Principal’s Report

Children’s Week
This year Children’s Week will take place from Saturday 22 to Sunday 30 October. It is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, with emphasis on importance of play, wellbeing and protection.

This year’s focus is on children having the right to reliable information in the media. Moonee Valley City Council is running the following event on Thursday 27th October at 7:00 pm.

Screens, Children and Managing IT together

Dynamic information session with facilitated discussion/QA for parents to help them understand the latest research and thinking related to children’s technology. It will provide a range of strategies parents can use to manage screen time and how parents can support children’s learning and development with technology.

For further information contact: Amanda Rocci on 9243 1042 or at arocci@mvcc.vic.gov.au

Please see the following link for further information.
http://www.childrensweek.org.au

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.

2017 Tour of Japan Information Evening

At 7:00 pm tonight there will be an information session at MPW regarding the 2017 Japan Tour. An Expression of Interest has been included in this newsletter.

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Circus Day

Circus Day is Thursday October 27th. This is a whole school event commencing at 5:30pm until 6:30pm.

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.

Grade 2 sleepover

Thank you to the community members and staff who assisted with preparation for the Grade 2 sleepover last Thursday. A huge thank you to the staff who stayed over at MPW on Thursday night and made the evening a special one for each and every child who spent the night away from home.

Foundation/Grade 1 Activity night

Tomorrow night is the Foundation & Grade 1 Activity night. Activities are from 5:15 – 6:00 pm following which the children go to the gym with the evening concluding at 7:00 pm. Thank you to staff for their efforts in planning and coordinating the evening.

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 this Friday October 21. Thank you to the fundraising team for all their efforts in making the evening a reality.

Enjoy the week

Jeff
Japan Tour 2017: Expression of Interest

Ride the bullet train at 300kph. Make friends at Ryokuen Higashi Primary School our Japanese sister school. Stroll through the streets of the ancient capital and rush through the world’s busiest station.

After the success of our 2013 and 2015 tour’s this will be a school tour that you will never forget.

ITINERARY: Hiroshima, Kyoto, Yokohama, Tokyo
DATES: 18th September – 2nd October, 2017
ELIGIBILITY: Open to all students who will be in Grades 5 and 6 in 2017.
ESTIMATED COST: Approximately $3500 + spending money (depending on exchange rates).
HOMESTAY: Two nights (optional).
WHAT TO DO: If interested, fill out the section below and return it to the School’s Office.
MEETING: Parent Information Evening
Wednesday, 19th October 7 p.m.
Staff Room
CONTACT: Sandra Monaghan
Telephone: 9370 6875
Email: moraghan.sandra.s@edumail.vic.gov.au
NOTE: This “Expression of interest” form is for our records. Filling out this form or attending the Parent information evening carries no obligation of attending the tour.

Japan Tour 2017: Expression of Interest

I am interested in finding out more information about the Japan Tour 2017.

Child: _____________________________ School: _________ Class: _________
Parent/s Name: ______________________ Mobile: ______________________
Telephone Number/s: ____________________

Email (preferred method of contact): _______________________________________

☐ I will be attending the Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday 19th October at 7 p.m.

Parent Signature/s: __________________________________________ Date: ___________
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

**M.P.W. BILLY CART GRAND PRIX: HELP NEEDED!**

Dear parents/carers,

Later in Term 4 the Grade 5/6 students will be engaged in an exciting mini-unit focusing on design & technology which will culminate in students designing, constructing and racing a billy cart in our ‘M.P.W. Billy Cart Grand Prix.’ Race Day will be Monday, 19th December (the final school week of 2016).

**Materials/Equipment/Technical Assistance**

One of the major challenges we will face in making the unit a success will be accessing enough materials to construct each group’s billy carts. Our emphasis will not be on buying materials for the carts, but sourcing any recycled wheels, wood, old seats, etc. from within the school community. Each billy cart will also require axles for the front and rear wheels. If you have access to axles (and wheels) they will be a valuable commodity, however if needed the school will be able to support teams with sourcing these. If you’re not sure what we may need, your child and/or their classroom teacher will be happy to chat with you and answer any questions.

It would be fantastic if the MPW community could assist the 5/6 students. If you have any of the above materials and would be happy to donate them to the Grade 5/6 classes, we would greatly appreciate it.

