Fun Run
The annual fun run which was scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled due to the forecasted very wet weather. It has been rescheduled to Wednesday the 8th of June. Thank you to all the our parents/carers who volunteered to help. If you could put the 8th June in your diaries. More volunteers are required for the successful running of the event.

Family Maths Night
Thank you to everyone who attended the Family Maths Night last Wednesday evening. Thanks to Vicki McCormack and the Mathematics Team for their efforts in ensuring a most enjoyable evening for each and all.

Excursions
As part of the unit of work on Early Melbourne, this week the Year 4,5 & 6 students (rooms 13,14,15,16,17,18 & 24) journeyed by train into the Old Treasury Building. Students engaged with a number of the permanent and temporary exhibitions – specifically the exhibition *Built on Gold* – the story of Melbourne’s 19th Century building boom and its link with gold mining boom in central Victoria. Thank you to staff and parents for their preparation and attendance.

This week, as part of the unit of work on *Animals*, the year 2/3/4 students visited the La Trobe University Wildlife Sanctuary. Again, thank you to staff and parents for their preparation and attendance.
For further information please see: [http://www.latrobe.edu.au/wildlife](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/wildlife)

Parent/Carer Tours
Parent/carer tours are taking place at the present time. Please visit the school website for further information.

Enrolment of Siblings for 2017
Enrolment documents are now available from the office for siblings of current MPW students who will commence school in 2017.

Picking up and dropping off students at school
With the increased potential for wet weather could everyone please pay particular attention to the safety of all concerned and to exercise both patience and care when picking up and dropping off students at school. A further reminder that the Green drop-off/pick up zones are drop-off & pick up zones – not parking spaces

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**Disco Bingo**

For details of this term’s fundraising evening please refer to the item in this week’s newsletter. Tickets are on sale via Eventbrite.


Funds raised will go towards providing air-conditioning of the gymnasium. If you wish to donate items for the evening you can leave them with the office or in the basket marked ‘disco bingo’ outside the office.

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**Lunch Orders**


A further reminder that students who submit lunch orders after the 10:30 am will be provided with a choice of a vegemite or a cheese sandwich. If you have any questions regarding these arrangements please do not hesitate to contact the office.

**Green Team**

The Green Team met today. There are three student action teams addressing Water Usage, Paper Usage & Rubbish.

A reminder that Moonee Ponds West is a rubbish free school, with particular emphasis on providing Nude (package free) lunches and students taking their rubbish home.

**Personal belongings**

In an effort to minimize the substantial amount of lost property, could parents/carers please ensure that all belongings are clearly marked with students names.

**Donations of winter coats**

A further reminder to consider the donation of winter coats to families in need, please refer to the St Kilda mums item in this newsletter.

Enjoy the week

Jeff

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**School Council Report**

School Council met on Monday night and endorsed the Annual Report to the School Community. This report is now available on the website.

All School Councillors participated in a two-hour professional development training session focused on improving school governance and provided participants with an understanding of:

- the framework within school council operates
- what is the role of school councils
- school council governance

School Council invited representatives of Junior School Councillors to present the JSC report at the next school council meeting and discuss some of the initiatives planned for 2016.

Michelle Bové
School Councillor
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

FAMILY ACCOUNTS REMINDER
Every family will be receiving a statement this week.
A reminder to all families that have yet to pay their levies—could payment please be made now.
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 moon-ee.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 have any questions at all regarding your fees or account please contact Sandra Monaghan in the office.

SOUNDHOUSE
It is that time of the Term where we are opening the enrolments back up for Term 3!
If you have a child in Prep who would be interested in learning keyboard or SAP (singing and performing) now is your chance to enroll them for Term 3!
We still have plenty of spots in keyboard, guitar and SAP for all year levels! It is a great time to get involved in the program as we begin preparing for our Annual concert that take place at the end of the year.

If you are interested in being part of the Soundhouse program you can collect an enrolment form from the front office and then either email it through to Maddie (email below) or return it to the school office before the end of Term 2.

