Principal’s Report

Moonee Valle Instrumental Music Program (MVIMP) – Annual Concert
It was our great pleasure to host the 29th Annual MVIMP concert at Moonee Valley Racecourse. Many families and friends, along with Principal Class and School Council Presidents from the four schools Ascot Vale, Ascot Vale West, Moonee Ponds and Moonee Ponds West enjoyed a wonderful evening of instrumental music. We currently have nearly 288 students from the four schools participating in this music program, with 93 students from MPW.

The students had been rehearsing for many weeks with great excitement as the evening approached. The Band performance as the finale of the night, was so exciting with a number of singers from the Sound house program also performing. Congratulations to all students involved from our beginning musicians in Year 3 through to our seasoned performers in Year 6.

Special congratulations to two students on their music awards received on the night:

- Felix Gulbin Fisher for receiving the Achievement Award
- Arabella Wilson for receiving the Geoff Smith Memorial Award.

Geoff was a music teacher in the program for many years. He was involved in teaching strings. He set up a band in each school and the combined band. Geoff passed away at an early age. This award is made to a student who shows great commitment to their music.

Japanese Language Forum
On the 18 November Diana Vivian and Randal Symons presented at the South Western Regional briefing to over 100 Principals and Department of Education and Early Childhood Representatives (The Department) on our Japanese program. With recent Government directives to ensure all schools have a comprehensive language program in place, The Department has looked at how best to support schools with this implementation. Currently only 61% of Primary Schools have a language program in place (Of these 42% Italian, 39% Indonesian, 37% Japanese & 17% Mandarin). The Moonee Ponds West program is highly regarded and staff were asked to share their expertise. Many questions were asked about the implementation of the program with a number of Principals requesting a school visit to see the program in operation. Well done to both staff.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Georgette Parkin on her recent silver award in the Commonwealth Essay writing competition. Class teacher Ryan Vermeulen has been focussing on writing with his class, and with his encouragement Georgette entered this competition and has done extremely well. Georgette has also recently received hours with distinction in her AMEB singing exams. An outstanding achievement in both areas, well done Georgette.

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Student Scholarships
Students in Years 4-12 are invited to apply for student scholarships administered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. The scholarships are open on Monday 18th November 2013 and range in value from $350 to $2000. Students must lodge their application by 31st of January 2013. Applicants are required to submit their 2013 end of year results which must be verified by their Principals. Many of the scholarships identify financial need as an eligibility criterion. Parents/guardians receiving the Education Maintenance Allowance or families receiving Centrelink payments meet this criterion. Further information on the student scholarships is available at www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships

Have a great week everyone,
Jenny, Helen and Randal.

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Australian Maths Competition

Recently, students who took part in this year’s Australian Mathematics Competition (A.M.C.) received their results. The A.M.C., held on August 1st at MPW, is competed in annually by tens of thousands of students from all over Australia and around the world. Students were presented with a range of mathematical problems to solve, using any materials or equipment that would normally be found in their school classroom.

As a group, M.P.W. students achieved great success this year and each student received both a certificate and detailed personal results to take home. Of the 40 Grade 3-6 students who competed, the following certificates were awarded:

1 = Prize Award
3 = High Distinction
5 = Distinction
19 = Credit
7 = Proficiency
5 = Participation

Two students from our school, Jack Rhynd (Grade 3 - Room 11/12) and King Shi (Grade 6 – Room 14) were singled out for special recognition by the Australian Mathematics Trust. Congratulations to Jack for receiving a Prize Award and who attended the AMC Awards Night at P.E.G.S. last Wednesday evening. Jack received a book voucher, special pin and was presented in front of a large audience including his parents. Jack reflected: “I felt nervous. I was on the edge of my seat waiting to be called up, but then I felt excited. I could see mum with her camera out in the audience and I met a new friend Charlie who was sitting next to me.”

King was invited to attend a very special Mathematics Enrichment Programme (also held at P.E.G.S. last Wednesday) ran all day for a select group of students from around Victoria and which focused on developing and applying high-level problem solving skills. According to King: “It was challenging and enjoyable. They gave us some group and individual challenges to do and I met some new people.”

