Principal’s Report

School Council Annual General Meeting 2013

This week we have farewelled a number of the 2012 School Councillors.

I would like to sincerely thank the following councillors for their positive contributions in the governance role of School Council:

Gary Funston

Gary started on School Council in 2005. He has been an active councillor holding the position of School Council President for a number of years. Gary’s skills in finance have helped to ensure that the financial position of MPW is secure. Gary has represented the school at many public events speaking about the educational programs, school values and vision and the importance of parental involvement in obtaining positive results for our students. In an ongoing capacity Gary has attended education committee meetings and with his fine eye for detail has provided many useful comments on school planning documents such as the Strategic Plan. In his role as president Gary worked on the last school review (2010) and brought to his role as president a very clear picture of where the school needs to move to in its continual improvement. Gary has supported the work of the fundraising team over many years, the hosting of the MPW Trivia night in 2010 being a highlight. In his role as president Gary has supported my work with his wise counsel and for this I am grateful.

Peter Janetzki

Peter has been on School Council for three years. He has effectively and efficiently completed the role of Treasurer. He has the wonderful ability of being able to make complicated financial reports accessible to all members of the community. He has overseen the budget process with a clarity that is refreshing. He has ensured very clear links between expenditure and the achievement of the teaching and learning goals. Peter leaves this role with MPW in a very stable financial position.

Kath White

Kath has been the vice president and on a number of occasions has stepped in when the president has been absent. Kath’s flexibility has been appreciated. Her positivity around the schools direction and support of the clear direction identified in the 2010 School Review has been appreciated. Kath leaves school council to take up an active role in the MPW Fundraising team which is great.

Amy Dinsdale

Amy has been on School Council for two years. Amy has shown enthusiasm and passion to her role on Council. She brings a positive perspective to all discussions. Amy is passionate about student voice and has been the junior school council advocate during her term. Amy has been a member of the resources committee and brings a strong educational perspective to all discussion regarding funding as well as being a signatory for all school accounts.

We wish these councillors well in their future endeavours.

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NOTICES FOR PARENTS

- Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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School Council Executive for 2013

I would like to announce and congratulate the 2013 School Council Executive.

President – Paul Girdler
As an existing member of council Paul has a wonderful understanding of the governance role of council. In 2012 he completed the Department of Education and Early Childhood Developments training course for councillors. His approachable manner and astute thinking will greatly assist MPW in future years. Paul has two daughters at MPW.

Vic President – Carlene Wilson
As an existing member of council Carlene Wilson brings a strong desire to future develop the positive profile of MPW to her role. Her great knowledge in policy development and her ability to translate this into plain English to guide our future work has been invaluable. In 2012 Carlene worked on the education committee contributing greatly to raising the profile of music in the school. Carlene has two children at MPW.

Treasurer – Rohan Hawker
As an existing member of council and with experience on the finance committee in 2012 Rohan is enthusiastic about his role as Treasurer. He capably oversees the financial position of the school and was enormously helpful in the development of the 2012 school budget. He has a very clear passion around the importance of the finances of the school supporting the student learning, wellbeing and transitions for now and in our forward planning.

In my role as principal and the executive officer of school council I look forward to working closely with the executive. As a school council we are indeed very fortunate to be so well supported.

(A full School Council report will appear in the next school newsletter)

Importance of being at School

I talk often about the importance of children who are well being at school. Our student wellbeing team, Mandy Jones, Adele Perrottet, Bree White, Ryan Vermeulen and Jenny Irvine are continuing to raise the profile of how important it is to be at school.

I was asked an interesting question the other day? *How many days has your child missed this term?* As a parent I thought seriously about the answer.

0-3 days - This is within normal range. A student with this attendance rate for the term is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them.

4-5 days– This attendance rate is below average. A student with this attendance rate could miss over one half a year of learning from year prep to year 6 if this absence rate continued.

As a principal and parent I find this information extremely interesting. For children to make the most of their opportunities at school they must be here on time as often as possible.

How many days has your child missed this term, an important question worth considering?

Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)

Last night at School Council our 2013 Annual Implementation Plan was endorsed. This one year plan for our school supports our Strategic Plan with details about the key areas of Student Learning, Student Engagement and Wellbeing and Student Pathways and Transitions. The plan sets out what we will focus on as a school in 2013, how we will go about it, who is involved and in what time frame and the achievement milestones. The AIP includes our one year aspirational targets, our 2012 achievements and our Strategic Plan targets. The Professional Learning Teams (PLTS) have worked very hard on developing the plan with involvement from all staff. This document will be available on our schools website and can be downloaded by families.

Planning Week

This week is planning week. This means that the teams across the school plan their student’s learning experiences for the following term. In order to do this each class spends their day with the various specialist teachers. We have been very impressed by the way all classes have adapted to the slightly different day. “It was a different day but a good day” – overhead from a prep student on Monday.

