
As you may have heard in the media the AEU is taking industrial action in support of the new enterprise agreements for teachers, principals and support staff. In last week’s newsletter and in a separate note I advised families of the proposed stop work day, which has now been confirmed.

The AEU has called on its members to stop work for 24 hours on Thursday 14th February 2013. All Staff were required to let me know of their intentions to stop work as per the stated industrial guidelines by 12 noon on Tuesday the 12th of February. Once I received this information a letter went home with each student as per the stated industrial arrangements on Tuesday 12th February advising families of school arrangements. This note let families know if their child’s class teacher was at school on Thursday 14th of February and advised were possible for families to make alternative arrangements for their children on this day. If you cannot make alternative arrangements for your child the school is required to ensure appropriate supervision of students who attend. Normal classes will not be operating.

If you have any queries about the Stop Work please speak with Helen, Randal or myself or free call the Education Line on 1800 809 834 or visit www.education.vic.gov.au

As stated in last week’s newsletter there are also a number of other bans in place. There are currently work bans on; implementing the National Curriculum, using the Ultranet, participation in any teacher or parent survey administered by or on behalf of DEECD, responding to emails sent by DEECD and the writing of the comments section of student reports. These bans are in place to highlight how much schools rely on the goodwill of teachers in the work schools do.

School Council Nominations

In 2013 we have 5 Parent Member vacancies and two DEECD Employee vacancies for the two year term of office.

The role of School Council as outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 is one of helping to set the long term future for the school and maintaining oversight of the school’s operation. The Principal is responsible for the management of the school and acts as the Executive Officer of Council.

School Council Responsibilities can include:
- Contributing to the development of the Strategic Plan
- Approving the annual budget
- Working with the school to develop, review and update policies
- Representing the views of the school community
- Arranging for things needed for the running of the school
- Raising money for things the school needs
- Making sure the school grounds and buildings are maintained
- Creating interest in the school within the community.

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The timeline for the nomination process is as follows:

- Nomination forms available from the office Wednesday 13th February
- **Nominations close at 4.00pm on Wednesday 20th February**
- A list of candidates and nominators will be posted by Friday 22nd of February.
- If an election is required, ballots will be distributed on or before Wednesday 27th February
- If an election is required ballots will close at 4.00pm on Thursday 7th March
- You do not need any special experience to be on School Council. What you do need is an interest in MPW and a desire to work in partnership with others to contribute to the schools future. If you would like to find out more please speak with me or one of the existing councillors. There will be an orientation session for new councillors.

**Terri Campbell Literacy Consultant**

This week Terri Campbell our literacy expert returned to Moonee Ponds West PS to work with teachers/ students in the classrooms to support the teaching of our writing program. Last year Terri worked many days including Curriculum days with our teachers and students. As a result of this professional development terrific work is being done across the levels. To build and improve on this work Terri will continue to facilitate some workshops for the whole staff through staff meetings. Terri will focus her classroom work in the junior area of the school in Terms 1 and 2.

**Parent Forum – Basket Tea**

We would like to extend a thank-you to the Parent Forum group for coordinating a number of activities to welcome new families into the Prep area. We have two events coming up which have also been coordinated by this group. One is the Basket Tea from 5.00 p.m. on Friday the 22nd February. This is a casual get together on the Tiger Turf where families bring along a dinner to celebrate the New Year and to welcome new families, not just in the prep area but across the school. The second is in partnership with the English Committee. This will entail two sessions. Terri Campbell, our English consultant, will run a session focussed on Writing on the 25th February. The other will be with Lorraine Wilson who is well known to many at MPW. Lorraine will be running a Reading Workshop on the 28th February from 9.150.11.00. There will be further information about these two events.

**Japan Tour**

During the third term holidays a group of 12 Year 5 and 6 students, two parents, Diana Vivian and Randal Symons will be attending a school tour to Japan. This very exciting opportunity builds on our school’s wonderful Japanese program and our involvement in last year’s Innovative Languages Programs in Clusters initiative. The tour visits Osaka, Hiroshima, Kyoto and finally Tokyo. Over the course of the next three terms we will be providing updates on the planning. 2013 is going to be an even more exciting year for the Japanese Program at MPW.

**Navy Band - Rock Group plus Chamber groups**

On the 5th March, the Australian Navy’s Rock Group plus their chamber groups will be performing for the students and staff of Moonee Ponds West. This is open to all parents if you wish to attend. The Band will perform at 9.00 in the school’s gym. This builds on from the work of the Music Working Party whose focus is to make available music experiences for our students. As we near the time additional information will be made available.

