Principals Report

Enrolment Plans and Class Placement for 2014
The demand for places at Moonee Ponds West continues to be high. If you are leaving the school during term 4 or at the end of 2013 please let the office know at your earliest convenience. This will greatly assist our forward planning and also the transition of those students leaving at the end of the year into their new schools.

If you have some information that your child’s teacher is unaware of that may assist with your child’s class placement please put your comments in writing and forward to Jenny Crowle by Monday 1st of November. This request will then be registered for consideration.

Japan Tour
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter the students who attended the Japan Tour will be presenting at assembly. This will occur on the 28th October at 9.00a.m. Please set this date aside if you are able to attend. The students will be reflecting on what they have learnt about Japanese culture and language as well as what they have learnt about themselves. This will be done through one photo they have selected to represent their new understandings. There will also be an iMovie which will have many photos and short videos. We hope to see you there.

Also, don’t forget that a blog with daily entries was compiled over the period of the tour. This can be found at - http://mpwpsjapantour.edublogs.org/

State Schools Spectacular (Musical)
Last term many students took part in the School’s Spectacular. This is being televised this Sunday on Channel 7 at 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students and if you weren’t able to attend this would be a great way of joining in the experience.

Wasabi
The students had a great experience last Wednesday with the Wasabi performance group. The presentation included Toshinori Sakamoto who is an experienced and acclaimed Taiko Master. He teamed with Noriko Tadano - an exceptional Shamisen player and singer currently gaining national and international recognition for her craft. This was a great music incursion as a follow on from our Japan Tour.

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**Principal’s Report continued..**

**Moonee Valley Council**

On Tuesday Randal attended a breakfast meeting at the council. We are fortunate to have a council who support the young people of our network.

Stuart Gillespie/Tony Ball spoke of a number of events which include the:

- Annual Youth Summit
- Moonee Valley Youth Advisory Forum which develops leadership capabilities
- The Youth Engagement Strategy where every young person is recognised as a citizen within the network
- Youth Foundations Victoria which is a partnership between schools and the Bendigo Bank
- Fling Fest for short films
- Niddrie Sound Hub
- Drumbeat - Building resilience through rhythm
- Early Years - Our Children - their journey - pre-school - primary school transition

Denise Shearer who is the Manager of Community Development spoke of the Learning Community Board which is being set up. Their aim is to:

- Help the community to make a difference
- Enable learning, collaboration, accountability and outcomes
- Provide Stewardship for learning

The board comprises of 18 members from 18 different sectors who meet quarterly. John Larkins will head the board. For further information on the council and its work you can visit [www.mvcc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mvcc.vic.gov.au)

**National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)**

As mentioned in the last newsletter the 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.

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**2013 Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability**

A reminder that all forms for the Data Collection on School Students with Disability are now overdue. If you received a form for your child & wish to participate, could you please return it as soon as possible. Forms will no longer be accepted after Thursday 17th of October.

**Education Sub-Committee Working Parties**

This year there have been four working parties established by Education Sub-Committee. The Policy Review (Helen Thomas), School Self Evaluation (Jenny Crowle), Community links (Randal Symons) and School Uniform Review (Diana Vivian/ Kim Simmons). Each group has an established Action Plan with a scope of work to complete this year and into 2014. Today, a notice from the School Uniform Review Working Party has been sent home seeking questions or comments from the community around dress code.

If you would like to be involved in these working parties the convenors names are mentioned above. Dates and times of meetings are advertised through the newsletter.

Have a great week everyone,

Jenny, Helen and Randal.
**Count Down to Music: Count Us In... 15 days to go!**

*Thursday 31st October @ 12.10pm*

"I could be a rock star, soaring super high, aiming for the sky.
I could be a doctor, I could fly a plane, I've got a million dreams inside my brain."

Don't know the words to this year's song, Keep On?

Join us at assembly for the next two weeks when we will be rehearsing the song in preparation for the FINAL COUNTDOWN.

...can we count you in???

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**Sports News**

**Summer Sport**
Interschool Sport for Term 4 will begin this Friday 18th October. The Gr5/6 students will be playing Handball, Rounders and Soccer against other schools in our district. Good luck to everyone playing this week.

- MPW Gold v St Mary's (Home)
- Flemington v MPW Blue (Away)

As part of our Sport Program some Gr 5/6 students will be participating in Lawn Bowls and Volleyball this term with the help from Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club and Maribyrnong Sports Academy.

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**Mini-Market This Friday**

Next Mini-Market is this Friday Oct 18, 3:00-4:30 pm
Near the Little Adventure Playground (if there is poor weather it will be in the Performance Space).

There will be gifts, jewellery, clothing, accessories, shoulder massages and more......

Get ready for the Spring Racing Carnival and Christmas!