Japan Tour

If are interested in keeping up with the plans for our grade 5 and 6 tour to Japan in the September/October holidays you may like to visit our blog at [http://mpwpsjapantour.edublogs.org/](http://mpwpsjapantour.edublogs.org/)

Pre-Service Teachers

Your child may have come home mentioning another adult working in their classroom. Over the past two weeks we have welcomed 13 pre-service teachers who have begun their placements at MPW. The students are from the Graduate School of the University of Melbourne as well as Victoria University.

New Furniture

This week we took delivery of new furniture for our classrooms. Gone are the old couches and in with the new. The students made decisions on which colours and patterns they liked. There are a few more items to arrive later in the week.

Enjoy the week

Jenny, Helen and Randal
### 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

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### Victorians Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013

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!

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.

Registrations close Monday 25th March. No late submissions will be accepted.


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### Soundhouse

**Overdue Fees:** Around 50 families are still owing Soundhouse fees for term one. This is of great concern as this number represents about 40% of enrolments. If you have not paid your child’s Soundhouse fees, please do so tomorrow so that your child can continue having lessons.

**Curriculum Day and Good Friday:** Children who miss Friday keyboard lessons due to Curriculum Day and Good Friday will not be disadvantaged. There are 11 weeks in Term 2 so this gives Ann Went an opportunity to provide an equal amount of lessons to all children in the Keyboard program.

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### You’re Invited!

**When:** Wednesday 27th March 2013, 9.00am onwards

**Where:** MPW Veggie Patch

**Activities:** Pruning, composting, weeding and feeding the plants.

You and your family members are invited to come and enjoy a busy morning in the veggie patch, helping to prepare it for planting of veggies in term two.

Please BYO gloves

Hope to see you there! Any questions please email obrien.nicole.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

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### Transition Dates

- **Grade 6 Information Evening Tuesday 26th March**
  - 7-8pm

- **Year 7 Secondary School Wednesday 24th April**
  - 4-7pm

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### Open Day

**Tuesday 30th April 2013**

Classes begin: 9:15am Dismissal: 2:30pm

Bookings are essential to ensure your child’s attendance.

**Open Evening**

Thursday 2nd May 2013, 4-7pm

Tours available Tuesdays 8.30am

Please contact the college for bookings.
NEWS FROM: HALL

HALL – 2013
Did you know???

We are beginning to re-develop the Veggie Patch as part of the Hall Program!

Students are given the opportunity to use the iPads to take photographs of their peers during learning and then share their observations as part of our share reflection!

We have brand new clipboards to record our designs, plans and ideas on, at each of the different learning areas!
We are developing word walls for each of the learning areas we work in and using these words throughout our recording!

The Post Office is now open and we have our own MPW postage stamps for the mail!

Just this week, we’ve had four new parents join in and help us with Sand Play, Painting, Play dough and learning activities at the Writing Table!

We each have a Hall Journal where we reflect on our learning and paste samples of our work!

We have recycled over 10, 55litre tubs of boxes for our construction designs! Thank you all for your donations ☺
The Puppet Theatre is in need of painting – the students would love to have your help in accomplishing this task!

We have a play dough roster where families donate play dough each fortnight. So far we have had bright green, bright pink, yellow with gold glitter and fluorescent orange!

We would love to have your help in Hall.
Come over and see Nicole if you’re keen to help in Term 2.

NEXT WEEK—ROOM 1& 2
MPWPS

MINI-MARKET

This Friday!
22\textsuperscript{nd} March

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Small Adventure Playground Area

Handmade clothing, jewellery, accessories, shoulder massages and more!

Stalls are cash only so please come prepared.

Stall holders make a donation to the school. Mini-market will be postponed to next term if there is poor weather.
COMMUNITY NEWS

NAB AFL Auskick is the AFL’s key introductory program for primary school aged boys & girls (Kinda/Prep from age 5 to Grade 6) and their families. Run by volunteers, our weekly coaching program allows children to enjoy learning the skills of AFL Football in a structured, friendly, fun, and safe environment. Details of the Essendon & St. Monica’s Auskick Centres are as follows: Essendon at Aberfeldie Park (on the Maribyrnong River near Poynton’s) on Saturday mornings, and St Monica’s at Walter St. Reserve, Ascot Vale on Saturday mornings. The 2013 season is about to get underway and it would be great if you can join us.

Registrations for 2013 Season
Registration and Payment need to be completed online this year
Log on to www.aflauskick.com.au, put in your postcode, scroll down the centre locator, choose your preferred Auskick Centre and complete registration details, this will create an invoice which you can then pay by credit or debit card.
Details of collection of Packs before the first sessions will be forwarded after registration
First Auskick Sessions:
Essendon – Saturday April 27th from 9am
St Monica’s – Saturday April 20th from 9am
Cost: St. Monica’s $70 per child, Essendon $65 per child, which includes a great benefits pack
All those who register and pay online by 15th April will receive the NAB AFL Club Connect offer which includes entry for 2 Adults & 2 Children to an AFL match of your club of support during the 2013 season.

Please contact Brett Joyce for St Monica’s on 0414 977 390 or Tony Fisher for Essendon on 9413 2194 if you require any further information.

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