Welcome to 2017!

On behalf of our staff, a warm welcome to families returning to MPPS this year as well as new families joining our learning community. Congratulations to our Arts teacher Beth and her family on the safe arrival of their daughter Lola.

This year we have introduced a second bell after the school day at 3.35pm. This bell indicates the end of yard duty; all students that haven’t found their parents by this time need to report to the yard duty teacher or the office. All classes have discussed this new bell and what it means; we ask that you also discuss this with your children.

Newsletter

The newsletter will be published each week during February and then published fortnightly thereafter. The newsletter is the main source of communication from the school and I urge everyone to read it! It will be sent home in hard copy today (and for the first few weeks) for all families but it will be published online from March; this will help minimise our paper usage and protect the environment. Families will be able to access it on the school website, school smart phone application or by signing up to have it emailed to your inbox when published. Sign up for the newsletter today! http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/ Limited copies will be available at the office or Out of School Hours Care.

How to access the school newsletter:


2. Download the Moonee Ponds Primary School application from your relevant smart phone app store (search for: Moonee Ponds Primary School)

3. Sign up for it to be sent to your email address on the school website: http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/

Parent's Association Meetings

Download our FREE Moonee Ponds Primary School App now! or Register to receive the newsletter via:


Limited hard copies of newsletter available at the office and OHSC

2017 Term Dates:
Term 1: Jan 31st(students)-Mar.31st
Term 2: April 18th —June 30th
Term 3: July 17th—September 22nd
Term 4: October 9th—December 22nd

Dates to Note:
Feb 2nd—Foundation Info Night
Feb 9th—Yr. 1-6 Info Night
Feb 13th—Curriculum Day Student Free
Feb 15th—Swimming Carnival
Feb 20-24th 2017: Year 5/ 6 Camp
Feb 28—Parent/Teacher Exchange
Our enrolment has increased again this year to 357 students and we welcome some new staff to MPPS. Holly Coleman and Matt Burke are teaching in the Year 1/2 area, Christine Caminiti is taking Visual and Performing Arts while Beth McInnes is on maternity leave and Libby Haigh is teaching 5/6A. Nancy Berardone is on leave for the first two weeks of term one, Aaron Bickers one of our regular casual teachers will be covering her classes. We also welcome some new Integration Aides to MPPS. Gabby Farrell and Samantha Midwood are working in Foundation and Shannon Cummings is working in Year 3/4. I encourage families to introduce yourself to our new staff when you have the opportunity.

Our school assemblies will be held fortnightly on Thursday’s this year at 3pm in the Sports and Performance Centre (with our first one being next week). Each fortnight a different class will perform and celebrate one aspect of their learning. Student awards will also be announced. Our Student Achievement Award program acknowledges and celebrates learning and personal growth in all aspects of school life. It reflects our school mission, vision and values. Learning Star awards recognise personal learning growth and the “ROCC Star” award celebrates the way students live our school values. (R= Respect, O= Optimism, C=Care, C= Collaboration). We invite all families to come along.

A reminder for everyone that school starts at 9am and finishes at 3.20pm. Parents please ensure your child arrives at school before 9am to maximise the beginning of the school day. The start of the day is when the day of learning is outlined and activities begin. Students can often become anxious if they are late, even on one occasion, as entering the classroom when the students and teachers have begun the day is disruptive to their learning and often interrupts the learning of others. We have a yard duty teacher on duty from 8.45am before school and from 3.20- 3.35pm in the afternoon. As mentioned above we have introduced a bell at 3.35pm to ensure that all students whose parent or guardian is not on the school grounds will report to the yard duty teacher or the office when the second bell rings.

Again this year, teachers will be in classrooms from 8.50am if parents and/or students need to quickly clarify or discuss their child’s learning. This will provide a window of opportunity for parents to see teachers in the classrooms and ensure that traffic in and around the staffroom/office area is minimised. For longer discussions, teachers may recommend an appointment to discuss your child’s learning at another more suitable time. Please note that when the music plays/bell rings staff are required to begin teaching.

Information Nights (all year levels)
The Foundation Information night and welcome to new families’ supper will be held next Tuesday night (7th February) at 6pm in the Junior Building and then the Sports and Performance Centre (SPC). We will also hold an information evening for Years 1-6 on Thursday 9th February. During these sessions teachers will be presenting information on classroom structures & processes, curriculum, homework and other important information. Sessions will run for approximately 30 mins. We encourage parents to attend to ensure everyone has a clear understanding of the year ahead.