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**Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge 2013**

Congratulations to all the 86 students who participated in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge this year. The Challenge finished last term and 83 students completed it. In total, 3,141 books were read!

**Congratulations to everyone for your participation and commitment.**

Certificates will be distributed later on this term and names of students who completed the Challenge will be published online.

This year, “The Age” will publish the honour roll online. From Sunday 27 October, you will be able to view a personalized video and download a personalized front page of “The Age” that is yours to keep. A link to the honour roll will be available on the website.

Once again, thank you to all the students and keep reading!

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**Parent Forum**

*Wednesday 16th October 7.30pm*

**Going to school?**
For parents of school aged and preschool children. This forum examines health issues for children and parents associated with time pressures that all families face when sending their child to school. How can you make the trip to school easier for yourself? Come along and explore the ‘speed paradox’ with Associate Professor Paul Tranter from UNSW Canberra.

Civic centre, Civic area
Wednesday 16 October at 7.30pm (refreshments at 7.15)
Free for Moonee Valley residents
Bookings: Lisa Bagnati 9243 8762 or lbagnati@mvcc.vic.gov.au by Tuesday 16 October ‘13

Looking forward to seeing you there.
THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

MPW families and friends are warmly invited to join in the fun of the final countdown to Music: Count Us In 2013.

WHEN:    Thursday 31st October

WHERE:   MPW Gym

TIME:    Join us in the gym at 12.10 p.m. when we will cross to live webcasts of the event from the Melbourne Arts Centre with Harrison Craig (winner of The Voice) and from Surfers Paradise where Darren Percival will sing from the top of the Q1 building.

At 12.30 p.m. we will join with the rest of Australia in the final countdown and performance of the song, ‘Keep On’.

We hope to see you there.

....can we count you in???
Salvation Army Drive
Friday 11th – Friday 25th 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.

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

Talking About Childhood Asthma Live From The Airways
Presented by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria and Royal Children’s Hospital

Sunday 27th October 2013
4pm - 6pm
FREE!
Ella Latham Auditorium, Ground Floor, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne

Ask questions, gain advice on: medications, diagnosis and asthma management from top Respiratory Specialists:
- A/Prof Sarath Ranganathan
- Prof Colin Robertson
- Dr Jo Harrison

Light refreshments will be served and tickets are limited, therefore registrations are essential.

Attend the event at the Royal Children’s Hospital OR watch the LIVE Webcast online
Register at www.asthma.org.au or call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)
In our Term 3 Inquiry Unit, Room 1 learned about simple machines and how they make jobs easier. Look at our experiments. Can you see which is using a pulley, a lever, wheels and a ramp?
ARE YOU READY FOR THE ‘STRIDE’ OF YOUR LIFE?

GREAT STRIDES
MELBOURNE & BENDIGO 2013
SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR, GREAT STRIDES WILL BE HELD AT ONE OF MELBOURNE’S MOST FAMOUS RUNNING SPOTS - ‘THE TAN’ TRACK AROUND THE BOTANICAL GARDENS!

To register as an individual, a family, or as a team, visit www.everydayhero.com.au/event/greatstridestmelb2013 today!

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!

GREAT STRIDES IS BACK IN 2013, BIGGER & BETTER THAN EVER!
Bertoncello Coffee

Bertoncello coffee is a new coffee roasting company based in Moonee Ponds that brings passion and character to your daily grind by roasting ethically sourced coffee beans from around the globe.

In our specially designed roasting lab, we conduct a meticulous roasting process so that we can offer you our signature blends to compliment our popular single origin coffee. We also offer a beautiful organic decaf for those who don’t require a caffeine hit!

Our online shop provides you with all the information you will need to select the right coffee for your needs, and if you live in Moonee Ponds, we offer FREE DELIVERY on all orders.

Alternatively, because our children are at Moonee Ponds West, we can arrange a pickup point at school for your convenience.

(Other delivery options are listed on the website)

We hope you’ll visit our website and enjoy our boutique coffees!

Kate & Michael (parents of Rose room 21, and Zara room 1)
www.bertoncellocoffee.com.au

Mum’s Tennis Program

21 October – 22 November 2013

Only $35 for five weeks of group tennis coaching*

Tennis Victoria’s Mum’s Program is run by a Tennis Australia qualified coach which means that you will be in good hands to develop your tennis skills. In addition, we also coordinate a Tiny Tots program for children between the ages of 3 - 5 which allows mothers to participate along with their children and not have to worry about the burden of childcare.

Save time and money on childcare by enrolling your child (ren) in the Tiny Tots program for just $15 for the same five weeks. Open to beginners and those who would like to resume playing tennis, the Mum’s Program allows you to take some time out for yourself and get fit and active whilst socialising with other mums in your area.

The program is designed to give Mums in the local area an opportunity to get active by playing tennis, meet and socialise with other mums in the local area.

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