Principal’s Report

Student Reports

Student Reports and portfolios will go home tomorrow to families.

Classroom, Specialist and Program provisioning for 2017

We farewell staff members who will not be continuing at Moonee Ponds West in 2017. On behalf of the school community I would like to offer my sincere thanks to these staff members for their contribution to the education and wellbeing of each and every student at MPW. We wish them every success in the future.

- Fiona Gribble has completed an EOI position at MPW as Acting Assistant Principal.
- Laura Jenkins has accepted a teaching position at Port Melbourne Primary.
- Thilini Marasinghe has accepted a teaching position at Truganina P-9.
- Stefanie Alderuccio has accepted a teaching position at Coburg West Primary.
- Justine Ryan has accepted a Leading Teacher position at Truganina P-9
- Nichole McKinnon who has worked in room 10 during 2016.
- Lorraine Ryan who has worked in the Creative Arts Program during 2016.
- Maryla Cappelletti – Education Support Officer who will return to work in the preschool area of education.
- Dawn Glenn - Education Support Officer who has retired at the end of many years in education – both as a teacher and in education support.

In 2017 we welcome back Adele Freeman who will be returning part time in 2017 (from the commencement of term 2) and new teaching staff Alyena Mohumadally, Brigitte Bozyk and Cassie McIntosh.

Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) and student welfare

The person responsible for the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) and student welfare matters of a complex nature is Barb Springfield. Your child’s classroom teacher remains the contact person for any questions and concerns you may have in relation to your child’s education and wellbeing.

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* Provisional Appointment

Creative Arts
- Sue Phillips
- Claudia Stolfo
- Mandy Jones
- Melanie Biessel

Japanese
- Diana Vivian
- Cindy Xu

Learning Support
- Vicki Stanley

P.E./Sport(Specialist Team Leader)
- Bree White
- Mandy Jones

Use of the school grounds over the holidays

The school grounds will remain open over the holidays. The school grounds are an integral part of providing a community space for our local community and your continued presence serves to ensure the appropriate use of the grounds. However, if you either see evidence of damage to the school property/buildings or witness willful damage or the climbing on the buildings, please call the police immediately.

Final Assembly for 2016

The final assembly for the year will be held at 9:00 in the gym on Tuesday 20th of December. The first assembly for 2017 will be on Monday 6th of February.

Dismissal times for 2016 and start of 2017

The end of year dismissal for all children is at 1:30 pm on Tuesday December 20th. Students in years 1 to 6 return to school on Tuesday January 31st. The first day for Foundation (Prep) students is on Thursday 2nd of February.

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Grade Placement for 2017

As has been mentioned some weeks ago, teachers invest enormous thought, care, time and energy into arranging classes for the coming year. We endeavor to provide for the best possible learning groupings to support each child’s social and physical growth and their intellectual and emotional wellbeing. A new class provides exciting opportunities to extend beyond the comfort of the familiar. While change can be unsettling, the staff of MPW are confident in supporting children to become more confident in their ability to meet whatever challenges that may arise in the transition into a new class and year level.

Grade 6 Graduation

As we bid farewell to the year 6 class of 2016, a reminder that the Grade 6 Graduation will be conducted tonight in the gym commencing at 7.00pm.
Thank you to all the staff whose efforts make this a very special evening for Grade 6 students and their families.

JSC Pyjama Day

JSC are holding a PJ Day tomorrow the 15th of December. Students are invited to wear their pyjama’s.

Lost Property

Thank you to the members of the school community who attended to the management of our school lost property.
A reminder that all lost property will need to be claimed by the end of the school year. Please take the time to look for any missing items before Tuesday next week. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charities.

Parent Helper morning tea

A morning tea will be provided at 11am tomorrow Thursday 15th December in the Staff Room to thank all our parent/carer/volunteer helpers. Please come along and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee with the staff.

Thank you

Thank you to the staff for their ongoing professionalism, commitment and unceasing efforts in ensuring every student is continually and richly supported in their learning and wellbeing.

And a huge thank you to the volunteers and the many parent/carer helpers who continually support the school, the staff and indeed the children in countless ways throughout the whole of the school year.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff of Moonee Ponds West I would like to wish you and your family an enjoyable, relaxing and safe holiday. For those families saying goodbye to MPW in 2016 we wish you every success in the future and for those who are returning in 2017 we look forward to seeing you and your family back at MPW in the New Year.

Enjoy the week
Jeff
LIBRARY BOOKS

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to start returning all books back to school. It would be much appreciated if you could please help your child/ren to look at home for any library books, literature books, or classroom books that belong to Moonee Ponds West and return them back as soon as possible to either the library or the classrooms.

A big thank you to all the parent helpers that helped out in the library throughout the year, and especially to Jennifer for her regular volunteer work within the library and to Colleen Shelton for book covering.

END OF YEAR SALE!!

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

A reminder that there are plenty of second hand uniforms still available for purchase at the office such as Winter Dresses/Skirts $20 per item, Summer Dresses—$10 per item.

