Principals' Report

MOVIE NIGHT
The annual MPW Movie Night will be held on Friday the 18th March 2016. This is a major community and fundraising event. Tickets are available from the Office.

PARENT HELPER'S PROGRAM
Last year Michelle Bove ran a very successful Parent Helper’s Program. Michelle ran three sessions covering a range of areas to assist parent working in the classroom. This year the sessions will be held from 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. on the 10, 17 and 24th of March. Further on in the newsletter there is a return slip if you are interested in taking part as well as additional information about the program. We look forward to seeing many people taking up the opportunity.

MOBILE PHONES
As per our Acceptable Use policy, a reminder that a parent/carer of a student who wishes their child to bring a mobile phone to school must send a letter advising us of such. The responsibility of the phone lies with the student and must not be used during the school day. We thank our families for supporting this process.

CURRICULUM DAY
A reminder that the 15th March is our school’s second curriculum day. The focus of the day will be on the analysis of spelling conducted by Di Snowball consultant in Literacy. We look forward to being able to report back to you on the day proceedings of the day. This is a pupil free day. If you require care for your children please see the staff at Camp Australia, however this will only run if the numbers required are filled.

LUNCH ORDERS
To streamline our lunch order process the Darling St Café will no longer be accepting lunch orders after 10am. If your child does not hand in their lunch orders we will be contacting you to make other arrangements.

CHICKEN POX
This week there have been a few students who have been diagnosed with chickenpox in the junior level. Please see below the following information regarding the symptoms and treatment of chickenpox.

Causes and symptoms of chickenpox
Chickenpox is spread by air-borne droplets caused when the infected person coughs or sneezes or from touching the fluid from the blisters on the skin. An infected child is contagious for one to five days before the onset of the rash and remains infectious until the blisters form scabs. The incubation period is around 14-16 days, a few days before the appearance of the rash; the child may feel feverish and have a sore throat and headache. Children with chickenpox should not go to school until the last blister has dried.

Treatment for chickenpox
In most cases, chickenpox is mild and gets better without the need for specific treatment.
- Bed rest
- Extra fluids to drink – to avoid dehydration
- Paracetamol to bring down the fever
- Cream to reduce the itching

Enjoy the week,
Jeff & Fiona
Principals' Report continued

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

On the 19th of February at 4.00pm nominations closed for the 2016 Moonee Ponds West School Council elections. At the close of nominations we had two nominations for the two vacancies in the DET category and five nominations for the three vacancies in the Parent Member category. Please see within the newsletter

Moonee Ponds West Primary

Declaration of Nominees Elected

At the close of nomination at 4.00pm 19th of February there were 5 nominations and 3 vacancies in the Parent Member Category. As a result we are required to hold a ballot for the vacant positions. Each candidate will be invited to provide a statement to be distributed with each ballot paper. The Ballot will open on Monday 29th February at 9.00 am and close at 4.00pm Friday 4th of March. Ballot papers will be available from the returning Officer – Sandra Monaghan at the Administration Office.

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There were 2 nominees and 2 vacancies for the DET membership category. At the close of nominations on the 19th February I declare the following nominees duly elected to the Moonee Ponds West Primary School Council,

The nominees are:

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Jeff Lyon
Principal
PARENT HELPER’S PROGRAMME

As part of our commitment to best practice the school will conduct a Parent Helpers Program. This program will be conducted over three sessions and will have focus on how you can best assist the classroom teacher. Michelle Bové, Leading Teacher English will conduct these sessions in the Community room.

An outline of the program involves:
Thursday 10th March 9.00 - 10.00am
Session 1. Overview of Curriculum & Reading

Thursday 17th March 9.00 - 10.00am
Session 2. Writing

Thursday 24th March 9.00 - 10.00am
Session 3. Spelling & Speaking and Listening

To facilitate planning for these sessions, please complete and return the attendance slip below, to the office, by Friday 6th March. Please note places are limited.

Classroom Helpers Training Session
Please return slip to the office by Friday 6th March, 2015

Name of adult/s attending___________________________________________
Grade that your child/ren is/are in ______________
Name of child: ___________________________________________________
Room Number: ___________________________________
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

BACK TO SCHOOL ASTHMA SPIKE
Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia’s website and social media provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help your child and a survey to complete to determine the impacts for parents/carers.

Asthma Australia recommends that you talk to school staff about your child’s asthma and the school’s medication policy, provide an Asthma Plan from the doctor and supply a spare reliever puffer and spacer for your child’s use at school.

For primary aged students:
Asthma Kids
Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too! www.asthmakids.org.au

FAMILY ACCOUNTS
Every family will be have receiving a statement of account and fee levy form on Wednesday 17th of February.

On your statement it will have the total levies and amounts payable for user pays such as MVIMP, if you have a direct debit in place it will reduce each term. Our preferred method of payment is by Bpay. On your account it will have your unique family reference. Please quote that on payment. Please notify the Office by email on moonee.ponds.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au if you are paying voluntary contributions so that your payment can be allocated accordingly. Alternatively it will be allocated by the School.

If you are in receipt of a current Health Care Card as at 29th January 2016 please collect an application form for the CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund) and the Moonee Ponds West Assistance Program by the 29th February.

If you have any questions at all regarding your fees or account please contact Sandra Monaghan in the Office.

JOIN SCHOOL BANKING ON AN OUTBACK ADVENTURE!

*Please ensure that your child’s current room number is clearly labelled on their deposit banking wallets*

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items.

