Principal’s Report

Enrolment Plans and Class Placement for 2017

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 2016 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 for 2017 please put your request in writing and forward to Jeff Lyon via email only to moonee.ponds.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by Monday 31st of October. This request will then be registered for consideration.

Show Day

Thank you to everyone who made show day such a huge success – including everyone from the school community who were able to make it to MPW today. Show day is the culmination of many hours of planning by both the Junior School Councillors and children from each and every grade. A special thank you all to all staff for their efforts in facilitating a wonderful Show day.

Sex education

Last night was the Sex education information evening for parent’s/carer’s of children in grade 5&6. If you attended the evening and wish to provide feedback could you please forward your comments to either Vicki McCormack or the School’s email address.

Letters sent home this week:

- Mon Oct 3rd Getting Organised for Transition to Yr7
- Tues Oct 4th Grade 5/6 Cricket Form
- Fri Oct 7th Foundation/One Activity Night
- Mon Oct 10th MPW Billy Cart Grand Prix
- Tue Oct 11th Teams 4, 5 & 6 Notices
- Tue Oct 11th Show Day
- Tue Oct 11th Sleepover Notes
- Tue Oct 11th Green Team Note
Principal’s Report continues

Grade 2 sleepover

The grade 2 sleepover is being held tomorrow night – which is an exciting event in the life of the children from grade 2 and possibly the first night some children are away from home.

Walk to School October

This month is walk to school October. For more information please refer to the item in this newsletter or contact Bree White.

Fundraising event

A Spring Carnival fundraising event is being held on Friday October 21. For further information please refer to the item in this newsletter.

School Banking

Student banking commences tomorrow Thursday 13th October.

Enjoy the week,

Jeff
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

INVITATION FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR MIGRATION STORIES WITH THE YEAR ONE/ TWO TEAM

The Year One/Two team have planned a new unit called “Where in the world did we come from?” This unit will provide an opportunity to explore our family immigration stories, develop understandings of Australia’s multicultural identity and the ways in which different cultures share the stories, beliefs and ideas about life.

For this unit to be successful, we require your help! We are hoping to share lots of family and migration stories and experiences from our own community. We would love for you to think about what contributions you could make to help children develop these understandings.

You may like to share traditional stories from your culture, tell stories from your childhood and show photos, teach a traditional dance, look at traditional art forms and have a go at enabling children to create their own, teach a traditional song, sharing artefacts or telling about traditional festivals and rituals.

You might feel more comfortable working with children in small groups, or with a friend (or group of friends!) you may be happy to share with a whole class or, if you are really brave, even with our three combined classes!

If you have any contacts to individuals or groups that could come and share their knowledge or skills - for example, dance, martial arts, music – please see one of the One/Two teachers at your earliest opportunity.

Amy, Louise and Jenny

HEALTHY & SAFETY AT MOONEE PONDS WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The Department of Health and Human Services has identified a new strain of norovirus, which may lead to gastroenteritis outbreaks; it’s been detected in Victoria.

Norovirus is characterised by acute onset of nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Other symptoms may include fever, headaches and muscle aches. Symptoms usually resolve after 48 hours, but if you’re concerned about your child’s symptoms please seek medical attention.

To help prevent the spread of norovirus, everyone, including all staff and students, should:

- Avoid attending work or school when experiencing gastroenteritis symptoms and advise us of the students illness
- Stay away from school until the student has been free of symptoms for 48 hours
- Maintain strict hand hygiene procedures at all times. Hands must be washed with soap and water, especially after going to the toilet and before eating or preparing food

For further information The Department of Health and Human Services has issued the following advice on managing the new strain of norovirus, see:

Health Victoria: New strain of norovirus detected in Victoria.

FOUNDATION/ONE ACTIVITY NIGHT

The annual Prep/One activity night is fast approaching. It will be held at school on Thursday 20th October from 5.00 – 7.00pm

This night forms the beginning of our school camping program, by providing children with the opportunity to experience time away from family, outside of regular school hours. The next step is a sleepover in Grade 2 and then camps for children in Grades 3-6. As well as having our fantastic Prep/1 teachers running exciting activities on the night, there will be many other teachers joining in the fun as well. Please make sure you return your notes and payment by Friday the 14th October.
Getting Organised for Transition to Secondary School

Grade 6 students and parents

To assist with the transition process to secondary school, Amanda Lecaude from Organising Students, will be conducting a;

Students – Tuesday workshop for the Grade 6 students and another for parents and carers 15 November during class time
Parents – Monday 14 November in the performance space at 7pm

For further info on the workshops you can check out Amanda's video by visiting https://youtu.be/wedNUjl1YTo

Further notices will also be sent home shortly about these workshops and to collect RSVP’s from parents for their workshop.
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

MOONEE PONDS WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL
Spring Carnival
SOCIAL NIGHT
Fundraiser

Friday, 21 October
7.30PM TILL 12.30AM
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TICKETS ARE LIMITED, SO BE QUICK!
Questions? Contact: lewood@mpws.act.edu.au - This event is for adults only.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! ✨

Attention all our wonderful families and friends of MPWPS!

Our final fundraising event of 2016 is fast approaching and we cannot do without your support.

The events team is seeking items to decorate the Spring Carnival Social Night venue in the way of the following:

✨ Floral arrangements
✨ Party Decorations - balloons, streamers, coloured lights.

We have a colour theme in mind so if there are any MPWPS parents who may be able to donate or provide a contact in regard to these decorative items could you please email us on the address below.

In addition, we are asking if MPWPS families may consider donating goods or services for our final fundraising event.

Some suggestions of items:

Restaurant Voucher / Department Store Voucher / Fitness Club Voucher
Theatre Tickets / Wine or Champagne / 1 night city accommodation / Spa or Beauty Vouchers / Specialty Hampers / Hair Salon Vouchers

Families and friends of MPWPS, your generosity, consideration and support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to reaching our fundraising goal of an air-conditioned school gym for 2017!

Please contact Rachel Toussaint on rachwals@hotmail.com or Anna Clapcott on annaclapcott@hotmail.com if you are able to assist.

(The school office will be able to receive any donations – and if you are able to provide your contact name and email address we can acknowledge your support at the event and a formal thank-you letter will follow.)
COMMUNITY NEWS

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**VENUE:** Moonee Ponds West Primary School
**DATE:** Monday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November
**TIME:** 8:45-9:30am
**REGISTER:** https://netacise.com.au/events/view/374/Train
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