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2018 Term Dates:

Term 3: 16th July—22nd September

Term 4: 8th October— 21st December

Dates to Note:

Sept. 19th—MVIMP Spring Soiree

7pm SPC

Oct 18th—School Concert at Clocktower

Nov. 15th—MVIMP Concert

Nov. 19th—Curriculum/Student Free Day

Nov. 29th—F-@ BBQ/Sleepover

Parent's Association Meetings

7.30pm in SPC

13th September

11th October

8th November

13th December

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 all your important dates!

PRINCIPAL REPORT

The book week parade was a massive hit last Friday! Unfortunately due to the Regional Principals' Forum both Rebecca and I missed out. By all reports (and photos) it was a great day! The multi-age grouped activities last Wednesday also produced some amazing canvases and artwork. These will be displayed in the stair well leading to the Library. The father's Day stall will be operating on Friday 31st August, run by the Parents Association. Remember to send your child with some money (no more than \$10) and a plastic bag. Science night is also coming up; details have been shared in the previous weeks' newsletters. Tomorrow we have 43 students representing the school at the District Athletics carnival. We wish all our student the best in their sporting endeavours!

New 'Values Tree' in the foyer

You may have noticed some new art work in the foyer of the main building. Our values tree has had a makeover last week by artist Karen Dodemaide. The new values tree is inspired by illustrator Bronwyn Bancroft ('The Eagle Inside'- Jack Manning Bancroft) and aims to capture the spirit of our school, its values and the Aboriginal (Wurundjeri Tribe of the Kulin nation) community and land on which the school is located.

Intensive Swimming Program

Our Foundation to Year 4 intensive-swimming program began on Monday 27th August and goes for two weeks (10 days in total). This important program greatly supports our swimming carnival in Term 1, builds confidence in and around the water as well as ensuring our students learn the curriculum around water safety. It also supports students with self-care, management, resilience and independence strategies, and provides an opportunity to learn with students outside the classroom environment. The program is subsidised by the Department of Education.

Moonee Vale Instrumental Music Program (MVIMP)

A massive congratulations to our 15 MVIMP students that attended camp last week. Three days of intensive practising culminated in an amazing concert at the Lady Northcote Camp last Thursday night for the parents and principals. Thank-you to Libby Haigh who coordinates the program this year and who attended (along with Rebecca for one night) and supported our students on the four-day camp.

Our MVIMP 'Spring Soiree' is coming up towards the end of term 3 (Wednesday 19th September). This evening is held at MPPS in the Sports and Performance Centre (SPC) and is an opportunity for families to see their child perform. It is also a great showcase opportunity for families of students in Foundation to Year 2 to come along and see what the MVIMP program entails.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Working Bee

A massive thank you to the following families (Blakely, Cutler, DiFlorio, Knight, Deprisco, Webb, Mikkielsen Ristig, Reitz, Threlfall, Keenan, Siega, Pafumi, Hinvest, Holtz and Grbac) that braved the rain and cold to help out at the Term three Working Bee. Congratulations to the Knight family who won the \$50 Bunnings voucher. We got most of the jobs completed along with adding sand to the Ga Ga Pit and spreading mulch over garden beds.

School Review

The school has completed the pre-Review Self-Evaluation documentation ready for our review to begin on Wednesday September 5th. The review team will consist of our School Council President, DET Senior Education Improvement Leaders (Allana Bryant and Jason Smallwood), our Leadership team (consisting of Principal class, team leaders and Literacy & Numeracy curriculum leaders).

We have elected to hold two 'field work' days (rather than one) where the reviewer and some members of the review team will visit classrooms, and hold student, staff and parent focus groups. Any parent available on Wednesday September 19th and Thursday 20th September are invited to contact the office to register your name. As soon as the schedule is finalised we will send home further information about attendance.

The Final Review day (Friday October 12th) will be when the review team compiles all the information gathered and will begin finalising our new strategic plan.

If you have any questions regarding the review please feel free to contact Matt or Rebecca or visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/cycleevaluate.aspx

School Improvement Program with Williamstown North PS

At the start of this school year, MPPS was fortunate to be selected by the Department of Education and Training (DET) to participate in a key school improvement initiative, part of a suite of initiatives to be implemented from 2017-2021. These form part of a significant DET commitment to more than 160 Victorian schools this year, providing additional human and financial resources to schools to intensify their improvement efforts.

