SCHOOL REVIEW
Our school review was completed last Tuesday 21st October. The review was an opportunity to acknowledge the successes of the school students, staff and community to lay the foundation for writing a new School Strategic Plan. A report of the review will be made available in the near future and Leslie Tulloch will discuss the review at the next school council meeting.

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.

PARKING
During the week we received notification from a parent that a car was left parked outside the school with children inside. We remind families of the dangers of such actions. If you notice this occurring please let the office staff know as soon as possible.

CIRCUS
We’d like to congratulate the Grade 5/6 students on a wonderful circus performance last night. It was a wonderful community event with families from across the school attending. We’d especially like to thank Sue Phillips and Bree White for their coordination as well as the teachers in the 5/6 team. Thanks also goes to Kate Ridgeway and other staff members who assisted. The Circus is a part of the biennial activities at MPW and is an event our students look forward to.
CONFERENCE INVOLVEMENT
Today I (Randal) was a panel member at the second of a two day conference titled ‘Protecting Children and Youth Online’. I took three students from our grade 5/6 who also sat on the panel. This came as a result of our CyberSmart Parent/Student Evening held last term and our involvement with the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. This was a great experience for our students and I was very proud of the way they represented MPW.

ENROLLMENT 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 at your earliest convenience. 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 some information that your child’s teacher is unaware of that may assist with your child’s class placement please put your comments in writing and forward to Jeff Lyon by Friday 31st October. This request will then be registered for consideration.

SOUNDHOUSE CONCERT
Last week Soundhouse ran a very successful Singing and Performance and Guitar concert. We would like to acknowledge the student’s participation, parent attendance and the work of the Soundhouse Team in their support of music at MPW. We look forward to the Soundhouse Performance.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2014
This Friday is World Teachers’ Day. This was inaugurated on the 5th October, 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the 1966 joint signing of the UNESCO/ International Labour Organisation (ILO) recommendation concerning the status of teachers.

Internationally World Teachers’ Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year. Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

Happy Teachers Day!

Enjoy the week

Jeff, Helen and Randal

COUNT DOWN TO MUSIC: COUNT US IN . . . 1 DAY TO GO!!!

Thursday 30th October @ 12.30pm

. . . can we count you in???
EDUCATION WEEKLY NEWS

PARENT FORUM FEEDBACK

We’d like to acknowledge the great attendance at our recent Parent Forum with Dave Vinegrad. With over 70 people taking part we’d like to hear your feedback on the event. If you could take a couple of minutes to complete the survey the Student Wellbeing Team would appreciate your input.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-r7QmMA6rvgnNCXnzHB-wk6rQo63BWnGDXoiFk2juv8/viewform?usp=send_form

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY FEEDBACK

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Suggestion/s for improvement

Better communication about event needed. We didn’t know where to go to or when. It was unclear prior to the actual morning where the morning tea was going to be held. However, all in all it was a GREAT event and reinforces all the good messages that the school is trying to promote. Ensure there is enough food for all participants, some of the preps missed out on the muffins. It would be great to continue the encouragement of walking to school on a regular basis as well, possibly through a walking school bus or having another particular day throughout the terms to celebrate/acknowledge walking to school.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE 2014

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. The Challenge finished last term and in total 2,154 books were read.

Congratulations to everyone for your participation and commitment.

In October, the names of the children who completed the Challenge will be published on the Online Honour Roll on the Challenge website and certificates will be issued in November.

Once again, thank you to all the students and keep reading!

LIBRARY NEWS...LIBRARY NEWS...LIBRARY NEWS...MPW BOOK FAIR COMPETITION

In two weeks the MPW Book Fair will be here! As part of our Book Fair celebrations, we are having various competitions for students to enter, enjoy and have fun. Last week, students had the opportunity to enter the competition “How many bugs in the jar?” This week we have an art activity...

♦ Create an image that has a GARDEN THEME
♦ You may use any medium such as pastel, paint, collage, etc.
♦ It must have your name and room number
♦ Entries must be handed to Michele/Claudia by Wednesday 5th November

All competitions are optional and winners will be announced on Monday 10th November at assembly. Lucky winners will have an opportunity to win book vouchers to spend at the MPW Book Fair.
SPOTLIGHT ON ENGLISH

Speaking and Listening

Early Phase
In this phase, students use their own variety of English language to communicate needs, express ideas and ask questions. They understand spoken language relating to personal and social interests and respond in their own way. They are becoming aware of appropriate ways of interacting in familiar situations.

Students at the early stage:
- Make sense of spoken texts and can respond independently
- Will participate with support for school purposes such as Show & Tell/News
- Can recall personally significant information from spoken texts
- Are aware that people talk about their ideas and their interests

What You Can Do At Home
- Provide opportunities for relevant, challenging and purposeful communication
- Encourage them to see the value of effective listening and speaking for community, school and family life and the importance of using peoples names in social situations
- Provide them with lots of opportunities to participate in extended talk through prompting, questioning and making connections with their existing knowledge of common topics
- Encourage them to adjust their volume in different situations
- Model language structures and the skills of conversation, taking turns, eye contact
- Provide opportunities to develop and use new vocabulary
- Value their contribution in discussions
- Ask them questions that provide opportunities to verbalise their understandings

Silent Morning Tea
On Tuesday 28th October the staff at MPW held a “Silent Morning Tea” to acknowledge and raise awareness of people who are unable to use speech to communicate.

