Movie Night - Friday 28th February 2014

The *talk of the town* at school revolves around our major fundraiser and community event for 2014 the movie night. The students, staff and community are getting very excited about sharing a movie together on the tiger turf on Friday evening. If you haven’t as yet please get your tickets, they are selling fast! For more information please see the note later in the newsletter.

Congratulations to our Fundraising Team

It is with great pleasure that I thank our fundraising group as they *pass the baton* to our next team (being led by Elisa McDonald in 2014). The team consisting of Lawana Coulson (Parent of Ned, Ella and Zoe), Michelle Currie (Parent of Frankie and Ginger) & Karen Korff (Parent of Bella and Annecy) have done an outstanding job harnessing the community to raise valuable funds to complement the schools educational programs and resources.

Each year the group has raised in excess of $24,000 which goes into the following year’s budget to be spent on our students. In 2013 the group raised $29,023 which is now included in the 2014 budget. The money has been allocated to the purchase of a new photocopier to replace the copier which was out of service, the exterior painting of rooms 19, 20, 21 & 22 and the purchase of new books.

At Monday’s assembly School Council President Mr Paul Girdler presented the team with a thankyou card and a gift of appreciation.

Insurance Reminders

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include, but are not limited to mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. It is probably wise for valuable items to be left at home.

For further information, please contact DEECD Central staff:

- David Pool – pool.david.r@edumail.vic.gov.au or Ph. 9637 3533
- Jane Wilhelm – wilhelm.jane.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or Ph. 9637 2509

Monday Morning Assemblies

This year Jess Greenbaum is coordinating the assembly roster for our Monday morning assemblies at 9.00am in the school’s gym. I’d like to congratulate last weeks MC’s from our Year 5/6 team Myda and Roma (Room 14) who did a Principal’s Report continued over page

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great job. We look forward to enjoying many presentations, celebrations of success and developing public speaking skills over the coming weeks.

**Education Subcommittee**

On Monday 3rd March 2014 at 7.00pm in the Staff Conference room the main agenda item at the Education Subcommittee will be sharing the school’s Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). This is a very important working document which the Professional Learning Teams (PLTs) have been working very hard to draft. The AIP supports and guides us as a staff and school with the Key Improvement Strategies within our Strategic Plan. Included in this plan are aspirational targets set against our Strategic Plan for student achievement data in Teacher Judgements, NAPLAN, English Online Interview and also targets within our Student, Staff and Parent Opinion Surveys. Regular updates on this process will be supplied through the school newsletter. All members of our community are invited to attend the meeting on Monday night. Please let Assistant Principal Helen Thomas know if you are coming thomas.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au and the paperwork can be sent to you prior to the meeting.

Have a good week,

**Jenny, Helen & Randal**

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### School Council Report - February 2014

The Council had its first meeting for 2014 on Monday 24 February and here is a brief overview of the key issues that are likely to be of interest to the wider school community:

- All schools including MPWPS are becoming more involved in the VRQA Registration Requirements for Victorian Government Schools and over the coming month we will be finding out further details about this and what needs to be done on behalf of our school.
- A summary of the key findings from the school uniform focus groups from December 2013 were given to School Council to read and more will be discussed about this at Education meetings in the near future and communicated to the school community.
- On the first curriculum day of the year (28 January) the staff were involved in a number of professional development activities including: a Phonological Awareness session run by Nadia Cocomazzo a Whole Body Listening session run by Connie Matias. A Literacy Review of Achievements by the team over the past few years run by Amy Dinsdale, a numeracy review of the work over the past few years and what the focuses are for 2014. This was run by Michael Minas and Vicky McCormack.
- On the second curriculum day of the year (11 March) the team will be undertaking further professional development around the Whole School Spelling Scope and Sequence program with Dianne Snowball.
- Terri Campbell will be continuing to work with staff this term on The 6 Traits of Writing with a focus in the Grade 5/6 area. Terri will also be running an information evening for parents on Thursday 20 March from 7-8.30pm.
- School Council briefly discussed how the 2014 Annual Implementation Plan is currently being put together and will be discussed further at the first Education meeting next Monday 3 March.
- All class rooms are currently working on developing a document which outlines the Rights and Responsibilities for the individual classrooms.
- The Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy will be shared with the community this term and Council will be seeking comment and feedback as part of the consultation process.
- The new financial year in terms of the MPWPS budget started for the school in January 2014 and runs through until December 2014.
- School Council approved the School Council Induction Program for future school councillors and this will assist in a smoother process for new councillors.
- School Council nominations have been conducted and the number of nominations equalled the number of places that needed to be filled. Therefore there will be no need to hold an election. More details about the successful candidates will be outlined soon as well as details of those who will be finishing their term at the end of March 2014.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 24 March.

