Principals Report
Welcome back
I would like to extend a warm welcome back to the community after the Term 3 holidays. I do hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to the wonderful term ahead. In the last week of term, three all teaching teams had their planning days so there are many great learning opportunities in store for our students.

Help Needed– Great Opportunity to Apply for a Community History Grant
Moonee Ponds West Primary School has a strong history of education and community involvement spanning over 100 years. Often I speak with community members who tell me wonderful stories of the school during their mothers and grandmothers time. Yet, sadly no documented history exists.

There is a wonderful opportunity for the MPW community to put in an application for funding through The Local History Grants Program which provides grants of up to $15,000 to community organisations to support the cost of projects that preserve, record or publish Victorian local history.

The Program is administered by Public Record Office Victoria on behalf of the State Government of Victoria, with an independent judging panel making recommendations for funding, which are approved by the Minister for the Arts. The Victorian Government provides support for the preservation and care of Victoria’s cultural heritage within and across communities. This is a means of building community connections, confidence and increasing individual skills.

More information about this opportunity can be found at http://prov.vic.gov.au/community-programs/grants-awards/local-history-grants
Examples of past recipients including a small number of primary school projects can be found at:

The grant application needs to be submitted by 11th November 2013.
I would be very grateful if a member/members of our community would like to have a look at this opportunity and complete, in consultation with myself, the application for funding request. The application could be completed at home so this project may be ideal for a MPW community member who would like to make a much-appreciated contribution to the school. If you or someone you know may be interested please contact Jenny Crowle.

2013 Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability
A reminder that all forms for the Data Collection on School Students with Disability need to be returned to the Office by Friday. If you received a form for your child & wish to participate, could you please return it as soon as possible.

Extra-Curricular Activities - Chess Tournament
Moonee Ponds West Primary offers a number of extra-curricular activities. The Chess Program is extremely popular. The logical thinking required to play chess is an enormously helpful learning disposition. The students have a lot of fun and enjoy the challenge of this weekly after school club. The results for the term 3 chess tournament are as follows (following page):
**Principal’s Report continued..**

**Group 1**
1st Place – Alexandra Manev - Best and Fairest Trophy  
2nd Place – Alexandra Henery – Silver Grasshopper  
3rd Place – Patrick Marshall – Bronze Grasshopper

**Group 2**
1st Place – Aron Gyarmathy – Best and Fairest Trophy  
2nd Place – Douglas Doolan – Silver Grasshopper  
3rd Place – Caleb Ryan – Bronze Grasshopper.

Congratulations to the award winners and all students who participated in the tournament. If you would like more information about chess club please contact the office.

**Mathletics**
On average, students at Moonee Ponds West Primary have seen an improvement of 31% in their results so far this year. 2,275 curriculum tasks have been assigned to students this academic year. Our students have been awarded 501 achievement certificates this academic year. Our students have answered a staggering 202,966 quick fire questions. Congratulations to 2/3B Kim Simmons class whose students have the highest percentage of mastered activities. Special mention to students Emily Ditchburn (2/3B, Kim Simmons), Maxwell Herriot and Aaron Hodge (3/4B, Emma Campbell) who have all achieved between 97-100% accuracy in the activities they have completed. If you are not accessing Mathletics at home and would like to please see your child’s class teacher, contact the office or the Maths leader Vicki McCormack in Room 15.

**Japan Tour**
The school has just completed our very first international tour of Japan. The eleven students from Years 5 & 6, two staff; Randal Symons and Diana Vivian and parents; Dee Aldemir (parent of Kent) and Deniz Gunal (parent of Arda) thoroughly enjoyed the very successful 12 day tour. The tour visited Hiroshima, Kyoto and Tokyo. The highlights included being interviewed by a local newspaper and being filmed and shown on NHK (the national television network), taking part in a visit to a local primary school and their rice harvesting project, a homestay opportunity for five of the students, working alongside students from Essendon Keilor College on two occasions and many more. The students worked well as a team with frequent comments from various organisations on how well organised and behaved our students were. People were very impressed by our students’ Japanese language skills.

The experience has provided a deeper understanding of various aspect of Japanese life and will be remembered by all who took part.

