Principal’s Report
Terri Campbell - Literacy Consultant
Out literacy consultant Terri Campbell has returned to Moonee Ponds West PS this term. She will be working in the Prep/1 area of the school with teachers and students. Terri will continue her work around the ‘6 traits of writing’ - Ideas, Organisation, Voice, Conventions, Sentence Fluency and Word Choice through modelling in classrooms and setting tasks for teachers to work on between visits. Terri will also facilitate a staff meeting for all staff this term. The English Professional Learning Team continues to work hard on developing a Scope and Sequence in Spelling and will utilise Terri’s expertise to assist with developing this important document for our school.

Education Sub-committee
Last week Education Sub-Committee met. There was discussion about the work that Education Committee will complete this year aligned to the key strategies and projects set out in Strategic Plan. Four working parties were formed for 2013. A policy working party will be established to review existing polices and determine policy that needs to be in place. This group will be led by Helen Thomas. A community partnerships working party will be formed to look at ways to increase the engagement between home and school. This will be led by Randal Symons and Nicole O’Brien. Another working party will look at the plan for the 2014 school self-evaluation process and the consultation required with the school community. Jenny Crowle will lead the work of this working party. Following on from an agenda item at School Council a final working party will consider the DEECD guidelines on the required review of the school uniform policy. A review of uniform usually happens in school communities every few years in consultation with staff, parents and other community members.

All interested community members are welcome to be involved in the working parties and should email thomas.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au for more information.

Assessment and Reporting Curriculum Day – Monday 20th May 2013
Next Monday classroom and specialists teachers will spend the curriculum day working on assessment and reporting tasks. Assessment and reporting to parents occurs formally mid-year and end of year. Teachers conduct a range of assessments both formally and informally across the school year. This year our MPW Assessment Schedule is being implemented across the school with some new tools being trialled. Assessment has been a focus of our current Strategic Plan and is a crucial component of the teaching, learning and planning for students. It is vital that we use a range of data sources to plan what is the next developmentally appropriate step for each student and to carefully track student growth.

Due to camps taking place in the final two weeks of this term the parent, teacher, and child conferences will take place in Week 2 of Term 3, with the late night for appointments to be set aside for Tuesday 23rd July. The reports and portfolios will be sent home to families on Tuesday 16th July.

Principal’s Report continues over the page.
MPWP 2013 MAJOR FUNDRAISER

Saturday 15th June

Pizza & Trivia Night

The trivia company is booked.
The pizzas are organised.
Donations are coming in for auctions and prizes.

SO PLEASE BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW!

Venue: The school gym (We have heaters!)
Time: 7pm
Ticket price: $20 (cash, eftpos or cheque at the office). Buy individual tickets or tables of 10 are available.
What do you get? A fabulous night to enjoy with friends. Pizza for dinner, and other nibbles. Water will be available for purchase. BYO alcohol.
Donations: Can your company donate any goods, services or vouchers for auctions or prizes? Any donation big or small would be greatly appreciated. If you require a letter from the school please contact one of us.

Thanks from your fundraising committee.....
Karen Korff 0417 362 278, Michelle Currie 0417 583 075, Lawana Coulson 0438 947 040, Kath White 0434 191 311 and Shirley Stephens

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Principal’s Report continued..

Moonee Ponds West Primary Website
If you have visited our school’s website in the last couple of days you will have noticed we have changed the organisation of the headings and information contained beneath each one. We believe it is in a more logical order enabling access to the information more efficiently. If you have any ideas for information that could be added to our site which would be useful to our community please let us know. We are always looking to improve.

iPads
MPW is fortunate to have a number of iPads in our school – assisting in maximising the learning opportunities for our students. On a fairly regular basis the iPads need updating and general tidying up. Although it is not a difficult job it does take time. If you would be able to assist please let Randal (Symons.randal.j@edumail.vic.gov.au) know. Please note that you don’t require any particular skills, we have ‘How to Sheets’ which explain each step – with pictures.

ANZAC DAY
Although it was a few weeks ago we would like to acknowledge Heather from Room 9 and 10 who represented the Moonee Valley District Girl Guides and MPW at the Moonee Valley’s ANZAC Day service. Well done Heather.

Enjoy the week.
Jenny, Randal and Helen

Ps. Hope you are brushing up on your trivia skills for the upcoming trivia night in June. The trivia night is a major fundraiser for MPW as well as great fun and a wonderful community event. If you haven’t already booked your table please do as it is not that far away.
“Biggest Morning Tea”
Thursday 23rd May
9.15 Community Room

Sadly, as in the general community, many families in the Moonee Ponds West Primary School community have been affected by cancer in one way or another. All families and staff who are free at the time are invited to the “Biggest Morning Tea” which aims to raise funds for cancer research by the Victoria Cancer Council. This year we are delighted to have comedian Kate Hanley as our special guest. And although cancer is certainly not funny, she will help us see the lighter side of life.

Please come along, “make a cuppa and make a difference”

Communication Workshop
Would you like to know more about engaging with your children through effective communication?

