PRINCIPAL REPORT

Student Leadership

This newsletter carries photographs of the Year 6 student leaders named/elected to date. There will be further opportunities and I will report on them when they are finalised.

It is with great pleasure that this edition of our newsletter introduces our School Captains for 2013. I know the community will join me in congratulating Jack McLeod, Amelia Fuhr and Julian Lekakis on the privilege of being nominated by their peers for this honour and responsibility.

Matt and I had the opportunity to speak to the three students today before confirming their shared appointment. Our conversation included discussing some of the personal challenges they may face as well as the opportunities.

All are looking forward to leading the SRC to make Moonee Ponds Primary School an even better place to live and learn.

Jack’s appointment has resulted in him very realistically deciding to stand down as Lawson Vice Captain. This vacancy will be filled by another Lawson student and we will bring news of this in the next newsletter.

The newsletters now revert to the fortnightly publishing now that we have settled into the school year. It will be published fortnightly until the last 5 weeks of Term 4. It will then be printed weekly due to the busy time of year.

2013 SRC Representatives:

1/2A- Rufus Tatham-Thompson & Emily Xenoyiannakis
1/2B- Eloise Johnstone & Charlie Rolfe,
1/2C- Declan Alphey & Amalie Plunkett
1/2D- Angus Musgrave & Ella Lucia Ferella
3/4A- Melina Vampatella & Erica Taylor
3/4B-Flynn Gray & Alexis Koukoukaris
3/4C- Ben Gray & Zoe Beaumont
5/6A- Julian Lekakis & Afran Tahsin
5/6B- Charlotte Swainston & Amelia Fuhr
5/6C- Jack McLeod & Angus Beaumont

House Captains

Lawson—Josh Sim & Eden Brown
Chisholm—Sozoe Young & Ben Robertshawe
Macarthur—Lauren Falzon & Eric Newgreen
Banks—Eleanor Frost & Sean Goodman

2013 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

2013 HOUSE CAPTAINS
FACILITIES UPDATE

Artificial Turf & Bike Shed

The turf was completed last Saturday, which brightens the area up around the playground and is now a popular area for the kids to sit and enjoy their recess and lunch times. The turf has left the mound of dirt near the entrance to the SPC exposed. A small decking area/ stage will be erected over this area in the July school holidays to minimise the dirt/ dust in the area and make it more presentable. The bike shed planning proposal will be provided to the Moonee Valley Council next week. Soil testing, drawings with engineered trusses and footings are just two of many requirements the council needs. Barry Simons (Handyman), Kevin Manion (Facilities committee member & parent) and I have been planning this project now since October last year. A sketch of the new building is outside the office on the School Council noticeboard for anyone that is interested. We are still on schedule for completion over the Easter holiday period. We will be holding a working bee just before the holidays to pull the old structure down. Please check the newsletter for details in coming weeks.

Help Wanted (Mums and/ or Dads): Thursday (tomorrow) from 9-11am to help move soft fall mulch for the remaining playground area. If you have a wheel barrow and shovel, please bring it along.

Matt (on behalf of the Facilities Committee)
Spring Bulb Fundraiser

Due Next Week!

Nothing looks better than a garden when it is full of spring flowering bulbs. Pick your favourite flowers fresh from your own garden!

Bulbs are so easy to grow, you can buy in bulk and save money; plus 40% of all profits will go to MPPS.

Spare brochures are at the office – just hand in the form with your money to the office. Bulbs will be delivered start of Term 2 with full growing instructions.

Don’t forget to ask your family and friends to buy!

Orders due by FRIDAY 8th MARCH

GRADE 3 AND 4 TRADING TABLE (CAKE STALL)

THURSDAY MARCH 7TH
from 3.20PM
COME AND BUY SOME YUMMY AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS
PRICES FROM 50c

For parents of Grade 3 and 4 children who can assist with set up or selling on the day please email Allison Beaumont on allibe@optusnet.com.au or phone 0413 048 988
MOONEE PONDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT’S ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2013 – 7.30 PM
TO BE HELD IN THE SPORTS AND PERFORMANCE CENTRE
ALL WELCOME

The Parents Association consists solely of parents from the school. Its members work in partnership with the school leadership team, staff and school council to help build a strong relationship between the families and the school. The PA undertakes numerous social and fundraising events during the year and relies on the generosity of all families to make these happen. Funds raised are used for the educational and recreational needs as identified on a year-to-year basis. All positions are declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting and shall be open to any financial members of the Association.

President:
Co-ordinates, delegates, is the representative of the group at various functions, has experience in the school, chairs meetings, lets other opinions be heard, ready point of reference for all parents, to be accessible, to liaise with Principal and School Council President.

Vice President:
Supports the President, steps into Chair meetings as needed. Ensure reminder and invitation to meetings is placed in the newsletter at least one week before. Ensures office kept up to date with our activities in the Calendar of events. Organises guest speakers etc, ensures room availability for each meeting, and also records information regarding meetings, after minutes have been distributed.

Treasurer:
Receives and receipts all money. Reconciles bank statements to income and expenditure each month, has a written report at all monthly meetings, ensures auditing is carried out, seeks approval for all expenditure at meetings, organises floats for activities run by the association, with an assistant counts and records all money from activities.

Secretary:
Receives and records all incoming mail, writes and records all outgoing mail. In consultation with President writes agenda for meetings and distributes to all members one week before the meeting.
Records into the minute book all information that transpires from meetings. Types and distributes minutes to all members within a week of meeting. Keeps records of action points. Advertises the AGM as necessary and ensures all information is forwarded to the Department and School Principal in relation to the Annual General Meeting.
Maintain a register of financial members and their addresses, and provides an attendance book for members to sign at each meeting.

