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2018 Term Dates:

Term 1: 30th January – 29th March

Term 2: 16th April – 29th June

Term 3: 16th July – 22nd September

Term 4: 8th October – 21st December

Dates to Note:

22nd March – Cross Country

25th-29th June – Year 5/6 Camp

13th-15th Aug. – Year 3/4 Camp

21st-28th Aug. – MVIMP Camp

Parent's Association Meetings

7.30pm in SPC

10th May

14th June

9th August

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 available at the office and OSH Club

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 all your important dates!

Principal Report

Our Business Manager of four years Liz Christian will be leaving us at the end of this term to take 12 months leave. Liz is looking to spend some more time with her family and is heading overseas on an extended holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank her for the outstanding job she has done for our school. This includes the support she provides Kaye, Alison, Beck and I in the office. Our new Business Manager, Esther Cross, will start on Monday 18th March to ensure we complete a thorough handover. Please ensure you make Esther welcome as she joins our MPPS community.

School Fete

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that assisted with the fete; this includes the lead up, actual day and the packing up. We are extremely lucky as a school community to have such a hard working group of parents. Thanks to our Parents Association leadership of Linda Di Florio, Heidi Griggs and Kirsten Cheney for your direction and countless hours of preparation. The funds raised from this event go directly back into the school to support our students. *Thank you!*

Parents Association (PA) Annual General Meeting

On Thursday March 8th the Parents association AGM was held. I am pleased to announce the following members who were elected to the following leadership positions:

President: Linda Di Florio

Vice President: Kirsten Cheney

Treasurer: Heidi Griggs

Secretary: Tracey Talko

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PA leadership team and members for their work throughout the past year and look forward to working with PA again in 2018.

There are two PA community representative vacancies on School Council. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact Linda or Tracey via email: mppsparentsassociation@gmail.com

School Council

Nominations for parent and teacher vacancies on school council concluded a few weeks back. We received the same number of nominations as vacancies in both categories; therefore all that nominated were elected unopposed. I would like to welcome the following two new members to our council for 2018: Paul Parfum (parent) and Melanie Woods (teacher). They are also joined by Scott Cutler, Juergen Reitz, Rebecca McMahon and Scott Siega who were re-elected for another two-year tenure.

I would like to thank our outgoing council members for their hard work over the past years: Kevin Manion, Annie Spilar and Keyla Perez. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

PRINCIPAL REPORT (CONT.)

Moonee Ponds PS turning 100!

Our MPPS community has been around for a long time. Our older building was built in 1918 and the first class of students was in Feb of 1919.

Therefore I am inviting interested parties to join a committee to begin planning an event and activities to commemorate this amazing achievement. Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to please contact the school office and provide your email and phone number.

Secondary Schools

Information has been provided to students in Years 4-6 regarding a presentation to MPPS students from Mount Alexander College Principal Wayne Haworth on Thursday at 6.30pm in the school library. There is also an expo with all Moonee Valley Secondary Schools at Moonee Ponds West PS on Wednesday 21st March. (Notes went home this week with further details). I encourage all families looking at schools to check it out and let me know if you have any questions.

Playgroup at MPPS

The school is looking to implement a playgroup one morning a week at the school and is looking for parent volunteers to help lead and run the group. If you are interested, please speak to Matt or leave your details at the office.

Planning Week

Next week is planning week. Teachers will be working in year level professional learning teams (PLTs) within the school hours as well as after school to reflect on student learning this term and plan the curriculum for term 2. The time PLTs spend together helps build consistency and high quality teaching and learning across the classes. To support this work, we will have a modified specialist timetable next week. Students will be having their specialist classes on the following days:

Day	Art	PE	Italian
Monday	ALL - Yr 3/4		
	5/6C	5/6B	5/6A
Tuesday	1/2A, B, C, D, E	1/2A, B, D, E, F	1/2C, D, E, F
Thursday	1/2F	1/2C	1/2A & B
Friday	All - Foundation		
	5/6A & B	5/6A & C	5/6B & C

If you have any questions, please let your classroom teacher know.

