Principal’s Report

A very warm welcome back to Term 2 I hope that you enjoyed a restful break and have recharged your batteries for what will be a very exciting term of learning and opportunity for both the students and families.

Secondary School Expo – Wednesday 24th April 4.00-7.00pm at Moonee Ponds

West Primary

We do have the Secondary School Expo coming up next week. This is another great opportunity provided by the school to support Transition. Many of the secondary schools our children go to spend a number of hours at MPW. They are very happy to speak with families about what their secondary school can offer and the unique features of their school. Usually there are secondary students in attendance and printed information about each school. All families and students are very welcome. Many MPW families from all levels within the school have found it helpful to attend the expo with their children, browse through the stalls and speak with the staff and students from the secondary colleges and start the very important conversation with their own children around the selection of a secondary college. I look forward to seeing you in the School Gym on the 24th April between 4.00 and 7.00pm for this exciting event.

eLearning

This week saw our first staff professional development session with Andrew Del Mastro. Andrew is working with our school on increasing the use of ICTs to support teaching and learning in our school. This includes use of our MacBooks, Netbooks and iPads. We have a number of sessions planned over the year. Part of this involvement includes Andrew working in four classrooms over four sessions. We look forward to keeping you up to date with the exciting work which will occur over the year.

‘Reading Bug’

How exciting to hear some great reading during the week. It was my great pleasure to enjoy stories with students’ from Jenny Irvine’s class, Danyal Unal and Qindesa Adem. Danyal’s book about pirates was such fun and Danyal’s ability to answer those inferential questions that often involve reading between the lines very impressive. Inferential questions ask the reader to draw a conclusion from facts or something implied in the story. They start with a fact or evidence, and then use reasoning (such as predicting) to draw a conclusion.

Examples include:

- What do you think will happen next in the story?
- Why or why not will the character’s plan work?
- Did the main character like or dislike _____?
- What do you think the character will do next?

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NOTICES FOR PARENTS

Welcome back

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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In Quindesa’s book about playing he fluently read many of the high frequency words such as on and in. This automatic recognition of these often used words allows the reader to move through the text and enjoy what they are reading. The reader becomes more fluent and has to expend less energy and time decoding common words. This extra effort can then be put into the understanding and enjoyment of the story.

It was fantastic to have both home reading folders at school, with the recording of books the students have read completed and to see the excitement of both boys as they selected their next books from the classroom library. We are very fortunate to have such well stocked classroom libraries, another wonderful example of our school levies at work.

Congratulations to both boys, Danyal and Qindesa.

School Levies

Many thanks to those families that have completed payment of their essential & voluntary school levies. School levies were due by 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 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.

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.

If families who have monies outstanding could finalise these payment at their earliest convenience or contact the school for further support that would be appreciated.

Enjoy the week.

Jenny, Helen and Randal

Open Day at The University High School on May 1st 2013

We are running two Open Day sessions. Session 1: 2pm-3pm and Session 2: 7pm-8pm. Please only attend one session. There is no need to book for either session 1 or 2.
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENTING COURSE

A three-session program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old
is being held at Essendon North Primary School on Keilor Rd, North Essendon on 10th, 17th and 24th of May 2013 at 9.15am-11.45am

Learn:
✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
✓ How to sort behaviour
✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Registration Fee?
The course is free to parents of children whom attend State Government schools in the Moonee Valley Network. A $2 donation is requested for refreshments.

Register for this course contacting Margo Edgar or Kate Barlette, Assistant Principals at Essendon North Primary School on 9379 3979 or Melissa Di Pietro, psychologist (Student Support Services) on 9376 3876.

What people are saying?
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realised quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.

Who’s running it?
Melissa Di Pietro (Psychologist) who completed the Parentshop® 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching on 30th March 2011. Melissa has experience working in schools, providing services supporting both the children and their families.

Emelie Barringer (Psychologist) and Melissa Di Pietro (Psychologist) both have experience working in schools, providing services supporting children and their families.

For more information contact
Melissa Di Pietro or Emelie Barringer (Psychologists–Student Support Services) on 9376 3876

• An end to the arguing and yelling!  • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au
WINTER TUNICS &/OR SKIRTS

We are currently looking to place an order with our supplier for Winter Tunics and Skirts. Due to the cost of these items we do not keep stocks on hand. If you are interested in purchasing these items could you please complete the order form below and return with payment to the office as soon as possible but no later than the 17th May 2013.

Lyn Harrison
OFFICE

WINTER TUNIC &/OR SKIRT ORDER

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Once the orders are completed you will be contacted to either pick up from the office or you can make arrangements for the order to be sent home with your child.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

YES IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN ANDAREN’T WE ALL EXCITED!!!! COME AND BUY THAT SPECIAL PRESENT FOR MUM ON FRIDAY 10TH MAY. PRESENTS WILL RANGE FROM $1.00 UP TO $10.00 WRAPPING PAPER AND CARDS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR $1 EACH. ALSO IF ANY PREP PARENTS ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT ON THE DAY PLEASE CONTACT NARELLE on either 93727884 / 0409964320 or rellsy@live.com

FEES/LEVIES PAYMENT

The Office has received a cheque payment for fees for the amount of $300 in the name of Easy Street Investments without a family name attached. Could you please advise the Office if this cheque relates to your family so we may process this payment.
Students in room 3 have been exploring patterns with shapes and colours!

We've been focusing on the names of shapes and colours, repetition and rotation. Check out their great work!

THE BUZZ ON ROOM 3
Patterns with shapes and colours
COMMUNITY NEWS

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013 AND IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME
In June-July students from over 20 countries around the world will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

SAXOPHONE LESSONS
I teach beginner-intermediate Saxophone lessons in jazz and classical styles. I am studying saxophone at Monash University (2nd year). I’ve attended the Juilliard Winter Jazz School in 2010 and 2011 as well as mentoring in 2012. I have completed up to grade 7 AMEB and grade 5 ABRSM. I am also happy to teach theory.

My house is walking distance from Moonee Ponds West Rates:
45 Minutes - $30
1 Hour - $40
Email me at hollyfomoore@gmail.com or call me on 0439674145 if you are interested - Holly Moore

Chess Coaching

Have fun learning Chess!!
Where: New Performance Space
When: Monday’s 3.30pm – 4.20pm 22nd April - 17th June 2013
Cost: $85 Cash/Cheque - per child.
$65 for 2nd Sibling
Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, team work, analytical skills.

We cater for all skill levels! Each week different lessons are taught & games are played. A trophy is awarded to the “Best & Fairest” player, and a Silver badge to 2nd place and a Bronze badge to 3rd place at the end of term. To enrol your child please make payment of $85 by Monday 22nd April.

For more info contact Phil on 0421 901 530
PLEASE PAY PHIL DIRECTLY AT 1ST CHESS LESSON.

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Child’s Full Name: _______________________
Email: ________________________________
School: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Payment Due: Monday 22nd April 2013
$85 cash: $85 cheque:

Tullamarine football club under 12s are looking for players to join our club and if they sign up before April 30 they don’t need to pay registration fees. If they want to know more go to www.tullamarinefc.org.au and find the President or Coaches phone numbers on the website. Training is on Wednesdays and Fridays from 5pm to 6pm and the ground is located on Spring Street Tullamarine.