**Amanda Lecaude**

School Council Member
Student Fee Forms - Essential and Voluntary Voucher 2014

The student fee forms for 2014 were mailed out to all families. The preferred method of payment is BPAY which we encourage families to use, in the same way when paying other bills over the telephone or by internet banking. There is a MPW Biller Code and each student form has their individual reference number.

All voluntary contributions are tax deductible. Please notify us how you choose your voluntary contribution to be distributed.

Any enquiries please see Sandra (Business Manager) in the school office or call 9370 6875.

School Banking Day Reminder

Remember School Banking is every Thursday.

You can bank as much as you like every week, School Banking is about frequency not value.

Every time a student makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmite token.

Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmite reward at the school office.

Don’t Forget!

Education Maintenance Allowance

If you are the holder of a Health Care Card or Pension Card that is valid at the 29th January 2014, you are eligible to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance.

Applications close on the 28th February. Forms are available from the Office. If you have any questions including your eligibility, please contact Sandra (Business Manager) at the school office on 9370 6875.

Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

If you are interested in your child participating in The Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014, you will need to collect the consent note from the library or download it from the website.

Once signed and returned back, I will then register your child and provide them with all the required paperwork.

More details of the Challenge is available online at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Please read and inform your child of the commitment, what is expected and the responsibility they will need to dedicate if participating in the challenge, as many students find this to be quite a demanding task!

The Challenge aims to promote a love of reading

It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student.

It is open for Preps to Year 12.

So….if you love books …enjoy reading….or even love being read too……then this is your mission!
PROBLEM SOLVING CHALLENGE
(For both kids and parents)
Place the numbers 1-7 in the spaces so that each circle adds up to the same number:

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STUDENT EXTENSION AT MOONEE PONDS WEST
At M.P.W. student learning is supported and extended within the rich classroom programmes provided by teachers. Students are given opportunities to be challenged and extended through both authentic, open-ended tasks and targeted work aimed at individual needs. In addition to this great learning, throughout the year there are other opportunities for students to be extended outside their classroom.

THE COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION: ‘TEAM COMMONWEALTH’ – 1st May, 2014
Every year, the Commonwealth Essay Competition inspires thousands of young writers from all over the world. It offers young people the opportunity to make their voice heard on a global platform, encouraging students to engage with issues which are important to them. Topics for the Junior Category (age 14 and under) are:
1. Tell us about your family or friends. Who are the team players and who are the stars?
2. ‘You’re one of us now.’
3. What makes a good team? What makes a good team player?
4. Tell us about an instance (or two) where people from different generations have worked together.
5. Have there been times in your life when you wished you had someone to team up with?
6. ‘United we stand!’ (this final topic is open to both junior and senior entrants)
Last year one of our students, Georgette, was presented with a silver award for her fantastic essay. Entries close 1st May, 2014. For more information visit www.thercs.org/youth/competition

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION (A.M.C.) – Thursday, 7th August 2014
The AMC is competed in annually by tens of thousands of students from all over Australia and in more than forty countries around the world. Students are presented with a range of mathematical problems to solve, using any materials or equipment that would normally be found in a school classroom. Last year 40 students from grades 3-6 took part, with great results (and lots of fun had). If your child is interested please look out for entry forms appearing during Term 2 (for more information www.amt.edu.au).

TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS (T.O.M.) – Terms 2 and 3, 2014
This team-based problem-solving competition challenges young minds to come up with creative ideas and the best possible solution to a difficult problem. Children compete as part of a multi-age team (grades 4/5/6) and develop many skills while doing the challenge, such as: communication and negotiation skills, time management, budgeting, lateral thinking and problem solving. The competition consists of two parts: a Long Term Challenge (which is worked on over the six week tournament period) and a Spontaneous Challenge (which is revealed to the team on tournament day). Groups compete in one of four categories: Language/Literature, Social Sciences, Applied Technology or Maths/Engineering. Last year one of our teams made it all the way to the T.O.M. State Final, which was an amazing effort! Visit: www.tom.edu.au/VIC

G.A.T.E.W.A.Y.S. PROGRAMMES
Throughout the year G.A.T.E.W.A.Y.S. provide external programmes designed to extend gifted and talented students in different areas of the curriculum. Classroom teachers may inform students/families of upcoming programmes suitable for individuals, or parents are free to check out the website: www.gateways.edu.au

Keep an eye out in the newsletter throughout the year for more information on these and other extension opportunities.

