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PRINCIPAL REPORT

As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank all our students, families and staff for your support and effort throughout 2021. It has presented as another year of challenge that has required resilience, perseverance, hard work and loads of optimism. We have achieved a lot as a community and despite the challenges, we have had many positive experiences and moments of gratitude and celebration.

We wish everyone a safe and joyful festive season and hope you all have a relaxing holiday.

Year Six Graduation – details about photos and stream online

On Monday night the school held the graduation for our outgoing Year Six students. It has been a challenging time as the pandemic has impacted many of the enjoyable aspects of their final two years of school. We are very proud of our students' resilience and ability to adapt. The graduation was a fantastic night hosted superbly by our school captains – Chloe and Miles. They have continued to do an amazing job with their public speaking roles this year. Details of all the award winners are included later in this newsletter.

The following link is provided for families to access the live stream, videos and photos. A Compass notification will be shared with Year Six families when this is live (available to access). www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/community/ (password is: mpps)

Thank you to the Year 6 teachers: Candice, Libby, and Holly for their organisation. Thank you also to our Education Support Staff (Daniel, Daniella and Maria) who assisted with the setting up of the Sports and Performance Centre. On behalf of all the MPPS community we wish our Year Six students the very best as they move on to secondary school next year. We know they are ready, and we wish them the very best as they begin this new stage in their learning journey.

MPPS Art Show 2021

The Virtual Art Show was launched last week. Check out the blog for some amazing artistic work completed by our amazing student artists! You can access it at: <https://sites.mpp.vic.edu.au/artshow/>. A massive thank you to Christine Caminiti for putting the show together.

Poolside Picnic

The Whole School Poolside Picnic is on Thursday 16th December at Queens Park pool. Details have been shared via Compass. **Rash vests are strongly recommended for all students and must stay on while in the pool.** Regular sunscreen breaks (every 90 minutes) where the students will leave the pool to reapply will also be scheduled. Parents and carers are asked to ensure that all students come to school with sunscreen on and reminded to reapply when prompted throughout the day. Please ensure the payment of \$7 and consent is finalised via Compass ASAP. Check at the office if you need information about the excursion levy and if you have funds remaining that can be allocated to this event.

End of Year – Early Finish

A reminder that school finishes for the year on Friday 17th December at 1.20pm. There will be a final assembly on the basketball court at 9am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend while following physical distancing and COVID safe guidelines.

2021 Term Dates:

Term 4 - 4th Oct to 17th Dec

2022 Term Dates:

Term 1 - 1st Feb to 8th Apr

Term 2 - 26th Apr to 24th Jun

Term 3 - 11th Jul to 16th Sep

Term 4 - 3rd Oct to 20th Dec

Dates to Note:

December

15th - Reports Sent Home on Compass

15th - School Council Meeting

16th - Poolside Picnic

17th - End of Term 4 and 1:20pm dismissal

February

1st - Years 1-6 return to school for Term 1

3rd - Foundation students begin 9:15am

Parent's Association Meetings

2022 - 10th February

- 10th March (AGM)

Access the latest school newsletter through the Compass Newsfeed or through the School Website at: <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/>

PRINCIPAL REPORT (continued)

Purifiers now in classrooms

The school received our air purifiers last week and these have been placed in all classrooms to assist as one of the COVID Safe Steps during the pandemic.

Please note: Any student, parent or staff member who is unwell must remain at home and get tested (for COVID 19), even with the mildest of symptoms. They should only return so school when both symptoms have ceased, and a negative PCR test-result is obtained.

Reports

All families will have access to their child's semester report through the Compass Portal from 3:30pm this afternoon. All students will bring home a letter (also attached) with information about reports and end of term arrangements for this week.

To download your child's report, select on the "View Academic Reports" option next to your child's photo on your Compass home page. Alternatively, select your child's profile and choose the "Reports" tab at the top of the screen. Click on the "Semester 2 Report" and this will open up the PDF in another window. Previous school reports can also be accessed this way. You can save the PDF file to your computer or print if you would like a hard copy.