With a strong focus on working in collaboration with schools to share innovation and apply best practice from across Victorian schools, the initiatives support our school to continue to improve student learning outcomes with a focus on building learning confidence and opportunities for success for all students.

Informed by learning from international improvement efforts, in particular Ontario and London, participating schools were selected by regions to be at the forefront of this new and exciting work. Schools chosen for the initiatives demonstrated that they had the foundations in place to gain the most from a new school improvement opportunity. Many schools have expressed interest in receiving this level of support in future years. The initiatives (focussed on Writing) provide an exciting opportunity for our staff to work in partnership with others on evidenced based, supported, school improvement practices.

We look forward to sharing the development and impact of this work with you later in the school year.

NAPLAN results

The school will receive our students NAPLAN results late this week. Parents will receive their child's results via the mail. While a little later than usual, the staff and School Council will then analyse these results and make recommendations for the future. All these details will be published in the parent download section of the school website. In the coming weeks the school will be preparing to move to the NAPLAN Online platform. This will provide more flexibility and ease in conducting the tests. As part of the transition, students will complete some online tests in class in the next few weeks and early next year before the testing period for Year 3 and 5 students in May 2019. The purpose of these trials is to test the system (including the ICT hardware/software) to check for issues or challenges.

Matthew Bott

Principal

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2018



CLOSING SOON...

REGISTER YOUR BOOKS BY SEPTEMBER 7th 2018!

If you would like your name on the online honour roll don't forget to bring back your consent form (this can be downloaded from the Parent Download Section of the School Website or at the Office)

Congratulations

The following students have now completed the challenge*

Allegra Petale	Emily Ross	Lucy Brockman
Ambre Coruble	Eve RUNDLE	Meher Saleem
Ambrose Carroll	Hamish Talko	Mia Ristig
Amelia Grbac	Harry Keenan	Mohamed Abbi
Andrew Galanopoulos	Isabella Ferraro	Nina Cartwright
Antoinette Nightingale	Isabella Whitehouse	Oliver Blakely
Aryan Hossain	Isla Smith	Oliver Mrae
Audrey Cartwright	Jamie Rawther	Olivia Groppi
Cassandra Biscocho	Jemima McClelland	Ritisha Kothamasu
Charlotte Rawther	Jennifer Haydon	Tayah Kreuzer
Charlotte Ristig	Kerry Qiu	Tia Karavangelis
Clara Parisi	Lachlan Ross	Vihaan Gill
Declan McDowell	Lily Rundle	Will Griffiths
Einaas Saleem	Lucie Arnott	Xavier Ferraro

Centenary Club: Congratulations to Annie, Vihaan and Aryan who have all read 100 or more books!

VALUES TREE IN PROGRESS!



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VALUES TREE COMPLETED



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Celebration Day
Saturday 13th October 2018**



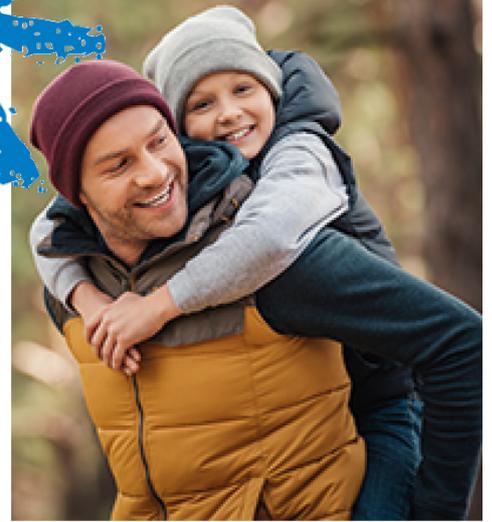
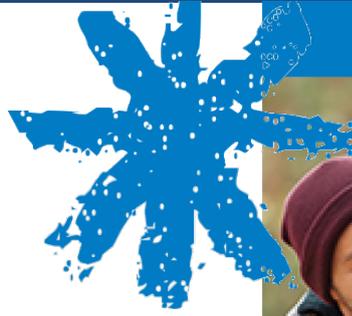
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insights



Kids need good men in their lives

by Michael Grose

While rummaging through my bookshelves at home recently I stumbled across *Romulus, My Father* by Raimond Gaita, a book that had a huge impact on me as a father.

