Our Learning Community

So a term in as a primary school ... Reflecting on the past two years there has been much that has changed at the school but importantly much that has been maintained and enhanced. The strong sense of community that pervaded the school when I arrived is still at the core of what makes it a great place to learn and work.

As term one 2013 closes I think it worth reflecting on our mission and vision and what efforts we have made to establish our “learning community” in the school’s new structure.

We have certainly established productive and purposeful classrooms where students understand the goals of the classroom and are working together and with teachers to achieve them.

Our teachers are working in Professional Learning Teams; planning and assessing to ensure consistency and continuous improvement.

They are also working collaboratively as a whole staff to determine agreed ways of working and supporting student learning. We have also been working with our parent community. We have utilised feedback processes to establish agreed ways of working. Evidence of this is the awards statement from teachers and the agreed protocols for birthday celebrations. We have had many parents volunteer their assistance and support at sports days, incursions and excursions. We had tremendous support from parents in running the Ride to School Day last week and also have a group of parents working with teachers to actively support the Fun Run.

We invited Parent Association members to observe the use of digital resources in the prep rooms recently to share the excitement of the work made possible by PA funding.

These are hallmarks of a “learning community”. So too are informed parents supporting; students to complete their home study, reading or numeracy and the school in a governance role on School Council. School Council meets this evening (Wednesday 27th March) for the March meeting and the Annual General Meeting where office bearers will be elected. As with all school council meetings it is open to the school community and all are welcome.

Transition to Secondary School

The dates for the transition to secondary processes have been set. On April 17th a letter and preference form will be sent home with grade 6 students. These need to be returned to Moonee Ponds Primary School by 31st May.

The Moonee Valley Network Expo will be happening at Moonee Ponds West Primary School 24th April 4pm – 7pm to support this process. The expo hosts all the state secondary schools in the network. Each school sets up an information booth. It is a terrific way for parents and students to meet people from each school. A great way for parents form grade 4 or 5 to begin thinking about which secondary school.
The grade 6 students have also been invited to attend a “day in secondary school” at Rosehill Secondary College on April 30th. The grade 5/6 team have accepted this invitation for grade 6 students. All grade 6 students will therefore attend this day as a free excursion (costs covered by Rosehill). It will be fantastic for these students to get a taste of secondary school life as part of their transition year. Students will attend their confirmed secondary school for an orientation day in December.

Attention grade 5/6 families.
The third payment for netbooks is due on Thursday 18th April (first week back).
A reminder was sent home with students.

Parking
Drop off and pick up times are very busy in the streets around our school, and ensuring the students safety arrive at school and again home is imperative. Over the past few weeks we have had some complaints from our neighbours about parents parking in permit zones/ blocking driveways, as well as parking in the ‘No Standing’ and ‘Disabled’ zones around the school. Unfortunately we have also had reports of families being fined for parking in the wrong areas. The council officers are regularly around the area and you will only realise you have been fined by receiving a letter in the mail.

We urge parents to please think about where you are parking, and also to ensure students are not dropped off and let out to run across the road and into the school grounds. The school crossings are the preferred option when crossing the road. If this is not possible please ensure you walk them across.

Another option is to park a block or two away and walk to the closest crossing.

Crossing the road at other places
- Walk straight across the road – don’t jay-walk.
- Keep checking in both directions to make sure the way is clear.
- Do not cross the road from between parked cars as drivers may not see you.
- Try not to cross near trees or bushes because drivers may not see you.
- Avoid crossing near a bend or crest in the road. Give yourself a good chance to see vehicles coming from both directions.
- Avoid crossing on roundabouts, particularly multi-lane roundabouts as they are very busy and complex and cars are not required to give way to you, unless there is a pedestrian crossing. Find somewhere further away from the roundabout to safely cross the road.


Curriculum Days 2013
The dates being taken to council for approval as Curriculum Days (student Free) are Monday 27th May, Monday 15th July (first day term 3) and Monday 7th October (first day term 4).
I thought I should mention this as a few people have asked about first day of term 2. Last year this was a curriculum day but not this year. – classes will run on first day of term 2.

