – Red Bag Superstar Event.

Please collect a Red Donation Bag from the Office which we ask you to fill, plus any additional bags with any unwanted Men’s, Women’s, Children’s Clothing, Curtains, Linen, Shoes, Toys, Books, Bric-a-brac, and any Small Household items as we will be receiving a rebate for the amount of kilos returned for all soft items donated.

The Campaign commences on **05/03/2013** and can you please return your donations by **20/03/2013**.

Please contact the office if you require any additional bags.

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**MPWPS Mini-Market - Friday 22nd March**

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

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Diana Vivian’s daughter, Kate is currently running a [What is the future of our climate?](http://www.ajee.org.au/research/what-is-the-future-of-our-climate) study on attitudes toward climate change, scientists, and emerging environmental technologies as part of her PHD. Regardless of what your attitudes and beliefs are about the above, 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 the survey, so feel free to share it with your family or friends. 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 and your attitudes towards scientists, environmental technologies and climate change.

Where and when?

Simply complete the survey online by clicking [here](http://www.ajee.org.au/research/what-is-the-future-of-our-climate) whenever you can find a spare 15 minutes! Or visit [bitly.com/climatefuture](http://bitly.com/climatefuture) for more information.

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**TERM DATES AND CURRICULUM DAYS FOR 2013**

**TERM 1**

- 28th March - Term 1 Concludes

**TERM 2**

- 15th April—Term 2 Begins
- 20th May—Curriculum Day
- 28th June—Term 2 Concludes

**TERM 3**

- 15th July—Term 3 Begins
- 30th—August Curriculum Day
- 20th September—Term 3 Concludes

**TERM 4**

- 7th October—Term Begins
- 20th December—Term Concludes
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

The only Victorian Government Secondary College
teaching the internationally recognised Inquiry Based
International Baccalaureate for the Middle years*

GIVE YOUR DAUGHTER A HEAD START

298 Barkly Street. Footscray
Phone 9689 4788

* Candidate school

ESSENDON KEILOR COLLEGE...WHERE YOUR EDUCATION MATTERS

Meet our principal and senior team to learn how we:
- help young students to adjust to secondary college
- apply improved approaches to teaching and learning
- help students develop their individual talents
- encourage success and celebrate excellence
- provide relevant courses and career counselling.

To secure a place in 2014, we encourage parents and
students to attend an Open Day and a College Tour.

Join us for our
OPEN DAY
Tuesday 19th March 2013

Day Tours conducted at both campuses at
9:30am, 11:30 am and 1:45 pm
Evening program:
Keilor Campus
Peters Street, Airport West
Tours 6:00 pm
Presentation 7:30 pm
Keilor Campus
Outside Groves, Keilor
Tours 7:00 pm

Principal’s Address 1.30 pm
Guided Tours 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

The Sciences & the Arts - Dual Priorities
High Achiever Discovery Program
Established Quality Multi-Program
Individualised Assessment using environment
Partnerships with Victoria University & RMIT

Strong academic focus
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.
Ph: 8387 1500

Kinnear Street Footscray 3011. Ph 8387 1500 www.footscray.vic.edu.au

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 30TH APRIL 2013
CLASSES BEGIN: 8:15AM DISMISSED: 1:30PM
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD’S ATTENDANCE.

TOURS AVAILABLE TUESDAYS 8:30AM
PLEASE CONTACT THE COLLEGE FOR BOOKINGS.

OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 2ND MAY 2013, 4-7PM

Rosehill Secondary College

Singh Street Niddrie 3042. Ph: 9333 2488 www.rosehill.vic.edu.au

Education weekly
TRANSITION NEWS
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 27\(^{th}\) 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 27\(^{th}\) March, 2013**

Thank you for your support

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**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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COMMUNITY NEWS

YMCA Autumn School Holiday Program

School holidays are just around the corner – have you made plans? YMCA are running a fantastic holiday programs near our school and they want you to be part of the fun and excitement. Activities include: Private Movie Screening of Zambezia, YMCA Skatepark at Riverside, Swimming with Sharks and Rays, Pool Party and Enchanted Maze plus more. You’ll be sure to find something to keep everyone happy – and that includes busy mums and dads!

Book your spot today – visit www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au or call 8371 0500.

AFL FOOTBALL
Gordon Park Reserve, Geelong – April 2 & 3
Bills Street Reserve, Ballarat – April 2 & 3
St Petes College, Melbourne – April 3

NETBALL
Melbourne High School, Melbourne – April 2 & 3

FOOTBALL
St Petes College, Melbourne – April 2 & 3

Hi-level Games, Melbourne – April 3

HOCKEY
St Petes College, Melbourne – April 2 & 3

ASC AUSTRALIAN SPORTS CAMPS COMIAL

APRIL 2 DAY
HOLIDAY SPORTS CLINIC

AFL Footy
Bills Street Reserve, Ballarat – April 2 & 3

Hi-level Games, Melbourne – April 3

HOCKEY
St Petes College, Melbourne – April 2 & 3

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