Principal’s Report

Updating Family Details – SMS messaging

All families have been sent a request to update their family details along with a permission slip to have your email and mobile number included in the DET SMS communication system which will be activated at MPW in the last week of term 3. Could the permission slips be returned as soon as possible.

Circus Day

This Friday August 19th children from grade 5 & 6 will again practice their routines for the up-and-coming Circus Day to be held at MPW on the 27th October.

Drop off Zones & Parking

Moonee Valley City Council is continuing to be vigilant in ensuring the safe use of our school drop off zones.

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
The event is on Friday, October 21st from 7:30pm at the Union Function Room.

Family Photography - Fundraising event

On Saturday, 3rd September, we have a fantastic opportunity for families and friends of Moonee Ponds West – a fundraiser that gives you the opportunity to add a family portrait to your album. For only $15, the photographer will take a range of pictures for you to view on the day. You’ll then receive a 10 x 13 inch portrait of your favourite image. Check the Flyer in this Newsletter and book before the 26th August to secure your place!

School Uniform

A reminder to all our families that items of school uniform are available to purchase from Lowes at Highpoint.

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State School’s Relief

State School’s Relief is an autonomous, charitable organisation who assist students in need of school clothing and footwear. The only criteria is that the child must be enrolled in a Victorian Government school. There are a variety of situations where a child may need support such as poverty, neglect, homelessness, financial hardship, family violence, illness and the devastating effects of house fires and natural disasters.
If you are in need of financial support to assist with your child’s education, please make an appointment with Jeff Lyon to discuss your situation.

Education support Staff Morning Tea

To acknowledge the significant contribution Education Support staff make to our school in supporting students a morning tea will be held tomorrow the 18th August as part of National Support Staff Week. It will be a great opportunity to recognise the efforts of our hardworking Education Support team.

Writing at MPW

The Six Writing Traits

In the current Strategic Plan one of the important key improvement strategies is to work on whole school approaches being consistent and embedded to enhance teaching and learning in English. We continue to focus on improving student’s writing across the school by focusing on the Six Writing Traits.

- Voice
- Word choice
- Sentence fluency
- Ideas
- Organization.
- Conventions and layout

Writing conferences and explicit teaching is based around these traits. For example in the area of word choice questions such as What strategies did you use to paint a picture with your words? are very useful.
When we consider a student’s word choice there are a range of questions that we consider.
For example
What was the student trying to describe?
Do the words paint a clear picture?
Does the reader need to reread it to see the picture in their head?
Do your words do make pictures in the readers mind and touch their senses?

Enjoy the week

Jeff & Fiona
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

SPORTS NEWS

District Athletics

Last Friday students from Gr 3,4,5 & 6 competed in the Ascot Vale District Athletics Carnival. It was a great day out with Moonee Ponds West finishing in 3rd place overall.

Congratulations to the following competitors who got placing’s for their respective events.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ajay (high jump), Caitlin (High Jump)11 Boys Relay, Lillie (200m), Macy (200m), Nathan (100m), Mitch (High Jump)
2<sup>nd</sup> – Lachie  (Long Jump), Jordan (Discus), Tom (100m / Hurdles), Ella  (Discus), Kalan (High Jump), 12/13 Boys Relay, Nathan (Hurdles), Liam (Triple Jump), Ella Discus)
3<sup>rd</sup> – Matt (200m), Jordan (100m / Hurdles), Macy (Hurdles) 9/10 Boys Relay

Thank you to all the 3/4, 4/5 & 5/6 teaching staff for their help and support with trials and to Mandy, Fiona and all the parents who assisted on the day.

Circus

On August 5<sup>th</sup> the Gr 5/6 students had their first circus incursion with Phil. Phil will be back this Friday to keep preparing us for our Circus performance on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS 20th – 26th AUGUST

This year the Children’s Book Council Of Australia celebrates

BOOK WEEK from 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August and the theme is
‘AUSTRALIA! Story Country’

The winners of the Short Listed Books will be announced Friday 19th August.
Details of winners is available on the following website cbca.org.au

This year on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August
as part of Book Week Celebrations, we will have the following events combined...

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

Staff and students come to school dressed up as a book character for a day. Be creative and use your imagination and be someone or something else for the day!

WHOLE SCHOOL MULTIAGE WORKSHOP

Multiage workshop is a whole school event whereby students are split across various grades and participate in a literature based ‘fun’ activity with another staff member. It allows students to interact and engage with other students and teachers from other year levels within our school.
Gardening Club

This term we have begun a Gardening Club. Every second Friday we have been meeting in the vegie garden and have been weeding, planting seeds and seedlings, watering the garden and keeping it tidy. We have also begun a small compost garden.

If you could make any donations to the gardening club, such as; old watering cans, seeds, gardening materials, plants etc. we would really appreciate it. Please make donations to Room 11.

Thank you!
GREEN TEAM NEWS

Spectacular Green Team
The Green Team is a group that helps the school improve our environment. We identified the biggest problems at MPW, such as water waste, paper use and rubbish. We have been working in three action teams to make the school a better place.

Water Team:
We noticed that some of the taps near Creative Arts keep flowing once you press the button and don’t turn off, which wastes water. The solution we found is to write a letter to School Council to change the taps to the ones like near the Little Adventure, because the Little Adventure taps turn off when you stop drinking, so this will reduce water waste.

Paper Team:
We are using too much paper at MPW and this means cutting down more trees. We can help by reusing paper if one side is blank and recycling it if it’s been used on both sides. Our solution is to make a movie to share at assembly to encourage other people not to waste paper.

Rubbish Team:
The rubbish team picked up rubbish around the school and worked out that most of the daily rubbish was food scraps from lunches. Our solution is to get a worm farm to eat the scraps so they don’t make a big mess. We are getting a worm farm donated from the Reinke family (THANK YOU!!) so our job is to make posters to teach people how to look after a worm farm. You can help by bringing rubbish-free lunches, reusing paper if one side is still blank, recycling paper, turning off the taps when you have finished drinking and picking up any rubbish you see in the yard when you come in from lunch.

FATHER’S DAY STALL

Come and buy that special present for Dad on Friday 2nd of September.

Presents will range from $1.00 to $6.00

Wrapping paper and cards will also be available.

If any parents are able to help out on the day, please contact Jenny on 0417040866.

The stall is held from 0900 till 1100 and then again at 13.15 till 1400 in the Library.

Thank you.
The fundraising team is excited to announce the details of our last evening out for the year: Spring Carnival Social Night! Come along, catch up with friends, meet new people from the MPW community, and have loads of fun.

Our fundraising goal this year has been to provide much-needed air conditioning for the school gym, and we are almost there!

Book online here to secure your spot, and prepare for a fabulous night out!

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**FAMILY PORTRAIT EVENT AT MOONEE PONDS WEST**

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**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, book & pay online
- 100% of booking fee raised for School
- Families, relatives, couples, all welcome
- Share the link with friends and family - everyone’s welcome!

info@visionportraits.com.au | visionportraits.com.au

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**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.trybooking.com/LZYR](http://www.trybooking.com/LZYR) (click above link or put into web address bar, do not put into Google)

Bookings Due by: Friday 26th August, 2016
St John’s Netball Club

We are looking for new players to join our Under 9’s and Under 11’s teams. Riverside Golf and Tennis Club are holding an 8-week competition between 8th October and 10th December. Training will be held at Riverside on Fridays between 4:30pm and 5:30pm.

If you would like to start playing netball this is a great opportunity to be part of our club and the community.

Please email us at Saintjohnsnet...