Last Day of Term
Thursday is the final day of term. School will finish with an assembly in the SPC at 2.00 pm and students will be dismissed by 2.20. I will take this opportunity to say what I will no doubt say at the assembly. I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter and a safe holiday.

Joanne Ryan
On Tuesday the 12th of March 2 students from Moonee Ponds P.S. competed in the Western Metropolitan Region Division Swimming Championships at Oak Park Swimming Pool. Congratulations to Lilly Tye and Devlin Mc Carthy, both competing in Breaststroke events and having great swims, with Devlin winning his event and advancing to the Western Metropolitan Regional Finals.

**Western Metropolitan Regional Finals**

On Tuesday the 19th of March Devlin Mc Carthy competed in the Western Metropolitan Regional Finals held in Hoppers Crossing. Devlin had great swims on the day, achieving 4th place in the qualifying Breaststroke event which advanced him to the Regional Final where he placed 5th. Congratulations to Devlin for making it this far and achieving such great results!
2013 Footy Clinics
Princes Hill & Strathmore

Starting 20th April 2013

Autumn Sport Starts April 20th AFL & Soccer

Vic Footy clinics provide boys & girls aged 4-12 with the opportunity to participate in a fun, safe and non-competitive game environment. Clinics are offered at two venues; Princes Hill and Strathmore.

By applying an age appropriate curriculum focusing on the fundamentals of the games the Clinics will:

Encourage - Social-Interaction >>> Build - Skill Level >>> Grow - Self-Esteem

Vic Footy Saturday Morning Clinics

Run for a period of seven weeks involving 55 minutes of personalised tuition on Saturday mornings. Soccer is offered at both locations and Strathmore hosts Aussie Rules as well.

Each session is comprised of approximately 30-40 children, and is divided into four to six groups, with one coach to (approx) eight players. Children are divided into groups according to their age and skill level: Beginners, Juniors, Intermediate & Advanced.

A Fee of $100 per child, covers seven weeks of coaching and every participant receives a Gift (select below). Certificates are awarded to all players upon completion of the 8 weeks, and a trophy is presented to those who have completed 4 or 8 seasons. Please arrive at your selected session time unless contacted by our team.

Enrol Now! Term II Starts 20th April 2013

To secure your place, complete and return the registration form below no later than Thurs 18th April 2013 to:
28 Spencer St Essendon 3040

Enquiries Contact: Mike Bishop 0418 303 432 Email mabish@optusnet.com.au

Registration Form

Please select preferred:

Venu:

- Princes Hill: Melway 29 J11 Princes Hill Primary School Pagdon St Carlton North 6th return season
- Strathmore: Melway 16 J11 Strathmore Secondary College Pascoe Vale Rd Strathmore 11th season

Session Time:

- Princes Hill Soccer: 9.00am - 10.00am, 10.00am - 11.00am
- Strathmore Footy: 9.00am - 10.00am
- Strathmore Soccer: 10.00am - 11.00am, 11.00am - 12.00am

Method of payment:

- Pre pay Cheque (to secure your place): Please mail with completed application form to 28 Spencer St Essendon 3040
- Payment on first day of Clinic 20th April 2013 CASH

Free Gift:

- Footy in your favorite AFL Colours
- Soccer Ball

Total Amount $ __________

*Please make all Cheques payable to Vic Cric

Participant’s Name ____________________________

Primary school currently attending ____________________________

Address ________________________________________________

Phone ____________________________ Mobile ____________________________

Email ____________________________ No. of Clinics previously completed __________

Date of Clinic: 20th April 2013

Signature: ____________________________________________

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AFL Jumpers/Soccer Tops $25

Special Offer

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AFL Team

Children’s Sizes.
Forms can now be collected from the office. Enrolments are now being taken for next year. If you know of anybody, ie: neighbours, family, friends etc. Please advise them we have begun the enrolment process and tours are available by contacting the school.