For further information and support with reading your child's report see the attached in the Compass newsfeed titled "2021 Report Information" for Parents and Carers.

Feedback for Reports

If you have any comments or feedback about your child's report, please email this to the School via the email: moonee.ponds.ps@education.vic.gov.au with the subject line: "2021 Semester 2 Report Feedback".

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to let us know. You can contact the school via the above email address or call 03 9375 2511.

First day of 2022

The first day back for all year 1 to year 6 students in 2022 is Tuesday 1st February at 9am. The prep/foundation students will begin on Thursday 3rd February and will start at 9.15am. All the teachers will be back at school on Friday 28th and Monday 31st January, which are both student free curriculum days.

Repeated Information:

2022 CLASS TEACHERS AND ROOMS:

Foundation

Nicola Scott - Rm 2

Mae Risson - Rm 4

Year 1/2

Shannon Radford - Rm 1

Taylor Reid - Rm 12

Libby Haigh - Rm 13

Jenny Clark/ Nancy Berardone (Wed) - Rm 14

Antony Brock- Rm 15

Year 3/4

Georgia Marks (Mon, Tues, Wed)/ Nicole Macrae (Th, Fri) - Rm 17

Lee Pregnell- Rm 18

Paul Luu- Rm 19

Christine Mizis - Rm 21

Year 5/6

Holly Coleman - Rm 6

Stephanie Thompson - Rm 7

Candice Ryan- Rm 8

Ryan Lynch - Rm 9 (current Multi-Purpose Room)

Specialists

PE- Stefanie Modesti

Arts- Christine Caminiti

Italian- Nancy Berardone

2022 Green Team Leaders!

Samara Mirembe-Kikonyogo &

Mariana Gomez



PRINCIPAL REPORT (continued)

OSHClub- open before Xmas and Summer Holiday Program

Care is available the week before Christmas (Monday 20th through to Thursday 23rd December) and the Summer Holiday program starts on January 10th through to the Monday 31st January. Details for these dates and activities provided by OSHClub is included in the coming pages.

Updated Visitors and Volunteers policy (including vaccination requirements)

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has updated policy requirements relating to parents, carers and adult visitors and volunteers working on school sites.

Changes reference and include COVID 19 vaccination requirements as highlighted below:

COVID-19 vaccination information

Under the directions issued by the Victorian Chief Health Officer, visitors and volunteers attending school to work are required to be vaccinated or provide evidence that they are medically exempted. Our school is required to collect, record and hold vaccination information from relevant visitors to ensure they meet these requirements.

Department policy also requires us to ensure parents and carers and other adult visitors are vaccinated or medically exempted before entering school buildings and when attending outdoor gatherings and events.

For further information on this process, refer to our school's COVID-19 *Mandatory Vaccination – Information Collection and Storage Procedures* (<http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/school-council/school-policies/>).

For Department policy on COVID-19 mandatory vaccinations for visitors, including advice on the type of information that schools are required to collect, record and hold, refer to:

[COVID-19 Vaccinations – Visitors and Volunteers on School Sites](#)

The school has updated our policies to include this information. The Visitors and Volunteers policy is attached and can also be found (along with all our school policies) on the school website at: <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/school-council/school-policies/>.

NAPLAN results

The school recently received our NAPLAN results; the staff and the School Council analyse these results and made recommendations for the future. I have completed an overview report of our schools results and progress, which, overall, were again positive. Included in this, are some of the data sets for our school community. This information is now available through the Parent Download section of the school website (www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/community/). Remember the password is: 'mpps'.

eConnect (1:1 device program)

Students in Year 2 and 3 will have received details regarding this program through Compass.

The eConnect program is a non-compulsory 1:1 mobile device program for all students currently in years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Next year this will be available for your child as they are going into Year 3 or 4.

This program provides the opportunity for our students to enter a new world of curriculum possibilities, enhancing students' engagement and involvement in their learning by having their own mobile device to take to class and home each day. It also assists with teaching the students about safe online usage and Cyber Safety.

