Education Sub-Committee Meeting Monday 4th August 2014
On Monday 4th August the Education Sub-Committee will meet at 7pm in the Staff Conference Room. All community members are welcome to attend. The agenda items will be MPW School Review, Parent Opinion Survey and a presentation from Kylie Ticehurst on the Teacher Led research project that she is undertaking this year. If you would like to attend this meeting please let Helen Thomas know and the necessary paperwork can be forwarded to you ahead of the meeting.

Prep Places for 2015
The demand for places at Moonee Ponds West continues to be high. The closing date for 2015 Prep Applications is Friday 8th August 2014. A reminder for families already at the school, you are required to put in an enrolment form for younger brothers/sisters if you would like a Prep place. First round offers for a 2015 Prep place will be sent out on 5th September 2014.

Family Payments - Reminder
A reminder to families that payment of outstanding school levies is required. The preferred method of payment is via BPay. Otherwise payments and contributions can be made in person or over the phone by cash, cheque or debit/credit card at the school’s office on 9370 6875. Please contact Sandra Monaghan (Business Manager) in the General Office if you require a statement of your account. Should meeting these requests present concerns, you are most welcome to discuss the matter in confidence with the Principal Jenny Crowle.

School Council greatly values your contribution so Moonee Ponds West Primary can continue to provide the excellent education programs we all want for our children.

Michael Grose - Parenting Ideas Website
We are members of the Michael Grose - Parenting Ideas site. The staff are able to access great information on a range of topics to support children. There is some fantastic information on this site to support families. Included below is a link to an article prepared by Michael in regards to the recent air disaster. It is important to consider the possible negative impact of the saturation of the disaster in the news; the article gives some practical ideas to support your children when discussing this event.

Principal's report continued

**State Schools Spectacular**

Today the students who are involved in the Victorian State School’s Spectacular are at the Melbourne Town Hall for their first rehearsal. This is the second time MPW is taking part in the event.

We would like to thank Kate Ridgeway for her leadership and Melissa Lofts who is assisting. If you would like to know more about the event here’s a link that may be of interest - [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/pages/spectacular.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/pages/spectacular.aspx)

Have a great week,

Jenny, Helen and Randal

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**Education Maintenance Allowance**

**Instalment Two**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the ‘direct deposit’ or ‘pay direct to school’ payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August/early September.

Parents/guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28th February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form.

Applications close on **1st August 2014**.


All enquiries regarding EMA can be directed during business hours to the school Business Manager Sandra Monaghan on 9370 6875.
Soundhouse Program
This year’s Soundhouse Concerts will be on Wednesday 22nd October (SAP and Guitar) and Thursday, 23rd October (Keyboard).
Please note that Term 3 enrolments have now closed for the Soundhouse Program.

Thank You
To the lovely parents, children, staff and friends who helped out on the school Working Bee on Sunday, we say a big fat THANK YOU!

The school looks beautiful.

Chocolate Drive 2014
On Friday 8th August 2014 your eldest child will bring home a fundraising carry pack of Cadbury chocolate selections.

We would love you to sell these chocolates to friends, neighbours and workmates.

The chocolate drive is a terrific fundraiser for our school, and we hope to make more than $8,000 profit.

If you do not wish to participate in this Fundraiser and would instead prefer to make a donation of $30 (the profit from each sold box), please let the school office know by Monday 4th August 2014.

Thank you for your support.

The MPW Fundraising Team

School Banking Day
Remember School Banking is every Thursday
You can bank as much as you like every week, School Banking is about frequency not value.

Every time a student makes a deposit at school they will receive a silver Dollarmite token.

Once they have individually made 10 banking deposits they will receive a form to redeem for an exclusive Dollarmite reward item shown in the list below.

Please remember to fill out your deposit slip correctly in black or blue pen, including your name, account number and the amount you wish to bank.

2014 reward items include:
• Handball
• Scented Pencils
• Penguin and Dolphin Keyrings
• White Shark Pencil Case
• Tin Honeytins
• Swimming Bag
• Projector Cup
• Sea Streamers
Ever wondered how Twitter could be used in the classroom?

Room 13 has started a Twitter account and are regularly updating their followers with pictures and comments about what they are doing during the day.

Due to age restrictions Kylie is doing the tweeting and students are letting her know what they would like to tweet. As part of literature groups students had the opportunity to write a comment to the author of the book they are reading.

Below is Olivia’s tweet

We sent our tweet to the author and she replied! It was very exciting.

Even more exciting is the connections we are making to other primary schools. Below is a tweet that Newport Lakes Primary School included us in.

We will continue to tweet and hope to have more followers soon.

If you would like to follow us search Room13MPWPS.
So You Think You Can Dance M.P.W.P.S

Some students from Grade 3/4 will be running a whole school event called, ‘So You Think You Can Dance M.P.W.P.S’.

It will start on Friday 8th August and conclude on Friday 15th August.

There will be three categories for the different grade levels. The categories are:
- Prep, 1 and 2
- Grade 3 and 4
- Grade 5 and 6

This student event will be held in the performance space at lunchtime. If your performance is the winner for your category, the prize will be to perform at the school assembly later in Term 3.

This student organized event is optional and students can choose to not participate.

The 2014 Victorian State Schools Spectacular TV Host Auditions

Are you an aspiring TV Presenter - or do you know someone who you think would make a great one?

The performing arts unit are looking for two student segment hosts to appear within the Channel 7 TV Broadcast of the Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

This opportunity is open to any student attending a government school, not just students in the choir. Therefore if you are thinking about pursuing a career in media or journalism here is a chance to have a go.

