Principal’s Report

Victorian State Schools Spectacular

Last Wednesday 27 students from our choir attended the first rehearsal at Dallas Brooks Hall for the Victorian State Schools Spectacular one of the largest performing arts events in Australia. It is a professionally staged production performed annually to an audience of over 10,000 people.

The very talented Trevor Jones a well-known Melbourne based music teacher is the conductor of the mass choir. He led 1200 students though Part 1 and 2 of the show. Trevor has worked in a number of schools in Melbourne as a music teacher and is known for his work in music theatre and for working with the likes of music industry great John Farnham.

The children performed really well in what was a very long day of singing. The students participated with real enthusiasm and genuine excitement for what lies ahead.

The Spectacular includes a cast of almost 3,000 Victorian government school students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. Its dual aim is to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to Victoria’s government school students and to showcase the enormous talent that exists in our schools. This all comes together in a 2-3 hour scripted show that celebrates a diversity of performance mediums, including choir, dance, vocal, drama, and orchestra.

Students who participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular are provided with a unique opportunity to work with internationally renowned industry professionals across all disciplines, as well as the amazing experience of performing live in front of thousands of people.

Thank you to Kate Ridgeway our very talented choir leader for all her work with the students in preparing them for the show. Thank you also to Melissa Lofts and Chris Brock who assist and support Kate in her work with the choir.

The 2013 Victorian State Schools Spectacular will be on Saturday 27th July at Hisense Arena. The shows are at 11am and 5pm.

Parent Forum - Christine Clancy

Thanks to Christine, parent to Charlotte and Riley, who ran a parent information session on Communication. Christine outlined various aspect which impact on communication with the 20 participants. Christine will be running a repeat of the session on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. In the Staff Conference Room (next to the Staffroom). Christine’s motto is ‘be curious about their world, don’t make them wrong’.

Noticeboard

Last week a new notice board was installed on the Administrative Building. If you have any notices you would like added please see our office staff.

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Absences
As a way of assisting parents to notify MPW of a student absence we have added a link on the top of our school’s website. Simply click on the link, fill in the details and submit the information. This will send an email to our office which will be passed on to your child’s teacher. For periods of a week or more a letter to Jenny notifying us of this extended period is required.

Other communication
At present we have 220 people who have subscribed to receive email alerts to receive reminders about our newsletter. We are looking to increase the potential of this service and ask that all people, if you haven’t yet can subscribe. The link is on the front of our school’s website - http://www.mooneewestps.vic.edu.au/
We have a number of communication tools one of which is Facebook. You might be interested in seeing some of the user groups which includes information on the age range, location etc. At present we have 128 people who ‘Like’ us.

eLearning
Today we welcomed Andrew Del Mastro back to MPW. Andrew worked with 7 classes throughout the day. These included students in Rooms 9 + 10, 11 + 12, 19, 13 and 21 (during a Japanese Lesson). The students were involved in a number of tasks, two of which included the App ‘Explain Everything’ and ‘Skype’ where we’ll be setting up a cross Tasman relationship with a school in New Zealand. We look forward to sharing the learning which occurs as the year progresses.

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Head Lice

Head Lice continues to cause concern and frustration for parents, teachers and students. Whilst parents have the main responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice, our school community will work together in a co-operative manner to assist all families to manage head lice effectively.

It has been brought to our attention that some students are attending school with untreated head lice. If families could please inspect all household members and treat if necessary. It is helpful if students with long hair have their hair tied back. If families detect head lice it would be appreciated if they could notify parents/guardians of their child’s friends so that they have an early opportunity to detect and treat. I would encourage all families to act responsibly and respectfully when dealing with members of the school and broader community around the issue of head lice.

Enjoy the week,
Jenny, Helen and Randal

School Council Report

School Council met on Monday 27th of May and the Agenda included a wide range of topics.

- The JSC submitted a report detailing new “trading rules” for such things as football cards. These are to be displayed in poster form in each classroom.
- In the Principal’s report Jenny spoke of the professional learning (re; the strategic plan) undertaken on the recent Curriculum day. The Grade 3/4 camps will take place from the 17th of June at Sunnystones. The Dax (Art) program continues with a symposium on June 13th. The student transitions from Years 6 to 7 continue. The secondary school expo held in the gym on April 24th was well attended Thank you to Di Woodburn for coordinating the Expo and the Year 6 to 7 transition.
- Helen Thomas discussed literacy and numeracy and the planning for the professional learning sessions in relation to the new Australian Curriculum. A letter outlining the changes to the curriculum will be sent home and how it will impact on the reporting process. The Parent/teacher interviews times have been changed to the week beginning 22nd of July in order to accommodate the Grade 3/4 camps.
- Randal spoke about eLearning and the proposed upgrade of the school’s wireless network. The Acceptable Use document covering computer/mobile phone use at school is now complete and implementation is to follow.
- The Resource Committee report included seeking council approval to replace the main server. BPay will be introduced as another option for families to pay accounts. An application for a Crime Prevention safety grant for a new bike shelter has been submitted.
- Helen Thomas reported on the last Education Committee meeting regarding the upcoming 3/4 camp, Japan tour and the new education working parties.
- The Parent Forum reported on the healthy lunches, Walk and Talks and the Bastow course.
- The Environment committee reported on the work being done in the vegie patch and thanked the families who donated the plants and trees. The Green Team has helped with the planting.
- The council moved to endorse the School Council Induction program for the new members.
- Consultation will begin in June for the DEECD required Concerns and Complaints Policy.
- Randal presented an update on the Japan tour scheduled for the September holidays and outlined the itinerary, documentation, insurance and risk management.
- Paul Girdler discussed community input and ideas of how the school can successfully consult with the whole community.
- An update on the new pedestrian crossings was provided with funding being reviewed by Vic Roads. Both crossings are expected to be operational in term 3 and new parking restrictions will apply around them.
- Jenny provided an overview “Towards Victoria as a Learning Community”. Minister Dixon recently released the State Governments position paper, which sets out School based reforms that will be pursued to bring about continued improvement in Victorian Schools.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 24th June at 7.30pm.

