**Principal’s Report**

**Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) and student welfare**

The person responsible for the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) and student welfare is Barb Springfield. Your child’s classroom teacher remains the contact person for any questions and concerns you may have in relation to your child’s education and wellbeing.

**MVIMP Combined Schools Concert**

Thank you again to Fiona McKenzie and the tutors for all their efforts in organising and supporting the children in MVIMP on a glorious evening performance by the children from all four MVIMP schools.

**Grade 2/3 Incursion**

Today the 2/3 Team enjoyed an incursion—That’s Entertainment. Please see article within newsletter.

**Grade Placement Policy**

The process of placing students in grades is underway. This is a comprehensive staff process that includes, for example, feedback from children regarding their friends and preferences for 2017. For further information please refer to the MPW policy [here](http://mooneewestps.vic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded_files/media/gradestructure_pupilplacementpolicy_1.pdf).

Children will be informed of class placements in the week of the 28th of November. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher.

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Enrolment Plans

If you are planning on leaving MPW in 2017 could you please notify the school ASAP.

School Levies

We are indeed fortunate to be supported by our school community. The school levies support school programs by funding consumables that are used in your child’s classroom such as stationary and toner, excursions and travel to interschool sport.

The contributions to the library fund and the building fund are fully tax deductible and are used to stock our wonderful library with great books and to support our grounds development program.

The voluntary contributions over recent years have been invaluable in funding school identified projects. Successful projects include the establishment and stocking of classroom libraries, the purchase of additional computers and eLearning equipment.

All money raised through these essential fees and voluntary contributions is greatly appreciated and goes directly to supporting and enhancing the great educational programs at MPW.

If families could please finalise any outstanding payments, especially for user pays items such as camps, excursions, Year 6 clothing, music lessons etc... it would be greatly appreciated. Individual reminders have been posted to families from whom we have not received payments.

There is a copy of the school levy form on the School Website if required. If you need to discuss alternative payment options please contact Sandra Monaghan.

Shakespeare Rocks

The senior choir will be performing ‘Shakespeare Rocks’ at 7:00 pm on Wednesday December 7th. For further information please see the item in this newsletter

Room 24 and room beside the performance space

Work on the 1888 building (the library building) is ongoing. Room 24 and the room beside the performance space are currently unavailable.

Grade 6 Graduation

A reminder that the Grade 6 Graduation will be held at MPW on Wednesday December 14th at 7pm in the Gym. Please see article within newsletter.

Enjoy the week Jeff

Community Partnerships Committee

The Community Partnerships Committee work focusses on a range of areas. We coordinate the running of Parent Forums on topics of interest. These have an educational focus as well as support ideas for family. We are looking for community members who would be interested in joining the Community Partnerships Committee. If you are interested in attending the next meeting to be held on Thursday the 1st of December at 7pm please email Michelle Bove @bove.michelle.m@edumail.vic.gov.au. The first community event for 2017 will be the “Welcome Back to Moonee Ponds West Basket Tea” which will be held on the 10th of February 2017.
Incinerator Gallery Excursion

The Foundation/One students have continued with the Inquiry Topic 'How the Arts influence our Emotions’ in term 4. Students participated in an excursion to the Incinerator Gallery where they viewed an exhibition ‘Art for Social Change’. They were involved in a structured workshop where they had the opportunity to construct an object that could make a positive impact on our society. The students enjoyed the opportunity to learn about their environment and the messages artists portray through their pieces. This is the third visit to the Incinerator Gallery this year (a short walk from school) and all parents are encouraged to view the exhibition.

Many thanks,
The Foundation/One Team.
Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

The 2016 Graduation Ceremony is fast approaching and preparations for this momentous event are underway.

This year’s ceremony will be held in the gym on the last Wednesday of the school year, the 14th of December, 2016.

It is hoped that every Grade 6 student attends the evening and will be joined by family to celebrate their education and time at MPW.

The night will comprise a number of parts:

- Students are required to be at school by 5:45pm for photo opportunities with friends. Children are encouraged to wear casual but neat clothes. They should feel comfortable in what they are wearing.
- A shared dinner will commence at 6:00pm before the ceremony. Students will be seated in the 5/6 building corridor and will supply their own food to be shared amongst a small group of their peers. (There is always plenty of food to be shared, so just a reasonable amount of food for 4-5 people to snack on - we are looking to minimise waste). Please ensure that your child brings a labelled plate, cup and utensils.
- The official ceremony with parents and family will commence at 7pm in the school gym. Students will lead the graduation ceremony where they are presented with a copy of the Graduation Writing Book and a photo of the Grade 6 group of students. In addition to formal proceedings, students will also deliver a group performance for the school community that will reflect their experiences and time during their primary school education.
- Following the ceremony students are invited to attend a disco to end the celebrations for the night. The staffroom will be made available for those parents who wish to stay at school. The night will officially conclude at 9:00pm.

Please fill out the slip below and return it to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday the 9th of December.

We look forward to seeing you all on the night!

Many thanks,
Liz, Kim, Lisa, Fiona, Ryan, Maddie and Vicki

2016 Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony RSVP
Child’s Name: ____________________

In order to best organise for this gala event, can you please indicate that your child will:

- be attending the ceremony
- provide food and/or beverage for the shared dinner and bring their own plate, cutlery and cup
Can you also confirm your family’s attendance by listing how many chairs you will require for the ceremony
That’s Entertainment Incursion

Grade 2/3/4 Planks Incursion. It happened today 23rd November in the Gym for all grade 2/3 and grade 3/4 classes. It linked to our inquiry unit, "That’s Entertainment," where we looked at using simple materials/toys as entertainment and what you can do/create with them. It was a very engaging and hands on activity where students worked collaboratively in building and constructing different towers, buildings and designs using only the small wooden planks (similar to the size of a Jenga Block).
INTERESTED IN HELPING THE 2017 FUND-RAISING TEAM???

To those interested in helping out with any fundraising events next year or if you’d like to coordinate an event???

Please come for a chat over dinner:

Thurs Dec 8th at the Union Hotel – 7.30 pm.
You can help as little or as much as you would like! It’s a great way to meet new people and it’s quite fun!
We look forward to seeing you there.
RSVP to Rachel – rachwals@hotmail.com 0417011723
Or Rebecca - Rebecca.Sanders@vu.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

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3PM-4PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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where boys can be boys

Holiday Camps For Boys
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OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN NEW SKILLS, MEET NEW PEOPLE AND HAVE A
"DIGITAL DETOX"

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Aussie Hoops
Basketball for kids 5-10
Westgate Basketball Association, your local association, is running the Aussie Hoops programme for boys and girls 5-10 years old. Sessions are run at the indoor stadium at either VU Community Sports Stadium, Whitten Oval, or ReaWest Footscray, Cnr Essex and Market Streets, with skill sessions, fun drills and friendly games.

The sessions are run by Representative level youth basketball players and give kids a terrific grounding in the fundamental skills for the game.

So if you were wondering if your kid just might be the next Patty Mills or Lauren Jackson, stop wondering and find out! Come along, make new friends and see for yourself why Basketball is one of the most popular youth sports in Australia.

Sessions are run Thursday afternoons or Saturday mornings, and they’ll be smiling for days!

Register Now!
and see you on court

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

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Authentic Japanese Bujinkan Ninjutsu as taught by Grandmaster Hatsumi.
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Training Includes: Unarmed Combat, Complete Range of Weapons & Taido
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