Principal’s Report

Congratulations
It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Natalie Leyonhjelm from Room 16 on being awarded an Academic and Sporting Achievement Award from School Sport Victoria. Natalie’s main sports are netball and gymnastics. Natalie is also strong in all academic areas. The award was presented at last weeks’ assembly.

Education Sub-Committee
The working parties of the Education Sub-committee have worked extremely hard throughout 2013. Yesterday, three focus groups for the School Uniform review working party were conducted by an independent facilitator. Two parent sessions (day and evening session) involving 16 people and one staff session was conducted. Thank you to those parents and staff involved. The students have also been consulted throughout this review process through Junior School Council and all classes have discussed the review process at a suitable level according the year level of the students. Following on from the recently gathered community feedback and the focus groups, a report will be prepared by the facilitator and forwarded to the School Council. The working party of our council will then consider the next steps in the review process and keep our community informed through the newsletter.

Due to Parent Teacher Child conferences in the week beginning 9th December 2013 (with the late night on Wednesday 11th December), there will be no Education Sub-committee in December. At our first meeting of the year our 2014 Annual Implementation Plan will be shared with the committee and the broader community. I would like to extend an enormous thank you to all involved in Education Sub-committee this year. Your support, commitment and work on this sub-committee is much appreciated. We have achieved a lot in 2013. In particular, to the leaders of the working parties; Randal Symons (Community links), Diana Vivian and Kim Simmons (School Uniform Review), Helen Thomas (Policy Review) and Jenny Crowle (Self-evaluation), I thank you all for your leadership and support within the committee. Please contact Helen Thomas (Education Convenor) if you are interested in being involved in 2014.

Communication
At Moonee Ponds West we are always looking at ways to improve our communication processes. At last week’s Community Partnership’s...
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meeting, a working party of the Education Committee, we drafted our Action Plan. One action is to look at our school’s communication tools and gain feedback on how these will target the needs of our community. The first is to gather feedback on our newsletter. We would appreciate if you could click on the link below. The survey will take about 5 minutes to complete. Please note that the survey is the same as the one contained within the newsletter alert email if you receive these. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AlxVu_CHFLpKDmrPkVkJtIVmWWCc0FSdGftjhD7vU7s/viewform

Plans for 2014
The demand for places at Moonee Ponds West continues to be high. If you are leaving the school at the end of 2013 please let your child’s class teacher or 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.

Have a great week everyone,

Jenny, Helen & Randal

Curriculum Days 2014

- Tuesday, 28th January
- Tuesday, 11th March
- Friday, 23rd May
- Monday, 3rd November

Moonee Ponds West is participating in 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.
Summer Sport

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**MPW Blue v St Mary’s**
This week MPW Blue v North Melbourne at North Melbourne. MPW Gold are at home against Flemington. This is the final week of summer sport. Good luck to all teams.

**Jump Rope / Healthy Lunch**
On Thursday 21\(^{st}\) November the school community participated in Jump Rope / Healthy lunch. Thank you to the many helpers who came and turned a rope or helped prepare and serve the healthy lunch. A big thank you to Lynda Dalton who organised all the food.

**Upcoming Events**
- Fri 29\(^{th}\) November Interschool Sport
- November – KEEP WALKING TO SCHOOL

**Transition Days**
*Tuesday 10\(^{th}\) December & Tuesday 17\(^{th}\) of December*

On Tuesday 10\(^{th}\) of December your child will have the opportunity to spend a few hours with their 2014 teacher and classmates. There will then be a further session with their 2014 teacher and class on Tuesday 17\(^{th}\) of December, to answer any questions and develop a stronger link.

Now is a good time to discuss with them what will happen on these mornings (particularly younger children who may not have experienced this process in previous years) and get a sense of their feelings surrounding transition.

Some ideas for discussion;
* Share stories about your own experiences of moving to a new class or a new job. How you felt and how you coped with the change.
* Let your child know that it is quite natural to feel apprehensive about a change. It is important to discuss what you may be feeling apprehensive about.
* Explain that a new class will offer new learning experiences and the possibility of new friendships, which is something to look forward to.

If you would like to do some further reading;
[http://www.aboutourkids.org/articles/transition_points_helping_students_start_change_move_through_grades](http://www.aboutourkids.org/articles/transition_points_helping_students_start_change_move_through_grades)

If your child appears to be particularly concerned about something please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Thank you,
Justine Ryan
**Tupperware 2013 Fundraiser Drive**

We are conducting a Tupperware fundraising drive to raise 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 benefiting 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. Delivery will be 13th December.

To Place an Order Please Contact Tracy Poulier at t.poulier@gmail.com or ph: 93728682/0419517242

**Orders for the Tupperware Fundraiser are due soon. Please ensure all orders are given either to the Office, or to Tracy by next Wednesday 4th December.**

Thank you for your support

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**Christmas Mini-Market**  
**Friday 6th December, 3:00-4:30 pm**

Get ready for Christmas and pick up some great original gifts! There will be handmade clothing, jewellery and accessories, books, cosmetics and more.

The Christmas Mini-Market is to be held in the Little Adventure Playground, weather permitting. If the weather is unsuitable, it will be held in the Performance Space.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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**MPW Christmas Raffle**

It’s our last fundraiser for the year and we have some great prizes up for grabs!

- A $300 Myer voucher
- A Cadbury hamper
- An iPod shuffle
- A coffee hamper donated by Bertoncello Coffee
- A pack of kids’ DVDs

This week your eldest child will bring home 10 tickets valued at $2 each. We would love you to sell these to family and friends and return the ticket stubs and the money to the office by 3.30pm on Thursday 19th December. If you would like more tickets, please ask at the office.

The raffle will be drawn at the final assembly, on Friday 20th December, and winners will be contacted by phone (if not present)

Thanks very much to the school community for your support with fundraising this year.

Merry Christmas from Michelle Currie, Karen Korff, Lawana Coulson, Kath White and Shirley Stephens.
News from Room 16

Today, Room 16, along with our fellow Gr 5/6 classes participated in The Race Around Melbourne!

"We were packed in like sardines on the train" - Abbey Lees

“One of the best things I’ve done at school!” - Ian Lemes

“It’s the best!” - Ethan Merlin

“Great day! Fantastic, but hot!” - Liam O’ Connell

“Really great day, with lots of learning!” - Jayden Ryan

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COMMUNITY NEWS

YMCA School Holiday Program – Book now!

The YMCA are running School Holiday Programs in Strathmore, Niddrie and Moonee Ponds, offering heaps of awesome activities, including Surf Life Saving, Kids in the Kitchen, Bounce, Sensational Swimming and more! Bookings are now open, don’t miss out! For full details and to book, visit: www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au.

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In addition to our boutique and specialty coffees, bertoncello coffee is thrilled to offer seasonal gift packing!

To order online, you will need to:

1. Visit our online shop and choose your products
2. When checking out choose “Coffee Club” option
3. Type in MPW Coffee Club for your coffee club name
4. Indicate whether you would like gift wrapping in the section titled other instructions, as well as the date for delivery, child’s name and room number (products will be placed in your child’s locker)

Enjoy!!
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