Students from Japan

We welcome to Moonee Ponds West Primary Ruri and Ayano from our sister school Ryokuen Higashi Shougakkou in Yokahama, Japan. Thank you to Diana, Cindy and Fiona G for ensuring their stay runs smoothly. We especially thank the Burte and Rico families for hosting Ruri and Ayano while they experienced the daily life of everything that MPW has to offer – including a visit to the Zoo last Sunday. Thank you also to Ryan and Jess and the students in Rooms 17 & 12 for making the girls feel so welcomed.

Work in the 1888 (Library) Building

With confirmation that a long standing leak was no longer evident above the corridor outside the Creative Arts Room work took place late last week to re-plaster the ceiling area.

Child Safety

The Victorian Government has responded to the Child Abuse Royal Commission by introducing minimum Child Safe Standards to ensure that all organisations providing services for children create a child-safe environment. Moonee Ponds West Primary continues to strive to ensure the highest standards of student well-being and safety. More information about the Child Safe Standards will be forthcoming over the coming weeks.

Spring Carnival Fundraising Event

Join us for our upcoming fundraiser (adults only)- tickets are now available from http://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-carnival-social-night-tickets-26793999574 Friday 21st Oct from 7:30pm it will be held at The Union Function Room.

Circus Day

This Friday August 5th students from Years 5/6 will begin working with Phil preparing for the up-and-coming Circus Day to be held at MPW on Friday 5th August. Thank you to Bree & Sue for their work in preparing for this community event.

Exxon Mobil Grant

Thank you to Stewart Burte for assistance in facilitating an Exxon Mobil grant of $1500 for the Green Team. The Green Team are currently writing a proposal regarding the expenditure of the grant.

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Action Teams, Professional Learning Teams and Working Groups
As a result of an extended process of review that commenced mid 2015, over the next two weeks three Action Teams of staff will focus on Philosophy of Teaching and Learning, Communication and Wellbeing with a view to outlining a scope of works and drafting indicative plans. Professional Learning Teams will also convene to address work in the areas of English, Mathematics, Inquiry and Student Wellbeing.

Enrolments for 2017
All enrolment documentation must be submitted to school by Friday August 12 2016.

Sibling Enrolments
Enrolment documents are available from the office for siblings of current MPW students who will be commencing school in 2017.

Parent/Carer Tours
Parent/carer tours have already taken place this term. If anyone wishes to tour the school, and is yet to do so, further information is available on the school website (or contact the school).

Australian Maths Competition
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition last week. As a teacher I was so proud of the way you worked your way through the questions. It was great to see you use your problem solving strategies to help you find your answers. I was especially excited to see you using the equipment we have available in our classrooms to help you become problem solvers.

The following is a list of some of the extension opportunities students at Moonee Ponds West Primary School may be encouraged to participate in.

Classroom extension
This takes place when and where is acceptable
An example; In Mathematics a student may work on the same problem as other class members but in base 5 rather than base 10.

Gateways
This is a user pays, off site experience. Gateways is accessed online and it is up to the parents to enroll and organise their child’s participation.

Choir/ State School Spectacular
Any interested students can participate in choir. There is a junior and senior choir who rehearse during school hours.

State school spectacular
This takes many hours of a student’s own time as well as school time. The final performance is on a Saturday and is usually held in September each year.

Music Camp
Individual students are selected by their music tutors to participate in this camp. This camp takes place at Lady Northcote Camp in August each year.

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Australian Mathematics Competition
Held yearly for students in Grade 3-6 Usually in late July or early August. This is held during school time and there is a cost to participate.

Australian Mathematics Challenge
New initiative introduced last year. This activity requires an allocated timetable. It consists of a selection of co-operative tasks and is available to students in Years 5-6. This takes place every second year.

Tournament of the Minds (TOM)
TOM happens every second year and is a problem solving programme for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. They are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from one of the following disciplines:
- Science Technology
- Engineering Mathematics
- Social Sciences
- Language Literature
This occurs in late August each year and requires teacher and parental support. It also requires many out of school hour’s commitment

Writing challenges
Various writing challenges occur throughout the school year.

Individual Inquiry Based Learning
This is an opportunity for students to take their learning to the next level supported by their classroom teacher.

Camp
An opportunity to push yourself to take calculated risks; to work as a co-operative team member. Camps take place across the school year.

Green Team
Opportunities to take the next step in caring for our environment. Green Team meets at lunchtime on a monthly basis. See Jess Grenbaum or Lisa Mclachlan.

JSC
An amazing opportunity to make a difference and participate in public speaking.

Circus
This opportunity has to be experienced to be believed, talk about extend yourself! This occurs every second year with the focus on the 5/6 Team, however everyone gets to benefit from the final performance. This is beginning this week.