In the coming weeks we will share the students’ reflections. This will include a presentation at assembly, photos on our school’s television and a copy of the students’ journals which will be located in the school’s foyer.

If you haven’t had a chance, a blog with daily entries was compiled over the period of the tour. These can be found at - [http://mpwpsjapantour.edublogs.org/](http://mpwpsjapantour.edublogs.org/)

I would like to thank the School Council for their support and active encouragement of this wonderful opportunity. I would also like to thank staff members Randal Symons and Diana Vivian who did an exemplary job planning, preparing and ensuring the tour was educationally sound with wonderful opportunities for our students.

**National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)**
As mentioned in the last newsletter our Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN reports will be delivered to all schools early this term. Once the individual student reports have arrived they will be distributed to families together with a covering letter. If you require any further information please see Assistant Principal, Helen Thomas. thomas.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Have a great week everyone, Jenny, Helen and Randal.
**Division Athletics**

Congratulations to Ally Manev, Veronique Frere, Will O’Reilly, Daniel Priskas and Stuart Purves who competed at Division Athletics on Tuesday 17th September at Keilor. Good luck to Will who finished 2nd in Shot Put and will now compete at Regionals on October 14th!

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**Count Down to Music: Count Us In...**

**22 days to go!**

*Thursday 31st October @ 12.30pm*

Can we count you in???

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**Salvation Army Drive**

*Friday 11th – Friday 22nd October*

The Salvation Army needs your help! Moonee Valley relief centre (corner of Buckley and Mount Road) has experienced a massive surge in demand this year. They are funded to see 9 ‘customers’ a morning and are currently seeing 18 to 19. With Christmas approaching, things will get even harder for them to meet demand. They have access to toys raised via the K-Mark wishing tree and one’s which are donated, these are distributed in late November but there are so many other things needed.

We are asking families here at Moonee Ponds West, to please help out in any way you can. We will be accepting donations for Salvo’s over the next 2 weeks and if you have anything you would like to donate, please hand these in to us in the office.

The types of items Salvo’s need are:
- Crockery
- Cutlery
- Pots and Pans
- Rice cookers etc..
- Warm blankets
- Fans
- Bedding
- Books and items to assist in learning English

There is also a large demand for items such as:
- Sugar
- Sauces
- Tinned Meals E.g.: Spaghetti, Baked Beans etc..
- Pasta Sauce, Pasta Bakes, Kantongs etc...
- Salad Dressings
- Sweet Biscuits
- Tinned Fruit, Fish, Veggies etc...
- Lunch box fillers such as muesli bars, fruit tubs
- Tissues
- Dog and Cat Food

All items need to be non-perishable or have a good number of months left until the expiration date. Use the criteria of “would you use it yourself?” For example, if you buy yourself Sunsilk shampoo don’t buy no-name to donate, simply buy extra of what you’d normally buy. The Salvation Army often struggles with people offloading broken and un-useable items so consider whether someone could use what you are planning to donate.

So please, help out your local Salvo’s this term and donate what you can.

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**Tournament of The Minds 2013**

On Sunday 15th September, MPW was represented brilliantly by a multi-age team of seven students at the Tournament of the Minds State Final at La Trobe University. This team-based problem solving competition is run Australia-wide and challenges young minds to come up with creative ideas and the best possible solution to a difficult problem, in one of four categories (Maths/Engineering; Language and Literature; Social Sciences and Applied Technology).

After winning the Northern Metropolitan Regional Final in August, the members of Awesomeness Has A Name competed against teams from around Victoria in the category of Maths Engineering. In the morning the team were presented with a brand new challenge and given 3 hours preparation time before presenting their solution to the judges and a large audience of parents, teachers and fellow students. Karen Ghosn, Jenny Crowle, parents and families of the competing students and myself were fortunate enough to be part of the day and to see the students achieve such great success. Thank you to all those who attended to support the team.

Congratulations should also go to our two Social Sciences teams, one of whom were awarded Honours for their efforts in the Regional Final back in August. All the children who participated in the tournament should be very proud of their contributions.

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Ryan Vermeulen
Student Extension Coordinator

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**Chess Coaching**

Have fun learning Chess!!