Romulus, My Father is a lovingly told memoir of a hard-working father who remained faithful to his family and friends despite his wife's affairs, her mental illness and dealing with the hardships of earning a living in 1950s and '60s rural Australia. It's a tale of love, friendship and character.

One line in the book, "*I know what a good man is because I saw it in my father,*" struck an instant chord with me. It was a reminder that kids need to have close experiences with men who have real depth of character and strength if they are to adopt those qualities themselves and also look for them in partners.

Role models of quality

Sadly, children and young people are less likely to see these qualities in many of our current political leaders and other public figures. Self-interest and shallowness of character, at least in a public sense, seems to be standard fare at present.

Like Gaita, I had the good fortune to have a father who was also a good man. He wasn't wealthy, famous or ambitious. Rather he was kind, considerate and generous. He had experienced an unhappy and – I suspect though he never spoke of it – abusive childhood but he was determined that his children would never experience the same treatment that he received.

As a disciplinarian he was soft but that didn't mean he was a pushover. He'd stand his ground with his children over issues that really mattered, such as how we siblings treated each other, displays of dishonesty and disrespect, and taking shortcuts in our studies or with work. He was a community-minded man who, through his example, taught his children the importance of serving and giving to those who didn't have the same serving of luck that we did. He was also an involved father who, despite being busy, always had time to play cricket and football after work with my brother and me. He was never too busy for his children.

A compass and a map

Significantly, my father gave me my moral compass in the form of the value system that he lived by. His many sayings including his most popular mantra: "If you can't say a good word about anyone don't say anything at all". That still rattles around in my head today. Through his active community involvement, his devotion to family and

his propensity to have a good laugh, he gave me a map to follow on how to live a good life.

I don't have a monopoly on being raised by a good man. If you were raised by a good man then count your blessings because you had a wonderful head start in life. Your task is to make sure your father's legacy lives on in your own children. You'll do that by being a man of strength and character, and by being a wise, loving presence in your children's lives whatever their age.

If, through whatever circumstance, you didn't have a good man close to you in your life as a child, then start the process with your own kids. Many men who have gone before you weren't close to their own fathers, or had fathers who were ineffectual, but they became great fathers despite their circumstances.

With public life increasingly producing male role models of dubious quality, it's up to dads and other significant males in the lives of children and young people to be good men, strong men and men of honour.

That's the legacy that we leave.

Happy Father's Day!



Michael Grose

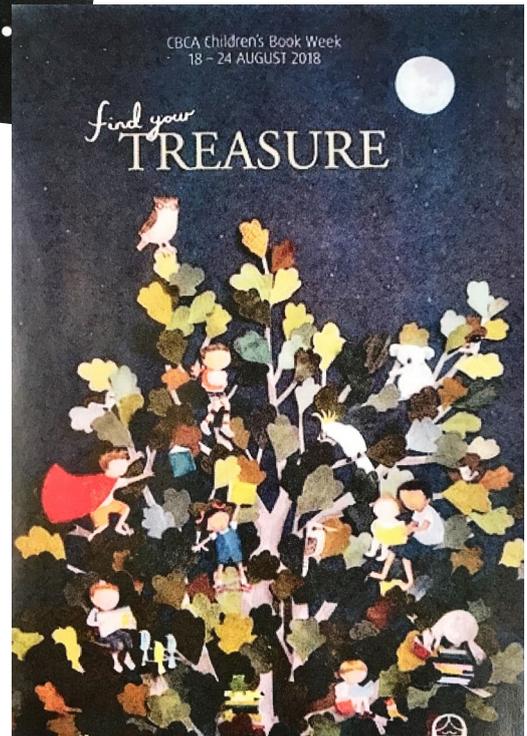
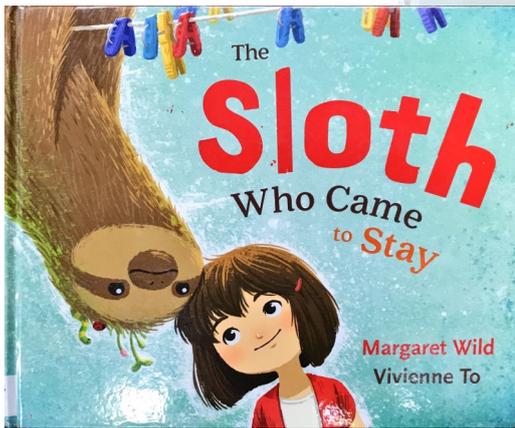
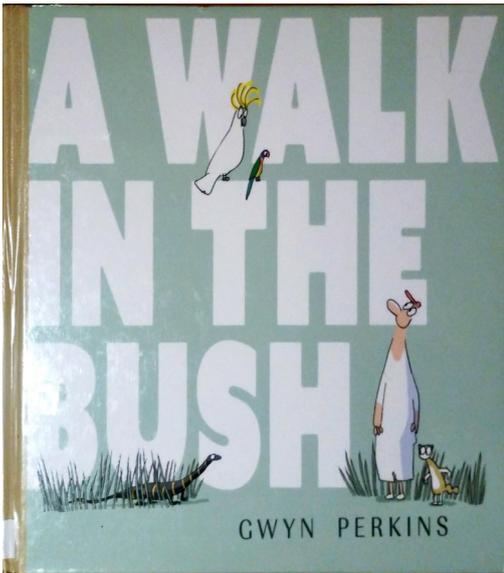
Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children*.

