



PRINCIPAL REPORT

We have now reached December. Amidst all the busyness of these last few weeks of the year, I would like to take a moment to again thank our community for your understanding and support for our school closure on Thursday 18th November. This combined with the curriculum day on the 19th November, followed by the weekend provided a great circuit breaker which was able to stop the number of possible COVID exposures at school and the need for classes to isolate.

We appreciate everyone's support when asked to isolate and their proactiveness in getting tested. It is because of this that all classes have been able to return onsite and that the Year 5/6 students have been able to attend their camp this week. We are also hopeful that all of our end of year activities can proceed as planned.

Throughout this time of change and inconsistency, particularly while some families may still be isolating, students have continued to connect, engage and celebrate their learning both at school and from home. Families have consistently demonstrated our School values, learning with respect, optimism, care and collaboration. We have continued to acknowledge this growth mindset and perseverance in our community but would again like to state how amazing our MPPS community is, and to thank you for your support and cultural leadership. We also want to acknowledge families who may be directly impacted by COVID in their household. We wish you a speedy recovery and return to good health.

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 to school when both symptoms have ceased, and a negative test result is obtained.

School Captains

Our 2022 school captains were announced to the school last week through the online assembly (<https://sites.mpp.vic.edu.au/src/>) and we would like to formally congratulate them on this achievement. Well done to Evie Baker and Andrew Galanopoulos who will lead the students in 2022. They will begin supporting our 2021 school captains during events for the remainder of this year to gain an insight into the role and to prepare themselves for 2022.

I would also like to congratulate and acknowledge all the Year 5 students who prepared a school captains speech as part of their class work this term. They were all of an extremely high standard. From these speeches, seven candidates were shortlisted; I would like to officially congratulate and acknowledge the following students who went through the school captain interview process: Avery Hutchison, Anna Jancovski, Harry Keenan, Henry Lamb, and Grace Salter. The interview involved responding to both prepared and impromptu questions and nominating teacher referees. All the students did a sterling job which made it very hard to select only two captains for 2022.

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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

2nd - Year 2 Sleepover

3rd - Year 1/2 Pizza Lunch

3rd - 2022 Foundation Familiarisation last session

7th - Year 7 Orientation Day (State School)

7th - Three-Way Student Led Conferences

8th - Move Up session 2

9th - Year 4 Camp night

10th - Year 3/4 Camp Activity Day

10th - School Disco and End of Term Subway Lunch

13th - Year 6 Graduation

13th - Move Up Session 3

14th - Year 6 Fish and Chip Lunch

15th - Reports Sent Home on Compass

15th - School Council Meeting

16th - Poolside Picnic

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

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/>

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All the students should be extremely proud of their achievements, particularly the outstanding leadership and courage they demonstrated in putting themselves forward in this process. I look forward to seeing their continued work in year 6 as leaders of our student community in 2022.

Assembly

Last week's assembly was shared with classes via the Student Representative Council (SRC) blog: <https://sites.mpp.vic.edu.au/src/>. Remember to access this you will need to log in using your child's Office 365 log in and password. If you need this information again, please chat with your child's teacher or call the school office. With the changing of restrictions and the nicer weather we hope to have our next assembly outside and also have parents/carers present (with COVIDSafe arrangements in place, of course).

End of Term Events

Our Year 5/ 6 students, teachers and Education Support Staff are away at camp at Grantville Lodge this week. They have settled in nicely and are enjoying a range of fun and engaging activities and leadership challenges.

With the term nearly finished there are lots of events happening for the students. This includes:

- Year 2 Sleep Over (Thurs 2nd Dec 6pm start)
- Year 1/2 Pizza Lunch (Fri 3rd Dec)
- 2022 Foundation Familiarisation last session (Fri 3rd Dec)
- Three-way Student Led Conferences (Tue 7th Dec)
- Move-up session 2 (Wed 8th Dec)
- Year 4 Camp night (Thurs 9th Dec)
- Year 3/4 Camp activity day (Fri 10th Dec)
- School Disco and End of Term Subway Lunch (Fri 10th Dec)
- Year 6 Fish and Chip lunch (Tues 14th Dec)
- Poolside Picnic (Thurs 16th Dec)

Our Year 6 Graduation is scheduled for Monday 13th December. The event will be held in the Sports and Performance Centre with finer details to be finalised and shared with parents/carers next week.

