Principals Report
Welcome back
We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. The students were very excited arriving on Monday morning to see their friends and teachers and share stories of things they did over the break. We look forward to everyone having a productive and hardworking semester. The new goals students write are linked to the next step in their learning based on the learning evidence collected, feedback from the staff to the students and the student’s self-reflection will be considered in the focus of the learning.

School Crossing Update
As you will see the school crossings in both Athol and Eglinton Streets are now operational. The crossings will be staffed from 8.15 until 9.00 and from 3.15 until 4.00pm. It is important that the school community supports the use of these crossings and we encourage all families to cross the road there and not in other places. New parking restrictions are now operating around these crossings and we ask that you familiarise yourself with the new signage. The Moonee Valley Council Officers will be enforcing these new parking arrangements. A notice prepared by Moonee Valley City Council about the school crossings will be going home to all families this week with further information. I would appreciate all families going through this information about how to use the crossing safely with their children.

I would like to thank School Council for working on this great initiative to keep our students safe with a particular thank you for her ongoing work to Councillor Amanda Lecaude.

Enrolments for 2014
If you have a child starting Prep in 2014, please ensure enrolment forms are dropped off at the office as soon as possible to ensure a place.

Reporting
Yesterday the individual student reports and portfolios were sent home to all families. A note regarding the changes to our reporting process and the introduction of the Australian Curriculum (known as AusVELS in Victoria) was attached to the report. Over the coming months more information will be made available to families about the AusVELS. If you have any questions in regards to these changes please don’t hesitate to ask. Next week the Parent Teacher Child Conferences will take place with the late night being on Tuesday 23rd July. Teachers will confirm the times with each family in the next day or so.

Education Subcommittee
All final feedback on our MPW Healthy Eating Policy is required by 19th July. Hard copies can be collected at the office or downloaded from our website. Please forward to Helen Thomas or Sheenagh Callahan. The School Uniform working party will meet on Monday 29th July at 6.30pm in the Administration block. On the same evening the Policy working party will meet at 7pm.

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Principal’s Report continued...
All members of our school community are welcome to attend these meetings. Please let Helen Thomas know if you are interested and the relevant paper work can be forwarded to you ahead of time.

Memory Maestros - Working memory study
It is now 12 months since a number of our students were involved in the Memory Maestros project. Melbourne University will be back at MPW next week to conduct the 12 month longitudinal assessment. The aim of the program is to evaluate the use of a computerised program to assist in the development of working memory. To recap working memory is the ability to hold and use information just long enough to do a task, like remembering a phone number until you have dialled it. Working memory varies between children. All families involved in the program would have received a letter from the university. Any questions please contact Jenny Crowle.

Head Lice
As Term 3 begins just a reminder to regularly check your child’s hair for head lice. As per our MPW Head Lice Policy please alert your child’s teacher if you have treated your child’s hair. A standard note is then sent to that grade to alert parents to specifically check the hair. Children do not attend school with untreated head lice in accordance with the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009. The full policy can be found at: http://mooneewestps.vic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded_files/media/final_headlice_policy_mpwps_2012.pdf

Bree White
Congratulations to our very talented PE teacher Bree White who recently starred in the first ever Women’s AFL demonstration game prior to the Melbourne versus Western Bulldogs football game on 29th June. Bree played a great game and helped the Demons to win wearing no. 23 on her jumper. The women must have inspired the Senior Men’s team to win that day also! If you were lucky enough to hear Bree on ABC radio (interviewed a week or so before the MCG game) you would have heard her speak so well and she even sent ‘a shout out’ to all of us at MPWPS. A week or so prior to the MCG event, Bree travelled to Cairns to represent Victoria in the Australian Women’s AFL Championships. Well done on such great achievements Bree. We are all very proud of you.

iPADS and $1000 grant from ExxonMobil Australia
We thought you may be interested in reading an article which was recently published on MPW successful ExxonMobil grant. http://www.exxonmobil.com.au/Australia-English/PA/Files/publication_mcn_vipmooneepondswest.pdf
School Council Report

On Monday 24th June 2013, the MPW School Council met in our staff room.

