Movie Night
Thank you to everyone who attended the Movie night last Friday night. Thank you indeed to each and all who assisted in making the night an overwhelming success.

Free Activity Day (FAD)
Last Monday was Free Activity Day at Moonee Ponds West Primary. This is a day where students from years 5 & 6 sign up for various electives that take place across the day. Many thanks to the staff and the community members who both generously gave of their time in organising & conducting workshops, running events & activities and generally pitching in and assisting on the day.

Farewell
As the end of term draws to a close we bid farewell to Rachael Thomas. Rachael has been in the Creative Arts role (2 days) at Moonee Ponds West for 2 years and has been an invaluable part of ensuring the Creative Arts at Moonee Ponds West is an integral and valued part of the curriculum. Rachael is embarking upon a sea change and moving down the coast with her family. We wish Rachael and her family all the very best in adjusting to a life of sea breezes and coastal charm.

Maternity Leave
Adele Freeman will be commencing maternity leave after the first week of term 2. During week 1 of next term there will be a hand over to the newly appointed teacher for room 7.

School Council
Anna Schulze, Stewart Burte and Carlene Wilson finished their term on School Council. We thank them for their individual and collective contributions over the previous years in serving to improve the governance of the school.

Congratulations to Paul Girdler on his re-election as School Council President, Louise Evans for her election as School Council Vice President and Rowan Hawker for his re-election as School Council Treasurer.

Principals’ Report continues over page
Expressions of Interest for the Master Plan Working Group

Expressions of Interest in the Master Plan Working Group will be sent out this week. If you are interested and able to contribute toward the future master planning of Moonee Ponds West Primary please consider completing the EOI (due end week 1 term 2). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email the school at moonee.ponds.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

End of term

Tomorrow is the last day of term 1. Assembly will be at 9:00 am in the gym. Dismissal from classes is at 1:30 pm. A reminder to check the lost property housed in tubs at the back of the gym. All items unclaimed by tomorrow will be donated to charity.

School Security

CCTV will be in operation over the term break. That said, if you observe any suspicious behaviour on the school premises over the next two weeks please contact the police.

Thank you

Thank you to students, staff and the members of the school community for their endeavours and contributions in making the relatively short but very active term 1 a successful one. We wish everyone a joyful and relaxing Easter Break with their family and friends and look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of term two.

Enjoy the holidays

Jeff & Fiona
SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Council met on Monday night for the second time this year.

It was agreed council would review the school's “early finishing” times at the end of term and during the first four weeks of each school year to ensure both alignment with departmental policy and that we are meeting the needs of students, teachers and the community.

During the principal’s report, Jeff spoke about the curriculum day and the visit of Di Snowball, a highly experienced educational specialist who focuses on best practice in the teaching of spelling.

Student well-being was also a focus and Jeff briefly outlined the Kids Matter program - a framework we have adopted.

It was noted that we had also had successful work experience visits from ex-students coming in from Buckley and Maribyrnong secondary schools to do their work practice at Moonee Ponds West. Good to see the ongoing connection ex-students have to the school.

The Community partnerships program was in the process of establishing clear objectives to ensure it is not to be confused with fund raising and other community activities.

The Resources report was tabled and there was discussion around a Resource Committee initiative to establish a separate capital fund to enable better longer-term planning and the prioritisation of wish-list items such as cooling for the gym, which is nearing procurement.

As Resources only approved the budget for 2016 late last week, an extraordinary meeting of council will be held on 18 April to allow all councillors the chance to review in detail before endorsing this critical management document.

During the Environment Committee report we discussed parent involvement, rubbish around the school (particularly over the weekends) and communication with council re the need for a bin outside the shop. It was noted that the Environment Committee was largely being driven by teachers and it would be great to have more parent involvement. It was agreed the Environment Committee was an important sub-committee of council and we should work this year to ensure it has a higher profile and more cross-dialogue with Resources.

Jeff tabled the Annual Improvement Plan, which was endorsed. It was also agreed that areas such as community engagement and communication could have additional action documents to support the plan.

At this point of the meeting we farewelled retiring councillors Anna Schulze, Stewart Burte and Carlene Wilson. Jeff thanked all for their collective years of commitment and service to the school. I personally would like to second this and in particular thank Carlene Wilson for the support she has provided in the role of Vice President and the contribution she has made to governance and policy review.