Cross Country

The next whole school sports day is the annual Cross Country event. This is held along the Moonee Ponds Creek trail and concludes at Fanny Reserve. This event will be held on Thursday 22nd March. A permission note with further information regarding this event was sent home this week.

Matt Bott
Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL'S REPORT SUMMARY—February 2018

The first meeting for 2018 was held on 28 February 2018.

The agenda for the Council meeting included a discussion of the various committee reports including the Finance Report and the Parents' Association Report. Matt Bott (School Principal) presented the Principal's Report which included a briefing as to the forthcoming Department of Education's review of the school and the requirements for teachers' professional practice days.

School leadership then took the council through a detailed discussion of the *Annual Implementation Plan for Improving Student Outcomes* ('AIP') which sets out the initiatives, activities, milestones, goals and targets for the next 12 months. The AIP is aligned to the school's four year strategic plan and was fully supported by the Council. (The AIP is available on the school website- www.mpp.vic.edu.au/school-council/documents-2/ .

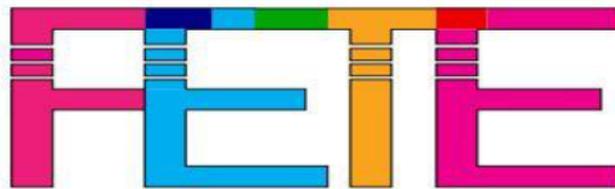
A Special Thank You: The School Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire school community for their support of the 2018 School Fete. We would like to thank the many parents, carers, teaching and support staff and others who kindly volunteered their time or provided support so the fete could be a great success. A special thank you to the Parents' Association, led by Linda Di Florio, for their impressive planning and incredible logistics and people management skills that brought this community event together. Well done to all!

Finally, we would like to thank Liz Christian for her time as business manager. In addition to her daily duties as Business Manager, she has been a great support to the Finance Committee and to the Council.

Next Meeting: The next meeting for the School Council will be held on 28 March 2018. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 7.00 pm where office holders will be elected followed by allocation of the various committees that support the Council's operations. The broader school community is welcome to attend the AGM. The first meeting of the new 2018 Council will then follow.

Scott Cutler

School Council President



To say a simple “thank you” would under sell the complete appreciation that I would like to express to our families at Moonee Ponds Primary School. In fact there are no suitable words to adequately express how overwhelmed I am at the support we received for our 2018 fete.

Any event is only as successful as the involvement and the support it receives. The fete was a mammoth event and our parent community not only rose to the challenge but well and truly exceeded it. The number of people stating the words “how can I help” before the day and on the day was moving. Thank you all for volunteering. Thank you for your incredibly hard work on the day.

I’d also like to thank the new families to our school who volunteered, set up, packed up, worked on stalls, made incredible donations and supported this event. We understand it’s a HUGE beginning to the year and the PA leadership team and I have been impressed with the participation and support.

I’d also like to thank the staff of Moonee Ponds Primary who supported the fete. It was absolutely lovely to see your faces at the fete and thank you for giving up your time to work on stalls for us as well.

I’d like to recognise the unbelievable donations we received this year as well. The generosity of parents, extended family, friends, staff and community partners of the school has been tremendous.

Finally I’d like to thank the sponsors of our event Zeus Street Greek and Smile Solutions. Their generosity and involvement in our fete has been inspiring.

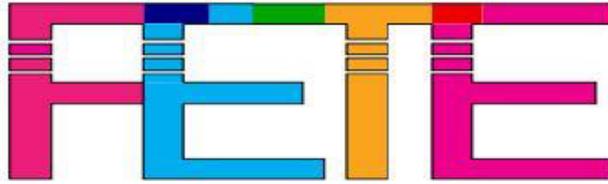
The funds raised are going to be used to install a beautiful maths garden for our children. That I’m sure will be appreciated for generations to come.

So thank you all for baking, wrapping, muscle flexing, donating, cleaning, carrying things, pricing, driving around, cooking, for the lollies, the chocolate, the wine, putting up with the whinging and the blood, sweat and tears!