CARDBOARD BOXES NEEDED

If you have any cardboard boxes that you do not want we would like them the Family Science Night on September 12th. If you are able, please drop them into Lee Pregnell's classroom or to the General Office.

Many thanks in anticipation!

BOOK WEEK



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Hockey 7's Competition 2018

On Monday the 13th August some students were picked to represent our school in hockey for the region. We went to Footscray Hockey Club and played a round robin competition. Moonee Ponds played our first game against Southern Cross Grammar and we won 11 - 0. Our second game was against St Augustines and we won 3 - 1. We needed to win or draw our third game against Coimadai Primary School to make it into the finals, the scores were 4 - 0 and we won. Our team was excited to be playing against Leopold Primary School in the region grand final. Leopold were a good team and it was difficult to score, they won 9 - 0. We found out their team practiced most days and had some state representative players. Our team worked well together and we were proud that we were the runners up for the region. Everyone scored at least one goal in this event and it was because we played as a team. Our team on the day was Ethan Haigh, Ambrose Carroll, Hamish Talko, Jett Johnson, Toby Griggs, James Barnard, Hamish Cutler, Erika Digney and me (Quinn Digney). We could not have achieved this without the coaching skills from Justyn Alcock a past Moonee Ponds Primary School State Hockey 7's Champion.

By **Quinn Digney**



Music Camp 2018



Last week, 15 MVIMP students from MPPS attended the Music Camp at Lady Northcote Campsite, Bacchus Marsh.

Our students were joined by other MVIMP students from Moonee Ponds West, Ascot Vale and Ascot Vale West schools.

Camp consisted of music... lots of music. We had tutorials with our music tutors, sometimes combined with other schools and other instruments. The combined band rehearsed together (and sounded fantastic!).

On the Thursday night, many parents, grandparents and siblings came across for our concert performance – the culmination of all our hard work.



Music camp is a great chance to work and collaborate with students from other schools. Helping each other to become better musicians. Charlotte



Music camp is a wonderful chance to work in a larger band with students from other schools and to learn off each other. Amelia



Music camp was a great opportunity to improve our music ability. I highly recommend for the selected students next year. Great opportunity to meet new people from different schools. Mariana

At music camp we played music, music, music... and then had some free time. It was fun. We met new friends, had a games night, concert and a disco (which we did we did in our PJs). Hamish T



Ready for Pyjama Disco

A highlight for me was playing in the band on the concert night. This was a highlight for me because it was good to hear how fantastic everyone sounded together. Ethan

Music camp was fun. I enjoyed making friends from other schools and am looking forward to meeting up at the end of year concert. Quinn



60 exhausted MVIMPers at the end of camp.