The second meeting began with introductions and a welcome to the new councillors: Ben Atchison, Kylie Brown, Christine Clancy.

Election were held for 2016 office bearers with the following outcome:

President: Paul Girdler
Vice President: Louise Evans
Treasurer: Rohan Hawker
MOVIE NIGHT

To all the amazing volunteers,

Thank you so much for your contribution on Movie Night. Despite the appalling weather we think the kids had a great time and we managed to raise valuable funds for our school. We really appreciate the time you gave up to assist on the night and we were impressed by everyone’s “can do” attitude. You were all thanked by name by Jeff on the night, however I don’t think anyone could hear him (I think we need to purchase a new mic out of the money we raised!).

A special thank you to our Super Star Vollies, Lee Cath who bravely judged the paper plane flying competition and to Christine Clancy, Kath White and Jackie Parry who assisted us with the work leading up to the event.

We are open to suggestions for improvement from volunteers ONLY, so please email or chat to either of us about your ideas.

Once again, thank you for your contribution and community spirit, we really appreciate your hard work.
Rebecca and Rachel

ONLINE LITERACY AND MATHS ACTIVITIES

Animated and interactive, online activities are a fun place to learn! Children can work at their own pace and level and are engaged and motivated.

To access activities the following sites and account details have been provided for you.

SUNSHINE ONLINE
Username: mpw3039
Password: mpw3039

SUNSHINECLASSICS SUBSCRIPTION
http://www.sunshineclassics.com.au
Username: mopowest
Password: mopowest

FUNDRAISING

The weather was not on our side yet again this year, but a big thank you to all those who came and supported our annual Movie Night. Thankfully by having the gym as a backup for inclement weather we were still able to successfully run the event.

The paper plane competition also had to be relocated inside as it was so windy, well done to all those who participated and thank you to those of you who very generously contributed a prize. A special thank you to Lee for judging the competition.

Thanks so much to all of those who volunteered in some capacity throughout the evening, we really appreciated it, we have an amazing school community. Without parent helpers we wouldn’t be able to hold such great events like this. Also thanks to Jeff, Fiona and Sandra for the extra hours you put in to help us out.

Thanks also to Bakers Delight in Union Rd who kindly donated the bread for the sausage sizzle!

Pencil in Saturday June 18th for our “Disco Bingo Trivia” night – it is going to be a lot of fun.

Thank you again,
Rachel, Rebecca and the Fundraising Team
On Tuesday the 8th of March 2016, students from Foundation to Year 6 watched an outstanding performance presented by **BOLD AS BRASS**. The four very talented group members were Tom playing the trombone, Marty playing the tuba and Greg and Laura playing the trumpet. The group were very creative, they used old hose, pipes and plastic funnels to show us how brass instruments are put together.

**By Halle, Samantha and Emily.**
Thank you to all the parents that participate please see the list below of the following parent representatives:

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A revolution is happening here

MOUNT Alexander College is at the brink of an educational revolution. Principals Mr Wayne Haworth, has been joined by the new Assistant Principal, Ms Preeti Mahajan, to lead change in the way education is presented to students, to create authentic student empowerment.

Together, Wayne and Preeti share a vision of a student led college. “At Mount Alexander College, we empower students with their learning,” Wayne says.

Our current curriculum options are wider and more varied, creating enhanced learning opportunities for students.

Traditional year levels have been removed allowing students to undertake subjects beyond their usual year level, but at their learning level.

We have removed the glass ceiling that exists with a traditional curriculum structure. Students deserve to be challenged, not just through the curriculum but also in other ways. We strive to build confidence and leadership capacity in young people. By putting students at the centre of their learning, we are preparing them for the challenges of the 21st Century.

“At Mount Alexander College, we empower students with the learning.”

“Every child is important,” Preeti says. School are about students, and that is the core value that we have to remember. We are creating a school where students drive the teaching and learning by actively nominating subjects as well as the context that is taught. This semester we are offering a diversity of individual programs catering for the increasingly global attitudes and needs of our students. In addition to classroom and community participation, students can extend their learning through the Massive Online Open College, or as it is known, the MOOCs program. Through MOOCs, students are investigating Hardware security: Ebola – Symptoma, History and Origins Super Earth and Life: Introduction to Thermodynamics: Transferring Energy from Here to There: The Einstein Revolution and Introduction to Forensic Science just to name a few.”
COMMUNITY NEWS

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