As we move into the construction phase, teams will also require assistance from parents and family members for tasks like sawing and drilling parts of their vehicle. If MPW community members (with a valid ‘Working With Children Certificate’) are interested in helping supervise construction, please let us know.

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**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 workshop for the Grade 6 students and another for parents and carers:

**Students** – Tuesday 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](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.
SPORTS NEWS

Walk to School October
Our school will be participating in Walk to School in October this year, starting the first day back after the school holidays.

Walk to School encourages us all to walk to and from school every school day in October; you can be involved by walking, riding or scooting to and from school. If you live too far away, check out the park and walk location - park your car there and walk from there to school.

Walking to and from school throughout October will help you and your child to build healthy habits for life, improve fitness and build friendships. Walking to school can also help us reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties around our school and reduce associated environmental impacts.

Participating students are asked to put your name on the Walk To School classroom calendar. You can also register at [http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au)

Circus
A reminder that our Gr 5/6 Circus performance is on Thursday 27th October. This of course is a whole community event and we hope to see as many families their on the night.

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. $2 each or 3 for $5. Your support is appreciated.

Gr 4 Carnival Day
On Friday 14th October all our Gr 4 students attended the Ascot Vale District Gr 4 Cricket Carnival. The students participated in cricket based skills and games ran by Cricket Victoria. This is part of the Gr 4’s transition to Interschool Sport for 2017. Thanks to all the 3/4 and 4/5 teachers who supported the day and all staff and parents who helped out on the day.

Gr 5/6 T20 Blast Cricket
Our Gr 5/6 cricket teams also headed to Fairbairn Park last Friday. We had 3 teams representing our school, boys, girls and mixed. Our boys team made the final narrowly going down to Yarraville West in a great contest of two even teams. Our girls team played off for 3 v 4 and our mixed team improved in every match throughout the day. Thanks to Ryan, Scott and Monika and Christine for helping out on the day.

Regional Athletics
A big congratulations to Nathan, Jordan Thomas and Mitchell who all competed at Regional Athletics on Tuesday 11th October at Keilor.

SUMMER SPORTS EVENTS IN TERM 4

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Last Thursday night the Grade Two Sleepover was held at school. This event is part of the school’s camps program and is a special opportunity for children in Grade Two to experience being away from their families with their school friends for a night as a gentle transition to the three-day camp in Grade Three. It is held at the school in an environment which is familiar and non-threatening and of course heaps of fun!

The children were so excited and had such a great time. Their behaviour was impeccable. There was not a cross word spoken, they were thoughtful and considerate of each other and the teachers. During the Hip Hop dancing, they were encouraged to be brave and confident, dancing for themselves and not worrying about what others may think. They all danced and “had a go” and were proud of their efforts. (Again, Mel from Supreme Incursions commented on the behaviour of the children and the fact that the company normally work with a maximum of 50 children. They happily take our booking for 85 children in the knowledge that our children are always engaged and beautifully behaved!)

The children settled into the Year5/6 rooms and in the Library and slept soundly. The teachers were all very proud of how well the children managed themselves throughout the event. (I have to say that the teachers had heaps of fun too!)

A big “Thank you” to the teachers who slept overnight, including Mandy from Hall and Fiona McKenzie and Liz Jackson who helped out on the night.

Jenny Irvine
(On behalf of Amy, Louise, Emma, Thilini, Laura, Melanie and Kirsty.)
COMMUNITY NEWS

KICKIN’ GOALS
An 8 Week Program for 4-12 Yr Old Boys & Girls.
Incorporating FFA’s Small-Sided Games

Date: 8th October - 26th November 2016
Day: Saturday
Time: 9:30 - 11am
Venue: 3R Allen Reserve, Park Drive, East Kellow
Program: $150 (6 Weeks)
Goal: $100 (Inc. Uniform, Ball, Bag, Shin Pads, Water Bottle & Certificate)
CONTACT DINO: 0416 930 421 | www.kiikjingools.com.au

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Aussie Hoops
Basketball for kids 5-10
Westgate Basketball Association, your local association, is running the Aussie Hoops programa for 5-10 years old. Sessions are run at the indoor stadium at either VU Community Sports Stadium, Whitehorse Oval, or North Fitzroy Gym. The sessions are run by Representative level youth basketball players and give kids a great grounding in the fundamentals of the game.

For further details on times and dates, prices and registration, please visit our website:
www.westgatebasketball.com.au

For questions or enrolments contact Dino: 0416 930 421 or
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