We should all be proud of the wonderful and immensely successful day that the fete was.

Your Parents Association President

Linda Di Florio



MONEY RAISED!

A HUGE thank you again for everyone's hard work at the fete. We couldn't have done it without you! We also thank you for your patience in waiting to hear how much money was raised on the day. We know everyone is really curious and wants to know! We're nearly there and an announcement will be made soon. We are just waiting on a number of silent auction items to be collected and paid for. This is a significant amount of money so we need to finalise these payments before calculating the final figure. (We can give you a little clue and say that it was the most financially successful fete ever!) 😊

If you were the highest bidder on a silent auction item and have yet to pickup and pay for it, please do so ASAP. Multiple messages have been left for you already! Please contact Kirstin to arrange pickup kcheney@netspace.net.au. If they are not picked up soon, the items will have to go to the second highest bidders.

FEEDBACK!!!

The fete committee is meeting this Thursday night to debrief and discuss the fete.... what went well, what could be improved, issues, things to remember for next time etc. We're trying to cover everything! And we'll be taking lots of notes while it's fresh in our minds so we'll have a good set of instructions for the next fete.

We invite you to provide feedback on your experience of the fete. Written feedback can be sent to mppsparentsassociation@gmail.com by 5pm Thursday if possible?!

Please reflect and think about:

- what worked well
- what didn't work so well
- ideas and suggestions for next time

And please please be honest!! We are after the positives and the negatives - we really want to hear your honest opinion so that we can make the next fete bigger and better and smoother!

Thanks for your help
The fete committee.

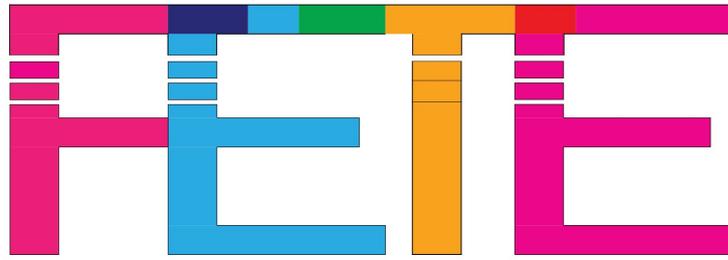
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Thank you.



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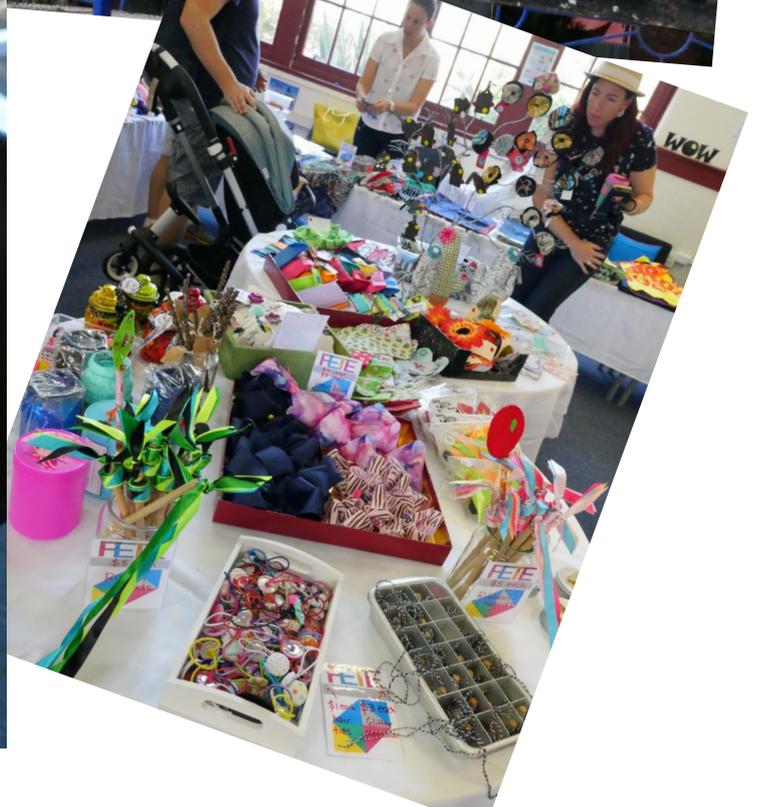
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FETE PHOTOS



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ITALIAN NEWS

The students in Italian have learnt a little about the Italian school system these past few weeks. For more details about the photo below, see the MPPS Italian Blog at <http://mppsitalian.global2.vic.edu.au/>.