Three-Way Student Led Conferences

Bookings are now open for the **Three-Way Student Led Conferences** to be held online via Webex on Tuesday 7th December. Information regarding booking has been shared via Compass. Bookings can be made via the link on your Compass home page. If you need any help, please email or speak with your child's teacher.

2022 Classes

We are currently forming classes for 2022. All students will meet their 2022 teachers with their new classmates on Monday 13th December (the last of our Move-Up sessions). This structure of finding out their new class during school hours supports students to feel confident about their 2022 class and reduces anxiety and uncertainty about the coming year. Students will bring home an activity sheet with information about their class for next year to share with their families. We appreciate your support in encouraging and modelling optimism and growth mindset during this transition process.

A reminder that student reports will be available via Compass on Wednesday 15th December. Year 6 students and anyone leaving the school at the end of the year will need to download the report before access to Compass ceases.

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'.

Moonee Vale Instrumental Music Program (MVIMP) 2022 – Online forms now due!

It is now time to begin planning for 2022 MVIMP program.

Current students: All students who are currently in the program should have completed the following survey shared via Compass on 25th November. (<https://forms.office.com/r/6cd4kiGFn5>) The survey includes the

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information about end of year arrangements as well as an indication as to whether they will be continuing in program in 2022.

New students:

Tutor performances – learn about the instruments:

Students in year 2 and those wishing to join the program are invited to view the following demonstration video created to teach you about the program and introduce you to the tutors and the instruments available to learn: <https://youtu.be/vTGPWkWISNg>

MVIMP instrument preference form 2021:

If your child is interested in joining the MVIMP for 2022 please complete the survey

<https://forms.office.com/r/hQUED2PDiU> The survey includes an expression of interest form where students can indicate their preference for instrument for 2022. Please complete this survey by Thursday 9th December so places in the program and instruments can be allocated for 2022.

Christmas Pie Drive

The Parents' Association has organised a Fruit Mince Tart Drive with Tony's Pies. All proceeds from this event will be put towards the Years 3-6 playground. Orders are through CompassTix by using this link <https://compassstix.com/e/7umzi7dfvp>

These delicious pies are made with a light butter shortbread and fruit soaked in a blend of spices and Bundaberg Rum. They are able to be ordered by the dozen or half dozen. We also have the option to order Family Pie Packs. Each pack includes 4 family size pies and a half dozen party pies and mini sausage rolls.

All orders must be completed by Thursday 2nd of December. Contactless collection from school on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th December, between 3 and 4pm.

Reminders

eConnect (1:1 device program)

Students in Year 2 and 3 will have received details regarding this program through Compass *a few weeks ago*.

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.

Drop Off Zone

A quick reminder to families about the drop off zone!

The drop off zone is installed, monitored and policed by the Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC). They are regularly patrolling to ensure everyone is safe around the school and the rules are followed. Please note Rebecca and I are regularly out there too. This is to monitor the students and remind parents of the rules if needed. Could all members of the community please ensure that they are using the designated crossings on Bent and Wilson streets when accessing the school grounds; please ensure children do not cross in the drop off zone or between cars.

Some major points that I encourage parents to adhere to, include:

- **Drivers MUST remain in the vehicle at all times** (this means **NOT** getting out of the car- say your good byes to your children before you get to school)
- **Students should always use the door on the foot path side** (Students should also have their bag close by ready to hop out unassisted)

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- Do NOT undertake a U-turn in Bent St and do not reverse park into the zone (please complete a lap around the school)

In the afternoons, please:

- Do NOT wait in the zone for more than 2 minutes. If your child is not waiting for you complete another lap of the school until they arrive waiting for you at the zone. Waiting to leave home a bit later (after 3.20pm) or informing your child/ren to come straight to the waiting area will help ensure your child is at the zone waiting to be picked up.
- If the drop off zone is full, please do another lap of the school and DO NOT block cars in Bent St.
- You cannot park in the Drop Off Zone between 3-4pm (and 8-9.30am), during this time it is a no standing area and you can be fined.
- Ensure you speak with your child to make sure they are waiting on the footpath (next to the crossing person) ready to be picked up.

Thanks in advance for adhering to these rules.

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

Stay safe!

Matthew Bott

Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL - NOVEMBER UPDATE

Our penultimate Council meeting for the year took place again via Webex with only one apology. Having all other Council member attending, a quorum was determined to have been met.

Correspondence

There have been many updates to DETs COVID policy, in particular the management of close contacts and the roll out of the Rapid Antigen Testing program. Other correspondence included updates about Remembrance Day in Schools as well as the Support Mental Health reform webinar that's being introduced to schools across a 3-year period.

