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MOONEE PONDS WEST NEWSLETTER

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community CALENDAR

November 11th Wed 7.00pm	Soundhouse Concert (Keyboard) in the Gym
November 13th Fri 9.00am	Interschool Sport
November 16th Mon 9.00am	Prep Orientation Week 1
November 16th Mon 7.30pm	School Council Meeting
November 17th Tue 2.30pm	CRE
November 18th Wed 1.30pm	Senior Choir
November 18th Wed 2.30pm	Junior Choir
November 18th Wed 7.00pm	MVIMP Concert
November 19th Thu 9.00am	Grade 3/4 District Multi Sports Day
November 19th Thu 7.00pm	Environment Committee Meeting
November 20th Fri 9.00am	No Interschool Sport
November 20th Fri 6.00pm	Circus Performance—Basket Tea

Grade Placements 2010

We have just about finalised our staff and student placements for 2010. This process is always long and sometime exhaustive process that takes into account a vast array of available information to help us make the best possible placement for our students. During this process we:

- listen to children and place them with at least one friend to make their transition into the next year level as smooth as possible
- consult with parents where they have information (we do not already know) that directly impacts on next year's placement.
- identify cohorts of children that will be a positive influence on one another in the new school year
- attempt to have teachers keep children for two years where possible. Some years this is just not possible.
- we also try to give teachers the opportunity to consolidate in their allocated year level for at least three years, though developing all teachers skill sets does mean some movement every year.
- try to keep our class sizes at the DEECD recommended levels of 21 students in P/1, 25 in 2/3 and 27 in 4/5/6.
- finally we are trying to place the grades in such a way that allows for sharing of ideas, resources and interests by students and teachers within a vibrant and stimulating learning community.

We are on track to finalise the grades in time for the Whole School Orientation day on Tuesday 8th December. On this day the new 2010 students (Preps and other year levels) will be invited up to a morning at MPW where we run our classes as if it was 2010. The children find out their teacher, room and get to meet their class mates. This process has been a very positive step in our transition program. Please note changes to grade placement at this time are unlikely.

Student Transition Surveys

As part of our annual 'quality control' measures we survey, the parents of children who have recently left MPW in the previous year to attend local secondary schools. In fact in 2008 our fifty-eight students went to eighteen different secondary schools. By asking parents:

- How did they feel we prepared their child leading up to Secondary transition?
- How their children have settled into their new secondary school?
- How have they handled the academic rigor of SC curriculum?

We should be able to understand more clearly what we need to do to make this important transition for our Grade 6 students even more effective. If you have received a survey, please complete it ASAP and return it to school.

Building Education Revolution Funding Update

The \$3 million Grade 2/3 Learning Area is finally ready to go to tender next week. The plans are looking amazing, and I know the teachers and students cannot wait until this new 'State of the Art' building is completed towards the end of 2010. If you would like to view the plans, make an appointment with myself or Jenny via the Office. Jenny and I would be happy to share them with you.

In the meantime we will soon see the two MOD5 portables near the Big Adventure, relocated to the Lennox Street Courtyard area to allow us to hand over the building site to the successful tenderer before Christmas 2009. These portables will stay in this new location until the end of 2010. Space will be tight in 2010, with 21 grades, 500 students and over 35 staff, but end result will certainly be worth it.

'KIDS DO MATTER' - STUDENT WELLBEING

At the recent parent group meeting we had a really interesting conversation about a number of aspects from the Parent Opinion Survey. The school really values the feedback provided from families and then plans after consultation with other groups such as the staff, Parent Group, School Council and where appropriate the students to act on appropriate areas families thought were important.

In the 2009 survey families requested more information on how children make and maintain friendships and the strategies children can use when other young people many of whom are still learning and practising many of the important social skills don't behave appropriately



Everyone needs a friend

Those kids at school are mean. I told them about this great game but they wouldn't play it. They said I couldn't play with them." Rebecca, who is seven, plays happily at home with her four year-old sister Samantha. Samantha adores her big sister and will do anything she says. But with school friends it's not so easy. Rebecca's mother wonders whether the other children really are mean or whether Rebecca may be too pushy. When children come over to visit it seems to go well as long as they are doing what Rebecca wants. But if the other child wants to do something different, Rebecca often sulks or goes off in a huff.