LOST PROPERTY

A significant amount of lost property has accumulated again. Lost property is located in the causeway behind room 7 (near the toilets). It is the responsibility of parents and students to check the lost property rack on a regular basis to reclaim their belongings. We also have valuables such as watches, keys, glasses and other similar items at the office. Any lost property that is unclaimed will be collected on the last Friday of Term 4, 16th December and donated to charity.

FUNDRAISING

END OF YEAR RAFFLE

By now you will have received your raffle book for the End Of Year Raffle. Please return the ticket stubs and money to the office by Monday the 19th December. Raffle to be drawn at the final assembly on Tuesday 20th. There’s great prizes this year, good luck!!

Thank you also to all of those who have helped out with our fundraising events this year.

To those who donated their time or donated or sourced prizes, we really appreciate your support.

If you feel like helping out in any way in 2017 – contact Rachel - rachwals@hotmail.com

Have a great holiday.

From the Fundraising Team.

LUNCH ORDERS REMINDER

There will be no lunch orders last week of Term 4, Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December. Please ensure that your child has sufficient food for recess and lunch.

SOUNDHOUSE

We are coming to the end of Soundhouse lessons now and I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone for all their support of the program throughout the year!

If you would like to continue or join the Soundhouse team for 2017, enrolment forms have been distributed to students and are due back before the end of Term. Please note we are having a name change to ‘Soundgarage’ for 2017, it is the same program and same team though!

If you have any questions about the Soundgarage Program please feel free to contact Maddie Owen.

E: meowen9@gmail.com

M: 0401 844 522
TERM DATES

Term 1  Tuesday 31st January Year 1-6 (Foundation Start 2\textsuperscript{nd} February)
Term 2  Tuesday 18th April to Friday 30\textsuperscript{th} June
Term 3  Monday 17th July to Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} September
Term 4  Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} October to Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} December

CURRICULUM DAYS (PUPIL FREE DATES)

Monday  January 30\textsuperscript{th}
Tuesday  March 14\textsuperscript{th}
Monday  May 22\textsuperscript{nd}
Thursday July 27\textsuperscript{th}

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Labour Day  Monday March 13\textsuperscript{th}
Easter Monday  Monday April 17\textsuperscript{th}
ANZAC Day  Tuesday April 25\textsuperscript{th}
Queen’s Birthday  Monday June 12\textsuperscript{th}
Melbourne Cup Day  Tuesday November 7\textsuperscript{th}
Community Partnerships Report

The Community Partnership Committee met on 1 December to start planning exciting and informative community events for 2017.

Upcoming events for your diary:

Welcome Foundation families morning tea (9am) - Thursday 2 February

This is a morning tea to welcome our new Foundation families and provide a supportive environment for families after dropping their children at class for the first time.

We also encourage 2017 Grade 1 families to come meet, mingle and help us welcome our new families in MPW style.

New members

We are looking for a few new members with a passion to strengthen our community. We meet on Thursdays (approx once a month) at 7pm. Please email or speak to Michelle Bove if you're interested in joining in the fun.

bove.michelle.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Welcome to MPW 2017 - Friday 10 February 5pm - 7pm (see attached flyer)

After the success of last year's event, our Welcome to 2017 basket tea event is back and we want to see you at the Tiger Turf!

Bring:
- Basket tea
- Chairs/blankets
- BYO alcohol

What's On:
- Music
- Sausage sizzle/soft drinks
- Lots of fun
The grade 4/5/6’s have been learning about their own personal inquiry. My personal inquiry question was, ‘What was life like in ancient Egypt?’ I presented my learning on a poster. I drew pictures, learnt facts and went to see a mummy in the Museum of Victoria.

Here is my poster ...
COMMUNITY NEWS

Kindergarten Vacancies for 2017 – 3 & 4 year old groups

St Andrew’s Anglican Kindergarten in Aberfeldie offers an exciting play based program for 3 and 4 year olds. We currently have places available for 2017 in our 3 and 4 year old program. Our 3 year old kindergarten operates with a 5 hour program and 4 year old kindergarten operates with a 1.5 hour program per week and assists your child in the transition to primary school.

Our kinder boasts a new large, sunny and air-conditioned room which opens up into a spacious well equipped outdoor play area; very experienced and dedicated teachers and workers, a welcoming and friendly community.

Kindergarten places are managed through the Moonee Valley Central Registration Service. If you are interested in joining the kindergarten please contact the Moonee Valley Council Early Learning team on 9245 8888 or email kindergarten@mvcc.vic.gov.au

If you would like more information please contact the kindergarten on the above telephone number or visit our website at http://www.standrewskinder.org.au/

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School Holiday Coaching Clinics
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$25 Per Child per day (Minimum 8 Children per session)
January: Tuesday 17th/ Wednesday 18th 9.30 -11.30am

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- Children will explore the basics of science and create playful collections.

Early Learning Friends
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- A perfect opportunity to support getting ready for school or kindergarten next year!

Contact us now and tailor your child’s program!