Sporting Opportunities
Students are encouraged and supported to participate in individual and team events. e.g. the regional swimming carnival.

Enjoy the week
Jeff & Fiona
Room 7

In Room 7 we have been learning about time. Here are some of the things we know about telling time.

O’clock is the only time the hour hand is directly facing a number. —Bella & Daniel

There are 2 different types of clocks, digital and analogue. —Alec & Brooke

The minute hand is easiest to tell. —Stella & Aidan

There are 2 different types of time, analogue and digital. —Xavier & Mia

The long hand is the minute hand. —Leila & Oliver

People need to be able to tell the time every day, e.g. If you’re going to see a movie. —Kleo & Taisei

Whenever the long hand is on the 6, it’s half past the hour. —Sam & Ruby

When the minute hand points to the 3, it’s 15 mins past the hour. —Jerry & Harriet

When the hour hand is in the middle of the 3 and 4 it’s still 3 something. —Harshraj & Olivia

When the minute hand is on the 9, it means it is quarter to. —Hanan & Hunter
Ahhh, How Times Have Changed...

The F/1 topic inquiry for Terms 2 & 3 was “Change”. Students explored how times have changed through an excursion to Yarrabee Yesterday School and compared their lives to the lives of people in the past. In taking their learning further, Room 3 students were able to choose an inquiry question and specific topic of interest to research. They worked in groups, pairs and independently according to their interests. Students discovered answers to their questions through interviewing and researching using iPads and a range of information books.

Winnie & Estella
Research Topic - Ancient Egypt

Rose
Research Topic - Car
SEX ED FOR GRADE 5 AND 6 STUDENTS

Parents and Guardians of Students in Grade 5 and 6,

Please save Tuesday 11th October at 7.00pm to attend a parent information session that will be held at the school, regarding the Sex Education Program the students in Grade 5 and 6 will be participating in on Thursday 13, 20 & 27th October 2016. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss what will be covered in the three sessions.

More information about this program will follow.

DET LETTERS TO FAMILIES

This week Families have been sent out letters with student/family details enclosed which we currently have on record. It is a DET requirement that family details are updated every 6 months so our information held on record is up to date. Could you please go through the records currently on file and make necessary changes so that it can be updated accordingly.

We are also planning to implement a DET SMS communication system, through our school system which will enable the school to send out SMS communication to parents and carers. If you are happy to participate in the system please fill out the form which has sent out along with your family records and return this to office.

More information is provided in the letter sent hope. If you have any questions regarding these matters please contact Sandra Monaghan in the Office.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Department of Education and Training (DET) annual parent survey has gone home to families nominated in the DET generated random sample in the week beginning 18th July. It is important that as many families as possible complete the survey. This will allow us to consider the feedback and build on the culture of continual improvement.

The feedback from families will be very useful. If you receive a survey and have any questions please contact the school Business Manager Sandra Monaghan in the office.
COMMUNITY NEWS

LOST!!
MPWPS School Backpack
It has a yellow Lego name tag with a name on it and contact details.
It contained a lunchbox, Pokémon cards and a wet weather jacket.
Last seen near the bike shed on Friday 25th of July.
Please contact Melanie in room 8 with any information.

VISION PORTRAITS

$15 Photo Fundraiser
10” x 13” photo and Frame
- Don’t miss this great opportunity to update your family photos.
- Choose your time, level & payment.
- 100% of bookings is paid for School.
- Fundraisers, vacations, holidays, 
- on special.
- Order now! Order now! Order now! Everyone’s welcome!

BOOKING INFORMATION

Moonee Ponds West
Primary School

$15 for 10” x 13” Photo and Frame
Choose either an Indoor or Outdoor photo shoot
Date: Saturday 3rd September, 2016

Book online at:
www.tobooking.com/2Y9
(Click above link or put into x path bar, do not put into google)
Bookings Due by: Friday 9th August, 2016

VISION PORTRAITS

FREE PILOT PROGRAM

Netacise is a unique, netball inspired, group fitness activity built on the values of flexibility, adaptability and enjoyment.
It is open to all ages, all fitness levels regardless of whether or not you’ve played netball before.

VENUE: Moonee Ponds West Primary School
DATE: 18th, 25th July & 1st, 8th August
TIME: 8.45am-9.30am

JOIN TODAY FOR OUR FREE FOUR WEEK PROGRAM TO REGISTER VISIT: http://netacise.memberhq.com.au

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Yoga develops techniques for management of stress and anxiety.
Yoga is an integrated program of mind-body health.
We offer individualised studio classes that cater for all abilities.
Classes include yoga postures, deep relaxation, breathing exercises and meditation.

MindBody Health
23 Gladstone Street
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New classes Thurs. 7-8.15pm
First Class Free

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