The blog also has work samples, photos and videos of what the children have been learning about. It is also a place where your children can revise and practise their Italian language skills. I have included links to some interactive language games that will assist with this.

Please feel free to post a comment. I'd love to hear from you!

Saluti da (Regards from)

Nancy



IL GREMBIULE (THE SCHOOL SMOCK)

MY SMART GARDEN WORKSHOP

On Sunday 18th March MPPS is hosting a My Smart Garden workshop.

Moonee Valley Council have generously allowed families from our school to have the first opportunity to register!

I attended a workshop at Strathmore Kindergarten last year and it was informative, interactive and a great opportunity to share knowledge and tips about gardening.

I encourage you to come along, bring your families and enjoy!



Gardening with children

In a world dominated by technology and homes that no longer have as much outdoor playspace, it's time we brought the gardens to the children! In this workshop, you and your children will learn what it takes to make plants grow well and enjoy several activities together that your children get to take home.

Be inspired with simple activities to engage the kids, nourish their natural curiosity and help them get their hands dirty!

Sunday 18th March—MPPS

10am-12pm

For more information and to register click [here](#).

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gardening-with-children-tickets-41299526997>

MOONEE VALLEY SCHOOLS EXPO

2018 Year 7 Secondary School EXPO

Wednesday, 21st March 2018
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

In the Gym at Moonee Ponds West Primary School
150 Athol Street Moonee Ponds

All Grade 4, 5 & 6 children and their parents/carers are invited to attend the 2018 Year 7 Secondary School EXPO to learn more about our local Secondary Schools.

Buckley Park College

Mount Alexander College

Essendon Keilor College (East Keilor and Niddrie Campuses)

Rosehill Secondary College

Strathmore Secondary College

These schools will have displays and information handouts for interested families, plus personnel to talk to you and answer any questions you may have. The format is Informal, so you are free to visit whichever display you wish to, any time between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

We look forward to your attendance.

For further enquiries ring 8331 0100.



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Tailor-made 21st Century Learning for Secondary Students

Come and hear from Principal Wayne Haworth, students and parents about the new and enhanced learning opportunities at MAC.

Where: Moonee Ponds Primary School

When: 6:30-7:30 pm Thursday 15 March 2018

- Students at MAC are empowered to take control of their learning
- Students select subjects based on their passion and learning needs
- Entry level (Year 7) enrolments have tripled in the past three years
- Student Attitude to School Survey indicates improvement across the board with 11 categories now in the top 25% of the state

"My child loves MAC"

"This is my first year as a parent of a student attending MAC. My child is the happiest he has ever been in relation to attending school and engaged in his learning. This engagement is from the commitment and support of the leadership team, teachers and other support staff."

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TERM 1, 2018 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 12 Labour Day Holiday	March 13	March 14 No Foundation Students	March 15 School Photos MAC Presentation 6.30pm Library	March 16 Gala Sports (5/6)
March 19	March 20	March 21 Foundation first Wednesday MValley Network Secondary School Expo at MPWPS	March 22 School Cross Country	March 23
March 26	March 27	March 28 School Council AGM Newsletter	March 29 Last day of Term Sausage Sizzle (no lunch orders) 2pm Assembly 2.20 Finish	March 30th Good Friday

TERM 2, 2018 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20
April 23	April 24	April 25 Anzac Day Holiday	April 26	April 27 5/6 Winter Sport beginn

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 for all families but will be published on line as of next week; 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.

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