One in 500 people do not have speech. Every October the International Society of Alternative and Augmentative Communication (ISAAC) promotes events all over the world to raise awareness of the difficulties people without speech experience. During our “Silent Morning Tea” staff spent 15 minutes communicating by alternative means other than speech; using communication books and key word/alphabet boards, writing messages, and using natural gestures and facial expressions.

It was a great opportunity for us all to experience other forms of communication and acknowledge the challenges of non-verbal communication (perhaps more challenging for some!).

Staff also donated to Scope Victoria who support people with disabilities. If you would like to try non-verbal communication with your family, there are many free apps you can download (such as RIDBC Auslan tutor, Verbally, etc).

Annette Phillips
Education Support Staff
March 2 Remember

During the school holidays my dad John and my puppy Patch walked 374 km across Victoria. The walk was to pay tribute to the 159 Victorian police men and women who have been killed in the line of duty and to raise awareness and money for The Blue Ribbon Foundation.

The Blue Ribbon Foundation raises money to buy emergency medical equipment for hospitals which is named in honour of fallen police members. In other words, “saving lives, by remembering others”.

Dad’s walk was called March 2 Remember and commenced in Shepparton on Monday 22nd September, where the Deputy Commissioner of Police presented him with an honour roll containing the names of the 159 fallen police members.

Dad carried this honour roll as he walked across Victoria visiting sites where police members have been killed. At Mansfield he placed flowers on the graves of Sergeant Kennedy and Constables Lonigan and Scanlon, who were murdered by the Kelly Gang in 1878.

After eight days of walking nearly 50 km every day, Dad and Patch arrived back in Melbourne the following Monday, in time to join the Blue Ribbon Day March and present the honour roll to the Chief Commissioner of Police, Ken Lay.

The March 2 Remember walk received lots of media coverage ....... everyone wanted to know about Patch!! Patch became famous ...... he was on TV, radio and in a lot of newspapers. He even met the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, the Premier and the Governor of Victoria.

Together, Dad and Patch raised nearly $30,000 which will go towards placing emergency equipment in hospitals to help people in our community, like you and me.

I’m very proud of my dad doing the March 2 Remember walk. It was very long and hard, but I knew he would NEVER give up.

Ella C – Room 21
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
END OF YEAR MVIMP CONCERT

All the children 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 7.00pm.

This is a fabulous celebration of the MVIMP program and the work of the children and tutors involved, and we invite all families to attend.

REHEARSALS FOR THE CONCERT BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH – the day after the Melbourne Cup Day Holiday. Please make sure you remember to bring your instrument and music! Lessons still occur during rehearsal weeks UNLESS they clash directly with a rehearsal. In that case, the extended rehearsal replaces the lesson for that group.

Tickets are now available at the MPW office for purchase ($18.00 per adult/$10.00 per concession). Please purchase your tickets ahead of time to help us avoid running late selling 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, and all money goes towards the program.

If you are available to help out with making the hampers and/or supervising rehearsals, please indicate on your notes or come and see Fiona.

THERE ARE STILL STUDENT NOTES THAT ARE OVERDUE. STUDENTS CANNOT ATTEND REHEARSALS OR PERFORM AT THE CONCERT UNLESS THEY RETURN THEIR NOTE IMMEDIATELY.

- PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS at the office
- DONATE an item to the Christmas HAMPER (leave at the office)
- SELL YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS and leave the ticket stubs and money at the office no later than....FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2014.

Thank you so much for your support!

Fiona McKenzie
MVIMP Coordinator
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: 12.10 p.m.

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

At 12.30 p.m. 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.

. . . .can we count you in???
COMMUNITY NEWS

For a chance to win all students need to do is make a deposit of any amount through their School Banking between 20th October - 30th November 2014 and they automatically receive one entry into the competition.
So the more they save, the more chances they have to win a prize (up to a maximum of 6 entries).

The precious prizes to win
• 40 x GoPro Hero3 White Edition Cameras
• 150 x Slip ’N Slide Double Wave Riders

Homespun Fair 2014
Saturday 8th November
9am - 3pm
Moonee Ponds Baptist Church
Cnr Lurline and Eglinton St Moonee Ponds

International food, Jumping castles, Cake stall, Games and activities, Children's crafts, Handmade quilts, Toys, Wigs, Clothes and souvenirs.

All proceeds go to purchasing medicine for free medical clinics in rural Philippines.

Tennis Lessons The Price Essendon

Tennis Australia Professional coach, Michael Swann, offers individual and group Hot shots tennis coaching.

We are located 2 minutes from your Primary school.
View our website for positive local comments and images of local Tennis stars!
Smaller groups and faster results is our guarantee and the experience of other local School Families.
Free back pack, balls, and T-shirts are presented at the first lesson!

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