Finance

All financial reports were tabled including the Balance Sheet, Operating Statement, as well as cash payments/receipts. All reports were ratified by Council, I'm pleased to report once again that the school is financially sound. The 2022 Cash Budget was presented and approved by Council.

Principals Report

Planning for 2022 has been in full swing, the Move U sessions, outline of class structures and transition sessions have been carried out. The Annual Implementation Plan for 2022 goals were discussed with a focus on Wellbeing and Learning. The recent COVID cases and management of such were discussed at length. The School Executive has worked tirelessly to assist families throughout this period and Council voiced their appreciation for the support. Pleasingly, the Year 5/6 camp and Year 4 Sleepover are planned to proceed. While the timing has largely been out of the schools control (due to COVID restrictions), it's great news for students. Parent and teacher survey data had not been received before Council met. This will be unpacked during the February meeting. Our thanks to everyone that replied to the survey.

Parents Association

The End of Term lunch and School Disco (albeit in slightly different form) will take place in December, continuing the tradition. A Mince Pie drive all also take place - watch out for this as it'll be a popular event!!

General Business

NAPLAN results were tabled and reviewed. Of interest was the effect the Remote Learning has had with strategies being employed to address any shortcomings in the 2022 year. The School is pleased with the results that are in line with the Strategic Plan. The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Our next meeting is on the 15th December where we traditionally have a shorter meeting and review the year that was. There won't be a summary of this meeting provided however you're always welcome to forward questions if you have any.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your support during the year. We wish you the very best for a restful and safe festive season.

Scott Siega

President - School Council

ART NEWS



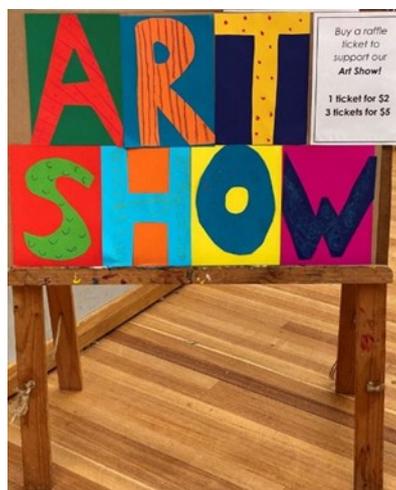
Christmas tree in Moonee Ponds

Our school was lucky enough to participate in the Moonee Ponds Central & Traders Association Communi-tree initiative which show cases over 60 community groups and schools decorated Christmas trees around Moonee Ponds shopping area.

Year 3/4 made beautiful snow globes drawings of what they were looking forward to during the holiday season. Some even included special Christmas wishes!

Special thanks to Nancy for helping me attach the decorations onto to the tree and to the wonderful ESS for support, including Esther, Amy, Gabby, Anne and Jen.

See if you can find it during your next trip into Moonee Ponds shops. My secret source tells me you may spot it outside of the Woolworths in Moonee Ponds- but you'll have to go on a Christmas tree hunt to find out!!



MPPS Art Show goes VIRTUAL!

Every two years at MPPS we have an Art Show to celebrate student learning in the visual arts. All of the art that has been created in Foundation to Grade 6 over the school year is displayed in the SPC. It's a wonderful celebration of student learning, creativity and artistic problem solving.

Check out this blog post to see photos from our 2019 Art Show:

<https://sites.mpp.vic.edu.au/arts/2019/12/15/photos-from-the-art-show/>

This year was meant to be our Art Show year, but due to government restrictions we had to cancel our evening. But never fear, I have been taking photos of art pieces and uploading them to a very special and secret arts blog. I am excited to share that this means our celebration can still occur but instead of in real life it will be VIRTUAL.



More information about when and how you can access this blog will come out soon.

So watch this space!

In the meantime if your child completed any of the Arts work during remote and flexible learning and would like to have this included in the virtual art show, then please bring it to school this week, clearly labelled with your child's name and grade in a plastic pocket.

Thank you for your continued support of student learning in the arts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me on

Christine.caminiti@education.vic.gov.au

MPPS PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Term 4



Hello School Community,

Thank you to all the families who have decided to buy a Subway lunch for Friday 10th December. You will receive a request for payment soon and this will confirm your order. All orders come with the bikkie included. All proceeds from this lunch will be going towards the Grade 3 to 6 playground equipment.

