NOTICES FOR PARENTS

- Communication
- Correspondence
- Sheenagh LSL (Room 4)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
For full calendar go to mooneewestps.vic.edu.au

| Nov 7th Thu | 9.00am | Incursion Grade 1/2 “Wild Animals” |
| Nov 11th Mon | 9.00am | Prep Transition Week (1) |
| Nov 11th Mon | 9.00am | Assembly Rm’s 14 & 19 hosting |
| Nov 11th Mon | 4.00pm | Magic 1,2,3 — Parenting Program |
| Nov 13th Wed | 7.00pm | MVIMP Concert @Moonee Valley |
| Nov 15th Fri | 11.00am | Free Fruit Friday |
| Nov 15th Fri | 2.30pm | JSC Disco |
| Nov 18th Mon | 9.00am | Prep Transition Week (2) |

Principals Report

Policy Review Working Party
The Policy Review working party is currently reviewing a number of MPW polices in consultation with staff and the community. We seek your feedback on the Sunsmart policy, the Anaphylaxis and Allergy Policy and Medication Policy. They are not new polices however we would appreciate comment from our community. Hard copies can be collected from outside the office. They have also been placed on our website.
Please send all feedback to thomas.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Music – Congratulations
Congratulations to Patrick Marshall on his recent music results. Patrick received a Pass with Honours for his AMEB Piano for Leisure Level 3 exam. This is a wonderful achievement by Patrick and reflective of his dedication and commitment to his instrument. Patrick participates in the school’s Sound House music program.
We will watch Patrick’s progress with great interest over years to come.

Count Us In
Last Thursday saw another very successful involvement of the MPW community through the ‘Count Us In’ program. With the leadership of Kate Ridgway we had been learning the song for some time. This, together with the song being played at the end of break times meant we were all singing along to a well-known tune. We followed the webcast from Melbourne with John Foreman as the host. I’d like to thank the staff, students and parents who took part in the program. I’d also like to thank Lisa McRae for her initiative in ensuring we had all the resources and met timeframes. We look forward to our involvement in 2014. Grab a copy of the next ‘Melbourne Review’ newspaper in which some of our students are featured.

The Language of Learning
This week we have uploaded a document onto our school’s website under our ‘Partnerships’ link and the ‘Language of Learning’ to support the conversations you have at home around Maths. The document outlines 10 strategies we use at school for solving problems. You may like to print it and display it somewhere at home. We will continue to add resources to assist parents. Please let us know of any areas you’d like us to focus on that we haven’t yet added.

Graduation
Just to advise that this year’s Graduation is on the 18th December with the Grade 6 students having their meal at 6.00 p.m. and the formal ceremony beginning at 7.00 p.m. The planning is well under way with many of the responsibilities already completed. We thank Di Woodburn and her team for what will no doubt be a very successful celebration for our graduating students.

Walk to school month
On the 7th November a coffee/hot chocolate cart will be at Maribyrnong Park at the corner of The Boulevard & Holmes Rd (Essendon Rowing Club) Moonee Ponds on Thursday 7 November from 8.00 -8.45 a.m. If you normally drive your child to school this would be a great opportunity for you to meet other families there and walk to school after a coffee.

Have a great week everyone, Jenny, Helen & Randal.
Summer Sport

**T20 Blast (Kanga 8’s)**
Trials have begun for our cricket teams that will compete on the 15th November. Two boys and two girls teams will be selected to play in the tournament at Fairbairn Park. Thank you to Russell, Simon and Tania for helping with training.

**Up & Coming Events**
- Thursday 7th November — Coffee Cart at Maribyrnong Park for Walk to School November
- Fri 15th November — T20 Blast at Fairbairn Park

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Moonee Ponds West has signed up for VicHealth’s Walk to School 2013, a month-long activity that encourages children to walk to and from school every day in November. Walk to School encourages children to make walking part of their daily routine to improve fitness, friendships, the environment and their confidence.

Children can keep track of their walks, with the help of a parent or teacher, using the Walk to School website and app. Children can play an interactive game on the app and earn items for an imaginary Walk to School journey with each walk they complete. The app is available for free from the App Store and Google Play.

Walk to School is free, it’s fun and there are fantastic prizes for families and schools up for grabs. Students have received an information / consent form to register online.

**On the 7th November there will be a special coffee cart set up at Maribyrnong Park from 8:00am – 8:45am** for MPW families to meet at the park before walking to school. If you live too far to walk this could be a great way to get involved for other information please visit www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au.

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You’re invited to the......

**JSC disco!**

**When:** Friday 15th November

**Where:** MPW Gym

**What time:** Prep/1/2 - 2.30-3.30
3/4 - 4.00-5.00
5/6 - 5.30-6.30

**Cost:** Free but a gold coin donation is welcome

Hope to see you there!!
**HALL NEWS**

This term in Hall the learning areas have been suggested by the students across the P-2 area. The learning areas this term are: Listening Post, Imaginative Play, Collage, Writing Area, Post Office, The MPW Café, The MPW Vet, Puppet Theatre, The Beach Area, Lego Area, Tinkering, Play dough, Construction (a combination of big box and woodwork) and The Veggie Patch.

Students are highly engaged in writing throughout Hall Sessions. Some of the writing has included Puppet Show Scripts, Menus, Labeled diagrams for their buildings, Stories about their dress up characters, words from songs they are listening to, procedural texts about how to make collage creations and instructions on how to build machines in Tinkering and the Lego Area.

The Veggie Patch has had many helping hands this term, thank you to all of our Parent Helpers! We are hoping for a Mini Harvest at the end of Term 4.

The Students are hoping to give the Puppet Theatre a fresh coat of paint as well as do some sewing as a Special Interest learning area. If you can help with this, or any other area in Hall, please come over and see Nicole.
Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?

Research into parenting children with Type 1 diabetes

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you! By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072