Music trivia challenge

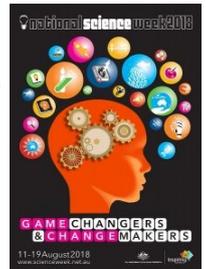
Science Night Update—From Bees to Space Exploration

Our annual Science Night is on September the 12th. Classes have begun weekly lessons focussed around this year's theme of **Game Changers and Changer Makers**.

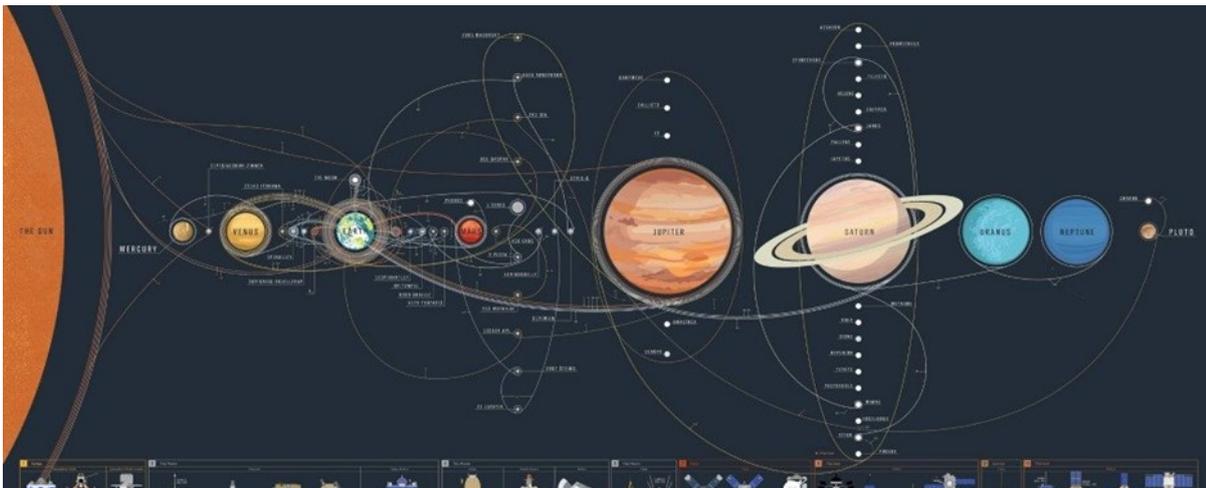


Both the Preps and 1/2s have chosen to look at the importance of bees, an important contemporary area of investigation. They have been exploring the world of honey bees and investigating how vital bees are for the wellbeing of our food and environment.

Meanwhile the 3/4s have been investigating how game changers like scientists investigate questions, make hypotheses, experiment, analyse and ask questions about what happened in an investigation, form ideas and make fascinating discoveries.



The 5/6s have been looking into space. Their task is to understand the scientists of today and those who informed us about the solar system in the past. These change makers or game changers all have one thing in common -they have brought us discoveries in astronomy and space science.



As the preparations for our Science Night continue I'm still open to suggestions for activities or presentations for the night, and I'm always keen for general offers of assistance.

To learn more about National Science Week 2018 and to find out about available events please go to <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>. One of the more interesting links on the site is to the Virtual Reef Diver Citizen Project. Here you and your family can use your computers to help scientists monitor the Great Barrier Reef by classifying underwater images!

For a list of all the great events for families happening at our local museums go to <https://museums victoria.com.au/whats-on/national-science-week-2018/>.

