SCHOOL REVIEW
Yesterday was our School Review Panel Day facilitated by Leslie Tulloch our school reviewer. On the day we were joined by two peer Principals – Mandy Dunn and Wilma Culton. Our School Council President Paul Girdler and a parent representative from School Council - Jo Martin also attended for some of the day. Our PLT leaders of English and Maths - Michelle Bove and Vicki McCormack also spent the day with the panel. Mandy Jones (Student Engagement and Wellbeing), Sue Phillips (Staff Wellbeing), Justine Ryan (Transitions) and Annette Phillips (Education Support) all presented to the panel, sharing achievements from their teams and discussing plans for continual improvement. We focussed on four key areas; achievement, wellbeing, engagement and productivity.

It was a great day and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate what we do well at MPWPS and also begin planning our next Strategic Plan. Thank you to the staff who attended the day and for their contributions to the discussion. A thanks also to the broader staff for their involvement in the Self Evaluation process throughout Term 3 and 4, in particular Kim Simmons (Assessment and Reporting) who facilitated sessions and contributed to the writing of the report. Also to the community for being involved in the consultation as well. Thank you also to Harriet and Bella from Room 15 who presented at the beginning of the day on behalf of the Junior School Council and the students of MPW. They did an outstanding job and should be proud of the way they conducted themselves.

SLEEPOVER
The second Grade 2 Sleepover will take place tomorrow night at MPW Performance Space beginning at 6.00 p.m. Room 8 and 10 will be involved in this event. Thank you to the staff attending and in particular Jess Greenbaum and her team of helpers for all her work in planning and preparing for the event.

CURRICULUM DAY
A reminder that Monday 3rd November is a Curriculum Day. For the staff this will be a report writing day. Please note that Camp Australia will be operating a Curriculum Day program. Please see or contact the people at Camp Australia to reserve a place.

Principal’s Report Continues over the page.
ENROLMENT PLANS AND CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2015

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 2014 please let the office know ASAP. 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 information that your child’s teacher is unaware of that may assist with their class placement please put your comments in writing and forward them to Jeff Lyon by Friday 31st October. This request will then be registered for consideration.

JAPAN TOUR

A final reminder to students in Grade 4 and 5 that applications for the Japan Tour for 2015 close this Friday—24th October. Please note that it is not essential that the passport section of the application be completed. If you require an additional form, time or have any questions please email me at symonds.randal.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

PARENTS VICTORIA

Parents of primary and secondary students are invited to the Parents Victoria free, two-part online conference, which will be held over four days in October 2014 and a further four days during Education Week in May 2015.

The four one-day topics are Homework, Access, Reporting and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). There will also be an opportunity for participants to raise other issues.

To register and confirm your participation (for no cost) go to: http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting will be held this coming Monday, the 27th October at 7:30 PM.

CHILDRENS WEEK

This week is Children’s Week. It is an annual event that occurs during the 4th week in October. Children’s week explicitly celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. For more information please go to: http://www.childrensweek.org.au

Enjoy the rest of the week

Jeff, Helen and Randal
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

COUNT DOWN TO MUSIC: COUNT US IN . . . . . . .8 DAYS TO GO!
Thursday 30th October @ 12.30pm meeting in the gym just after 12.00 p.m.
"Let me paint you a song if you promise to sing along"

. . . . .can we count you in???

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING WITH DAVE VINEGRAD
Thank you to the parents who joined us on Thursday night. The feedback so far has been very positive. The night was informative providing parents an opportunity to develop an understanding our school’s long held philosophy around restorative practices as well as to chat to each other about their own values and hopes for their children.
Below is the link to Dan Pink’s motivation and mastery/purpose/autonomy talk, as discussed on the evening:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdzHgN7_HS8

END OF YEAR MVIMP CONCERT
All the students in MVIMP across the four schools will perform at a special concert held in the Celebrity Room at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Wednesday November 19th at 7.00 p.m.
This is a fabulous celebration of the MVIMP program and the work of the students and tutors involved. We invite all families to attend.
Tickets are now available at the MPW office for purchase ($18.00 per adult/$10.00 concession).
Please purchase your tickets ahead of time to help us avoid running late by having to sell them at the door on the night.
As a fundraiser for the program, a Christmas Hamper is run and drawn on the night of the concert. Prior to the concert we need ALL MVIMP families to…
• Donate GOODIES suitable for a Christmas Hamper (please leave these at the school office).
Sell raffle tickets for the Christmas Hamper. Tickets are $1 each, 3 for $2.00 or $7 for the book of 10 the monies which go towards the program.
If you are available to help out with making the hampers and/or supervising rehearsals, please indicate on your notes or see Fiona.