Details can be found at: http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/eConnect_note_and_details_for_2022.pdf

Booklists

These were sent home via Compass a few weeks ago. If you have not received them you can download them from the school website in the parent download section (<http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/community/> password: mpps) or contact the school office. We encourage families to complete the booklist order before the end of the year. Please click on the link (<https://booklist.paperchase.com.au/paperchase>) to purchase the recommended booklist through the preferred school supplier. Alternatively, parents can source items from a supplier of your choice.

Of course, if you have any queries or questions, please contact me at matthew.bott@education.vic.gov.au

Have a happy and safe holiday. See you in 2022!

Matthew Bott

Principal

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We would like to acknowledge the families that will end their time at MPPS in 2021.

These include our year 6 graduates and other families.

We wish all these families who are leaving well for the future:

Anderson Family	Gjurovski Family	Morgan Family
Atherton Family	Hill Family	Musgrave Family
Clements-Kelly Family	Johnstone Family	Myers-Stewart Family
Cutler Family	Kandel Family	Nelson Family
Davern Family	Karavangelis Family	Roubos Family
Dela Cruz Family	Kargopoltsev Family	Smith Family
Doherty Family	Kirk Family	Spilar Family
Fraser Family	Lardner Family	Whitehouse Family
	MacGregor Family	

Recipients of Awards on Graduation Night

Congratulations to all our students:

Dux	Isabella Ferraro
	Sascha Nelson
Excellence 5 / 6 A	Leo Pruden
Excellence 5 / 6 B	Declan Myers Stewart
Excellence 5 / 6 C	Freya Wards
Italian	Oliver Davern
Physical Education	George Holderhead
Performing Arts	Michaela Xenoyiannakis
Visual Arts	Emmy Doherty
Achievement 5/ 6 A	Gracie Senior
Achievement 5/ 6 B	Audrey Cutler
Achievement 5/ 6 C	Archie Morgan
	Arabella Kirk
Principals Award	Miles Appleton

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2021 Year 6 Valedictorian Speech

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This whole year has felt like a never-ending video game as we have been seeing each other more through screens than we have seen each other in real life. For the past 2 years, school has been a fusion of our online and in real life worlds just as I am delivering this speech to you in a virtual way instead of in person.

I know that ideally in our last year of primary school we would have liked to see our classmates in the flesh rather than looking through a screen but just think, no one from our year level would know what an epidemiologist is if it wasn't for this situation. From Prep to Year 6 our years at primary school have been enjoyable and memorable and the time could not have been better spent especially with this great group of people at this great school. No matter which school we end up at, our Moonee Ponds Primary School memories will stay cemented in a special place in each of us.

Let's rewind to when we all set foot into Moonee Ponds Primary School with bags bigger than ourselves. We all had different thoughts. Some of us were scared, some of us were excited, some of us just wanted to jump straight in and some of us were just wondering "where's the toilet". Thinking back to our first year in prep - we are much older and aren't buddies to year 6ers but have prep buddies of our own. We will carry with us - not just into high school but into adulthood the fondest memories from our time at Moonee Ponds Primary School.

I'm sure you will ALL agree, some of the best moments have been:

- SCHOOL CONCERTS - whether your character was a lion, a clock or a lollipop to me it felt like we were performing the half time show at the super bowl.
- THE ART SHOW - or as I remember it the world class exhibition of artists.
- THE EGG TOSS - or to me, the umpires opening bounce at the AFL grand final.
- THE ATHLETICS AND SWIMMING CARNIVALS - or to me it felt like I was racing towards gold for Australia.
- ITALIAN DAY - meraviglioso !
- CAMP - or as I remember it, an episode of Bear Grylls.
- BOOK WEEK - or as I remember it geniuses getting together to exchange their views on literature.
- POOL SIDE PICNIC - or as I recall it, spending time with my friends at the sunny beaches of Bondi
- THE GRADE 2 SLEEP OVER - or as I remember it spending the night at the Grand Hyatt hotel surrounded by celebrities.
- Finally, the annual parents and teachers versus kids race - or as I remember the kids remain uncontested champions. Hmmmmm

It has been amazing getting to know everybody as we are all different, yet we have something in common - we have all shared the experience of going to Moonee Ponds Primary School. What is particularly special about Moonee Ponds Primary School is whether you are good at playing soccer, or netball or footy, or if you are a very talented artist, very good at maths or whether you have a passion for playing chess you will always be encouraged. As we all part ways, we must make sure to pursue these dreams later on.