Lee Pregnell
MPPS Science Coordinator

ROCC & LEARNING STAR AWARDS—AUGUST 24th



CLASS	ROCC STAR	REASON
Foundation A Melanie	Mehar Saleem	For showing respect by always putting up her hand before speaking and listening attentively when other people are speaking.
Foundation B Alice	Ava Bourne	Always a ROCC Star
Foundation C	Alexis Gage	For showing respect for listening
1/2 A Matt	Charlotte Maiotti	Collaborating well with her classmates and challenging herself to try new things.
1/2 B Mae	Isobel Cull	For demonstrating care by always being willing to help out in the classroom with a positive attitude!
1/2 C Holly	Jules Pradera	Making a huge effort to show respectful listening and follow instructions
1/2 D Jenny	Clara Parisi	For always being prepared to have a go at everything and showing great optimism in her learning!
1/2 E Jess	Macie Clements-Kelly	For being an inclusive friend.
3/4 A Megan	Charlotte Siega	Having a positive attitude and manner when dealing with challenges.
3/4 B Nicole	Annalise Deprisco	For showing care and patience when working with reading groups.
3/4 C David	Mohamed Abbi	For stepping out of his comfort zone on camp.
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3/4 D	Olivia Groppi	For continually developing her sense of confidence and maturity in a variety of situations.
5/6 A Libby	Josh Holtz	For being respectful outside in the yard
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5/6 B Caitlyn	Sharnequa Atherton	For always being kind and caring, and for her leadership during the book week multi-age activity.
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Physical Ed Emma	Kye Lardner	Having a positive attitude in PE and giving his best effort.
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Performing Arts/Arts Christine	Nadya Goonetilleke	For always showing respectful behaviours in performing arts. Well done!
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Italian Nancy	Macie Clements	For being a positive and helpful student in Italian lessons. Ben fatto!
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ROCC & LEARNING STAR AWARDS—AUGUST 24th



<i>CLASS</i>	<i>LEARNING STAR</i>	<i>REASON</i>
Foundation A Melanie	Isabelle Thornton	For making a huge effort to use a lower case 'r' in her writing.
Foundation B Alice	Claudia Reynolds	Becoming a more focused learner.
Foundation C	Unal Ceylan	For practising great counting strategies.
1/2 A Matt	Oliver Mcrae	His willingness to explore topics and work on his individual learning goals.
1/2 B Mae	Krystal Wu	For completing some amazing division work using arrays and skip counting. Well done!
1/2 C Holly	Oscar Dodds	Listening to feedback and working hard to achieve his learning goals.
1/2D Jenny	Amber Christov	For thinking carefully about explaining her thinking and her learning in division, to get to achieve the learning
1/2 E Jess	Sean O'Dwyer	For his huge improvement in writing.
1/2F Maegan		
3/4 A Nicole	Juliet Viljoen	For her excellent focus on improving her learning goal of presenting her work more clearly!
3/4 B	Nicoli Di Florio	For using new strategies when editing his writing.
3/4 C Candice	Amira Malik	For working hard during reading groups to achieve the learning goal.
3/4D Lee		
5/6A Libby	Christian Leventis	For working well in all subjects.
5/6B Caitlyn	Josh Kroger	For his hard work and focus towards all tasks and contributions to class discussions and activities.
5/6C Antony	Aleyna Khabbaz	For her effort and focus in all her tasks and her attention to safety in Science.
Physical Ed Emma	Avery Hutchinson	For leading by example during the PMP program.
Performing Arts/Arts Christine	Callum Power	For painting a wash over his flower artwork. Your artwork looks fantastic.
Italian Nancy	Charlotte Smith	For her fantastic counting using Italian number words. Ben fatto!

Father's Day

This Friday the Parent's Association will be holding a Father's Day Stall with lot's of wonderful gifts available for purchase for that very special man (dad, grandfather, carer, friend etc.) for Father's Day this Sunday Don't forget to bring along some money(max. of \$10) to purchase something for dad.



PS—Don't forget to bring a bag to take your gifts home in!

TERM 3, 2018 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
August 27 F-4 Swimming	August 28 F-4 Swimming	August 29 F-4 Swimming Primary District Athletics Day Newsletter School Council	August 30 F-4 Swimming	August 31 F-4 Swimming Father's Day Stall
September 3 F-4 Swimming	September 4 F-4 Swimming	September 5 F-4 Swimming School Review Validation Day	September 6 F-4 Swimming Assembly 3 pm	September 7 F-4 Swimming
September 10	September 11	September 12 Newsletter Family Science Night	September 13 2019 Foundation Familiarisation PA Meeting	September 14
September 17 3/4 Geography Incursion	September 18	September 19 School Review Field Work Day MVIMP Spring Soiree—7pm SPC	September 20 School Review Field Work Day Foundation Woolworths Excursion	September 21 Sports Dress Up Day End of Term 2.20 pm finish

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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