Information night schedule:

6pm: Year 1/ 2 (Library)
6.30pm: Year 3/ 4 (Room 6 & 8- downstairs corridor near multi-purpose room)
7pm: Year 5/ 6 (Library)

Sun Smart
With the hot weather and summer conditions it is important for us all to be wary of the sun and the UV rays. We have a school sun smart policy which can be found at http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/MPPS-Sun-Smart-policy-2013.pdf. With the swimming sports on the 15th February and the hot weather coming, please ensure you read through the document and ensure students have hats and sunscreen available when outdoors. Rash vests, hats and sun screen are recommended at the Swimming Sports. Staff will be on duty reminding students; however I encourage parents to discuss this with your child beforehand as well. Remember students need to be wearing a hat during recess and lunch until the end of April.
Swimming Sports
Our 2017 school swimming sports carnival for year 1-6 students will be held on Wednesday 15th February. Permission forms will be sent home on Friday. This event is held at the Queens Park pool, where students and teachers walk up and participate in events ranging from freestyle, relays to wading & cork scramble events. Jodie our PE teacher and Jess (Year 1/2 Team Leader) are busy preparing for the event. We also need parent helpers to assist; if you are available please indicate on the signup sheet located outside the office.

Uniform Shop
A reminder that the school uniform provider is Noone Imagewear. They are available for sales at school (near the administration office) on Tuesday afternoons from 3-4pm. Their shop is located at 541 Keilor Rd, Niddrie where all items can also be purchased. Information on the uniform policy and prices can be found on our school website www.mpp.vic.edu.au (remember if you are accessing the parent download section the password is: mpps).

Parent-Teacher Exchange
Our parent teacher exchange will be held on Tuesday 28th February, information regarding this will be sent home shortly. This 10 minute session is an opportunity for you to inform your child’s teacher about their learning style, strengths or weaknesses and a great opportunity to meet the teacher and discuss the year ahead. Further details will be sent home in the next week.

I hope everyone has a great start to the year, especially while we live the school mission, vision and values. http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/about-us/ Please do not hesitate to contact me over the course of the year; our school value of collaboration will continue to be a focus and we look forward to working with you as your child grows and develops.

Matt Bott
Principal

LOST PROPERTY

There is a very large amount of Lost Property that has been there since last year. Please pop by Lost Property (outside Sick Bay) and have a look to see if any clothing items/hats belong to your child.

Help needed—Lunch Order Delivery

We need our school community to assist with taking our lunch orders to Brunswick North West every day at around 9.15am. We are desperate for volunteers. If you can help out please contact Kaye in the office on 9375 2511.
7 ways to make this year your child’s best year ever at school

A new school year means a fresh start for students. Regardless of your child’s performance last year, they start school with a clean slate. A break offers students the chance to begin new habits and adopt new behaviours.

Here are seven ideas to help you make the most of the fresh start and make this year your child’s best year ever at school:

1. Commit to your child going to school every day on time. One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day – and gets there on time. Kids spend more time asleep than at school, so we need to maximise every day to get full value.

2. Help kids start each day well. A good night’s sleep, a healthy breakfast and some words of encouragement from you will help set a positive tone for a day of learning. This may mean that you adjust your morning routine so that kids have plenty of time get up, eat and get ready for the day.

3. Establish work & study habits. The most successful students are those that develop regular study habits that suit their lifestyle, their study style and their school’s expectations. Find out the work expectations from your child’s or young person’s school and help them establish a work routine that matches.

4. Make sure your child gets enough sleep. Many children and young people are sleep-deprived, which impacts on their well-being and their learning. A good night’s sleep consolidates learning, as well as assist future learning. Children need between 10-12 hours of sleep each day, while teens need a minimum of nine hours. Help kids get sufficient sleep by having a regular bed-time and get-up time each day. Have 45 minute wind-down time each night, and remove screens and mobile phones from bedrooms.

5. Encourage kids to exercise. Kids today get less exercise than those of past generations, which is an impediment to learning and mental health. Health professionals recommend a minimum of 60 minutes of exercise per day for kids of all ages. Encourage kids to play sport; promote free and active play and look for ways to move making part of their daily lives.

6. Focus on being friendly. Schools are very social places requiring kids to negotiate many different social situations each day. Encourage kids to be open and tolerant; to be friendly; to be involved in plenty of activities and to be social risk-takers.