Who knows what's in our future? Will Moonee Ponds Primary School class of 2021 produce the next Tim Cahill, or the next Frieda Kahlo, or the next Gordon Ramsay or the next Dustin Martin or even the next world famous epidemiologist. The point is that primary school was full of opportunities.

Let me conclude by saying, a big thank you to each and every one of you that I don't just call classmates but friends. An enormous thank you to the fabulous teachers of Moonee Ponds Primary School. And an equally enormous thank you to Matt and Rebecca as principal and vice principal.

There's a famous quote that says: 'The only people who truly know your story are the ones who helped you write it.'

Thank you, Moonee Ponds Primary, for helping me write several chapters of my story.

New Level Unlocked: High School

By Atticus Di Florio-Pulis

Year 4 Camp Sleepover and 3/4 Camp Day

Year 4s had a camp sleepover on Thursday 9th December 2021. Students in Year 4 slept at school in the Sports and Performance Centre. The next day they joined their year 3 classmates in a day of 3/4 camp activities, including the disco.

Year 4 Camp Sleepover



3/4 Camp Day



3/4 Disco



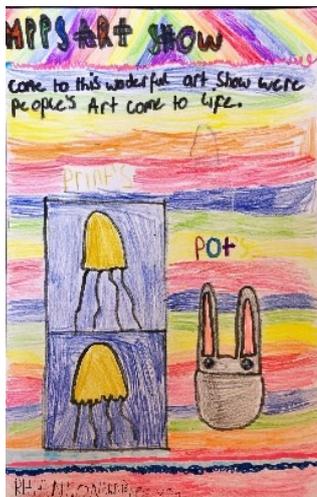
Art Show goes VIRTUAL!

What is a Virtual Art Show?!

Since we have been in and out of Remote and Flexible Learning this year, our arts lessons have looked a little different. Arts lessons in 2021 have been a mixture of face to face and online. Due to restrictions from Covid-19 students haven't had access to our visual arts room. Due to this, they haven't made the usual amount of art as they normally would.



Artwork by Reuben Williams 3/ 4 E



But that's okay! We have made some art!!

And this art is still wonderful, fantastic and creative!

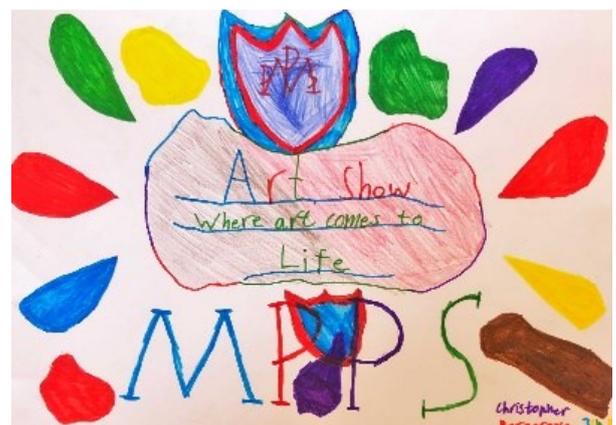
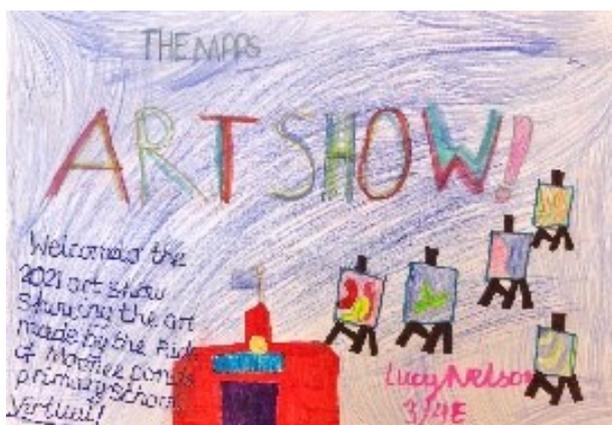
I have put together a simple blog of curated art pieces from 2021. It's a special place where you and your family can go to celebrate the arts learning, there are opportunities to respond to art pieces and check out what various year levels have gotten up to this year.