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance
From 1st January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents. This means that parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.
The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.
This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with a concentrated disadvantage.
The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.
If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to me about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms. The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents which is accessed to assist with education costs.
If you have any questions about this change, please speak to Jeff Lyon (Acting Principal).
Dear MPW Community: You Are All Invited To The Spectacular
Grade 5/6.....
.......Odd Socks Circus.......  

When: Tuesday 28th October 6.00pm till 7.00pm

Where: Outside the Gym on the Tiger Turf.
Bring a deckchair or rug to sit on.

Cost: Gold coin donation

*Circus performers need to be at school by 5.45 p.m. at the latest!!
Stilt walkers 5.30 p.m.*

*Circus Program - 6.00 p.m. Start*
Shaker Stick
Stilts
Spinning Plates
Hoops
Ribbons
Skipping
Juggling
Diablo
Gymnastics
Poi
Wheels

Finale: Including Rolla Bolla and Spinstix and the famous Odd Socks Band & Choir

...Don’t forget your ticket in the gigantic Circus raffle...
Purchase tickets at the office.... $2 or 3 for $5...
Yes it’s that time again....

The MPW Book Fair
Monday 10th to Friday 14th November
from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Special Family Evening
Wednesday 12th November from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m.
Special performance by MPW Choir at 7.30 p.m. and a special guest will be visiting us too!

Come along and have some fun by browsing at the wonderful selection of discounted books. Our school benefits from receiving generous commission in the form of books or cash, to add to the resources in our school library.

You, your family and friends are most welcome to come, browse and share “The Reading Bug” experience!

Families are invited to purchase a book at the fair and donate it to the library. Each donated book will have an acknowledgement certificate pasted on the inside cover. Cash, cheque or credit cards are acceptable.

Our previous Book Fairs have been very successful and the library has benefited greatly from the proceeds and all the donated books.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Cheers Michele & Claudia
THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

MPW families and friends are warmly invited to join in the fun of the final countdown to Music: Count Us In 2014.

WHEN: Thursday 30\textsuperscript{th} October

WHERE: MPW Gym

TIME: Join us in the gym at 12.10 p.m. when we will cross to a live webcast of the event from Parliament House, Canberra.

At 12.30pm we will join with the rest of Australia in the final countdown and performance of the song, Paint You A Song.

We hope to see you there.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**DO YOU WANT TO PLAY NETBALL?**

Netball encourages fitness and team involvement and overall lots of fun. SVNC is now taking registrations for girls and boys, 7yr Net Set Go, as well as Byr to Open Age for the 2015 Season. Games are played at Aberfeldie on Saturday afternoons commencing 15 March 2015. Training at St Vincent's in Strathmore. All abilities welcome. Registration closes 15/11/14

Register your interest NOW by completing the form on our website. Graduating U11 & over, Early December TBA For all enquiries, call 0419 206 671 or email admin@stvincentsnethall.com.au

www.stvincentsnethall.com.au

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**INTEGRATION AIDE NOVEMBER 2014**

Melbourne | Geelong | Warrnambool | Off campus

**INTEGRATION AIDE COURSE**

Offered at: Burwood Campus

Dates: 6 days, 9am-4pm (Fri 7, Sat 8, Fri 14, Sat 15, Fri 21 & Sat 22 NOVEMBER 2014)

Cost: $1000

This course is offered for those who wish to increase their understanding of, and involvement with, children with disabilities. Participants in the course will come from a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences. They may already be working as Integration or Teacher Aides in a range of settings. Others may be parents or care givers of children with disabilities or those who wish to gain employment as Aides.

**The course**

This course develops strong knowledge and skills about inclusive learning practices for children with disabilities as well as understanding about a wide range of disabilities and their impact upon learning and social development. Participants become skilled in the practices and processes needed to support the broad development of children with disabilities.

All sessions involve active and cooperative learning conducted in a supportive learning environment based on adult learning principles.

**Topics covered**

- Attitudes towards disability
- Specific kinds of disability
- Impact of disabilities upon learning and social development
- Childhood development and learning
- Current initiatives in the state-wide curriculum (VELS)
- Inclusive learning and teaching strategies
- ICT in the schooling context
- Behaviour management strategies
- Working in Professional teams
- Applying for Aide positions, and more

**Aims**

- To further develop understanding about children with disabilities and the range of their needs in school and community settings.
- To enhance skills in assisting teachers to implement inclusive education practices.
- To enhance knowledge and skills in the employment roles of integration and Teacher Aide positions.
- To increase understanding of the current state-wide curriculum and education sector initiatives.

**Dates**

6 days in total, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Fri 7, Sat 8, Fri 14, Sat 15, Fri 21 & Sat 22 NOVEMBER 2014

**Prerequisites**

None, however participants who wish to apply for Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) to acquire 3 credit points towards a Bachelor of Education (Primary) and will need to satisfactorily complete assessment tasks after the core of the course finishes (additional assessment task fee of $750).

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