Christine Clancy is a parent of Charlotte in year 2 and Riley in Prep, and is a class representative for both classes at MPW.

Christine also runs Professional Alignment Workshops where she provides coaching, working with everyone from Olympic athletes to corporate professionals. Christine uses her mind-body expertise with her training, consulting, and coaching experience across many different fields, including the NMIT, the Leukemia Foundation, Rowing Victoria and public workshops. She has also been the Managing Director for the non profit organization, Breathe for Brain Injury, as well as being on the board for Blinkcorp, supporting women in business.

We are very fortunate that Christine will be running her very popular workshops at Moonee Ponds West, offering you the opportunity to improve your communication skills!

About the Workshops

Everyday we engage with people and model communication to our children through interactions on the phone, online and in person. We spend time encouraging our children to express their feelings and thoughts clearly and easily, because we know that part of being happy in life is being able to relate to people on many levels.

Sadly, many adults struggle with an inability to communicate effectively, which stops them moving forward in their careers and in social and personal relationships.

By learning to communicate more openly and freely yourself, you can be happier, healthier, and more successful because great communication brings more discussion and creativity in ideas, helps to avoid or correct problems quicker, and clears up misunderstandings so people are happier and more productive. In turn, the great communication skills that you learn and model to your children will also help them to be more successful and happy in their relationships and lives.

By attending Christine’s workshops, you will have the opportunity to:

- learn how to thoughtfully communicate,
- choose words to your advantage
- learn about new perspectives on the behaviour and communication of others
- learn how to communicate in order to reach your goals

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COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP – please return to the office

I will be attending the Communication Workshop with Christine Clancy on Friday 31st May 9.30am in the Community Room OR Wednesday 5th June 7.30pm in the Community Room (please circle which one).
Name: ___________________________________________
Child’s Name: ___________________________________
**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY DAY**

ARTHUR REED PHOTOS WILL BE AT SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 21st May, 2013.

On Tuesday (21 May) the School Photographs order form went home via your child/ren for your completion; please return the completed form along with payment on **PHOTO DAY—TUESDAY 21 May, 2013**.

PLEASE ENSURE:
- form is completed
- exact money—cash, cheque or credit card is enclosed
- return order form on **PHOTO DAY**

Family photo order forms are available from the office. AND remember bring those smiles

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**News from the Environment Committee**

The days are getting shorter and the nights colder – it’s a great time for getting the garden ready for spring! Nicole O’Brien in Hall is coordinating parents, families and children in working in the Vegie Patch and our willing volunteers have already cleared out weeds, planted some new trees, plants and signs, and kick-started the compost program around the school. If you are keen to get involved but need to find out what’s going on, please let the office know and we will add you to a mailing list for updates on what’s happening.

The Green Team are meeting fortnightly at lunchtime to work on the school environment, including activities such as helping in the Vegie Patch, decorating compost bins and ‘yarn-bombing’ some of the trees around Jack’s Paddock.

Finally, a date for the diary is 23rd June – one of our regular Sunday working bees will be held on this day. Come down from 10 am for a couple of hours of beautification of the school grounds. See you there!
As part of our Sport Education Program we have invited special coaches from SEDA to come to MPW on Friday mornings to work with some Gr 5/6 students. The students selected Hockey as the sport they would like to participate in for this term. The SEDA (Sport Education Development Australia) coaches will help develop skills and assist the teams in a S.E.P.E.P Intra school round robin.

Who are SEDA?
SEDA Sports programs provide students with the opportunity to develop industry specific skills in an applied learning environment. A focus of the program is to provide students with life skills to ensure they make positive contributions to the wider community whilst forging exciting pathways for the future (www.sedagroup.com.au)

What is S.E.P.E.P?
SEPEP is a student centred program in which mixed ability groups teams are formed at the start of the season. Students and teachers work collaboratively in; Planning, Managing, Selecting teams, Coaching teams, Organizing fixtures, Umpiring games, Scoring, Recording, reporting results, Coordinating finals competitions.
The SEPEP program is characterised by the following:
• The program runs for a season and duplicates a community season of sport;
• Students demonstrate ownership of and responsibility for the implementation of the season;
• Students plan and implement a formal competition with a culminating event;
• Students publish results and write reports;
• The teacher acts as a facilitator rather that the leader assists students where needed to implement the program.
(ACHPER Victorian Branch, 2008)
COMMUNITY NEWS

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Footscray City Gymnastics Club Family Fun Day & Disco
Saturday 18th May
Family Fun Day—3pm—6pm $10 per person or family ticket $35 (2 adults and up to 3 children)
Disco - 6:30pm—8:30pm $5 per person
Bungee run, giant angry birds game, jumping castle, human snakes and ladders game, wet sponge throw, paper plane competition, obstacle courses, colouring competition, races, competitions and loads of family fun and prizes to be won
Come along for a great afternoon of family fun or drop the kids off at the disco for a couple of hours
Entry tickets can be pre purchased at the club before the day or purchased on the day
Non members welcome