I have done my very best to make sure students have at least 1 piece of art each from this year.



The virtual art show is now LIVE. Check out the link below to access with your family. Hope you have a wonderful experience viewing these artworks

<https://sites.mpp.vic.edu.au/artshow/>



NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EXCURSION

INCURSION

Monday 20 December

END OF YEAR CARNIVAL

IN-SERVICE

Get your sports gear on and collect your carnival tickets during a day of sporting activities and carnival magic.

Enjoy the party with games, prizes, stalls and various games like knock the can. Make DIY candied apples!



Monday 10 January

COLOUR RUN FUN

IN-SERVICE

Be sure to wear old clothes and a white t-shirt as you emerge from our colourful day full of rainbow happiness.

Participate in the OSHClub colour run! Explore the world of colour through rainbow experiments and splat art!



Tuesday 21 December

PARTY LIKE A GRINCH

IN-SERVICE

Join Whoville as we take back Christmas in this hands-on day full of messy play, laughter and games!

Grow the Grinches heart and gooey slime! Make Grinch handprint card, sparkling dust and decorate cookies!



Tuesday 11 January

THE BIGGEST PRODUCTION

IN-SERVICE

Are you a budding artist, actor or dancer or maybe you're an enthusiastic video creator? Whatever your specialty, there is something for you today!

Produce your own OSHC movie! Make tickets and costumes-Get the popcorn popping, sit back, relax and enjoy!



Wednesday 22 December

IN + \$19.00

MULTI-SPORTS DAY

INCURSION - AFL FOOTBALL

Wear your favourite team colours as we learn the skills of AFL and have a friendly game.



Wednesday 12 January

IN + \$19.00

CRAZY CONSTRUCTION

INCURSION - CRAFTPOWER: BUILD YOUR OWN MINI BILLY CART

Get creative while learning to use wood work tools safely and build a mini push-pull billy cart to keep.



Thursday 23 December

READY PLAYER GO

IN-SERVICE

Come dressed as your favourite video game character, past or present as we immerse ourselves into a day full of retro arcade games.

Play live Pacman, basketball games, explore what's in the mystery box and have fun in our special photobooth.



Thursday 13 January

EX + \$28.00

ENDANGERED ANIMALS

EXCURSION - WERRIBEE ZOO

Go on an adventure with us as we get up close and personal with the animals at the Werribee Open Range Zoo today!



Arrive by 8.30am

Friday 24 December

NO PROGRAM DAY

NO HOLIDAY PROGRAM TODAY



Friday 14 January

SNAP, CRACKLE, POP!

IN-SERVICE

Be delighted and amazed today as we journey through the wonderful world of science of snap, crackle and pop! How far will we go? The sky's the limit!

Test coke and mentos, elephant toothpaste, bubble bombs, volcanoes and the mad scientist colouring competition



Mon - Fri 7:00am - 6:00pm
Moonee Ponds Primary School - 0448 043 164
Bent Street Moonee Ponds VIC 3039

Daily price: \$69.00 | Excursions and IncurSIONs are an additional cost to the daily fee and are charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.

Book now at oshclub.com.au | be quick as places are limited

Customer Service 1300 395 735

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Monday 17 January

THE GREAT OSHC BAKE OFF

IN-SERVICE

Are you the next key ingredient to baking success? We knead you! Come with us today and battle it out to find the great Baker! The winner bakes all!