Thanks for all your support with the program! If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Maddie Owen at meowen9@gmail.com or on

MPW MONSTER BOOK FAIR
The MPW Book Fair will be on...
Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2016
8.30am to 4.30pm.
Special Family Evening is on...
Wednesday 1st June 2016 7pm-9pm
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 share this “Monster” experience and come and browse through some great books!
Credit card facilities available, or pay by cash or cheque.
Families once again 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.
Our previous Book Fairs have been successful and the library has benefited greatly from the proceeds and all the donated books.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!
Michele & Claudia

LOST PROPERTY
Over the past few weeks a few parent volunteers have been working hard trying to rehome the enormous amount of lost property. Please check the lost property boxes and rack in the Gym for anything that may have been lost.
All unlabeled drink bottles and lunchboxes have been donated to Vinnies on Maribynong Road.
Please, please label clothes, lunchboxes and drink bottles with your children’s full name and room number.

http://www.namebubbles.com

I have been using name bubbles for years and have not been disappointed. I contacted them, and asked if they could provide us with a discount code. They agreed! The code is valid until 30th June.
Code: THANKYOU15 (The code is case sensitive and should be entered exactly as it appears all capitals).

Best wishes, a Grade One mum.
Yarrabee Yesterday’s World Excursion rooms 1,2 &3

This excursion is linked to our inquiry unit on ‘How Things have Changed Over Time.’ The students experienced what school life was like in the olden days under the very strict instruction of two teachers.
MPW FUNDRAISING EVENT

MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 18th June
7.00-11.00pm
School Gym

BYO Drinks & Snacks
Dress Up in Music/Disco Themed Costumes Prizes for Best Dressed Table

Tickets $35pp On Sale NOW!
Book Online:

Make a table of 10 or join another table
To choose seats, book using a PC/Desktop rather than phone/tablet for best experience

So what is Disco Bingo?
Based on your feedback we’ve changed it up a bit this year. Don’t worry Trivia Buffs, you’ll still be able to tap into your competitive spirit and dazzle us with your knowledge, but this year the theme is Music Trivia! Dolly’s Disco Bingo puts the ‘Fun’ into Fundraising, a hilarious take on the traditional trivia night. There will be silent and live auctions throughout the night so please bring along your community spirit (and wallets) and support this major MPW fundraising event.

Desperately Seeking Donations
We are in need of big and small donations for our live and silent auctions in exchange for a ‘business plug’ in front of a captive audience of approximately 200 people! Smaller items for silent auction hampers (non-perishable gourmet food, wine, gifware, local business vouchers for goods and services etc.) can be left in the basket at the school office. Larger items for live auction should be left with Sandra in the office or email Rebecca or Rachel: rebecca.sanders@vu.edu.au or rachwals@hotmail.com
Thank you for your support and generosity!
Winter Music in the Valley is a free concert series held over four Sundays in June and July across Moonee Valley bringing uplifting music to brighten the cold winter days.

Tickets are not required for any of the concerts and entry is free.

For more information please email arts@mvcc.vic.gov.au or call 9243 8888.

Details on each event can also be found on the Clocktower Centre website.

Volunteer Host Families Needed!

World Education Program (WEP) is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation approved by the regulatory authorities in VIC. We are urgently looking for volunteer host families for exchange students arriving in July 2016 for a term, semester or year.

Imagine knowing someone who:

- never worn shorts or t-shirt in the middle of an Australian winter because the temperature is equivalent to summertime in the student's home country.
- takes a photo of a meal you have prepared to send overseas because it looks so different.
- is amazed that we can travel the hours and still be in the same state of one country.

**How does it work?**

You can choose a student who you think will fit best into your family. WEP host families are responsible for providing the exchange student with a room (can be shared with sibling of same sex and similar age), meals and a welcoming family environment. In return, you will gain a new family member and friend for life. All WEP students come with their own spending money and insurance.

**Arriving Soon!**

Alessandro (Italy): “I am friendly, open-minded and curious about other people and cultures. I am passionate about sport. I particularly enjoy basketball, martial arts and playing table tennis. I also enjoy reading and listening to music. I look forward to this amazing opportunity to meet new people, new cultures and new places. I have always been interested in learning new languages and I will be very excited to learn English. I can cook pasta, homemade pizza and I know how to bake. I can also help around the house and I can look after pets. I love sports, especially table tennis. I play table tennis three times a week and I spend a lot of time reading. I can’t wait to come to Australia, be part of my host family and learn about their culture!”

**Find out more!**

Simply jump online or contact WEP today to receive a free information pack including student profiles.

Sylvia Kelly - Inbound Program Manager
World Education Program
For the cost of a local call: 1300 884 733

Email: info@wea.org.au Web: www.wep.org.au