Children's friendships often have their ups and downs. When friendships are going well they support children's emotional wellbeing and confidence, as well as providing someone to play with. Positive friendships help children have fun, and also help them cope during periods of stress and change. This is why having friends at school is so important for children.

Information for parents and carers on children and friendship

Helping kids with the ups and downs of friendships

It is not always easy for children to know how to manage friendships. Problems with friends can affect how children feel about themselves and their enthusiasm for activities that involve others. Parents and carers can help children learn the kinds of friendship skills they will need as they grow and develop.

Learning how to make and keep friends involves a number of skills. Children learn more and more complex social skills from those around them as they develop.

Home life has an effect on the development of social skills. A child who has an adoring little sister is likely to have more skills of leadership. A child who is the little sister may be more used to fitting in with what others want to do. These children are likely to react differently when they go to school and meet other children with different life experiences and different social skills.

Friendship skills for children include:

Cooperation

- how to share, how to take turns, how to work together towards a common goal

Communication

- using words to explain what you want and listening to others respectfully
- paying attention to body language, e.g. making eye contact, smiling and being able to read others' nonverbal reactions

Understanding and managing feelings

- being able to express feelings in ways that help others understand you
- recognising and responding to others' feelings

Accepting and including others

- recognising others' needs for respect and friendship.

Jenny Crowle

It's Not Ok to be Away

Absence Figures for Moonee Ponds West -Term 4- Week 5—2nd November—6th November

Explained Absences 95

Unexplained Absences days- 123 (Please send a note or contact the office at your earliest convenience)

Total absences : 218



Education weekly



SPORTS NEWS

Interschol Sport

Summer Sport

Last Friday's results:

Blue V's North Melbourne Kangas

Soccer Boys drew 2 all
Soccer Girls won 2 to 1
Rounders won 24 runs to 12
Volleyball won 2 sets to 1
Newcombe drew 1 set all

Gold V's Ascot Vale

Soccer Boys lost 8-0
Soccer Girls drew nil all
Rounders won 22 runs to 7
Volleyball lost 2 sets to 0
Newcombe lost on points after being 1 set all

This week the Gold team will play Ascot Vale West at home (soccer children will walk to Fairbairn Park leaving at 9.10) while Blue will travel to Flemington PS (soccer at Ormond Park). All children need a wide brimmed hat & it would be a great idea to bring a water bottle (especially the soccer teams that are playing at a park).

Jump Rope

Thanks to everyone for making our Jump Off such a great event. It's good to see the whole school outside exercising & having fun. Congratulations to the children who became the 2009 Record Holders & received a certificate at assembly on Monday.

As usual the Healthy Lunch was a big part of our day & wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for the 30 odd helpers on the day. They were so efficient they even had time to have a break between preparation & serving! Again a huge thank you to Lynda Dalton for organising, buying, running around etc, we certainly couldn't do it without someone taking charge. Thanks also to Jayne Wilkinson for doing some of the buying.

Now we just have to return the sponsorship money by next Friday (Nov. 20th) & after that I will order the thank you ropes for children or families who return \$20 or more. Remember we are helping the school & the Diabetes Research Foundation.

Many Thanks to the wonderful parents and Grandparent who made this years Healthy Lunch possible:

Jan Sutton
Julie Fewster
Kathy Talevstra
Nikki Tran
Joanne Lillis
Rose Presti
Natalie Donnelly
Litsa Ahmadi
Trina Forsyth

Evatoxia Gorgievski
Sharlene Du
Penny Waites
Marilyn Hare
Petra Liddell
Michelle Currie
Donna Turner
Jayne O'Connell
Teri Crook
Elaine Moss

and of course Brian, who helped set up the tables and swept up the Gym to finish!

The ladies chopped and sliced like a well oiled machine, having finished most of the prep by 10:45, and after a well earned Coffee break were welcomed back to serve the happy Skippers at 12midday. A valiant few even stayed on for the clean up. A great Effort, the best Healthy Lunch yet!

Very much appreciated Lynda-Jane Dalton

Vicswim

Vicswim Summer Kidz is a 3 week program at pools & beaches around the state commencing on the 4th of January 2010. Enrolments are now open; visit www.vicswim.com.au.