7. Develop self-help skills. Successful students are often well-organised, self-directed and self-motivated. You can foster organisational skills and self-direction by developing simple, age-appropriate self-help skills related to their every day lives. Such skills as making lunches, packing school bags, and organising after school schedules can be great lessons that impact on how kids perform at school.

At the start of the school year kids are more likely to adopt changes than at any other time. Make the most of the opportunity by focusing on two or three areas to really focus on and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place.

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Dropping off and picking up
Please Note: Students may not be in the school grounds before 8:45am or after 3:35pm unless they are attending Before or After School Care. Any students in the yard beyond these times MUST be supervised by their parents. Developing resilience and independence supports student learning. To assist in this we ask parents to ensure that their child carry their own bags to and from the classroom. Students beyond prep should take their own bags to the bag rack or locker provided before school and be lined up at the designated places when the bell rings at the start of the day.

Absences
As attendance is compulsory, each absence must be accounted for by a phone call or note, signed by the parents, addressed to the home group teacher and sent on the first school day following the absence. For the benefit of academic and social development we encourage minimal absences. Please notify the school if your child is going to be absent.

Early Leave
Prep to Year 6 Students are expected to attend for the full day unless permission to leave early is requested. A ‘Permission to Leave Early Form’ must be filled in at the General Office and taken to the class teacher. This is a safety precaution for your children.

Late Arrival
Please ensure the teacher knows if students are late. The roll is marked electronically by the teachers each day, therefore the office does not need to be notified; please just take your child straight to their classroom.

Bikes
Students may ride bikes and scooters only to school. A bike shed is provided and is locked from 9.00 – 3.20 pm each day. The school and DET take no responsibility for bikes/ scooters left in the bike shed outside of these times. If they need to be held in this area outside these times we recommend using a bike lock. Rollerblades and skateboards are not permitted. Insurance of bikes and scooters is the responsibility of parents. We strongly encourage insurance in the light of a number of schools reporting thefts. Helmets are compulsory by law of the State of Victoria. Children will not be permitted to ride bikes if they do not have helmets. Bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the school or on pedestrian crossings to ensure safety. Riding bikes/scooters in the school yard before and after school is not permitted for safety reasons.

Money and other Valuables
Please encourage your children to leave treasured possessions at home. Teachers may look after money if requested but are not responsible for valuables which students bring to school.

Care of Others Personal Belongings
Students who damage or take others property or belongings will be required to repair or replace the damaged or lost article. Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.
Moonee Ponds Primary School presents

HOT RODS
Classics & Customs
"Show & Shine"
CAR SHOW

Sunday February 19th 2017
87 Wilson Street Moonee Ponds (enter via Bent Street)

Gates open for display cars at 9am
Spectators 10am

Cars on show: 10am – 3pm
(Motorbikes, scooters & club displays also welcome)
Enquiries please email mpps.carshow.2017@gmail.com

Display cars $20, motorbikes & scooters $10 (passengers and riders included)
Spectators $5, Children under 12 free
Welcome back for 2017. I hope you have had an enjoyable and restful school holidays with your families. This section of the school newsletter will be fortnightly news about what’s happening in Physical Education this year at MPPS.

Below is the timetable when the students have been scheduled to have PE for this year. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately in their sports uniform on these days. If your child is unable to participate in their sport lesson due to illness or injury, could you please provide a note of exemption.

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I look forward to working with you all in this very busy but exciting year ahead of us.

Ms Jodie Donovan
Physical Education Teacher
donovan.jodi.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
If there are any parents or carers who would like to volunteer and become a Walking School Bus ‘driver’ in 2017 the following training/information sessions are being held by the Moonee Valley Council on the following dates:

- **Thursday 9 Feb 2017**
  - 9.15am
  - Civic Centre
  - 9 Kellaway Ave Moonee Ponds
  - Queens Park View Room

- **Thursday 16 February 2017**
  - 7pm
  - Civic Centre
  - 9 Kellaway Ave Moonee Ponds
  - Committee Room

There will be further sessions during the year if you are unable to attend either of these. If you are interested please contact either:

Holly V. on 0424 256 239 (holly.vitale@yahoo.com) or
Sarah J. on 0418 524 126 (biggana@hotmail.com)
Wishing all our students, parents and community members a very happy and safe Christmas and Holiday!