Where: New Performance Space
When: Monday's 3.30pm – 4.20pm
14th Oct - 9th December 2013
Cost: $85 Cash/Cheque - per child. $65 for 2nd Sibling
Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self-esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, team work, analytical skills.

We cater for all skill levels! Each week different lessons are taught & games are played. A trophy is awarded to the “Best & Fairest” player, and a Silver badge to 2nd place and a Bronze badge to 3rd place at the end of term. To enrol your child please make payment of $85 by Monday 14th October. Cheques made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”

For more info contact Phil on 0421 901 530

**PLEASE PAY PHIL DIRECTLY AT 1st CHESS LESSON.**

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Child’s Full Name: ____________________________
Email: ______________________________________
School: _____________________________________
Phone: ____________________________

Payment Due: Monday 14th Oct 2013

$85 cash: □ $85 cheque: □
Apart from our normal classes in Japanese, the Japanese Room hosts many children at lunchtime. They choose an activity connected to the Japanese language or culture, such as: decorating their folders with Manga characters, practicing their Hiragana, getting tested for their level of Hiragana, Katakana or Kanji, doing Origami and many more. We have students from all classes and Grade levels. So if you need a break from the yard, you are more than welcome. いらっしゃいませ！
COMMUNITY NEWS

Junior Cricketers Wanted!

Ascot Vale Cricket Club is a well established, family orientated local sporting club. We currently have vacancies for Boys and Girls in all Junior Age Groups (Under 10’s to Under 16’s) for the coming Cricket Season about to start.

We train at Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale every Wednesday from 5pm to 6pm run by professional coach Lyndsay Walker!

ascotvale.vic.cricket.com.au

David Dench
0423 350 568

Child Wise; the only Australian based organisation specialising in the prevention and reduction of sexual abuse and exploitation of children in Australia, Asia and the Pacific. Please join us in helping to raise funds for this very important charity.

10th November at Albert Park Lake. A great family day out for all (you can even bring the dog)!

Register Now for 2014 Football

Sunday 20th October 2013
11.00am – 1.00pm
At Essendon Doutta Stars Football Club
Cooper Street, Essendon


Essendon Doutta Stars Football Club invites all footballers of all ages to register for the 2014 season.

Vacancies include:

- Under 12’s 2007
- Under 14’s 2005
- Under 16’s 2003

For further information please contact: Bradleigh Andrews (Junior Coordinator)
Mobile: 0409 908 593 Email: smifootball@essendonouttastfc.com.au www.essendonfootballclub.org.au

Milo In2 Cricket

Aberfeldie St Johns Cricket Club, MILO in2CRICKET & Under 10’s cricket

After the success of last season, our Milo program will again be in full swing. Catering primarily for boys and girls aged 5-10, the 12-week program will run in two sessions, weekly on Thursdays at 5pm: 8 weeks from Oct 24 through to Dec 12, and 4 weeks from Jan 30 through to Feb 20 in 2014.

The total program cost is $65, with all participants receiving a pack containing a bat, ball, backpack, t-shirt, hat, drink bottle and other fantastic goodies.

2013 Term Tennis Lessons

Professional tennis coach, Michael Swann, offers enjoyable, individual and group tennis lessons for children and adults.

COST: FOR A 45 MINUTE LESSON
$15 per person in a group of 4 (you are encouraged to bring friends)
$25 per person for a group of 2
$50 for a private lesson

DAYS: Thursday, Friday, Saturday morning & afternoon (other appointments upon request)

LOCATION: St Andrew’s Tennis Club Essendon
Email:michael.b.swann@gmail.com
www.tennislessons melbourne.net
Mb: 0422 728 938

In addition to this, we are pleased to announce that we have entered our first ever junior team into real competition, an Under 10’s team. We are looking to fill our team and still have spots available. Training is held on Thursdays at 5pm, with matches being played on Fridays at 5.15pm. Round 1 commences on Friday 11 October.

For any further information, please contact Dusan Stoevski on 0401 414 108, or at dusans54@gmail.com.
You can also visit our website at www.asjcc.com.au, or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ASJCC.