Ryan Vermeulen
Grade 5/6C, Room 17
In Room 7 we are learning about place value. Each group created a set of clues that led to a mystery number. Here’s one our class created for you!

*Hint: Use a Hundreds Chart to cross off numbers as you go through the clues, one by one*

Clue #1: Room 7’s number is less than the number of seconds in a minute
Clue #2: Room 7’s number is greater than one dozen
Clue #3: Room 7’s number is even
Moonee Ponds West Primary School
Movie Night

3 DAYS TO GO

The forecast for Friday is Sunshine all day.
So grab your tickets now or we will have to
cancel the movie night!

A few reminders for the night:

- Please bring your ticket for entry. Family tickets admit all
  of your children not just 2 adults & 2 children.
- BYO chair and/or picnic rug.
- Sausage sizzle, snacks and drinks will be available.
- BBQ starts 6pm, movie starts 7.30pm.
- Tickets will be available on the night if you want to bring
  some extras. $30 family, $10 adult, $7 child.
- Please bring small change
  in payment to make it
easier on the night.
- Raffle on the night with
great prizes.

Despicable Me 2
Dear business owners within our community,

I invite you to take part in this wonderful opportunity to highlight your business to our school community.

Moonee Ponds West Primary School (MPWPS) are holding a ‘Movie Night’ screening ‘Despicable Me 2’ on Friday 28th February.

Prior to the commencement of the movie a **PowerPoint presentation** will be displayed showcasing various businesses within the local area and surrounding suburbs. **A donation of $50 is required to secure yourself an advertising page**, which the school community will appreciate and thank you personally through purchases at your business.

Your donation will assist the school in providing better resources to support the learning opportunities of children at MPWPS. We would also like to welcome you to purchase tickets to come along and meet your customers personally.

Further enquiries about this opportunity can be forwarded to mobile **0434 191 311** or alternatively via the school email at **moonee.ponds.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au**. Following payment an invoice will be sent to you.

Thank you for your support and I wish you a successful 2014.

Regards,

Kath White
Moonee Ponds West Primary School
Fundraising Committee Member
Mobile: 0434 191 311

PS: A letter from the Principal is available on request for authentication purposes.
# Winter Dress Order Form

The girls’ winter uniform is by order only. Please complete this order form with payment included and return it to the office by Friday 28th March.

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*Please note this item is by order only*

Amount Enclosed $________

Cash ☐  Cheque ☐  Credit Card ☐

Visa ☐  MasterCard ☐

Card Number _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry Date ___ / ___

Signature of cardholder _______________________________________

Date ___ / ___ / _____
COMMUNITY NEWS

Ace Fun Tennis School

Tennis Lessons

Tel: 1300 438 600 or 0419 129 329
www.acefuntennisschool.com

M.L.C. HOT SHOTS

LITTLE JOEY (4 - 6 years)
MONDAY TO THURSDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
COST: $150 for 10 weeks (90 min class)

HOT SHOTS (7 - 10 years)
MONDAY TO THURSDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
COST: $160 for 10 weeks (90 min class)
OR $195 for 10 weeks (1 hour class)

CARDIO TENNIS ADULTS (17 - 80 years)
MONDAY TO THURSDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
COST: $22.50 per week (1 hour class)
OR $24.50 per week (2 hour class)

PUTTING THE FUN BACK INTO THE FUNDAMENTALS

NORTH PARK TENNIS CLUB
EGLINGTON PARK TENNIS CLUB
KENSDON DAKES TENNIS CLUB

For all program inquiries call 1300 438 600 or 0419 129 329 or email: admin@acefuntennisschool.com or visit: www.acefuntennisschool.com

Ace Fun Tennis School

COMMUNITY NEWS

Maribyrnong Park Football Club
Cnr The Boulevard and Orford Rd
Moonee Ponds

Costs: $235.00 first child
$165.00 siblings
$75.00 facilities fee (per family)

Contact: Michelle 0411 242 010
Register online at: www.marby-lions.com

Please have proof of identity and birth date (copy of birth certificate or passport will need to be uploaded during registration process).

Secure your place in our team early. Open for all ages 8-17 years of age. Maribyrnong Park is a family friendly club and enjoys its role as a sporting and cultural icon in the Moonee Valley precinct. If you want to get off the bench, enjoy your sporty and join this prosperous era on and off the field for the club we’d love to welcome you. Bring your friends! Put those electronic games down, get off the couch and join in!

New in 2014
An U8’s format!!

Marby had a great year in 2013 – we won 5 flags and have been promoted to Division 1 for season 2014. Hear us roar!

Put those electronic games down, get off the couch and join in!

Ironing Help Needed!
Please call Sandra on
Mobile: 0408 171 575