Denzil Don Kindergarten

Wylie Park, 256 Union Street, Brunswick West

Are you looking for a kinder for your 3 year old?

We currently have a small number of vacancies for our 3 year old program:

- Orange: Monday 9.30am-12 noon, Tuesday 1.30-4.00 pm
- Purple: Monday 1.30-4.00 pm, Wednesday 9.30 am-12noon
- Aqua: Thursday 1.30-4.00 pm, Friday 9.30am-12noon

$330 per term
(Child must have turned 3 before 31 January 2013 to enrol)

Call Denzil Don on 9380 8420 to organise an orientation visit
15 March 2013

The Principal
Moonee Ponds Central School
Wilson Street
Moonee Ponds Vic 3039

Dear Sir/Madam

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

I wish to advise that the City of Moonee Valley, in conjunction with the Essendon RSL Sub-branch, will be conducting their annual ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony at the Cenotaph in Queen’s Park, Moonee Ponds, (Cnr Mt Alexander Road and Kellaway Avenue entrance) on Sunday, 21 April 2013, commencing at 2:55pm for the March and 3pm for commencement of the Ceremony. Council would like to extend an invitation to the school community to attend the Commemoration Ceremony and to remember the sacrifices made by those servicemen and women who did not return home.

If you would like further details regarding the Commemoration Ceremony, please call me 9243 8776 or via email: jdigiorgio@mvcc.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

JACQUELINE DI GIORGIO
Executive Assistant to Director Corporate Services
During our second SRC meeting we accomplished a lot. We started off by taking pictures of all of the SRC reps. The grade 2-4 reps were given an SRC journal in which they can record important information. We then played a quick game before getting down to work. All the reps sat down and listened to Antony. Antony then answered questions that we had about SRC from last week. After finishing that we broke into groups of three. In our groups we looked at the previous SRC statement, the school vision statement and the SRC co-ordinator job description. We highlighted the key words in these texts and gave them to Antony. By the end of next week we will have our new SRC vision statement and will be well on our way to helping the school.

By Julian Lekakis

The SRC met on the 14th of March, and collaboratively studied the School Mission Statement, The previous SRC Mission Statement and The SRC co-ordinator job description. We highlighted words that we felt were appropriate for our new Vision Statement.

These are the words we chose:

- vision
- responsibility
- students
- contributing
- collaborative
- inspire
- represent
- leadership
- citizens
- opportunities
- community
- courageous
- determination
- communication
- strategies

From these words and the discussion that followed, this is our new Mission Statement:

*It is the vision for the MPPS SRC to develop responsible leadership skills to help represent students in communication between all members of the school community and to lead students in being global citizens.*

*We are determined to use all opportunities to work strategically, collaboratively and courageously to inspire students to contribute to positive change in our community and the larger communities in which we live.*
SRC REPRESENTATIVES

[Images of five children]
Cross Country & Fun Run 2013

It has been exciting to see all of the kids training for their Cross Country that will be run on the first Friday back in Term 2 – that’s Friday 19th April. All parents are encouraged to come along in the morning to cheer the kids along the course which ranges from 1km for the Prep-2s to the 3km the 12-13 year old students will run!

We are looking for volunteers to help marshall the course and the kids on the day so if you are able to help out in any way on Friday, 19th April from 9:30-11am please contact Melissa on melissajdarlington@gmail.com or 0422 708 234.

If you have misplaced your fundraising sponsorship form please ask for a replacement from the Office.

Online Fundraising

This year for the first time we are trialing the Online Sponsorship option to allow you to reach out to friends and family who don’t live close by. Simply create a Mi Adizone profile on the School Fun Run website, click on Mi Online Fundraising and select Moonee Ponds Primary School in the drop down menu. You will then receive a link to your very own fundraising webpage that you can email out to your friends or even post on Facebook so they can donate online in your name! Please note that there is a 6.5% charge that goes to Everyday Hero for providing the online service eg: 65c from a $10 donation. Happy Fundraising!