The school Disco will be divided into two events a junior and a senior dance. The Disco will also be held on the 10th December, so remember to wear your best dancing outfit. Each student will also receive a glow wrist band and an icy pole. A BIG thanks to all of fabulous teachers who will be hosting this event and making it possible.

Tony's Pies orders will also be available this term, if you would like to place an order please head to compass to submit your choices by Thursday 2nd December by 3pm.

On a final exciting note, please put on the calendar for the MPPS Bush Dance – Saturday 19th March 2022. The PA are so excited about hosting this NEW and FUN event. More details to follow in the coming weeks, all proceeds from this event are going towards the new playground equipment.

Stay safe everyone and take care Astrid, Karyn, Kate, Phoebe and Sally.

Please check your COMPASS alerts for notifications about all of these events. Keep in mind that all proceeds raised from these events will be going towards the Grade 3 – 6 outdoor playground that we are currently trying to raise funds for. This is a large project that the PA is committed to building for the school.

SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE MPPS FAMILY
**** BUSH DANCE ****
SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2022

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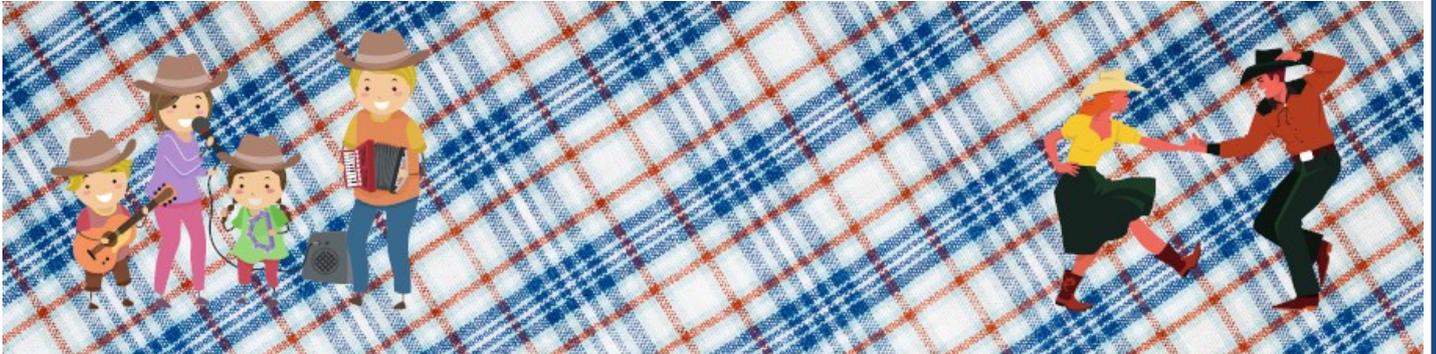
2021 MAPS

DISCO

FRIDAY
10TH DEC

SESSION 1: PREP — GRADE 2
SESSION 2: GRADE 3 — GRADE 6
HELD IN THE SPC

OUT-OF-UNIFORM
DAY
SO DRESS READY
TO DANCE



MPPS 2022 Bush Dance

Save the date
Saturday 19th March from 4pm

**More details to come in first
week of term 1**



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 Grinch's 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



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EXCURSION

INCURSION

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

Mon - Fri 7:00am - 6:00pm
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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.

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- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

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- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
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- 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

Respond honestly to dishonesty



You enter the kitchen. Your child looks at you like she's hiding something. You see cake crumbs on the bench and the tips of her fingers. 'Did you eat the chocolate cake?' Your child smiles at you, with chocolate stuck in her teeth, and innocently replies, 'No.'

You know your child is not telling the truth. The evidence is everywhere! So, what do you do?

Honesty is an essential value for children and young people to develop as it's central to building trust and community cohesion. Here are some simple, effective ways to encourage your child to be honest.

Remember, telling fibs is normal

Catching your child in a lie can be frustrating, but remembering that it's a normal part of growing up can help you keep calm. While there is a moral aspect to honesty, children in the early years of primary school tend to be very concrete thinkers, responding better to your immediate concerns such as 'I need to know you are telling the truth' instead of the moral aspects of right and wrong. For older primary aged children and teenagers, the broader issues of trust and morality are parts of the conversations you should have.

Don't ask questions if you know the answer

If your son is smeared in chocolate cake, don't say, 'Did you eat the chocolate cake?' Instead try, 'I can see you ate some chocolate cake. You must have been hungry huh?' Then pause and ask, 'Do you think I'm pleased or upset? Why? What should we do next time?' Use the awkward situation as an opportunity to find out more about what your child may need.