Sports Camps

Australian Sports Camps are running cricket, tennis & netball camps in Dec/Jan. 2009/2010. For players of all standards aged 5 to 15 with day or residential places. See Jan for more information.

To All Choir Parents

The choir team is looking for some extra helpers in the lead up to our choir concert on the 4th of December. Anyone who is available to help during choir time (lunchtime till 3.30 on Wednesday's) would be most welcome.

We also need a few extra hands on the day of the concert and the night of the concert. Please call Kathy on 0407072213.

We still available from the Office for sale bags of Cadbury Chocolate. Each bag contains 6 Blocks of chocolate at the bargain price of \$10.00 (Whilst stock lasts)

CHOCOLATE



HELP NEEDED!

Can you assist in wrapping the M.V.I.M.P. raffle hampers? **An hour is all that is needed!**

Day: Wednesday Nov 18th

Time: 1pm

Location: Conference room

Cheers Sharon Cutrale (0409 560 700)

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Friday Morning Parent Helpers
Conference Room (next to staff room)

Friday 9-10am—All Welcome!

Our Friday mornings are a great way for Mums, Dads or Grandparents of the school community to get together to do a little work for the school while having a chat and a cuppa.

We are sorting, mending, labelling, photocopying, laminating and typing our way around the school and the teachers are thrilled with our help. *There is always a DVD and toys on offer for the little people in our lives.*

If you have any queries I can be found somewhere between rooms 14 and 16 before or after school. Thank you and look forward to seeing you Friday. Teri Crook!

LIBRARY NEWS... LIBRARY NEWS...LIBRARY NEWS...

VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Just a short note to inform students and parents that certificates are still being printed and will be distributed to the students as soon as they arrive. Also, The Age souvenir lift out listing the names of students who completed the Challenge will be published in the **SUNDAY AGE on NOVEMBER 15**. Don't forget to buy your copy. Thanks Claudia

CIRCUS,CIRCUS ,CIRCUS!!!

Our Grade 4-6 Circus performance is planned for Friday November 20th from 6.00pm, so it would be great if everyone could put that date into their diary & keep it free. We are hoping that all Grade 4-6 children will play some part in it. The whole school is welcome to join in the basket tea & watch the circus performance.



LOST PROPERTY

Are your children missing any items of clothing that may have been misplaced at school??? We currently have a lot of unclaimed clothing in Lost Property.

All unclaimed clothing will be sent to charity on Friday the 13th of November.

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

'we make kids smile'



	Monday 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th
OSHC PROGRAM "Highlights"	Construction Craft 	Photo Frame Decoration 	Cricket Session 	Tennis Session 	Mixed Crafts 

NEWS

Dear Parents
 With the warm temperatures predicted in the next few days, Aftercare will be operating in the Library or Conference Room depending on availability. You are advised to check the information wall in the Gym in case of any change in the location of Aftercare.
 Thanks and regards
 OSHC Team

EXTRA

Dear Families,
 Thanks a lot for the donations of boxes to Aftercare. We are happy to receive such donations in the future.
 Thanks
 Nidhi

Out of School Hours Care with Camp Australia

MPW Fundraiser

Hosted by:

- The Pheonix & the Turtle
- Spindelberry
- Savvy Homewares

You are invited to a Xmas Shopping Fundraising Extravaganza

10% of all sales are donated back to Moonee Ponds West Primary School.

Time: 6pm until 9pm

Date: Tues 24th November 2009

Complimentary Drink and Nibbles on arrival

RSVP to Julie Walters on 93468422

Summer Futsal - For boys and girls



Come and have some fun this summer and improve your soccer skills in a safe indoor environment.

Only \$5 per game with no registration fee.

Essendon Keilor College gym, corner of McCracken and Buckley St, Essendon. Entrance in McCracken St.

Junior leagues now forming for ages 5 to 12.

Competition begins **Sunday the 22nd of November from 10 am.**

To join a team or to form your own team **Call Rob on 0402687139 or Steven on 0425801987.**

Email summerfutsal@optusnet.com.au

ART & DESIGN SHOW

Showcasing

Creative talents of Debney Park

students in the areas of:

Art, Food Technology, ICT, Media

Music, Visual Communication

Debney Park Secondary College

Thursday 12th of November

5:00pm - 7:00pm