Attention : Grade 1/2 Parents

I have volunteered to be the contact person for the Grade 1/2 year level, and I have been collating a contact list for parents of children in Grade 1/2. This list (particularly email addresses) should be very helpful in communicating information across the entire Grade 1/2 level and will provide a forum where questions can be asked, big or small. If you would like to be included in the contact list, please pass on your details to me at talko@optusnet.com.au or 0417340179. Also, if you have already provided your contact details but have not received a group email from me yet, please let me know as there might be an error with your email address.
Thanks so much

Cheers, Tracey (mum to Hamish in Grade 1/2D)

Essendon Royals Soccer Club are looking for 2004 to 2006 born girls to play in a small sided soccer program starting at Ormond Park on Sat April 13th. Go to www.essendonroyals.com.au
AGM results for 2013

President: Ally Kane
Vice President: Leanne Sali
Secretary: Alli Beaumont
Treasurer: Heidi Griggs
PA School Council Rep: Jason Blakely
PA School Council Rep: Jessica Court

PA can be contacted by email on: mppsparentsassociation@gmail.com
Or to Ally Kane: ally.kane@optusnet.com.au

PA Membership

Thank you to all of our 2012 members. Our new 2013 email addresses are now in operation. If you have signed or resigned to be a PA member for 2013 and have not received any emails recently please contact our Secretary Alli Beaumont on: mppsparentsassociation@gmail.com

If you would like to join the Parents Association as a voting member you are welcome to do so at any time. Application forms are available from outside the office.

Emails- we only send out minutes and information via email, so please make sure we have your email address and that it is correct

I’d like to thank all of our outgoing members for their contributions towards the school and the enormous amount of work that you have done on behalf of the PA. Special thank you must go to Rachel Dolkens for your tireless work on net workers and the PA; we wish you lots of happiness in your move to sunnier shores.

Fun Run- Friday April 19th
Forms have been distributed and sponsorship has begun with great gusto! Please use the holidays to source your sponsors and practice your running, as the Fun Run is the first Friday back of Term 2.

Spring Bulbs
Are due to be delivered 2nd week of Term 2, thank you for such a great response over $1,200 was made from the sales. Many thanks to Caroline Golden for organizing such a successful fundraiser.
Subway lunch- orders are now closed

Is scheduled for this Friday. Over 200 students have submitted a lunch order form. Many thanks to George and Sandra Katsikis from Fawkner Subway for very generously donating all of the Subs for Friday. All money goes directly to PA as a fundraiser.

Icy Poles

Many thanks to our lovely icy pole ladies headed up by Sandi Iliano and Leah Manion. Thank you also to Lois and Bernadette who dedicate every Friday lunch time to come to school to sell them to our kids- much appreciated.

Icy Poles are now not available until Term 4

Term 2 fundraising dates

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<td>Sausage sizzle</td>
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Five-Cent Frenzy-

Will be happening again this year and is scheduled for the beginning of Term 3 so start collecting your odd 5c pieces from the back of the sofa or car seat! You have a whole Term to collect them.

Biennial Ball date (a night out for Parents)

The biennial ball date has been set for August 2\(^{nd}\) at Ascot House.
A great venue for a great night. Mark it in your calendar!
For more info contact Nanette Dijkstra: ball2013@branette.net
## STUDENT STARS