The ultimate cupcake challenge! Design your own cupcake, learn piping skills and decorate your own apron.



Monday 24 January

READY, SET, ROLL

IN-SERVICE

Enjoy your bikes, scooters, skates, blades or skateboards for a day of riding fun. Helmets and safety gear must be worn, no equipment can be shared.

Design your own car from recycled materials. Bake some Wagon Wheels and make a mosaic art tile to take home!



Tuesday 18 January

IN + \$15.00

WATER GAMES

INCURSION - SPLASHTASTIC WATER GAMES WITH PROACTIVITY

Cool down, with an action packed day of water games, including the Waterfall Run, Steal the Water, Water Team Tag and much more!



Tuesday 25 January

IN + \$19.00

THE CHALLENGE IS SET

INCURSION - BRICKS 4 KIDZ

We will use Lego today to construct and build amazing technical models with motors and batteries to make your creations come to life! (Lego pieces remain with supplier)



Wednesday 19 January

EX + \$37.00

SPORT AND MOVEMENT

EXCURSION - SKATERZ

Get your skates on and join us for rollerskating fun and games at Skaters in Eltham. Don't forget your long socks and water bottles!



Wednesday 26 January

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Please arrive by 8:30am

Thursday 20 January

ZOMBIE PARTY

IN-SERVICE

It's time to party! Come dressed in your spookiest costume as we have a frighteningly good time dancing and playing with our friends!

Includes musical zombies and brain toss! Make spooky glow in the dark slime and Frankenstein suncatchers.



Thursday 27 January

ANIMATION DOMINATION

IN-SERVICE

What is animation? Come dressed as your favourite, colourful cartoon character and get set to spring into action as we learn how to become animated.

Create and animate cartoon characters in a drawing workshop. Make costumes for the ultimate costume parade!



Friday 21 January

SUMMERTIME FUN

IN-SERVICE

Prepare for a splashtastic day of fun as we celebrate the best of summer! Don't forget to bring a towel and change of clothes.

Cool off with water games and make frozen yoghurt pop! Use your creativity to build awesome sandcastles!



Friday 28 January

EX + \$37.00

FARMYARD FRIENDS

EXCURSION - BUNDOORA PARK FARM

Explore the bygone era as you take a tractor ride through the wildlife park and get up close to the animals at Coopers Settlement in Bundoora today



Arrive by 8.30am

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Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.



Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to **build brighter futures together.**

What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



We are a child safe organisation



What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.



Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via oshclub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Holiday Program session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice is required for cancellation of a Holiday Program booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au

Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit www.education.gov.au/childcare-FAQ

Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0448 043 164 for staffing purposes.

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INSIGHTS

Goodbye primary school, hello secondary school



The end of primary school is a significant milestone in children's lives. They've spent half their lives in primary school, in many cases in the same school, which is significant.

Developmentally they've come a long way from those skinny little kids who lined up for class on the first day holding a parent's or carer's hand. Now entering puberty, most are taller than their mothers and the only people they'll hold hands with are 'special friends', but not in public. Those displays of affection will come later in the secondary school years.

Changing from primary to secondary brings a mixture of emotions in kids such as excitement, apprehension, pride and, in many cases, sadness about leaving friends and familiar surrounds behind.

Parents often go through the same range of emotions as children at this time so we need to acknowledge those feelings in ourselves, just as we should in our children.