- The evening commenced with a report by the Junior School Council representatives Mia O’Callaghan and Taylah Stemmer who spoke about the activities of JSC this month including: Pyjama day, Bell music, the Disco and Soundhouse music performances. The girls answered a number of questions from council members about the representation of JSC in the school with thoughtfulness and relevant details. The members were impressed by their calm, articulate and confident presentation.

- The Principal’s report section on Student Learning focused on the work the school is undertaking in developing scope and sequence plans for both spelling and mathematics in line with AusVels and the work that has commenced with Andrew Del Mastro in eLearning. In the section, Breadth and Depth programs, plans are well underway for the upcoming Japanese trip and the camping program has commenced successfully with 3 camps running over the last weeks of Term 2.

- The Annual Report details the school’s academic and financial achievements during 2012. The report will be posted on the schools website with hard copies also being available from the office.

- Regular reports were presented from Resources, Education, Environment and Parent Forum.

- It is noted that School Council members will attend a presentation on the role and functioning of school councils on the 22nd July to support the induction of new members.

Sheenagh Callahan
School Councillor

Apple Airport A1143 + 1408
Over the holidays we upgraded our WiFi network. As a result we have a number of Apple Airport Extreme Wireless Base Station Models A1143 and A1408 available for purchase at $40.00. If you would be interested email Randal at symons.randal.j@edumail.vic.gov.au if you would like to secure a device.

Education Maintenance Allowance

Instalment Two

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the ‘direct deposit’ or ‘pay direct to school’ payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 2 August 2013. Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifesatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for an application form and further information.
5’s News!
Room Five had a very exciting Term Two! We were busy learning about Space and discovered all sorts of amazing information. We also worked hard developing our number skills, read and discussed lots of beautiful stories. We continued to work on our writing and would like to share a small sample of writing with you.

**My Lego Alive 2. Written by Rueben Rees.**
One night everything was extremely quiet! But let’s not wake up Rueben, I heard someone say. So let’s get back to work. In the morning “Noooooo My Lego is gone!” I screamed. Dada and Mum tried to cheer Rueben up. But it was no use. Dad tried to make Rueben laugh by saying, “Maybe your Lego flew out the window”. “It isn’t helping Dad!” Reuben said.
The next night something was very strange. He’s room was Lego Land! In the morning Rueben was astonished. “WOW, my room is amazing!” he shouted. He shouted “Mum and Dad over here. He called his sister as well.” They were amazed and the next night his Lego came back.

**Alien Schools. Written by Lila**
At Alien schools there are 10 508 aliens. But that school was no longer allowed to be on planet earth, so they had to go a long way away, a far way away, a deep dark way away to Neptune. They were to never return again. Oh wait, yes, I remember there is on certain alien… (This story is not yet finished. Lila has carefully chosen her words to add interest to her story)

**My Brother. Written by Kara Perilli**
My brother is amazing.
My brother is wiggling.
My brother is funny.
My brother is GIGGLING!

**Mr Forgetting. Written by Aiden Nuredini**
Mr forgetting forgets everything. He even forgets to go to work. When he was little he forgot to go to school! He forgot all of his words and forgot to have fun and play.

Dear Pop,
I like the weather on Mercury. I am hot, I’m flying to Venus. I’m going to have fun on the spaceship.
Love Brodie Parkhill

Dear Mum, Dad and Jack
I am having a great time on Venus. It is very hot. It is the second planet from the sun. Here is a picture of Venus. I hope you like the look of it.
Love May Lopez.

Dear Joel,
I’m at Jupiter. I’m having a great time at Jupiter. I have an oxygen bag so I can breathe. Without oxygen I couldn’t breathe.
Love Ava-Rose

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FREE Try Out Lesson
Saturday 20th July
Monday 22nd July

A modified INDOOR TENNIS program
for 4 - 7 year olds

MODIFIED PROGRAM STARTS IN TERM 3

Moonee Ponds
Moonee Ponds Primary School
Coburg
Nerney College

Director of Coaching: Paul Scidmore
* Ex. Club Trainer & Select Team Coach
* Assistant Coach in Positive Leadership

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and Coburg Tennis Clubs

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