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<td>Mariana</td>
<td>For being optimistic at school especially at lunch time and recess.</td>
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<td>Maria</td>
<td>For being optimistic and happy in the mornings.</td>
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<td>Deylan</td>
<td>Demonstrating optimism by being brave and happy in the playground, and learning to play with different people and make new friends.</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>James</td>
<td>Fantastic work in a group demonstrating the ability to collaborate with others and listen with respect for the ideas of others.</td>
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<td>Lilly</td>
<td>For caring for her classmates and her environment</td>
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<td>Sebastien</td>
<td>Demonstrating respect towards his peers</td>
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<td>Amy</td>
<td>Demonstrating CARE and patience when collaborating with others.</td>
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<td>Kyle</td>
<td>For being a respectful member of our class! Well Done!</td>
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<td>Shanice</td>
<td>Demonstrating care of people's feelings and looking after class equipment without being asked.</td>
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<td>Alicia</td>
<td>For working towards her goal of improving her writing by practising and effectively applying the features of persuasive texts.</td>
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<td>Eleanor</td>
<td>For always collaborating with her peers in and outside of the classroom.</td>
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<td>Stephanie</td>
<td>For always being respectful of her fellow classmates when helping others and sharing her ICT skills</td>
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<td>Lauren</td>
<td>For demonstrating an optimistic attitude at the Gala Sports day.</td>
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<td>Italian</td>
<td>Oli</td>
<td>For positive attitude to learning and for consistently showing courtesy to all. Bravissimo!</td>
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<td>Edward</td>
<td>Demonstrating optimism and enthusiasm towards P.E.</td>
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<td>Lachlan Ross For using sounding out as a strategy for reading and writing</td>
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<td>Nicole</td>
<td>Dylan Reynolds Having a go at writing and listening for the sounds</td>
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<td>Jenny</td>
<td>Sophie Aldridge Being confident and striving to have a go at writing activities</td>
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<td>Andrea (Libby)</td>
<td>Emily Xenoyiannakis Absolutely fantastic grasp of math concepts and the completion of all maths tasks set</td>
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<td>Leigh</td>
<td>Fin Vitale Making great improvement in his writing</td>
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<td>Senada</td>
<td>Ceren Kocamis Working hard on her reading and writing</td>
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<td>David</td>
<td>Emma Cunliffe Grasping skip counting by 2's</td>
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<td>Beth</td>
<td>Maya Kosta Demonstrating a positive attitude towards her reading! Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Jude</td>
<td>Krish Pawar Recording, using MAB and explaining place value</td>
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<td>Samantha Major For consistently working on her goal of using the Habits of Mind, “asking questions” and “trying new ideas” to held her better understand her work.</td>
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<td>Jess</td>
<td>Julian Lekakis For always listening in class and producing work of and excellent nature.</td>
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<td>Lee</td>
<td>Jesse Doherty For his well thought our contributions to the class’ Maths discussions around problem solving</td>
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<td>Liz</td>
<td>Lydia Marshall For gradually improving her handwriting and self correcting errors in her personal writing.</td>
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On Friday the 8th and Friday the 15th of March the year 5/6s went to Fairburn Park or St Monicas. There were four sports: Kanga cricket; Volleyball; Softball and Bat Tennis.

Kanga Cricket, Volleyball and Softball played at Fairburn Park. Bat Tennis played at St Monicas.

The Softball team A won: 2 games. Team B won: 2 games.

The Kanga Cricket team A won: 5 cricket matches and the B team won: 6 cricket matches.

The Bat Tennis won 7 matches.

The Volleyball people on the A team won: 4 Volley games and the B team won: 2 volley games.

The captains for Softball where Matthias Foley and Thomas Bowden. These two boys worked really hard and did a great job. The teacher that worked with them was the fabulous Liz Moody.

On the Cricket team we had: Ben Robertshaw and Erik Newgreen. Erik and Ben did so well and did extremely well since they didn’t have a teacher to help them. But on the days Matt Bott and Joanne Ryan came to help us out with the coaching.

The Volleyball captains are: Lauren Falzon and Sozoe young. Good job girls! You worked so well with the awesome Lee P. when there was a problem you sorted it out.

The last captains were: Jesse Doherty and Jessie Xue. You must of worked so well with my awesome teacher jess. Good job!

Well done everyone. You worked so hard and deserve a big pat on the back.

Written by: Lilly Tye

The softball team were going to the 1st gala sport day very confident that we were Going to give it our best and the 1st team that where going up against was the A-team and the captain was Matthias and we lost the first game by 2 runs but that was only Because they batted one more time after us.