Paul Langley
School Councillor
A Message From the **Green Team**  
Written by: Harriet and Grace

**GUESS WHAT MPW?!**

“People waste around $5.3 BILLION worth of food every year!” - Bella, Room 7

“I think that it is very bad that lots of people waste food, it should stop!” - Nora, Room 13

“Wasting food is wrong and it should stop.” - Grace, Room 13

How ridiculous is this?? Are YOU going to help stop this?  
If so, there are 3 steps you must follow:  
**THINK**  
**EAT**  
**SAVE!**

And our school and community will be fantasmigorical!

On the 5th of June, people around the world celebrate World Environment Day. This year, the theme is ‘Think. Eat. Save.’, reminding us that while we sometimes waste our food and leftovers, there are millions of people worldwide who suffer from hunger. This message isn’t one just to remember on this special day, but every day.

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**Soundhouse**

There will be no SAP lessons this week as Vernice will be in Canberra for her daughter’s wedding. Due to the assembly performance, children are up to date with the number of SAP lessons for this term.  
**Fees:** Some families still owe fees for Term 2. Please make sure your fees are up-to-date.

**Lost Property**

Is your child missing any property?  
The Lost Property which is stored over in the breezeway adjacent to Room 7 and 8 is overflowing. Could you please encourage your child to have a look through the lost property if you are missing any items. At the end of Term 2 unclaimed items ill be donated to charity.

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**SCHOOL BANKING!!!**

**THERE’S STILL TIME FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A $5,000 FAMILY ADVENTURE HOLIDAY!**

There are still 4 weeks left for you to be part of this amazing competition. All you need to do is bank at least 3 times during Term 2 here at school and you will automatically be entered into the draw.  
**First prize:** $5,000 family holiday to anywhere in Australia with $500 spending money and $5,000 cash for your school.  
**25 Runner Up prizes** are also up for grabs. These kid’s adventure packs valued at over $700 include a Wii U, Razor eSpark electric scooter, walkie talkies, night vision goggles and an underwater digital camera.  
**BANKING DAY IS EVERY THURSDAY**
TRIVIA NIGHT - 10 days to go!

Table bookings are sold out, but there are still a few spare seats. Details are at the office.

A few quick reminders for the trivia night:
7pm, Saturday 15th June, school gym
BYO drinks
You don't need to bring any food. A selection of CRUST pizzas and other nibbles is included in the ticket price.
We have great prizes and auction items up for grabs
COMMUNITY NEWS

School Holiday Program – Winter 2013
Are you looking for quality holiday fun to keep your children busy and happy these winter school holidays? YMCA centres at Strathmore, Niddrie and Moonee Ponds are offering heaps of exciting activities, including Circus Skylarks, Kids in the Kitchen and outings to a private movie screening, ice skating and more! Bookings are now open, don’t miss out! For full details and to book, visit: www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au.

"Lost Friday morning: Star Wild AFL Football Card SW-04 Scott Pendlebury Collingwood. Treasured card. Return would be very appreciated. Email trishc.trishc@gmail.com"

MPTC Tournament 2013
proudly sponsored by Nelson Alexander

1st July - 3rd July

Events
Boy’s 9 & under Round Robin, Girls 9 & under Round Robin,
Boy’s 10 & under Round Robin, Girls 10 & under Round Robin,
Boy’s 10 & under Doubles, Girls 10 & under Doubles,
Boy’s 12 & under Singles, Boy’s 12 & under Doubles,
Girl’s 12 & under Singles, Girls 12 & under Doubles,
Boy’s 14 & under Singles, Boys 14 & under Doubles,
Girl’s 14 & under Singles, Girls 14 & under Doubles,
Boy’s 16 & under Singles, Boys 16 & under Doubles,
Girl’s 16 & under Singles, Girls 16 & under Doubles

Online entry: tournament.mptc.com.au
Entry open: Monday 20 May 2013 12:00 AM (GMT +11:00)
Entry closes: 20 May 2013 11:59 PM (GMT +11:00)
Entry deadline: Wednesday 26 June 2013 11:59 PM (GMT +10:00)
Withdrawal deadline: Wednesday 26 June 2013 11:59 PM (GMT +10:00)

Tournament contact:
John: 0419147830
Email: armstrong.helen@hotmail.com
If required hard copy of entry form please
Email: armstrong.helen@hotmail.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MelbournParkTennisClub

A special invitation for:
All Children aged 6-7 years old!

To join my friends and me for some cool Scouting stuff!

Invitation From: 15th Essendon Sea Scouts
When: Thursday 6th of June 5:45pm
Where: Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale (on the river)
My Leader: Kylie Hanley 0411 507 005

15th Essendon Joey Scouts are looking for new members to join our group. All children aged 6 to 7½ are welcome to try Joey Scouts

Come and see things go pop, whoosh and Bang

be prepared... for new adventure!