Principal’s Report

Odd Sock Circus Day
Tomorrow afternoon/evening is Odd Sock Circus Day at MPW. This is a whole school event commencing at 6pm. There will be a sausage sizzle available from 5pm. Everyone is welcome and odd socks de rigueur.

MPW Hall Cup
On Monday 31st October, the children from Hall will be Racing in the MPW cup. The whole school is invited to come and watch on the tiger turf, straight after assembly on Monday morning. Please read more later in the newsletter.

Count Us In
On Thursday 3rd November 2016, a live web-stream will commence at 12:00 noon, in the gym. You are welcome to join us and everyone, across the country, in singing ‘Let it Play’ at 12:30 p.m. The students are now practicing the song in preparation to the event.

School Levies
We are indeed fortunate to be supported by our school community. The school levies support school programs by funding consumables that are used in your child’s classroom such as stationary and toner, excursions and travel to interschool sport. The contributions to the library fund and the building fund are fully tax deductible and are used to stock our wonderful library with great books and to support our grounds development program. The voluntary contributions over recent years have been invaluable in funding school identified projects. Successful projects include the establishment and stocking of classroom libraries, the purchase of additional computers and eLearning equipment. All money raised through these essential fees and voluntary contributions is greatly appreciated and goes directly to supporting and enhancing the great educational programs at MPW.

If families could please finalise any outstanding payments, especially for user pays items such as camps, excursions, Year 6 clothing, music lessons etc... it would be greatly appreciated. Individual reminders will be posted to families from whom we have not received payments from on Friday 28th of October. There is a copy of the school levy form on the School Website if required. If you need to discuss alternative payment options please contact Sandra Monaghan.

Walk To School October
Walk to school October is nearly nigh. Thank you to all members of the community who have endured fluctuating weather conditions in their endeavors to walk to school in October.

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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 unknown 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.

2017 Tour of Japan Information Evening
Thank you to everyone who attended the information session last week regarding the 2017 Japan Tour. Thank you to the Bottiglieri Family and Diana Vivian for their presentations on the night. Application forms are available from the Office and Diana Vivian. The closing date for applications is the 9th of November.

Foundation/Grade 1 Activity Night
Thank you to everyone for their support of the Foundation & Grade 1 Activity night. Thank you again to all the MPW staff for their efforts in planning, coordinating and conducting the events of the evening.

Fundraising Event
A huge thank you to Rachel Toussaint and Rebecca Sanders and the extraordinarily talented team of helpers for all their efforts in making the Spring Carnival Fundraising event held last Friday evening such a resounding success.

Enjoy the week

Jeff

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Monday night was School Council night. We kicked off to a great start with Josh and Phoebe presenting from JSC. We heard what a great success show day was and how well organised it was. School Council passed on congratulations to the JSC reps.

- Jeff told us about the range of excursions, incursions and camps that have taken place.
- The school’s 6-monthly report on our Annual Implementation Plan is due soon. Jeff and the teaching staff have established 3 action groups to assist in planning for key improvements in the school to link to our Strategic Plan. These groups cover philosophy, well-being and communications. Information from these action teams will be communicated through the newsletter.
- The Resources Committee report was tabled. Planning will start soon for the 2017 school budget.
- The Education Subcommittee report included details about plans for the 2017 tour to Japan, the sex education program as well more about the annual implementation plan. The 2016 NAPLAN results were also looked at for the school.
- The outcomes of the survey about Foundation transition to school and considerations for future transitions was discussed.
- Finally we gave the go ahead to Ella (grade 6) to do some more planning for a memorial to the MPWS scholars who died in WW1 (Battles of 2015).

Louise Evens
(Vice–President)
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

ODD SOCKS CIRCUS

All staff, students, parents and friends are invited to attend and celebrate the circus skills of the grade 5/6s tomorrow night at our Odd Socks circus.

Don’t forget to wear your bright and colourful odd socks tomorrow, and please encourage all your students to join the fun and wear them too.

The circus begins at 6.00pm, runs for approximately 30 minutes of fun on the basket ball courts outside the gym.

Bree and Sue

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ROLL UP!! ROLL UP!!
MPW CIRCUS
Thursday 27TH October

Whole School Event—All MPW Community Members are invited.
So please come along and support the Grade 5 and 6 students with their spectacular circus skills:

Performance begins - 6:00pm
Food — From 5pm Sausage Sizzle
Circus raffle — We also have a hamper of circus equipment, art & craft goodies that we will be raffling to raise money to put on our circus.
Tickets are available for purchase at the office and on the night.
$2 each or 3 for $5. Your support is appreciated.
A message from the Philosophy Action Team