Looking back

This is a time for kids to celebrate their achievements; show appreciation to their teachers and enjoy the friendships that they've formed. Here are three ideas:

1. Let's celebrate

Primary school graduation ceremonies play an important part in the primary school life, as they mark the end of an era and the start of a new part of their lives. We need to be careful that the meaning doesn't become lost as graduations become increasingly lavish, even to the point where some students are transported to their graduation in a stretch limo. *Keep them simple and keep them close to the school's values.*

2. Show gratitude

As a former teacher I know how much a simple thank you can mean from students at the end of the year. So make sure your kids take the time to thank their final year teacher and as well as seek out to thank other teachers who contributed to their education over their primary school journey. *Gratitude costs nothing but has a great impact.*

3. Enjoy friendships

Encourage your kids to be open and friendly at this time of the year, and steer clear of cliques and fellow students who want to exclude others from their groups. The end of primary school can be tricky to navigate, particularly when early maturers stick together and ostracise certain classmates. *This is the time for friendly behaviour and inclusiveness.*

Looking ahead

When primary school is finished and the holidays are coming to an end it's time to focus on the new experiences of secondary school. Some kids take secondary school in their stride but it is natural to experience some difficulty.

If your eldest is starting, then secondary school will be a relatively new experience for you too. It will take some time for you to adjust to the school's culture and communication methods.

Your attitude as a parent can help your child quickly adjust. Here are three ideas for you to help kids make a smooth adjustment:

1. Promote friendships

The quicker kids form new friendships the sooner they'll feel comfortable in their secondary school surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive!

2. Be ready to listen

Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it's normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many difficulties they face will be temporary.

3. Keep your attitude positive

Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in issues with the appropriate person such as a year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.

LEARNING STAR AWARDS: 15/12/21



LEARNING Star...	Name	Reason
Foundation A Mae Risson	Aisha Reed	For completing a fantastic procedural text about how to make a Christmas bauble all on her own! Amazing work Aisha!
Foundation B Paul Luu	Zara Khan	For always trying her best and having a positive attitude towards facing challenges. It is fantastic to see, Zara.
Foundation C Nicola Scott	Jayden Dowsey	For writing a fun story about Christmas presents! Well done on persisting with your writing Jayden!
1/2A Taylor Reid	Ginger Reid	For working hard on her 'Save Christmas' story throughout the writing process.
1/2 B Antony Brock	Owen Duell	for the fantastic fluency you showed in readers theatre and for the wonderful effort you have put into your work all year
1/2 C Shannon Radford	Allegra Brusi	For always asking questions to improve her learning and trying her best. Well done Allegra!
	Michael Alves	For working hard to improve and challenge himself in all learning areas, especially writing. Well done Michael!
1/2 D Jenny Clark	Aimee Deprisco	For trying hard to practise using full stops and capital letters in your writing, and taking out some of the 'ands' in your work!
	Yasmina Stearman	For trying so hard in your writing and practising your writing goals with great success! Well done Yasi!
3/4 A Zoe Pirotta/Nicole Macrae	Callum Power	For focusing and working hard in all areas of his learning. Well done Callum!
3/4 B Matthew Feeley	Kyla Rigby	For writing a descriptive narrative that was packed full of adjectives and the five senses! Well done, Kyla!
3/4 C Meredith Anderson	Charlotte Rawther	For challenging herself to write across different genres and experiment with new text and language features to extend her writing.
3/4 D Lee Pregnell	Lachlan Browne	For the focused and diligent manner in which he has approached all aspects of his learning this year.
3/4 E Stef Lipoma	Harley Clements-Kelly	For extending herself in all areas of learning this year.
5/6 A Libby Haigh	Ethan Bourne	For showing great progress in maths, working both independently and in groups to solve problems.
5/6 B Candice Ryan	Declan Myers-Stewart	For working hard on camp, stepping out of his comfort zone and having a great attitude!
5/6 C Holly Coleman	Archie Morgan	For having a great attitude towards learning new things on camp.
Arts Christine Caminiti	Sara Khabbaz	For demonstrating great focus and detail in her Elf on The Shelf drawing. Well done Sara!
Italian (LOTE) Nancy Berardone	Leo Carter	For always doing his very best work in Italian. Ottimo!
Physical Education Stef Modesti	Chris Borggreve	For demonstrating an improvement in his forehand strike technique by standing sideways and controlling his hit.