This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

There are 8 new reward items for 2016

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS EVERY FRIDAY ..
Dear Jeff,

Can we have Pet Day, where we bring in our pets to school to show you and other kids?

Are dogs allowed in? because there is a sign at the front of the school that says “no dogs allowed”.

We promise we will wash our hands and we promise we won’t hurt the pets.

From Zoe, Room 6
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

ROOM 10 HAiku POEMS

Summer
Summer blazing heat
Singing sparrows at the bank
Kids surrounding me.

Tom

Summer
People at the beach
People catching the big waves
People having a B.B.Q.

Ava

Winter
All the heaters on
Lots and lots of skiing fun
And building snowmen

Oscar

Spring
Nice, cool breeze drifting,
Colorful rainbows shining,
Leaves blowing off trees

Zoe

Spring
Butterflies flying
Flowers blossoming
Hayfever sneezes

Aiden

Autumn
Leaves swirling brightly,
Leaves swirling on the path too.
Winter will come soon

Sammy
Moonee Ponds West
Moonlight Cinema 2016

SAVE THE DATE
Friday 18th March

Sausage sizzle from 5:30 pm
Movie starts at sunset

Paper plane flying competitions from 5.30
Great prizes to be won!
COMMUNITY NEWS

BUCKLEBERRY FARM

Here is the best fundraising idea since... well, since ever!

First, let us tell you about our fair dinkum free-range eggs.

Buckleberry Farm, near Winchelsea, is at the foot of the Cheaps Range where a whole lot of happy chickens spend their days scratching for bugs in their lush pastures and digging holes for dirt bats. There are only 750 chickens per hectare and they’re free to roam around their massive free-range enclosures doing pretty much as they please. Can you believe it? Some comparisoins cost 10,000 chickens per hectare ‘free-range’?!

Our chickens are free-range; they get lots of sunlight, fresh air and, of course, lots of love! And, it shows in the flavor and quality of the precious eggs they produce for us. So what does this have to do with you and your fundraising?

Let’s face it, it’s a lot healthier to fundraise by selling eggs than chocolates, and it’s a heck of a lot easier than standing at a BBQ all day selling sausages! Plus, eggs are something everyone pretty much has to buy anyway, so why not use this to your club, school or club’s advantage?

Your fundraising committee agrees Buckleberry Farm for $4.00 per dozen.
You only pay $4.00 per dozen, that means you make $1.00 per dozen.
*Normally our delicious Buckleberry Farm eggs sell for between $7.00 and $9.00 per dozen so everyone wins!

So, how does it work?
1/ Contact us and book your Egg Run delivery date
2/ We’ll confirm your date and provide you with an Egg Run Pack with order forms and information sheets
3/ Start spreading the Egg Run love and get those egg orders
4/ Two weeks before your delivery date send us your ‘final order form’ including payment details
5/ Two weeks later we deliver your eggs ready for distribution

Jump on the egg run and start raising some serious money!

Email: contact@buckleberryfarm.com.au or Call: 9464-0115

DISCOVER A NEW LEVEL OF FUN FOR YOUR SCHOOL SOCIAL, FETE OR END OF TERM PARTY

Silent Disco is fast becoming the latest global phenomenon in schools Australia wide.

WHAT IS SILENT DISCO?
• Each student is given a set of our high-quality wireless headphones, giving them the choice of up to 3 different music channels to choose from, at just a flick of a switch.
• Latest technology allowing you the option to play anything you wish, not just music.
• A new exhilarating and uplifting experience.
• Dancing has never been so much fun.

WHY SILENT DISCO?
• Silent Disco will transport entire school classes during school hours or after activities during or out of school hours.
• More variety of music as all students and even staff will get involved.
• Professional party facilitators run interactive games and activities through the headphones engaging with every student.
• Appropriate for all ages.
• Better quality sound rather than big speakers in an already noisy classroom.
• No noise pollution.
• Safe, volume levels, adjustable on each headset.
• Fun, Cool experience to make your Social/Disco/Fete/Formal/End of term event unforgettable.

One of the best parts about having your school event as a Silent Disco is that it’s more social. Just like the headphones off, when you want to talk to someone and actually conduct a conversation. No more yelling into another person’s ear near the music! There is also the facility to use a microphone and talk through the headphones too. This allows teacher invoivements to be able to pass on instructions or make announcements easier.

We have packages to suit all budgets and can offer a range of party services to compliment your school’s event needs, such as:
• DJ for a set time
• UV face and body painting
• Healthy food based shady activations
• Professional DJs

We can tailor specific solutions around your school committee’s wish list, ask us to come to your next committee meeting to provide a free demo and answer any questions you may have.

Brunswick Junior Football Club
www.brunswickjfc.org.au

GIFFS FOOTY - COME AND TRY IT!

Sunday 28 February 2016
9am to 10.30am @ Gillon Oval

Interested in playing AFL football with a great community club?

The Brunswick Dragons will be hosting this fantastic event at Gillon Oval, Pearson St, Brunswick.

Come to a training session for all skill levels coached by VFL players.

The Brunswick Junior Football Club is now recruiting girls aged 7 to 17 to play in our mixed and all-girls teams.

Contact All Beswick: 0439 300 055 or registrations@brunswickjfc.org.au

Girls Footy Day
Friday March 18, 2016
5PM-7PM
Windy Hill

• Training drills run by the Calder Cannons
• AFL Inflatables
• Giveaways
• Music
• Special guests
• Food & Drinks available for purchase

essendonfl.com.au