Representative on School Council:
School Council invites the Parent Association to nominate 2 members to fill positions on the School Council. The Parents Association shall elect a member, other than an employee of the Department of Education and Training at the school as the Parent Association nominees. They will be responsible for furnishing the Association with a report of School Council proceedings and for conveying decisions of the Association meetings to School Council.

A strong PA is an important avenue for promoting a welcoming and community minded school and we ask that you become involved by volunteering for a committee position to enable MPCS to further improve and grow with your child.
Some of the incredible contributions the Parents Association has been able to make around MPPS in past few years are:

- Two Playground installations and fake grass - totalling $60,000
- Outdoor seated area with shade sails - $30,000
- New modern designed classroom furniture for the entire school - $30,000
- Air conditioning throughout the junior school - $40,000
- Exterior blinds - $3,000
- Classroom libraries - $4,000
- I pads - $8,000
- Outdoor line markings - $1,000
- Perceptual Motor Program equipment - $3,500
- School vegetable garden - $2,500
- ICT upgrade - $12,000
- Round function tables for the SPC - $3,500

None of these achievements would have been possible without the tireless work and generous support of our wonderful Parent community. We are privileged to have such a supportive and active group of Parents.

Please take the time to think about becoming part of the Parents Association. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a positive and rewarding contribution to your child’s school experience.

Contact the PA mppsparentsassociation@gmail.com or call Ally Kane on 0434 511 671 for more information.

Please fill in the form below and return it to the office in an envelope marked Parents’ Association AGM by Friday 8th of March.

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS – SELF NOMINATION FORM 2013

I wish to nominate for the position of:

President / Vice-President / Secretary / Treasurer

Name: ................................................................. Phone: ........................................

Signature: ............................................................. Date: ........................................

Email: ..................................................................................................................
Walking School Bus Routes

*WEDNESDAYS AM
START: Meet on Melville Rd, opposite Jacobs Reserve at 8:10 am. Travel along Albion Street, Bent Street and Hope Street Brunswick West; continue along Evans Street and Bent Street Moonee Ponds to reach school.

*WEDNESDAYS (FROM 6th MARCH) and THURSDAYS AM
START: Meet outside 75 McPherson Street, Moonee Ponds at 8.35am. Travel down McPherson to Bent and then along Bent Street to school.

*TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS AM
START: Meet corner of Dean Street & Stuart Street, Moonee Ponds at 8.20am. Travel along McPherson Street, Thomas Street and Wilson Street to reach school.

MORE INFO? Contact one of the WSB Coordinators anytime!

CLARE WALKER (Mum to Aaliyah in Grade 1) 0403341702 or clare.walker@live.com

HOLLY VITALE (Mum to Finian in Grade 1) 0424256239 or holly.vitale@yahoo.com

CHALLENGE TIME!!!
All MPPS students are invited to participate in our Term 1 WSB Challenge.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO: Draw a picture of ‘something interesting’ that you see or do on your way to school. You will need an A4 piece of white paper and you can use coloured textas or pencils to complete your drawing. On the back of your picture write your name, which class you are in and one or two sentences about your picture (parents can help with writing if needed).

Drawings are due back to the office no later than FRIDAY 15th MARCH

Thomas Russell from 5/6A is one of the more experienced walkers on the Wednesday morning WSB that starts near Jacobs Reserve. Thomas says he likes walking on the school bus because ‘it’s fun to walk to school with kids from different classes, and we leave from right outside my house’.

EVEN IF THE WSB DOESN’T PASS BY YOUR HOUSE YOU CAN WALK OR DRIVE TO A POINT ON THE ROUTE AND START FROM THERE!!
## DATES TO NOTE 2013—TERM 1

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### SUNSMART

Don’t forget that the school’s sunsmart policy indicates that sunscreen be applied before school and students must have their own sunscreen in the bags for re-application by the student.

**Website**

Don’t forget that our newsletter is on-line and can be found at [www.mpc.vic.edu.au](http://www.mpc.vic.edu.au)

If you would like to be on a reminder email list to let you know that the newsletter is uploaded on our website, please email Kaye at: moonee.ponds.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

### Excursions / Camps / Special Events:

- March 11th—Labour Day Holiday
- March 8th—Year 5/6 Gala Sports Day
- March 14th—PA Annual General Meeting
- March 15th—Year 5/6 Gala Sports Day
- March 22nd—Whole School Photos

### A reminder to all that the Campus Choice Uniform Shop

Will be present at school every Thursday for any uniform requirements. They will be in attendance from 2.45 pm until 3.45 pm
CRE

CRE (Christian Religious Education) is a 30 minute weekly program for Prep to Year 4 students. The Victorian Education Act makes provision for students to receive religious education as part of their schooling.

Volunteer CRE teachers representing the Christian churches are approved by the minister for Education, fully screened and accredited through ACCESS Ministries.

The CRE curriculum complements the state school curriculum, and has a focus on values and helping students make good life choices. Students enjoy learning about God, Jesus and the Bible using story, song, drama and other activities. For more information see www.accessministries.org.au

CRE CLASSES

Christian Religious Education for Grade Prep - 4 students will commence on Tuesday, 5th March and will continue weekly until the end of the year. Please complete and return the following form to your child's classroom teacher or the school office by Friday 1st March if you wish your child to be included.

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CRE PERMISSION FORM

Child's name
1. .............................................................................. Grade/Teacher........................................... will attend CRE in 2013
2. .............................................................................. Grade/Teacher........................................... will attend CRE in 2013
3. .............................................................................. Grade/Teacher........................................... will attend CRE in 2013

Parent / Guardian Signature
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Please return this form to this office