A note to our families and community. The Philosophy Action Team have been working alongside staff in developing a common Teaching and Learning statement that is unique to MPW. It is in draft form at the moment, but we think that we’re getting closer to an agreed statement. Keep tuned in for further information. In the meantime, why don’t you visit the school’s library and take a look at our parent information section. There are many great titles from respected educators, psychologists, researchers...etc. These books are available for you to borrow through your child’s library borrowing barcode.
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

DROMKEEN EXCURSION

On Monday and Tuesday last week the Prep/1’s went on an excursion to Dromkeen, in Riddles Creek. Dromkeen is a historical building (circa 1889) and operates educational tours and workshops for students on Australian literacy. The students participated in a workshop by Mark Wilson, an illustrator and author and they also visited the exhibition by Australian illustrators. The students viewed the many draft copies of illustrations that are involved before a book is published. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and we thank the many parents who accompanied us on this excursion.
Tuesday 18th October 2011

When I went to Crann Kina, I went with Mark Wilson and I row a titol at a shell and a ladder and we row a flave and I went on a forest hunt and we had to stay and I look it a war and a bidek out.

Dromkeen

Yesterday we went to Dromkeen on a bus. After lunch we did some activities and a craft. We met an artist, too. An artist called Mr. McVeigh told us stories. As soon as we got there, he told us our lesson. We went there for an excursion. The classrooms we went there in are Room 3, Room 2 and Room 1, we played best in Room 1. We found four rackets and five chins. The chicken layer 1 egg. Felix thought he saw an owl. Brown smoke in boy and girl land.
This personal writing by Noah, was inspired by the author Mark Wilson who spoke to the students about his writing at our excursion to Dromkeen. Mark spoke about where he gets his ideas from his book ... his family played a major role. Noah went home that evening and spoke to his family about their history.

1816
My Papa's
Dad went
from World
Went lot of soldiers
died but
My grandpapa
Dad survived
and came
back to Australia.
But he got sick
and died.
He went 17 miles.

The End
On to make their racehorses with recycled tubes, reused socks and craft supplies. Each horse will be named and a jockey from each room will be chosen randomly. The jockeys will run around a course mapped out by the children.

Children might choose to dress up on the day (optional of course) and our P-2’s will be Monday 31st October, the children from Hall will be Racing in the MPW cup. The whole school is invited to come and watch on the tiger turf, straight after assembly on Monday morning.

In preparation for this event, in Hall, the children are using their creativity wearing fashions on the fields as created in Hall.

We encourage you to join us for this event where you are sure to be impressed by the creativity and organisation of the children in Hall.
SPRING CARNIVAL EVENT

A big thank you to all those who helped make last Friday night such a great success. Everyone seemed to have a fabulous time.
The venue looked amazing thanks to Anna Clapcott’s decorative flair.
We’d also like to thank those who donated prizes or sourced donations from businesses. We really appreciate your generosity! We had some amazing prizes on the night.
Lastly we’d like to thank those who were able to join us on the night, events like these are not only a great way to raise some money for our school, they are also great for building community spirit.
Coming up we’ll be running our End of Year Raffle that will be drawn at the final assembly. We aim to send tickets home mid-November.
Anyone wanting to help organise any of our 2017 Fundraising events are invited to a meeting to be held in the very near future so keep an eye out for a notice in the newsletter.
Thanks for your support throughout 2016!
The Fundraising Team.

SOUNDHOUSE CONCERTS

As you’re all aware our Annual Soundhouse Concerts are coming up this term. We are so excited to get our concert items up and running, ready to show off all the hard work the students have put in over the last three terms.

Tuesday 8th November - Keyboard Concerts
6pm - Prep, Grades 1, 2 and 3 students
7pm - Grade 4, 5 and 6 students

Wednesday 9th November - Guitar and SAP 6pm
On this day we run a full rehearsal in the Performing Arts Space where the concert will be run that evening so students are aware of where they need to be.

For any enquiries please feel free to contact Maddie Owen on 0401 844 522 or meowen9@gmail.com
COMMUNITY NEWS

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Perform in a SHOW!
We give kids confidence
The Labyrinth Holiday Camp

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Children work in their age groups with special guest老师s and theatre professionals.
Free lunch and afternoon tea.

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to book a free,
no obligation audition session.

Celebrating Children's Week
22–30 Oct 2016

Children’s Week is held annually in October to recognise
the right of children to enjoy childhood.

Events are being held in our local community to showcase
children’s skills, talents and achievements.

Council invites Moonee Valley children and families to join us at
a range of free events and activities as we celebrate Children’s Week.

To find out more, email childrenswk @ mvcc.vic.gov.au,
call 9453 8888 or visit:


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Saturday 5th November
Chim Larry and Eglington St
Moonee Ponds
9am - 3pm

Handmade kids toys, clothes, costumes, international food, jams
and chutneys, jumping castle, face painting, cake stall and lots more!

100 percent profits to provide
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