These segments would involve backstage interviews, introductions and voice overs, so design your audition video to demonstrate your abilities in these areas.

Meet a Channel 7 Star - You will also receive mentoring and tips from Channel 7 Talent!

Before you commence making your audition video please ensure that you have permission from your parents/guardian to do so.

To register with your video audition go to http://www.cvent.com/d/44q4pn

This link will also lead to FAQ. You have until August 8, 2014 to register your video audition.

What Will I Need to Prepare?

To register your video audition you will need to make a short video, no more than three minutes that demonstrates your on camera skills. Please create an introduction to a segment in the Spectacular or you may like to interview someone. You will also need to upload a photograph of yourself. Recommended size is 100 x 100 pixels for the following formats: .jpg, .gif, or .png.

If you have further questions or need any advice/help don’t hesitate to ask.

Good Luck!
Kate Ridgeway
Phase 1: Preliminary Spelling
In this phase children become aware that print carries a message. They experiment with writing-like symbols as they try to represent written language. Their writing is not readable by others as understandings of sound-symbol relationships have yet to develop. Children are fascinated by print and are constantly trying to explore the relationships between written and spoken words and between letters and sounds through emulating adults in role-play of reading and writing.

Key indicators:
- is aware that print carries a message
- uses writing-like symbols to represent written language
- uses known letters or approximations of letters to represent written language
- assigns a message to own symbols

Is confident to experiment with words

Major Teaching Emphases:
Preliminary spellers need to be immersed in print. The environment should support the development of concepts of print (reading left to right & top to bottom of page, basic punctuation, matching picture to word etc.) and stimulate the child to write.
- develop an awareness of letter names
- develop understandings of concepts of print
- use correct terminology for letters, sounds words and sentences
- ensure there are many opportunities to write and encourage a have-a-go attitude.

‘Free the Bears’ – A Fundraising Event
This term JSC have organised a fundraising event in order to donate and/or sponsor a bear through the ‘Free the Bears’ organisation.

Tomorrow students at MPW are invited to come dressed up as their favourite animal!
If you do decide to dress up then we ask that you bring a gold coin donation.

We will also be running a Bake Sale at lunchtime in the gym where students can buy some delicious goodies. The prices will range from 50c to $1.

We can’t wait to see your animal costumes on the day!
In Term 2 Grade 5/6 students were involved in Video Conferencing with our Sister School classes in Yokohama. They chatted with their buddies asking them about their free time activities and how long they generally spend on them.

They used this information to compare with their own schedule, graphing, reporting and discussed the reasons for any differences.

Grade 3/4 students learnt about The Samurai Era in Japan and its inhabitants. They each produced a Power Point about one of the people living in that time.

Grade 2/3 students looked at what Japanese primary school students do for lunch, they eat a prepared hot meal. We prepared, cooked and ate one of our own!
COMMUNITY NEWS

OUT OF THE BLUE

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICE

Dear Residents & Community Leaders

I trust that this finds each of you well and enjoying the cold season.

Since our last newsletter we have been busy with our Crime Reduction Teams delivering some substantial reductions in volume crime across Moonee Valley. Needless to say, our work is never done and I would particularly like to thank each and every one of you for your support and community minded spirit. With your assistance and diligence, we are making more arrests than ever before and look forward to continuing this trend over the coming months. More will be discussed in detail once the crime statistics are released.

In the interim I would ask each of you to be mindful about number plate thefts and also be vigilant on identifying suspicious characters loitering around your neighbourhood as burglaries are of concern. Policing is everyone’s business and each of you have a key role in helping us keep the community safe. I’d like to encourage you to report any suspicious behaviour or disturbances to Triple Zero (000) or information pertaining to crime or criminal networks to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Thank you also to the Moonee Valley City Council and our other key partners for your ongoing support and safe travels to all on our roads

Yours sincerely,

Senior Constable Courtney Nichols—Moonee Valley Crime Prevention Officer

AUGUST IS BURGALRY REDUCTION MONTH

Too many homes get burgled far too easily.

There are a number of very easy things you can do to reduce your chances of your home being burgled.

- Install strong locks on doors and windows – and lock them when you leave.
- When you are not at home make it look like somebody’s there
- Avoid advertising your expensive purchases
- Never let people know when your home will be empty
- Avoid advertising your expensive purchases
- Don’t let burglars use your spare key hidden outside
- Mark your property
- Lock up your tools and your shed
- Consider installing an alarm to deter burglars

Burglary prevention is in your hands

For more information on prevention go to www.police.vic.gov.au and search Residential Information Kit

Remember if you see something say something, call 000 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

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The Asthma Foundation Victoria

Tips for staying active this winter!
Exercise Induced Asthma (EIA) is a common trigger for asthma. However, it does not need to be a barrier to Students participating in sports and physical activities.

Here are some tips to help prevent EIA in students:

**Before Exercise** take reliever medication 5 - 20 minutes **before** warming up.

**Warm Up** before exercise as normal.

**During Exercise** watch for asthma symptoms and administer reliever medication if they should occur. Only return to exercise if symptoms are relieved. If symptoms appear again, administer medication again, until they are relieved. It is not recommended that the Student should return to the sporting activity after a second occurrence of asthma symptoms.

**After Exercise** cool down as usual. Note that asthma symptoms can present up to a half an hour after exercise has stopped. Ensure reliever medication is still easily accessible should it be required.

**Other things to remember:**
- Ensure all students have current Asthma Action/Care Plans
- If possible make activities that are scheduled for the night indoors as the drop in air temperature makes air colder to inhale and acts as a greater trigger.
- Encourage students with asthma to participate fully!