Show the truth

If you are a parent of a teenager, you know how easily parent-teen relationships can be harmed by accusations and criticism. If you think that a teenager may have misled you about an area of concern such as not being where they said they were, then it's probably wisest to bring your young person's attention to evidence of the truth rather than back them into a corner with an accusation. "You said you were at Jana's, but her mum said that Jana didn't have any visitors yesterday" is a statement of truth from your perspective that's invites a response from a young person.

Listen to their side

parenting*ideas

Things often aren't as they seem so if you think your child or young person is not being completely honest, be prepared to listen to their side of a story. This is not to suggest that you let them pull the proverbial wool over your eyes, but there are times when kids may believe they are telling the truth. Alternatively, they may have told a lie to keep themselves safe or to prevent them from following the crowd. Get your child talking, ascertain if they believe they are being truthful, and if they aren't, listen to why they bent the truth.

Let the consequences do the teaching

Acknowledge truthfulness when a child or young person owns up to doing the wrong thing. Help them fix the dishonesty and discuss how to do better in the future. Avoid punishment as this will cause more lying in the future. Allowing the consequences to do the work helps keep your relationship intact and ensures that lessons are experienced, and responsibility is taken.

Extract a simple promise

Studies show that children are less likely to be dishonest once they have promised to tell the truth. If they tell you the truth, and then you punish them severely, they will be less likely to tell the truth in the future, promise or not.

Model honesty

Many adults are guilty of social 'white' lies. Such 'little white lies' that conveniently bend the truth to your advantage are commonplace. Children and young people take their cues from parents, so these little white lies show them it's okay to bend the truth in certain circumstances. You don't get away with anything when you are parent – your behaviour is always on show so stick to the truth, even when it's difficult, if you want your kids to do the same

In closing

Honesty takes time and maturity to learn, especially in the face of the clearly tactical advantages of bending the truth. As parents, nurture honesty in kids by modelling, discussing its merits and acknowledging that it's not always easy to be honest. And maybe, avoid keeping the chocolate cake on the kitchen table.



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.

STUDENTS OF MPPS'S CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

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DAYS

11
HOURS

24
MINS

40
SECS

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Interested in playing netball for the Moonee Ponds Stars Autumn 2022 season?

How long does the netball season run for?

The Autumn season will run from Saturday, 5th February - Saturday, 25th June 2022.

No games played: 12th March, 16th & 23rd April and 11th June.

What Year level must your child be in to play?

Children in Years 3- 6 can register to play netball for the MP Stars. We have U9/10's, 11 & U and 13 & U teams.

NB: Age as at 31st Dec, 2022

When and where do we play?

All of our games are played at the State Netball Centre in Parkville. The game times could be anytime between 8.30 - 3.00pm and are played for approx 45 mins.

When and where do we train?

The MP Stars train after school on Monday afternoons at Moonee Ponds Primary School - 9/10's and 11&U at 3.30-4.30pm, 13&U still TBC

How do we register our interest to play netball with the MP Stars?

Please email Kate Baker at kate_ando@hotmail.com to register your interest by 15th December

LEARNING STAR AWARDS: 01/12/21



LEARNING Star...	Name	Reason
Foundation A Mae Risson	Finn Smith	For trying hard in all areas of his learning even when it is challenging. Well done Finn!
Foundation B Paul Luu	Thomas Dargan	For applying the feedback that he is given and working hard to improve his handwriting. Awesome effort, Thomas.
Foundation C Nicola Scott	Grace Han	For consistently putting in effort to all her learning tasks and completing beautiful work! Well done Grace!
1/2A Taylor Reid	Sara Khabbaz	For practising her reading during independent reading time and participating in buddy reading activities this week.
1/2 B Antony Brock	Camilla Ericksen	For the wonderful persuasive writing you have been doing- you are so convincing!
1/2 C Shannon Radford	Sam Terbogt	For always wanting to challenge himself and coming to each lesson with a positive attitude. Well done Sammy!
1/2 D Jenny Clark	Toni Andison Amira Bider	For being thoughtful and reflective about your scores for knowledge, and always being able to explain why you chose them. For some great improvements in your handwriting- making it the right size and making it so much neater!
3/4 A Zoe Pirota/Nicole Macrae	Jax Crook	For working hard in all areas of his learning, and consistently putting in effort. Well done!
3/4 B Matthew Feeley	Ava Bourne	For writing an interesting and scary narrative that used the 5 senses. Well done, Ava!
3/4 C Meredith Anderson	Matthias Yu	For crafting a captivating introduction to your imaginative story including a fantastic combination of short, sharp sentences and longer sentences.
3/4 D Lee Pregnell	Liesel Whitehouse	For thoughtfully incorporating what she has learnt in class into her creative stories.
3/4 E Stef Lipoma	Alana Burlak	For thoughtfully crafting a writing piece showing the emotions of the character through precise word choice,
5/6 A Libby Haigh	Samara Mirembe -Kikonyogo	For all her diligent work in class.
5/6 B Candice Ryan	Sascha Nelson	For creating and presenting an engaging Passion Project on Phobias. Well done!
5/6 C Holly Coleman	Ram Malik	For working so hard to improve his understanding of fractions. Well done!
Arts Christine Caminiti	Grace Han	For her carefully created chameleon artwork. Your chameleon was so well drawn and painted!
Italian (LOTE) Nancy Berardone	Grace Gifford	For always completing her work to a high standard. Ottimo!
Physical Education Stef Modesti	Zara Khan	For her hard work during PE and demonstrating an improvement with her dribbling skills.