Enjoy the week,

Jenny, Helen and Randal
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENTING COURSE

A three-session program for parents and carers
to help manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old
is being held at Ascot Vale West Primary School on Langs Rd, Ascot Vale
on 27th of February, 6th and 13th of March 2013 at 9.30am-12pm

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.
Register for this course by contacting Toni Perkins, Primary Welfare Officer at Ascot Vale West Primary School on 9370 8784 or
Melissa Di Pietro or Emelie Barringer, Psychologists (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 realized 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?
Emelie Barringer (Psychologist) and Melissa Di Pietro
(Psychologist) both have experience working in schools,
providing services supporting children and their families.
Emelie completed the Parentsshop® 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion
Coaching on 19th November 2012. Melissa completed the
Parentsshop® 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching on 30th March
2011.

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 Parentsshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au
Lorraine Wilson Parent Information
Session- Your Child and Reading
On Thursday 28th February at 9.15-11.00am, Lorraine Wilson will be conducting a seminar looking at how children learn to read. Lorraine will discuss areas such as: Reading is the construction of meaning from printed text. How does a reader construct meaning? How important is it to name each word on the page correctly? How should we respond to children's oral reading errors?
Lorraine will give many strategies for parents to use with their children in developing life-long readers. She will also spend time outlining what phonics is, and how important early writing is in the development of children’s phonics understandings.
We encourage all parents new to the school to come along to this important event.

2013 COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES!
Are you a writer? Are you interested in the world around you? Do you want your voice to be heard by others? If so, the Commonwealth Essay Competition is definitely for you. We encourage you to be creative in your response to our topics. You can submit a poem, letter, article, story, essay or even a short play. The choice is yours.
Just get writing
For more information go to this website or see Justine in Room 13
http://www.thercs.org/youth/essay

On behalf of the Environment Committee, welcome back.
MPW has an active environment team that meet once a month. The committee has been involved in many projects such as: planning and developing gardens (including working bees), introducing Rubbish Free Lunch boxes, Harvest festivals, community musical evenings, Healthy Activities weeks, Junior Green Team, stocking the community kitchen with pre loved items, sewing aprons for use in the kitchen...too many to mention.
This year, our goal is to plan for and develop the garden beds running along Eglinton Street. We will be working in conjunction with the Gould League, our students, teachers and families. We are going to be running a series of workshops throughout the year, to brainstorm ideas and possibilities to develop and beautify that area of the school.
If you would like to know more about this and any other aspects of the Environment group, please drop into room 13 (on Mondays and Tuesdays) and have a chat to me. We are always looking for new members who have an interest in contributing to all things environmental. Our first meeting for 2013 is on Wednesday 6th of March at 3.45 in the community kitchen. This meeting is the initial planning meeting with the Gould League and interested community members. Hopefully we will see some regular as well as new faces.
Environmental yours
Helen Lockart

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
If you are the holder of a Health Care Card or Pension Card that is valid at the 29th January you are eligible to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance. Applications close on the 28th February. Forms are available from the Office.

Welcome back to School Banking for 2013.
Thursday is our Banking Day.
Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed into your child’s teacher first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed.
All money should be securely enclosed in the Velcro pocket and deposit slips MUST be completed.
Save from as little as 5c per week.
Each deposit earns a SILVER TOKEN this should be kept safe at home.....when they collect 10 tokens they can redeem for exciting rewards!
If your child would like to join the program please visit your local Commonwealth Bank with photo ID for yourself and your child's birth certificate – too easy!

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.
Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} March

MPWP Movies on the Tiger Turf presents

Entry Costs are:
- Family $30
- Adult $10
- Child $7

Tickets available at the office.

This is a major fundraiser for our school and a fantastic night for the whole family.

Sausage sizzle starts 6.30 pm

Soft drinks, snacks, wine and beer will be available.

(In the event of poor weather the movie will be shown in the gymnasium)

We are always looking for extra helpers.

If you can help us set up, cook the BBQ or sell food and drinks we would love you to help.

Please call Karen Korff on 0417 362 278, Michelle Jeffery on 0417 583 075, Kath White on 0434 191 311 or Lawana Colulson on 0438 947 010 if you can help.
Aberfeldie Junior Football still have vacancies for players born in 2004, 1999 & 2000. If you are interested contact the Registrar at registrar@abers.com.au.