Congratulations again to Jack, King and all those who took part in this excellent extension programme. Next year the A.M.C. will again be open to all students in Grades 3-6 who love maths and is to be held on Thursday, 7th August, 2014.

Ryan Vermeulen
**MVIMP Concert**

Congratulations to all of the children who performed at our combined concert last Wednesday night! You did a fantastic job and should feel very proud, both of your music and your behaviour! It was a great night and there have been lots of positive comments about you and your performances.

Don’t forget that lessons and band continue until Friday December 13\(^{th}\) – there is a lot more still to learn.

**MVIMP 2014**

On Wednesday December 4\(^{th}\), there will be a concert held at 10am in the gym to demonstrate all the instruments that can be learned through the MVIMP program, particularly for those children who might like to begin learning an instrument in 2014. The band will also perform at this concert. Families are welcome to come along and enjoy the concert, and see/ hear the instruments that are available.

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**Tupperware 2013 Fundraiser Drive**

We are conducting a Tupperware fundraising drive to raise some funds for the school. This is a great opportunity for you to get some Christmas gift giving ideas and some great deals going for the month of December.

Every order will receive a FREE gift plus there will also be an extra gift for the order with the highest dollar value. Anyone interested in having their own demonstration will receive FREE Tupperware, while also benefitting the school.

There are some brochures at the office and an envelope to place orders in or you can view brochures online at [www.tupperware.com.au](http://www.tupperware.com.au)

Payment is by Visa, MasterCard or Cash when placing the order. Orders are to be in by Monday 2nd December and delivery will be 13th December.

To Place an Order Please Contact Tracy Pouli- er at tpoulier@gmail.com or ph: 93728682/0419517242

Thank you for your support.

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**Dress Code Policy Review**

Two focus groups will be held on Tuesday November 26\(^{th}\) – one in the day and the other in the evening. An independent moderator will facilitate the discussions.

We are calling for interested community members to participate. Please reply by Wednesday 20 November 2013 to the school office and complete the details below. Please note that 8 will be randomly selected for each session from those that offer to be involved.

☐ 2.15pm – 3.15pm

☐ 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Name: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Contact phone number: __________________

Children’s year level: __________________
Trugo is a truly Melburnian sport. Trugo originated in the railway yards as a game workers played during their lunch breaks. They used their sledgehammers to hit a rubber buffer between their legs from one end of the train carriage to the other, trying to hit the buffer between the two tracks. Whenever they scored they would yell, “That's a true go,” hence the name, Trugo.

We walked down to the Ascot Vale Trugo club and met Michael and the other Trugo club members (there are only nine.) We found out more about the sport. We learned how to use the net to catch the buffer. We competed against each other. Noah, Cun, Angus, Meg, Cyneisha, Liam and Jack proved to be naturals at the game. The nets are not commercially produced, so they make their own. Jack took a spectacular catch with the net, saving Izzy from a big blow.

In the short breaks, we befriended Sam the dog, which led one team being called Sam’s Superstars. The other teams were Jjecks, Cyniraemuzliano, Gus and Mallet Monkeys. Everyone had an amazing time.

The Ascot Vale Trugo Club are open on Tuesdays, have competitions on Thursdays and have open days on Sundays.

We highly recommend that you go to Maribyrnong Park, find the Trugo club and have a true go, at Trugo!
Essendon Kellor College's 20th Anniversary Celebration
Essendon Campus
Saturday, 30th November, 2013
3 - 6pm
There will be live music, networking opportunities and children’s entertainment as well as light refreshments and memorabilia available for purchase.

Hope to see you there!

Archie Thompson School of Soccer
The ‘Archie Thompson School of Soccer’ 3 day program is coming to Altona North in January 2014! Running from Tuesday January 21st – Thursday January 23rd, 2014 at Emmanuel College, St. Paul’s Campus, Altona North, the camp promises to build on the huge success of 2013.

Our camps are aimed at boys and girls (aged 8-17) who are already playing at school or club, but also those keen to give soccer a try. We’ve developed a skills program based on the FFA curriculum, and with an aim to promote fun and fitness.

Visit www.schoolofsoccer.com.au to save 20% before Christmas by taking advantage of our AMAZING ATSOS ‘Early Bird’ offer before it runs out – a saving of $60!