ROCC STAR AWARDS: 01/12/21



ROCC Star...	Name	Reason
Foundation A Mae Risson	Walter Wooldridge	For showing respect during listening time by making good choices and showing care in his work.
Foundation B Paul Luu	Jona Mankir	For always showing care towards others and always being ready and willing to help. It is great to see, Jona.
Foundation C Nicola Scott	Aadya Mudududdla	For showing care in the classroom and packing up after others without being asked! Thank you for being a great helper Aadya!
1/2A Taylor Reid	Leon Truex	For showing respect and optimism when working in groups.
1/2 B Antony Brock	KyMinh Doan and Bowen Qui	For the kind and helpful way you worked with your prep partner on move-up day.
1/2 C Shannon Radford	Amelia Pafumi	For always completing every task with optimism and treating all of her peers with care and respect. Well done Milly!
1/2 D Jenny Clark	Jarvis Limbach Nate Mikkelsen	For being such a kind, fabulous helper during the move-up session! Well done, Jarvis! For always being such a kind, happy person and making us all laugh in 1/2D!
3/4 A Zoe Pirotta/Nicole Macrae	Owen Lamb	For his positive attitude to learning, and consistently showing optimism and respect, when completing his learning activities.
3/4 B Matthew Feeley	Xavier Terbogt	For treating all of his classmates with respect and for demonstrating an optimistic attitude.
3/4 C Meredith Anderson	Alessia Di Florio	For approaching every learning task with incredible enthusiasm and optimism and always giving 100%!
3/4 D Lee Pregnell	Logan Hotz	For his enthusiastic approach to all classroom activities and learning since the return to onsite learning.
3/4 E Stef Lipoma	Alex Eleftherakis	For making good choices during learning time.
5/6 A Libby Haigh	Tessa Anderson	For her great collaboration working on a picture story book.
5/6 B Candice Ryan	Isaac Tabbitt	For always trying his best, and working with optimism and enthusiasm. Well done!
5/6 C Holly Coleman	Hannah Ristig	For working collaboratively on designing and building a fantastic marble run.
Arts Christine Caminiti	Eamon Spillar	For being optimistic and trying his best to read the song lyrics in performing arts class which were in Italian. You worked so well in your group and tried your best. Well done Eamon.
Italian (LOTE) Nancy Berardone	Oscar Dodds	For his amazing effort and enthusiasm when learning the Italian song 'All I Want for Christmas is You'. Ottimo!
Physical Education Stef Modesti	Wilhelmina Sheppard	For being a caring and helpful friend during PE and always trying her best.

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TERM 4 2021 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
November 29	November 30	December 1	December 2	December 3
Year 5/6 Camp				
		Newsletter	Year 2 Sleepover	Year 1/2 Pizza Lunch 2022 Foundation Transition Session #3
December 6	December 7 Three-way Conferences Year 7 Orientation Day (State Schools)	December 8 5/6 Health Ed Move Up Session #2	December 9 Assembly	December 10 Year 4 Camp Night Year 3/4 Camp Activity Day School Disco & End of Term Subway Lunch
December 13 Year 6 Graduation Move Up Session #3	December 14 Year 6 Fish & Chips Lunch	December 15 Newsletter School Council Meeting Reports available via Compass	December 16 Poolside Picnic	December 17 Last Day Term 4 1:20pm Finish

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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	February 3	February 4
February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10	February 11

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/>