We look forward to seeing you on January 31st, 2017.

ENROL NOW!

TERM ONE CLINICS BEGIN ON SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY

Saturday morning clinics run during the school term and involve 55 minutes of personalised tuition. There is an age and skill appropriate curriculum focus on the fundamentals of the games, as well as an encouragement of social interaction to build skill levels and grow self esteem. Cricket, Soccer and AFL football will be offered at the Strathmore venue for Summer 2017. We ensure an approximate rate of one coach to ten players to allow each participant individual skills development.

SESSION TIMES
Please arrive at your selected time on Saturday 10th Feb unless otherwise notified.
9am to 10am
GIRLS FOOTY Or CO-ED CRICKET
10am to 11am
BOYS FOOTY Or CO-ED SOCCER

FREE GIFT
(please select one)
Soccer ball
Vic Cric hat
Swing King Ball
Incrediball
Batting Gloves
AFL Footy
(please specify club supported)

METHOD OF PAYMENT
Pre-pay CHEQUE $110 (to secure your place)
Please mail with completed application form to:
VIC CRIC, 28 SPENCER ST ESSENDON, 3040.
OR
Payment on first day of clinic,
FEB 10th 2017, CHEQUE/CASH $110
Please note, registration and payment must be completed before commencement of clinic.

TOTAL AMOUNT $__________
Please make all cheques payable to Vic Cric

Participant/s information:
Name(s): __________________________
DOB: __________ Clinics previously completed: __________________________
Parent/Guardian Name/s: __________________________
Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Current Primary School: __________________________
I do [ ] do not [ ] give permission for my child to be photographed and for photos to appear on Vic Cric Social Media.
Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________

Family discounts apply as well as combination discounts for 2 disciplines. Ask VIC CRIC team for more information. Disclaimer: Children play at their own risk. Vic Cric Pty Ltd accepts no liability.

For more information, call Mike on 0413303432 or email us at: viccric.northwest@gmail.com

1 CLINIC FOR $110 OR
2 CLINICS FOR $200!
Wishing all our students, parents and community members a very happy and safe Christmas and Holiday!

We look forward to seeing you on January 31st, 2017.

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**NEW! GIRLS CLINIC**

This season we are offering an exclusive, GIRLS ONLY footy clinic to celebrate the start of the Women’s League. We run fun clinics in a safe and non-competitive game environment for girls at beginner, intermediate & advanced levels, age 4 - 12. We provide 55 minute tuition each Saturday throughout the school term. Fee: $110 per child, including a gift!

**SESSION TIME & LOCATION:**
9AM to 10AM at Strathmore Secondary College, Pascoe Vale Rd, Strathmore

**TERM 1 CLINICS BEGIN ON SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 2017**

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**
Pre-pay CHEQUE $110 (to secure your place) please mail with completed application form to:
VIC CRIC, 28 SPENCER ST ESSENDON, 3040.

**OR**

Payment on first day of clinic,

**FEB 10th 2017, CHEQUE/CASH $110**

Please note that registration and payment must be completed before commencement of clinic.

For more information, call Mike on 0418303432 or email us at viccric.northwest@gmail.com

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**TOTAL AMOUNT $**

Please make all cheques payable to Vic Cric and fill out participant/s information:

Name(s): ___________________________ DOB: ___________________________

Clinics previously completed: ___________ Phone: ___________________________

Parent/Guardian Name/s: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________

Current Primary School: ___________________________

YOUR FREE GIFT IS AN AFL FOOTY, PLEASE SPECIFY THE CLUB YOU SUPPORT:

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KIDS CLASSES
Free Trial Lesson!

Smaller courts, lighter racquets and low-compression balls that don’t bounce too high make learning tennis fun and easy for primary school-aged children. This means that kids are able to start rallying and having fun right from their first lesson!

Cost: $9.00 a session

CARDIO TENNIS
Free Trial Lesson!

• High energy workout and burn 300 to 1000 calories
• Drill-based and play-based activities
• Lose weight, get fit and have fun
• Participants wear heart monitors, exercise to music and use low compression balls and a variety of equipment such as agility ladders

Cost: $12.50 a session.

LOCATIONS: Kensington Banks TC Smithfield Rd • North Park TC Flemington Rd Gladesville Park TC 18 Elmhurst Rd • St Matthews TC 96 William Rd

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**TERM 1, 2017 CALENDAR**

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