The B-Team which the captain was Tommy and they were playing against a really hard team but they tried there hardest. But sadly they didn’t win. They lost by about 5 home runs but that was really good because most of the other team were really tall but we were still happy at the end of the games because we can still win some games.

The next game was the A-team playing and we were all trying to hit the ball by batting. And we got lots of home runs, about 4 home runs and 6 home runs so we did really well but they were just that tiny bit better then Us because we got 10 runs and the other team got about 13 runs because we just needed to work on our fielding a bit more.

The B-team was playing against a team that was good but they had a chance this time and they nearly won. We just lost by 2 runs.

The last game the A-Team was playing against was St Monica’s and it was a very tense game and we actually won by 3 runs.

Written by: Matthias Foley
GALA SPORTS DAY PHOTOS

[Image of a group of children in red uniforms, presumably participating in a sports event.

[Image of another group of children in red uniforms, also participating in a sports event.

Walking School Bus News

Thank you to those who participated in the Term 1 WSB Drawing Challenge! There are lots of interesting things the kids see or do on the way to school, including sports practice, construction, horses running around the racecourse and walking with your friends on the WSB!! At assembly last week those students who handed in a drawing received a participation prize for their effort; Hamish Cutler (Prep), Mariana (Prep), Addison Kirk (Prep), Callum Cahoon (Prep), James Russell (1 / 2), Finn Darlington (1 / 2), Leo Flaim (1 / 2), Aaliyah Malik (1 / 2), Isabella Burns (3 / 4)

Also, Addison Kirk (Prep) received a WSB showbag as he is a new walker on the McPherson/Bent street route. Finian Vitale (1 / 2), Heidi Golden (1 / 2) and Juliet Golden (1 / 2) received a prize for recently finishing their 40 walk WSB ticket! Congratulations to you all!

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 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
0403341702 or clare.walker@live.com

HOLLY VITALE
0424256239 or holly.vitale@yahoo.com

Ride2School Day – Friday 22nd March

What a turn out we had for Ride2School Day!! Thank you to those who participated by riding, scooting or skating to school, the bike shed was packed! Our tally at the bike shed showed that 106 students participated – 57 on bikes, 41 on scooters and 8 on their skateboards – great effort!

A big THANK YOU to all the parents that helped on the day to provide breakfast and assist the kids down at the bike shed. Also thank you to Jason from Bicycle Network, Lisa Bagnati from MVCC council, Ally Kane and Jill Kilpatrick who provided all the giveaways! As always thank you to Joanne, Matt and the teaching staff for their support.
It’s time to get excited about this year’s Cross Country & Fun Run! This is a cracker of a school fundraiser & sporting event as the kids have fun getting fit, raise money for their school AND they earn fantastic prizes at the same time! What’s not to love?!

The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved. Sponsorship Forms are coming home today so the kids can start collecting sponsors for the big event! This year there will even be an online sponsorship option for family and friends who don’t live close by.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland! Forms and money are due back on first day of Term 2, Monday 15th April.

**Friday 19th April** is the day of the run and we would love an army of helpers on the day, but in the interim we do need volunteers to help us coordinate each year level in the lead-up over the coming weeks. No experience necessary!

If you are available and interested in helping out in any way, shape or form please contact Melissa on melissajdarlington@gmail.com or 0422 708 234.

**End of Term Lunchbox Package**

**THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**

**ONLY $5 PER PERSON!**

YOUR $5.00 ORDER INCLUDES:

A SIX INCH SUB OF YOUR CHOICE
A DRINK (VARIETY)
AND A PIECE OF FRUIT (VARIETY)
## DATES TO NOTE 2013—TERM 1

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**Excursions / Camps / Special Events:**
- March 14th—PA Annual General Meeting
- March 15th—Year 5/6 Gala Sports Day
- March 22nd—Whole School Photos
- April 19—School X Country
- April 24—Moonee Ponds West Secondary Expo, Athol St, Moonee Ponds 4-7pm
- April 25—Anzac Day Holiday

### 2013 CURRICULUM DAYS
- **27th May**
- **15th July**
- **7th October**