ROCC STAR AWARDS: 01/12/21



ROCC Star...	Name	Reason
Foundation A Mae Risson	Jules Mahon	For always showing our school values by collaborating with others, being a caring member of our class and a respectful, optimistic student. Keep it up Jules!
Foundation B Paul Luu	Billy Mitas	For consistently being a kind and respectful member of the class, who always shows care towards others.
Foundation C Nicola Scott	Estelle Arrigault	For consistently being a kind and respectful friend to all her peers! Well done Estelle!
1/2A Taylor Reid	Sullivan Mahon	For being such a helpful member of 1/2A this year and always showing our ROCC Values.
1/2 B Antony Brock	Ivy Pape	For being a helpful year 2 mentor and a wonderful kind friend
	Gianni Reginato	For always being enthusiastic and optimistic about your work
1/2 C Shannon Radford	Flynn Rundle	For being a respectful class member and friend and helping his peers save their work on the laptops. Well done Flynn!
	Alex Tudor	For always being a kind and respectful class member towards her peers. Well done Alex!
	Evie Grozos-Wishart	For coming back to school with a positive and optimistic attitude and showing this towards all of her learning tasks. Well done Evie!
1/2 D Jenny Clark	Eli Berhe	For trying so hard to have a growth mindset and giving writing such a good go with some great results!
	Alex D'Agostino	For being so cheerful and kind in our class and always having a growth mindset!
3/4 A Zoe Pirotta/Nicole Macrae	Huseyin Inanir	For showing optimism and resilience in all areas of his learning, and for being a supportive and helpful class member.
3/4 B Matthew Feeley	Leo Stivala	For helping his classmates and supporting them in a variety of situations. Well done, Leo!
3/4 C Meredith Anderson	Anabel McLachlan	For exemplifying bravery, resilience and optimism when faced with a real physical challenge!
3/4 D Lee Pregnell	Allegra Petale	For continually being a fine example of our school values throughout the year.
3/4 E Stef Lipoma	Lucy Nelson	For being helpful and supportive towards her peers.
5/6 A Libby Haigh	Vihaan Gill	For always seeking help when needed, and offering help to others in the class. Well done, Vihaan!
5/6 B Candice Ryan	Henri Davis	For being a wonderful classmate, supporting others when needed and having a positive attitude.
5/6 C Holly Coleman	Zac Megalla	For being a supportive leader at 5/6 camp by encouraging others to be their best.
Arts Christine Caminiti	Neva Barnes	For demonstrating resilience and optimism despite feeling sad that her artwork had been lost.
Italian (LOTE) Nancy Berardone	Laila Platt	For being a fantastic peer teacher and for being a kind and considerate classmate during Italian lessons. Ottimo!
Physical Education Stef Modesti	Eliza Bloom	For her positive attitude and playing respectfully and safely during PE. Keep up the great work!

TERM 4 2021 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
December 13	December 14	December 15 Newsletter School Council Meeting Reports available via Compass	December 16 Poolside Picnic	December 17 Last Day Term 4 1:20pm Finish

TERM 1 2022 CALENDAR

January 24 School Holidays	January 25 School Holidays	January 26 School Holidays	January 27 School Holidays	January 28 Student Free Curriculum Day
January 31 Student Free Curriculum Day	February 1 Students return for 2022	February 2 No School for Foundation	February 3 Foundation Students Start 9:15am	February 4
February 7	February 8 Foundation Information Night	February 9 No School for Foundation	February 10	February 11
February 14	February 15 Year 1 - 6 Information Night	February 16 No School for Foundation	February 17	February 18
February 21	February 22 Parent Teacher Exchange	February 23 Year 1 - 6 Swimming Carnival No School for Foundation School Council Meeting	February 24	February 25 Year 5/6 Gala Sports

Newsletter

The newsletter will be published for the first two weeks in February and then published fortnightly thereafter. The newsletter is the main source of communication from the school and I urge everyone to read it! The newsletter will be sent out to all families via Compass. Families will be able to access the newsletter via Compass and on the school website.

How to access the school newsletter:

1. View it on the COMPASS Newsfeed: <https://mpp-vic.compass.education/>
2. Visit the school website: <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/>